

Selected Resources

Human Rights and Development Cooperation

Human rights in development cooperation

BMZ Strategy and Guidelines on human rights in German development policy

The cross-sectoral strategy affirms the central role of human rights in German development policy and contains binding requirements for the implementing agencies.

- BMZ Strategy (2011), calling for a systematic alignment of German development policy towards human rights in all its activities across all countries and sectors:
http://www.bmz.de/en/publications/type_of_publication/strategies/Strategiepapier305_04_2011.pdf
- BMZ Guidelines (2013), providing guidance on the incorporation of human rights standards and principles, including gender, in programme proposals:
http://www.bmz.de/en/zentrales_downloadarchiv/themen_und_schwerpunkte/menschenrechte/Leitfaden_PV_2013_en.pdf

BMZ (2010), Human rights in practice – Fact sheets on a human rights-based approach in development cooperation

Collection of 2-page fact sheets that explain what the human rights-based approach in development cooperation means in general and for all priority sectors of German development cooperation.

- http://www.bmz.de/en/publications/topics/human_rights/BMZ_Information_Brochure_7_2010e.pdf

GIZ/ German Institute for Human Rights (DIMR) (2009), The human rights-based approach in development cooperation

This position paper explains the current policy and understanding of the human rights-based approach (HRBA) in German development cooperation. It further elaborates on the

HRBA's added value and its implications for development cooperation.

- Complete version for a more comprehensive understanding:
http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/uploads/tx_commerce/hr-based_approach_in_dc.pdf
- Short version for a quick orientation:
http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/uploads/tx_commerce/hr-based_approach_in_dc_short_version.pdf

GIZ (2013), Human rights in German development cooperation – Examples from the field

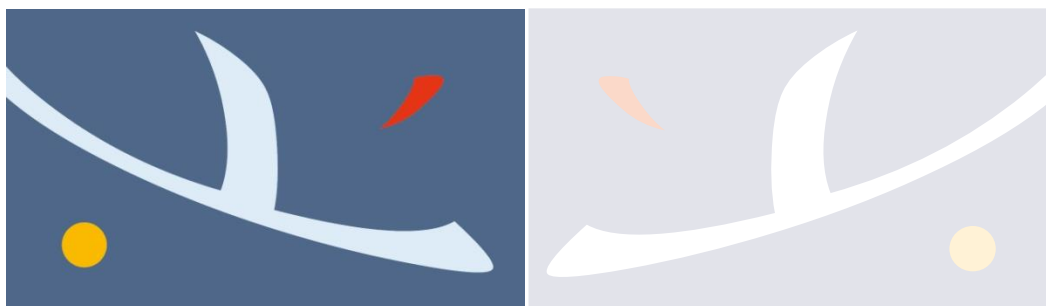
This publication presents good practice examples of German bilateral development cooperation with regard to the implementation of various human rights. Programmes from different regions and countries illustrate the role of human rights in development work in the specific country/local context.

- <http://www.giz.de/expertise/downloads/Fachexpertise/giz2012-en-hr-in-german-development-cooperation.pdf>

GIZ/ DIMR (2014), The ABC of human rights in development cooperation

This info tool gives an overview of the basic procedures and institutions of the international human rights protection. It provides information on the essentials of the human rights system and encourages practitioners to make use of human rights as a point of reference and part of their daily work.

- http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/uploads/tx_commerce/e-info-tool_abc_of_hr_in_dc.pdf



BMZ website on human rights in development cooperation

Background information on human rights, the BMZ policy towards human rights, as well as resources and links can be found on the BMZ page. It also includes sections on the human rights of certain disadvantaged groups of people.

- http://www.bmz.de/en/what_we_do/issues/HumanRights/index.html

Examples of the pages on specific groups of people in development cooperation:

- Women's rights and gender:
http://www.bmz.de/en/what_we_do/issues/HumanRights/frauenrechte/index.html
- Children's rights:
http://www.bmz.de/en/what_we_do/issues/HumanRights/kinderrechte/index.html

GIZ website on human rights in development cooperation

The GIZ website provides examples and links to further information on the human rights-based approach.

- <http://www.giz.de/expertise/html/5172.html>

DIMR website

Background information on development and human rights, and an overview of the main issues and frequently asked questions, as well as references to resources and publications.

- <http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/en/topics/development.html>

OECD/ World Bank (2013), Integrating human rights into development – Donor approaches, experiences and challenges

This study seeks to advance understanding of the nexus between development and human rights through a systematic analysis of donor approaches. It also tackles the question of how to foster consensus among donors to address human rights more strategically in development policy and practice.

- <http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/docserver/download/4313181e.pdf?expires=1432040637&id=id&accname=ocid56027132&checksum=9D597B284256D21650E4CE53CD1C8179>

Overseas Development Institute (2006), Aid effectiveness and human rights: Strengthening the implementation of the Paris Declaration

This comprehensive paper provides guidance for applying a practical human rights framework to the 2005 Paris Declaration of the High-level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, arguing this would strengthen its implementation and address its shortcomings. In particular, the paper recommends strategies to integrate human

rights thinking into the monitoring and evaluation process of the Paris Declaration.

- <http://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/odi-assets/publications-opinion-files/2281.pdf>

United Nations reference documents and resources

Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) website

The website comprehends all important information on human rights, the UN human rights system, mechanisms and instruments, country specific information as well as various links to further resources.

- <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Pages/WelcmePage.aspx>

In the section 'Human rights bodies' you can find, amongst others, links to the core international human rights treaties, the respective treaty bodies to monitor their implementation, further human rights bodies such as the UN Human Rights Council, and the status of ratifications of the Conventions.

- <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/Pages/HumanRightsBodies.aspx>

Under 'Countries/ Human rights in the world' you can pick a country and get all country-specific information available in the UN human rights system, such as the 'Concluding Observations' of the respective treaty bodies, reports by Special Rapporteurs and news releases.

- <http://www.ohchr.org/en/countries/pages/humanrightsintheworld.aspx>

The section 'Your human rights/ Human rights issues' lists legal documents, reports by special rapporteurs, tools and further documents on various human rights issues.

- <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Pages/ListOfIssues.aspx>

The following database can be used to search for any treaty body document:

- <http://tb.ohchr.org/default.aspx>

General Comments

The 'General Comments' are authoritative interpretations and clarifications of the human rights provisions by the treaty bodies. The General Comments on the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) can be found here:

- http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/TBSearch.aspx?TreatyID=9&DocTypeID=11



Bayefsky website

Comprehensive and user friendly collection of documents related to the UN human rights treaties (texts of the conventions, status of ratifications, General Comments, country reports, Concluding Observations, Special Rapporteurs, information on the communication procedures, etc.)

- <http://www.bayefsky.com>

International Labour Organisation (ILO), Conventions and Recommendations

- International labour standards conventions and recommendations:
<http://www.ilo.org/global/standards/introduction-to-international-labour-standards/conventions-and-recommendations/lang--en/index.htm>

International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR-Net), Case law database

Database with jurisdiction, cases and other decisions on economic, social and cultural rights by national, regional and international courts, as well as quasi-judicial bodies.

- <http://www.escr-net.org/caselaw>

More on human rights and development

OHCHR (2006), Frequently asked questions on a human rights-based approach in development cooperation

Frequently asked questions and answers on what a human rights-based approach means for development cooperation.

- <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/FAQen.pdf>

GIZ/ DIMR (2012), Frequently asked questions on a human rights-based approach in development cooperation

This document complements the FAQs published by OHCHR.

- http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/uploads/tx_commerce/frequently_asked_questions_on_hr-based_approach_in_dc.pdf

Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR)

CESR is a non-governmental think tank and advocacy organisation. Their website contains a wealth of research results, publications and data on the realisation of economic and social human rights.

- <http://www.cesr.org>

UN Practitioners' Portal on HRBA to Programming

A vast and growing collection of tools and resources on applying a human rights-based approach (HRBA) in development cooperation.

- <http://hrbportal.org>

UNDP (2012), Mainstreaming human rights in development policies and programming, UNDP experiences

This publication deals with the process of integrating human rights into development cooperation. It provides guidance to practitioners on how to mainstream human rights into development policies and programmes at national, regional and global levels. The document entails an introduction into the conceptual framework, tools for the use of the human rights standards as well as case studies.

- http://www.undp.org/content/dam/undp/library/Poverty%20Reduction/Inclusive%20development/Human%20Rights%20issue%20briefs/English_Web_draft6b.pdf

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