

OECD DAC peer review of Denmark 2021

The **Development Assistance Committee** (DAC) functions as a forum where 30 development co-operation providers (29 countries and the European Commission) come together to set standards, exchange experience and address issues of common interest or concern. Its overarching objective is to promote development co-operation and other relevant policies so as to contribute to implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Membership of the DAC obliges members to undergo a **peer review** every five to six years. DAC peer reviews seek to promote individual and collective behaviour change of DAC members, helping them to improve their development co-operation policies, systems, financing and practices. They hold members to account for the commitments they have made and contribute to learning by capturing areas of good, effective and innovative practice. Reviews consider how DAC members contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through their domestic and global partnerships, their engagement in partner countries and through other partnerships. Reviews take a system-wide approach to members' support for developing countries including, but not limited to, official development co-operation.

In 2021, **Denmark** is being reviewed by two DAC peers – Austria and Finland – with the support of the Development Co-operation Directorate of the OECD. The review process is standard for each member and includes extensive research and consultations, including meetings with key external stakeholders, oversight bodies and government officials. Following an initial process of consultation, Denmark and the peer review team have agreed to focus the Denmark's 2021 review on the following *five* areas:

- a) supporting climate action at international level and local levels
- b) implementing the DAC recommendation on the humanitarian-development-peace nexus
- c) adapting to change and increasing coherence through Doing Development Differently (DDD)
- d) maintaining significant and predictable levels of ODA
- e) embedding concepts of Leaving No-one Behind, poverty reduction and human rights.

Meetings with external and government entities will be held virtually in March 2021, focusing on how effectively the overall Danish development co-operation system operates and is organised to achieve its policy objectives (discussions will not delve into effectiveness of individual programmes or projects). The draft report will be discussed by the DAC in early July 2021. The peer review of Denmark will include a more in-depth look at how Denmark works in Somalia.