



Selected Resources on Human Rights in Development Cooperation

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<http://www.gtz.de/human-rights>

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I. Human rights in development cooperation

BMZ (2008), Development Policy Action Plan on Human Rights 2008-2010

Update of the first Development Policy Action Plan on Human Rights by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Since 2004, the BMZ is pursuing an explicit policy to systematically integrate the human-rights-based approach into German development policy. Human rights constitute both goal and means and are to be used in all sectors and at all levels of German development cooperation.

<http://www.bmz.de/de/publikationen/themen/menschenrechte/konzept155.pdf> (German)

http://www.bmz.de/en/publications/topics/human_rights/konzept167.pdf (English)

http://www.bmz.de/en/publications/topics/human_rights/estrategia_174.pdf (Spanish)

http://www.bmz.de/en/publications/topics/human_rights/strategies175.pdf (French)

BMZ (2010), Human rights in practice – Fact sheets on a human rights-based approach in development cooperation

Collection of 2-page factsheets that explain what the human rights-based approach in development cooperation means in general and for all priority sectors of German development cooperation.

http://www.bmz.de/en/publications/topics/human_rights/BMZ_Information_Brochure_7_2010e.pdf

(English)

http://www.bmz.de/de/publikationen/themen/menschenrechte/BMZ_Informationsbroschuere_07_2010.pdf (German)

GTZ/DIMR (2009), The Human Rights-Based Approach in German Development Cooperation

This position paper explains the current policy and understanding of the human rights-based approach (HRBA) for German development cooperation, how it adds value to development cooperation, and what the HRBA implies for German development cooperation

Complete version for a reader who wants to get a closer understanding:

http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/uploads/tx_commerce/e-info-tool_the_hr_based_approach_in_german_dev_coop.pdf

Short version for a reader who just wants a quick orientation:

http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/uploads/tx_commerce/e-info-tool_the_hr_based_approach_in_german_dev_coop_short.pdf

German Institute for Human Rights: Information portal Development Policy and Human Rights

Systematic introduction and comprehensive background information on human rights and development cooperation, reports of advisory missions, training materials, factsheets on certain countries, sectors and issues, frequently asked questions etc.

<http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/en/topics/development-policy.html> (English)

<http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/de/themen/entwicklungszusammenarbeit> (German)

GIZ website on Human Rights in Development Cooperation

The human rights-based approach: explanation, examples and links to further information.

<http://www.gtz.de/human-rights> (English)

<http://www.gtz.de/menschenrechte> (German)

[For GIZ staff only: Produkt Menschenrechte <http://intranet.gtz.de/produkte/11769.htm> (German)]

BMZ website on Human Rights in Development Cooperation

Background information on human rights, explanation of the BMZ policy towards human rights, resources and links.

http://www.bmz.de/en/what_we_do/issues/HumanRights/index.html (English)

http://www.bmz.de/de/was_wir_machen/themen/menschenrechte/index.html (German)

Website of the OECD Development Assistance Committee GOVNET Task Team Human Rights and Development

Further information and various publications on human rights and development policy. Subgroups deal with “human rights and aid effectiveness”, “human rights and conflict management” and “human rights and pro-poor growth”. Below selected OECD/DAC publications

http://www.oecd.org/document/21/0,3343,en_2649_34565_35901653_1_1_1_1,00.html (English)

http://www.oecd.org/document/21/0,3343,fr_2649_34565_39379067_1_1_1_1,00.html (French)

OECD/DAC (2007) DAC Action-oriented Policy Paper on Human Rights and Development

<http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/50/7/39350774.pdf> (English)

<http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/43/34/41238293.pdf> (French)

OECD/DAC (2007) Human Rights and Aid Effectiveness, DAC Update April 2007

<http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/15/12/38713028.pdf>

GTZ/DIMR (2010), The ABC of Human Rights for Development Cooperation

This interactive tool gives an overview of the basic procedures and institutions of the international human rights protection: 1. The core international human rights treaties, 2. Human rights reporting and monitoring mechanisms, 3. UN Human Rights Council and UN special mechanisms and 4. Operationalisation of human rights.

http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/uploads/tx_commerce/e-info-tool_the_abc_of_hr_in_dev_coop.pdf (English)

http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/uploads/tx_commerce/e-info-tool_das_abc_der_mr_in_der_ez.pdf (German)

http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/uploads/tx_commerce/e-info-tool_labc_des_droits_de_lhomme_pour_la_coop_au_dev.pdf (French, 2009)

http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/uploads/tx_commerce/e-info-tool_el_abc_de_los_ddhh_en_la_coop_para_el_desarrollo_01.pdf (Spanish, 2009)

II. Human rights reference documents

Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

<http://www.ohchr.org>

- Link “Human Rights Bodies”: texts of the international human rights conventions, ratifications, general comments, concluding observations and other documents of the treaty bodies
- Link “Countries/ Human Rights in the World”: country reports, concluding observations, reports by special rapporteurs and other country specific information
- Link “Your Human Rights/ Human Rights Issues”: legal documents, reports by special rapporteurs, tools, and other information on various human rights issues.
- Treaty Body document search <http://tb.ohchr.org/default.aspx>

General Comments

The *General Comments* are authoritative interpretations and operationalisations of human rights by the treaty bodies. The *General Comments* on the International Covenant on economic, social and cultural rights (ICESCR, 1966): <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cescr/comments.htm>

Compilation of the general comments by all treaty bodies in one document (last updated in May 2008)

Volume 1: HRI/GEN/1/Rev.9(Vol.I) http://www.bayefsky.com/general/hri_gen_1_rev9_vol_i.doc

Volume 2: HRI/GEN/1/Rev.9(Vol.II) http://www.bayefsky.com/general/hri_gen_1_rev9_vol_ii.doc

Bayefsky

Complete and user friendly collection of documents related to the UN human rights treaties (texts of the conventions, ratifications, general comments, country reports, concluding observations, special rapporteurs, jurisdiction etc.) <http://www.bayefsky.com/>

International Labour Organization (ILO), Conventions and Recommendations

International labour standards conventions and recommendations: What they are and link to legal databases

http://www.ilo.org/global/What_we_do/InternationalLabourStandards/Introduction/ConventionsandRecommendations/lang--en/index.htm

International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR-Net), Caselaw Database
Database with jurisdiction, cases and other decisions on economic, social and cultural human rights by national, regional and international courts and quasi judicial bodies.

<http://www.escr-net.org/caselaw/>

III. More on human rights and development

OHCHR (2008): Claiming the Millennium Development Goals: A Human Rights Approach

This guideline for development practitioners examines the partly conflicting but often complementing relationship between MDGs and human rights and attempts to illustrate how certain critical gaps in the MDGs edifice can be filled through the application of human rights standards and practices.

http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/Claiming_MDGs_en.pdf

OHCHR (2006): Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on a human rights-based approach in development cooperation

Frequently asked questions and answers on what a human rights-based approach means for development cooperation.

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/FAQen.pdf>

DIMR/ GTZ (2009): FAQs on a human rights-based approach in development cooperation

This document complements the FAQs published by the OHCHR.

http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/uploads/tx_commerce/ez-faqs_on_a_hr_based_approach_in_dev_coop.pdf (English)

http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/uploads/tx_commerce/ez-faqs_of_gestellte_fragen_zu_mr_in_der_ez.pdf (German)

Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR)

CESR is a non-governmental think tank and advocacy organisation. Their website contains a wealth of research, publications and data on the realization of economic and social human rights

<http://www.cesr.org>

UN Practitioners Portal on HRBA Programming

A vast and growing collection of tools and resources on applying a human rights-based approach (HRBA) in development cooperation.

<http://www.hrbaportal.org>