



## Upholding girls' rights in Sweden

CEDAW Committee

Questions for the List of Issues Prior to Reporting (LOIPR)

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1. How will the Swedish government ensure that the commitments made to gender equality through the feminist foreign policy are implemented in practice? In particular, how will the government develop the competence and knowledge at Sida to ensure that gender mainstreaming is implemented in practice and not just in theory? (An evaluation of Sida's effort to mainstream gender equality can be found here: <https://eba.se/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/FINAL-WEB-181126-komprimerad.pdf>)
2. What resources and capacity will Sida and other relevant ministries and agencies be given to level up their work on girls' rights? Specifically, will they allocate resources to initiatives which prioritise the needs of girls (and not only as an 'add-on' to women or children)?
3. How can the Swedish government ensure that Sida follows the Swedish foreign policy, which regards prostitution as a form of exploitation/violence against girls and women? (Sida has previously been criticised by the Swedish women's rights movement for not aligning with the government's position on this. See: <http://unizon.se/aktuellt/sida-ignores-prostitution>)

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