

# Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)



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The Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) is the main management body for Spanish cooperation, which combats poverty and works for sustainable human development.

## Aims and Priorities

The Agency follows the guidelines of the 4<sup>th</sup> Master Plan, in accordance with the international agenda of the Millennium Development Goals and with a focus on three cross cutting axes: gender perspective, environmental quality and respect for cultural diversity.

## Project information

In the last 4 years, the AECID has managed more than €4,500 million in programs and projects, intervening in more than 41 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, sub-Saharan Africa, the Maghreb and the Middle East and Asia.

The main areas of work have been Democratic Governance, Water and Sanitation, Rural Development and Fight against Hunger, and Education, among others.

AECID has cooperation agreements with different countries around the world. Projects are developed in these countries according to IV Master Plan 2013-2016. In this plan priority areas for each country are defined, although the project cycle is directly coordinated and developed through the Technical Cooperation Offices, which are available in each of the countries. AECID currently has a network of 41 Technical Cooperation Offices, 4 Regional Training Centres and 7 cultural centres. The largest implementation of AECID is in Latin America and the Caribbean, where it has a Cooperation Plan and a Technical Office in 19 countries in the region and where it invests more than 30% of its budget.

## Coffee experience

In recent years AECID has supported mainly Central American countries, on topics such as:

- Improved quality and increased value added coffee
- Strengthening organization of small producers (cooperatives and producer associations)
- Promotion and diversification of regional cafes (designation of origin, regional brands, different cafes, etc)
- Strengthening public policy to support small producers

Following the crisis caused by coffee rust, AECID has paid special attention to supporting food security of the most vulnerable population and has approved emergency funds for food assistance and is establishing agreements with multilateral agencies to support smallholders affected by rust.