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Country Strategy Paper
xx country xx**

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The Directorate-general for International Co-operation (DGIC) is the Belgian government department responsible for development aid.

A Country Strategy Paper (CSP) is prepared for each of the 25 partner countries of the Belgian bilateral international co-operation. A CSP sets out how the Belgian Government aims to help the partner country to achieve its medium term development targets. The CSP is the basis for the elaboration of the Indicative Co-operation Programme (ICP) to be approved during the bilateral commission between Belgium and its partner.

In preparing a CSP, consultations are done with governments, business, civil society and others within both the partner country and Belgium.

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Acronyms

AfDB	African Development Bank
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
Bn	billion
BPF	Budget Framework paper
BSF	Belgian Survival Fund
BTC	Belgian Technical Co-operation
CDF	Comprehensive Development Framework
DGIC	Directorate-general for International Co-operation
EU	European Union
FY	Financial Year
Goxx	Government of xx
HIPC	Highly Indebted Poor Countries Initiative
HIV	Human Immuno-deficiency Virus
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
MoH	Ministry of Health
MoFP	Ministry of Finance and Planning
MoLG	Ministry of Local Government
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MTEF	Medium Term Expenditure Framework
PHC	Primary Health Care
PRSP	Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper
SPA	Strategic Partnership with Africa
SWAp	Sector Wide Approach
VVOB	Vlaamse Vereniging voor Onderwijs in het Buitenland
WHO	World Health Organisation
WFP	World Food Program

1. Country overview

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1.1 Country profile (summary of the version in annex)

1.2 Historical overview of xx country xx

1.3 Political context and prospects

International

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National

- political institutions

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- political life

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1.4 Social and human context and prospects

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Indicator	unity	1990	199...	prosp ects 200...
Infant mortality				
Under five mortality				
Life expectancy				
Access to safe water				
No access to sanitation				
Poverty headcount index				
Literacy rate				
Female literacy (age 15 – 24)				
Fertility rate				
...				

Source: UNDP Poverty Report 2000/World Bank/Human Development Index

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1.5 Economical and financial context and prospects

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Indicators	1990-1993	1998-2000
GDP per capita		
Growth % GDP		
Internal debt (% GDP)		
International service debt (% import)		
Fiscal income / GDP		
Fiscal deficit / GDP before grants		
Fiscal deficit / GDP after grants		
ODA/GDP		
Consumption / capita...		

Source: UNDP / World Bank/

1.6 Good Governance¹

Financial good governance

- financial management
- budgetary management

Social good governance

- juridical system
- human rights

1.7 Key cross-cutting issues

HIV/AIDS

	1990	199...	Prospects 2005		1990	199...	Prospects 2005
Female	... %	... %		Male	... %	... %	

Gender

	1990	199...		1990	199...
Female literacy %	... %	Male literacy	... %	... %
Female teachers out off total (primary)	... %	... %			
Female teachers out off total (secondary)	... %	... %			
Female pupils out off total (primary)	... %	... %			
Female pupils out off total (secondary)	... %	... %			
Female students out off total (univ.)	... %	... %			

Environment

Decentralisation

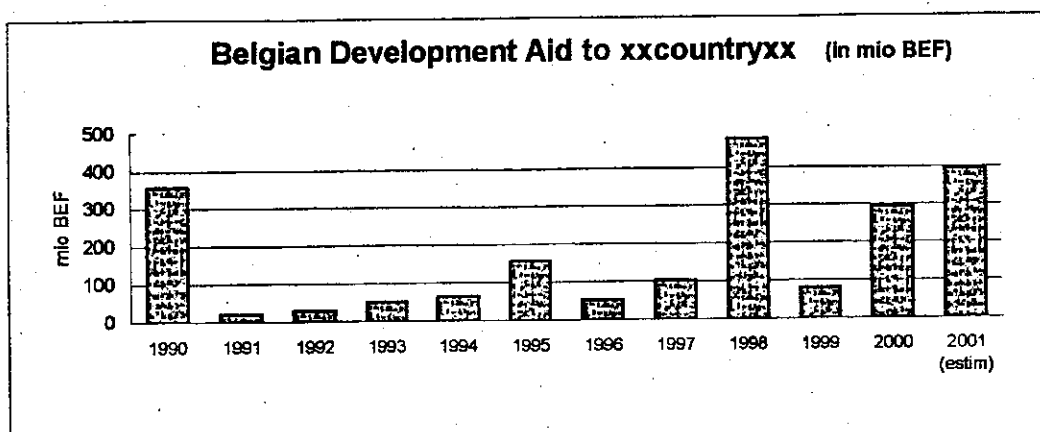
¹ Data based on latest publication by NGO "Transparency International".

3. Analysis of the Belgian Aid

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3.1 All Belgian aid

Belgian development assistance to xx country xx, all grants and loans...



Source: DGC/DGIS-D12, The Belgian development co-operation in figures 1995-2000.

3.2 Bilateral direct co-operation

Financial aspects

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Year	Total mio BEF	Bilateral mio BEF	%
1990			
1991			
1992			
1993			
1994			
1995			
1996			
1997			
1998			
1999			
2000			
2001 (estimated)			

...

Juridical aspects

Bilateral co-operation between xx country xx and Belgium officially started with the signing of ...

...

Ongoing bilateral interventions

Title	Sector	Remarks	mio BEF

...

Interventions in preparation:

Title	Sector	Remarks

3.3 Multilateral co-operation

title	UN-agency	Period	Amount mio BEF

3.4 Bilateral Indirect co-operation

3.4.1 Through Belgian NGO's

Title	Sector	Remarks

3.4.2 Through VVOB / APPEFE

Title	Sector	Remarks

3.4.3 Through VLIR / CIUF

Title	Sector	Remarks

3.5 Bilateral financing of third actors

3.5.1 Consolidation of society (including conflict prevention and community building)

Title	Executor	Period	Budget mio BEF

3.5.2 MIP's

Title	Executor	Period	Budget mio BEF

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3.5.3 Survival Fund

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Title	Executor	Period	Budget mio BEF

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3.5.4 Fellow- and scholarships

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Title	Executor	Period	Budget mio BEF

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4. xx country xx development policy and strategy

4.1 Overall budget

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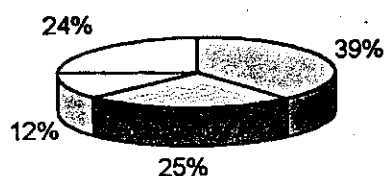
4.1.1 Sector wise elaborated overall budget.

Sector (example.)	Outturn 1997/98 %	In FY 2000/01 %	Projected FY 2002/03 %
Roads & works			
Agriculture			
Education			
Health			
Security			
Water			
Law & order			
Accountability			
Econ. Functions & Social Services			
Public administration			
Interest payment			

The table shows ...

4.2 Poverty alleviation budget

PAF Resources (local currency)



- ☐ HIPC relief savings
- ☐ Goxx Resources
- ☐ General donor support
- ☐ Earmarked donor support

The table shows ...

4.2.1 Sector wise elaborated poverty alleviation budget

Sector (exempl.)	Outturn 1997/98 %	In FY 2000/01 %	Projected FY 2002/03 %
Rural roads & works			
Agriculture			
Education			
Health			
Water			
Econ. Functions & Social Services			
Public administration			
...			

5 Lessons learned

5.1 General xx country xx experience

5.2 Operational for Belgian aid

6 Future Belgian co-operation Strategy

Since the Belgian law for international co-operation (1998), the Belgian bilateral aid has the poverty alleviation as goal and its purposes are limited to five priority sectors:

- * primary health care, including reproductive health;
- * education and training;
- * agriculture and food security;
- * basic infrastructure;
- * consolidation of society (including conflict prevention and community building).

and to three cross-sectoral themes:

- * equality of rights and opportunities between men and women;
- * environment;
- * social economy.

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Note: This chapter is not the IPC but only the basic from which on the IPC has to be elaborated and detailed.

The goal and purpose of the Belgian development strategy in xx country xx will be:

Goal: *co-operate with xx country xx to reduce the proportion of its population living in absolute poverty to less than ... % of the population by 20xx*

This shall be done through close co-operation with the Government and jointly with ...

The following indicators will measure progress towards this goal:

...

Working with others, we will seek to make a measurable impact in three focal areas / sectors:

Purposes : *to co-operate in the following sectors / area/ ...*

Sector/area 1.

...

The following indicators will measure progress towards this purpose:

...

Sector/area 2.

...

The following indicators will measure progress towards this purpose:

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Sector/area 3.

...

The following indicators will measure progress towards this purpose:

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7 Coherence and complementarity of the Belgian bilateral co-operation

7.1 Development Assistance to xx country xx

Total external development assistance to xx country xx over the period 1994-1999 was on average US\$ x million. A more detailed overview is given in the table below.

Most assisted sectors are:

- ... (x % of all aid),
- ... (z % of all aid)
- ... (w % of all aid).

Table: External assistance and distribution.

Year	Total mio US\$	% loans	% grants	% UN System	% Bilateral	% multi - non UN *	% NGOs
1994							
1995							
1996							
1997							
1998							
1999							

* mainly AfDB, EU and EIB

7.2 Donors in 1999 and further

Among the bilateral donors ... is the largest bilateral donor, followed by the ...,

Among the multilateral donors, ... is ...; followed by the ..., ... and ...

With an average of ... mio BEF per year, Belgium is small donor, occupying the yth position.

7.3 Complementarity of Belgian co-operation with xx country xx seen its development policy (PRSP) and the overall aid it receives from the donor community

7.3.1 To be able to play its role the Belgian direct bilateral development aid should be able to disburse a volume of ... mio EUR (... mio BEF) yearly.

Arguments:

Seen this disbursement volume and seen the new approaches of the aid instruments of the local the donor community (see point 2.6), how should the Belgian policy develop?

7.3.2 Coherence and synergy between the different Belgian direct and indirect aid flows

- Actual situation ...
- Future ...

Selected bibliography

Annexes

- PRSP
- Extensive country profile (PNUD/ Worldbank)