

Tasks for 2008 in terms of Hungarian Development Policy

Development policy tends to gain more and more attention in Hungary. Resolution 1/2008 of the International Development Cooperation (IDC) Governmental Committee acknowledges the fact that IDC is pointed out as one of the important activities in Hungary's External Relations Strategy. The Resolution also takes notice of the revision of our partner countries as follows:

- *partner countries based on medium-term Country Strategy Papers (CSPs):* Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Palestinian Authority, Serbia, Vietnam;
- *project-based partner countries:* Africa (the region South of Sahara), Cambodia, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Macedonia, Mongolia, Montenegro, Ukraine, Yemen;
- *partner countries based on international commitments:* Afghanistan, Iraq;
- *partner countries eligible for tied aid credit:* according to the OECD DAC categorization.

The Resolution sets out the following goals for 2008:

- the drafting of medium-term CSPs for Moldova and the Palestinian Authority;
- special attention to be paid to development cooperation with our CSP partner countries when planning the 2009 budget;
- the preparation of a law regarding IDC and Humanitarian Aid with the perspective of its adoption by the Parliament in 2009;
- the enhancement of professional and political coordination regarding the realization of increased financial commitments for 2009-2010;
- the support of the civil sector – NGOs, the corporate sector, local governments – in order to facilitate their successful preparation for obtaining the EU's different development instruments;
- the enhancement of coordination between the line ministries;
- the further development of the project registry system in the MFA and its transferring into a governmental database, thus leading to bigger transparency and better quality in providing statistical data;
- the further and widest possible application of the "good humanitarian donorship" principle according to the EU Consensus on Humanitarian Aid;
- making the Hungarian society familiar with the UN Millennium Development Goals and Hungary's commitments made in order to achieve them.