

Results achieved by sector – Governance & Security

DFID has worked to tackle the underlying causes of poverty by supporting strong and inclusive economic, social and political institutions and empowered citizens. Effective policing, a legal system that can be trusted, local services and the right to vote are among the key building blocks of any stable and prosperous society. They can support a country to educate its children, grow its economy and build its healthcare system. By supporting more governments to put effective, accountable governance and security institutions in place, we can help them meet their people's needs. In the long term this means we are spending now to save later, as countries reach a point where they can stand on their own two feet. The importance of governance and security is recognised in the new Global Goals, which for the first time includes a Global Goal specifically devoted to governance.

Despite the difficulty in measuring results in this area we can count some notable successes. For example, the large DFID programme supporting elections in Nigeria- which recently saw a peaceful transition of power, and the global BBC media programme that reaches over 60 million people with governance and accountability programming in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burma, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Palestinian Territories, Sierra Leone and Tanzania. In Bangladesh, a security and justice programme has enabled over 4 million women and girls to have better access to legal services, resulting in more secure land tenure and better working conditions.

DFID commitment

The results commitments relating to this sector were announced in the publication '[UK aid: Changing lives, delivering results](#)' and are as follows.

- We will support freer and fairer elections in 13 countries
- We will support 40 million people to hold authorities to account
- We will help 10 million women to access justice through the courts, police and legal assistance

In addition, the commitment on access to justice for women and girls is reiterated in DFID's Strategic Vision for Girls and Women. The end date for each of the commitments is March 2015.

Indicators used to measure progress

- Number of countries supported by DFID in freer and fairer elections
- Number of people who vote in elections supported by DFID
- Number of people supported to have choice and control over their own development and to hold decision makers to account
- Number of women and girls with improved access to security and justice services through DFID support

Results achieved

By 2015-16 DFID had achieved the following results:

- 13 countries supported by DFID in freer and fairer elections, in which 162.1 million people voted
- Supported 103.6 million people to have choice and control over their own development and to hold decision makers to account
- Improved access to security and justice services for 10.8 million women and girls

There are 48 projects which support people to have choice and control over their own development and to hold decision makers to account. The support varies by context and includes building awareness among citizens on the services they should be able to expect from their governments, supporting people to meet and discuss issues with their elected representatives, and helping men and women to participate in community decision-making processes.

Bilateral programmes help to improve access to security and justice services for women by supporting nationally owned reform of security and justice institutions such as the police, prosecutions and the judiciary; increasing awareness and availability of community legal services; building partnerships between communities and service providers; and ensuring effective responses to violence against women and girls.

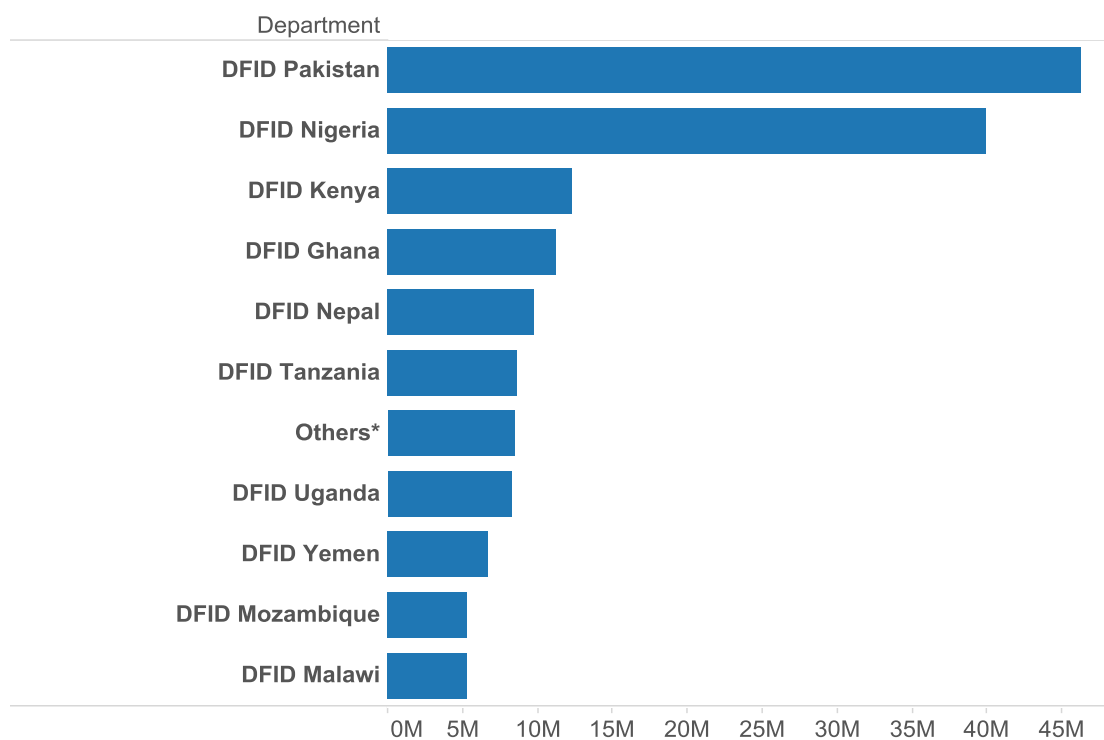
Progress towards DFID results commitments

Indicator	Indicator type	Results Commitment	Results achieved up to 2014-15 inclusive*			
			Male	Female	Not identified	Total
Number of countries supported by DFID in freer and fairer elections	Cumulative	13	N/A	N/A	N/A	13
Number of people who vote in elections supported by DFID	Cumulative	No specific target	47,410,000	34,590,000	80,140,000	162,150,000
Number of people supported to have choice and control over their own development and to hold decision makers to account	Peak year	40,000,000	55,900,000	39,750,000	8,020,000	103,680,000
Number of women and girls with improved access to security and justice services through DFID support	Peak year	10,000,000	N/A	10,870,000	N/A	10,877,000

*Numbers may not sum to total due to rounding

Results achieved by country/department

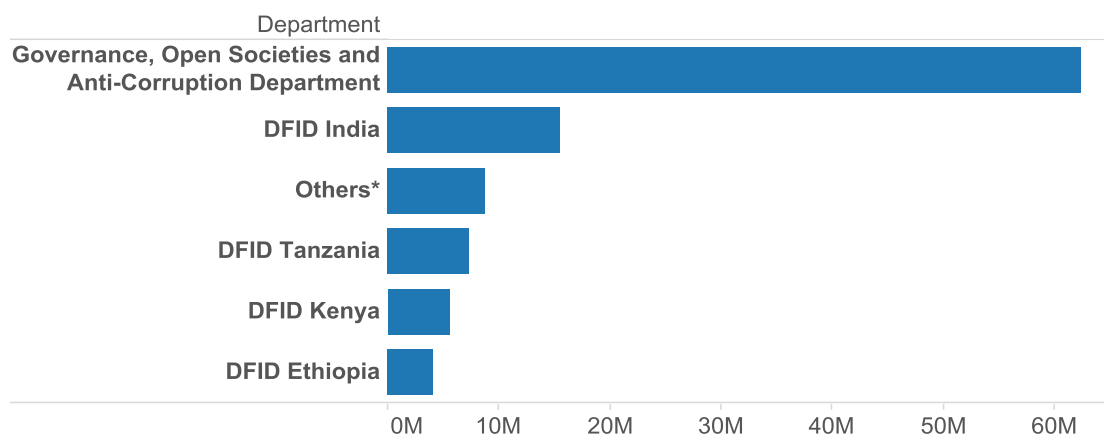
Number of people who vote in elections supported by DFID by department (Baseline to 2015)



*Other departments contribute 3% or less of the results each, and include:

DFID Sierra Leone, DFID Zambia and DFID Zimbabwe.

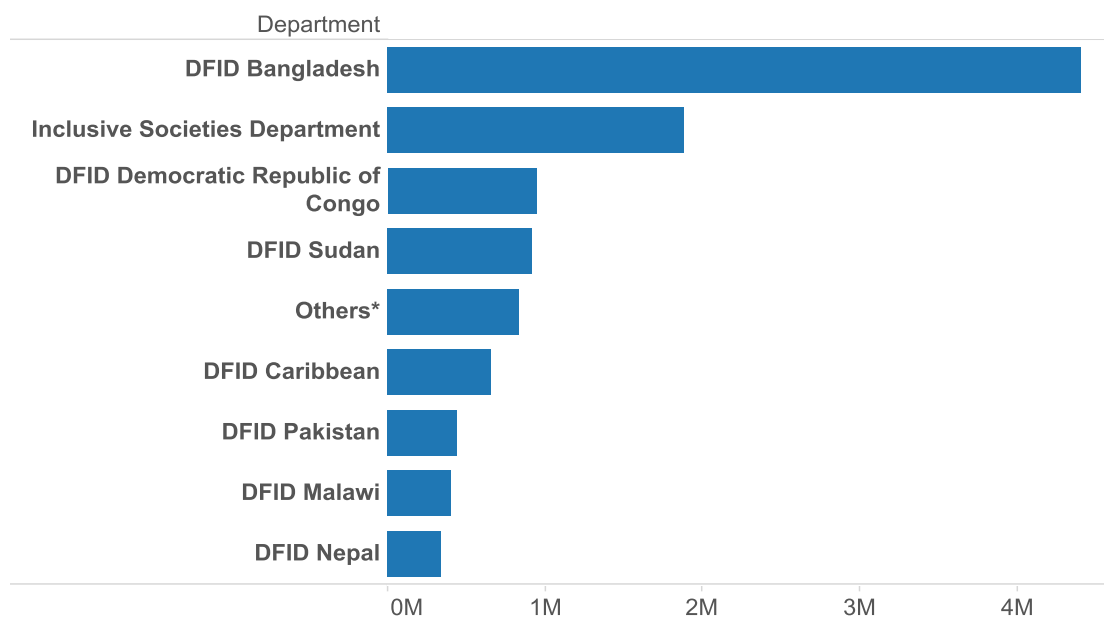
Number of people supported to have choice and control over their own development and to hold decision makers to account by department (Baseline to 2015)



*Other departments contribute 3% or less of the results each, and include:

Africa Regional Department, DFID Burundi, DFID Democratic Republic of Congo, DFID Ghana, DFID Malawi, DFID Mozambique, DFID Nigeria, DFID Rwanda, DFID Sudan, DFID Uganda, DFID Zambia, DFID Bangladesh, DFID Burma, DFID Caribbean, DFID Indonesia, DFID Nepal, DFID Pakistan, and Inclusive Societies Department.

Number of women and girls with improved access to security and justice services through DFID support by department (Baseline to 2015)



*Other departments contribute 3% or less of the results each, and include:

DFID Ethiopia, DFID Sierra Leone, DFID Somalia, DFID South Sudan, DFID Uganda, and DFID Zimbabwe.

Results achieved by multilateral organisations

There are no governance and security multilateral results indicators in level 2 of the DRF.