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Examination of Danish Development Assistance – top marks from OECD

Danish development cooperation sets a good example for other donor countries. This is the conclusion in an assessment of Danish development assistance recently published by OECD.

According to a new report from OECD's Development Assistance Committee (DAC) Danish development cooperation is of high quality and the new development strategy is considered a good basis for Denmark's future development cooperation.

In connection with the release of the report, DAC Chairman Brian Atwood says:

“Denmark's contribution to global development – its efficient and effective partnerships – is a good example to other donors. Its efforts to encourage a strong civil society movement in developing countries ensure that the poor will have a voice.”

The report gives many examples of best practices in the work with fragile states, development efficiency, multilateral assistance, risk assessment, strategy for civil society, humanitarian assistance and decentralization of the administration of assistance. It also provides recommendations to how Denmark can improve its development assistance, for an example, by strengthening communication and documentation of achieved results.

In connection with OECD's examination, the Danish Minister for Development Cooperation Søren Pind says:

“The assessment is an endorsement of the strategy for Denmark's development cooperation released by the Government last year. I am pleased to see, that the OECD confirms that we are among the leading donors, also regarding the quality of our efforts. The report also provides a number of useful recommendations which we will look into.”

Every third or fourth year OECD examines the development assistance of its member states. This takes place through a Peer Review where two other OECD countries are appointed “examiner”. In the case of Denmark, New Zealand and Luxemburg along with the OECD Secretariat performed a thorough review of Danish development assistance. During the examination the OECD-team had several meetings in Copenhagen with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Danish Parliament, NGO's, enterprises and others. The team also visited the Danish Embassy in Mali and assessed the Danish development assistance in practice.

The official report with the recommendations and conclusions of the Peer Review can be downloaded [here](#).