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Reporting and assurance to BEIS

Scottish university contributions to the SDGs



Public communication about research

Encouraging institutional collaboration



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Activity supported by formula GCRF

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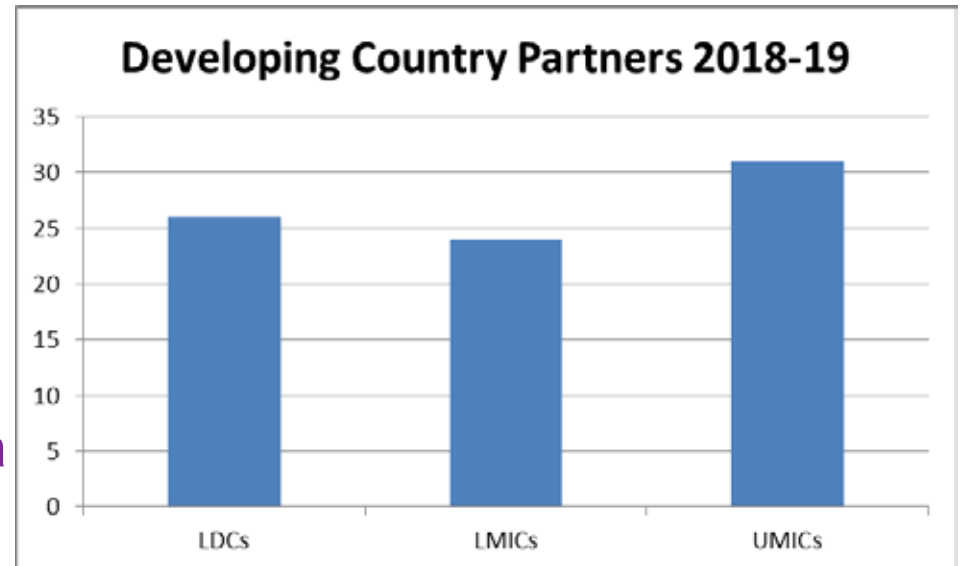
800+
Projects
over
2016-19

80+ DAC
partners
in 2018-19

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Developing Country Partners

- 81 DAC partners
- Growing activity in:
 - Central & South America
 - South East Asia
- Most frequently:
 - India, Malawi/Southern Africa
- Distribution across LDCs / LMICs / UMICs



*Not weighted by number of projects or funding



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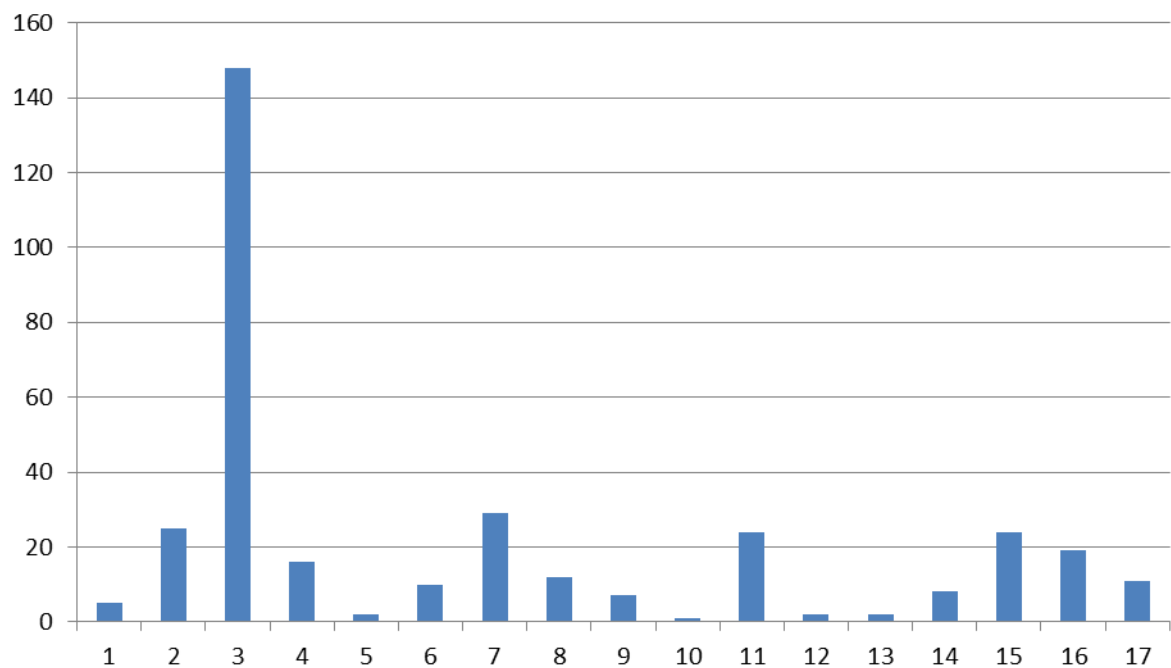
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GCRF 2018-19

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Projects by SDG



Health & Wellbeing

Zero Hunger

Clean Energy

Cities & Communities

Life on Land

Decent work & Growth



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Gender Equality

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- Institutional procedures & awards
- GCRF Project approval processes
- Gender equality toolkit (Edinburgh)
- Projects with a focus on gender equality or female employment (e.g. RECyCLE (UHI), Crafting Inclusion (Heriot Watt)...
- Developing female researchers
- Impact of the health focus across the programme



Co-operatives as an Organisational Model for Urban Women in Papua New Guinea (St Andrews University)

Safeguarding

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BEIS expects SFC to:

- Take all reasonable steps to prevent misconduct
- Adopt robust procedures for reporting incidents & failures to investigate
- Keep BEIS notified about investigations

SFC expects universities to:

- Investigate allegations or suspicions
- Take appropriate corrective action
- Keep SFC & relevant authorities informed



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Institutional Change

- Orientation around global goals
- Communities of practice, trans-disc teams, training & support
- Building capacity in DAC partnerships
- Increased collaboration with other universities
- Development of thematic networks?

'..a global community of researchers committed to sustainable development and the eradication of poverty'



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To do list:

- Feedback & follow-up on 2018-19 reports
- Curation of project database
- Consistency re: SDGs, project summaries & contact information
- Launch of web map
- Case studies always welcome
- SFC Communications