



# International Development Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 1

### PART 1

#### ASSISTANCE

##### *Provision of assistance*

### 1 Development assistance

(1) The [<sup>F1</sup>Minister] may provide any person or body with development assistance if [<sup>F2</sup>the Minister] is satisfied that the provision of the assistance is likely to contribute to a reduction in poverty.

[<sup>F3</sup>(1A) Before providing development assistance under subsection (1), the [<sup>F4</sup>Minister] shall have regard to the desirability of providing development assistance that is likely to contribute to reducing poverty in a way which is likely to contribute to reducing inequality between persons of different gender.]

(2) In this Act “development assistance” means assistance provided for the purpose of—  
(a) furthering sustainable development in one or more countries outside the United Kingdom, or  
(b) improving the welfare of the population of one or more such countries.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(a) “sustainable development” includes any development that is, in the opinion of the [<sup>F5</sup>Minister], prudent having regard to the likelihood of its generating lasting benefits for the population of the country or countries in relation to which it is provided.

[<sup>F6</sup>(4) In this Act, “the Minister” means the Secretary of State or the Treasury.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Word in s. 1(1) substituted (10.1.2018) by [The Transfer of Functions \(International Development\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1283\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. para. 3\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with art. 3)

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- F2** Words in s. 1(1) substituted (10.1.2018) by [The Transfer of Functions \(International Development\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1283\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 3(2)(b)** (with art. 3)
- F3** S. 1(1A) inserted (13.5.2014) by [International Development \(Gender Equality\) Act 2014 \(c. 9\)](#), **ss. 1(2), 3(2)** (with s. 1(4))
- F4** Word in s. 1(1A) substituted (10.1.2018) by [The Transfer of Functions \(International Development\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1283\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 3(3)** (with art. 3)
- F5** Word in s. 1(3) substituted (10.1.2018) by [The Transfer of Functions \(International Development\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1283\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 3(4)** (with art. 3)
- F6** S. 1(4) inserted (10.1.2018) by [The Transfer of Functions \(International Development\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1283\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 3(5)** (with art. 3)

## 2 Development assistance for British overseas territories

The Secretary of State may also provide any person or body with development assistance in a case where the requirement of section 1(1) is not met, if the assistance is provided in relation to one or more of the territories for the time being mentioned in Schedule 6 to the British Nationality Act 1981 (c. 61) (British overseas territories).

## 3 Humanitarian assistance

[<sup>F7</sup>(1)] The Secretary of State may provide any person or body with assistance for the purpose of alleviating the effects of a natural or man-made disaster or other emergency on the population of one or more countries outside the United Kingdom.

[<sup>F8</sup>(2) Before providing assistance under subsection (1), the Secretary of State shall have regard to the desirability of providing assistance under that subsection in a way that takes account of any gender-related differences in the needs of those affected by the disaster or emergency.]

### Textual Amendments

- F7** S. 3(1): s. 3 renumbered as s. 3(1) (13.5.2014) by [International Development \(Gender Equality\) Act 2014 \(c. 9\)](#), **ss. 1(3), 3(2)** (with s. 1(4))
- F8** S. 3(2) inserted (13.5.2014) by [International Development \(Gender Equality\) Act 2014 \(c. 9\)](#), **ss. 1(3), 3(2)** (with s. 1(4))

## 4 Supplementary powers

(1) The [<sup>F9</sup>Minister] may with a view to preparing for or facilitating the exercise of [<sup>F10</sup>the applicable powers]—

- (a) enter into arrangements with any person or body (including arrangements to provide assistance), or
- (b) carry on any other activities.

[<sup>F11</sup>(1A) In subsection (1) “the applicable powers” means—

- (a) where the Minister is the Secretary of State, the powers under section 1, 2 or 3, and
- (b) where the Minister is the Treasury, the power under section 1.]

(2) The [<sup>F12</sup>Minister] may—

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- (a) support, by way of subscription or otherwise, any organisation that exists (wholly or partly) for one or more relevant purposes,
  - (b) contribute to any fund that is intended to be used (wholly or partly) for one or more relevant purposes, or
  - (c) promote, or assist any person or body to promote, awareness of global poverty and of the means of reducing such poverty,
- if <sup>F13</sup>the Minister] is satisfied that to do so is likely to contribute to a reduction in poverty.

(3) Subsection (2) is without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1).

<sup>F14</sup>(4) For the purposes of subsection (2) “relevant purpose” means—

- (a) where the Minister is the Secretary of State—
  - (i) a purpose mentioned in section 1(2)(a) or (b) or 3, or
  - (ii) a purpose that broadly corresponds to that purpose, and
- (b) where the Minister is the Treasury—
  - (i) a purpose mentioned in section 1(2)(a) or (b), or
  - (ii) a purpose that broadly corresponds to that purpose.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F9** Word in s. 4(1) substituted (10.1.2018) by [The Transfer of Functions \(International Development\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1283\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 4(2)(a)** (with art. 3)
- F10** Words in s. 4(1) substituted (10.1.2018) by [The Transfer of Functions \(International Development\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1283\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 4(2)(b)** (with art. 3)
- F11** S. 4(1A) inserted (10.1.2018) by [The Transfer of Functions \(International Development\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1283\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 4(3)** (with art. 3)
- F12** Word in s. 4(2) substituted (10.1.2018) by [The Transfer of Functions \(International Development\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1283\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 4(4)(a)** (with art. 3)
- F13** Words in s. 4(2) substituted (10.1.2018) by [The Transfer of Functions \(International Development\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1283\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 4(4)(b)** (with art. 3)
- F14** S. 4(4) substituted (10.1.2018) by [The Transfer of Functions \(International Development\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1283\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 4(5)** (with art. 3)

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