Who We Are

• A membership body for everyone committed to creating a fairer world, free from poverty, injustice and environmental threats.
• Set up in 2000, as a sister organisation to UK-wide body, Bond

Our Membership

• 130 member organisations and counting...
• A diverse range of organisations, including:
  • international NGOs, universities, businesses, national NGOs & public sector bodies

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Scotland’s International Development Contribution

• International development is not a devolved power, so the vast majority of international development spending is carried out by DfID at UK level.

• But, the Scottish Parliament is permitted to ‘assist UK ministers’ if it is ‘complementary’ to UK policy.

• From 2005 onwards, the Scottish Government has committed at least £3 million per year toward funding international development work.
• In 2015, the Scottish National Party (SNP) won the Scottish Parliamentary election and formed its 3rd consecutive government

• That same year, Nicola Sturgeon announced Scotland's intention to sign up for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), one of the first countries to do so.

• Then in December 2016, the Scottish Government published **Global Citizenship: Scotland's International Development Strategy** which sets out Scotland’s contribution to the international community.
Current funding and focus

• Since 2017, £10m pa + £3m climate justice + £1m HEF
• Around half to Malawi: Cooperation Agreement with Malawi
• Four focus countries (Malawi, Pakistan, Rwanda, Zambia)
• Funding goes through Scottish organisations – not government to government
• Focus on: Education, Health, Agriculture, Water, Climate Change and Renewable Energy
Scotland’s road to PCD

• In 2013, the Alliance (NIDOS at the time) led a coalition of civil society organisations that culminated in the publication of two publications on PCD:
  • Scotland’s Place in Building a Just World
  • Exploring and Learning from European PCD approaches

• Both reports were developed in the context of the Scottish independence referendum in September 2014

• Good cross party political support for reports and PCD more widely

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2015 and beyond...

• In 2015, Scotland’s First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, was one of the first national leaders to acknowledge the importance of the Sustainable Development Goals and to commit her government to working towards their delivery, both at home and abroad.

• Since then, efforts to make the connection between the SDGs, PCD and Scotland’s NPF have helped to increase political commitment towards PCD
Top level political buy in

• First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, Iceland, October 2016:

‘Scotland is now pursuing approaches which have been pioneered by Sweden and others – such as the idea that all government policies, not just aid policies, should be consistent with international development goals’

• Scottish Government International Development Strategy, December 2016:

[Commitment to] Promote the Beyond Aid Agenda – which takes a holistic approach to sustainable development, requiring all – government, local government, public bodies, private sector, communities and individuals – to adapt their behaviour in support of the Global Goals

• Scottish Government’s refreshed International Framework and International Policy Statement, November 2017:

We have put Policy Coherence for Development (PCD) at the heart of this new [Beyond Aid] approach, working across policy areas, and with global partners, to face the implications for developing countries of all Scotland’s actions: through a “do no harm” approach and through positive development contributions across policy areas.
Scotland’s National Performance Framework (NPF)

OUR PURPOSE
To focus on creating a more successful country with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish through increased wellbeing, and sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

OUR VALUES
We are a society which treats all our people with kindness, dignity and compassion, respects the rule of law, and acts in an open and transparent way.

- We respect, protect and fulfill human rights and live free from discrimination.
- We are open, connected and make a positive contribution internationally.
- We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally.
- We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe.
- We grow up loved, safe and respected so that we realise our full potential.
- We are well educated, skilled and able to contribute to society.
- We have thriving and innovative businesses, with quality jobs and fair work for everyone.
- We value, enjoy, protect and enhance our environment.
- We are creative and our vibrant and diverse cultures are expressed and enjoyed widely.

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In 2017 and 2018, the Scottish Government consulted a variety of actors to redesign their NPF and align it to the SDGs.

There is still lack of clarity around how outcomes and indicators will be scrutinised, especially cross-departmentally.

Scrutiny on progress towards the SDGs should lie with a cross-departmental structure that takes into consideration the trade-offs and policy effects of different sectors.

The Scottish government are yet to publish details of their implementation plan.
Current work with the Scottish Government

Along with colleagues in our Civil Society PCD Working Group, we have:

- had regular meetings with the Scottish Government International Development Team and Minister over the past year;
- worked with the Scottish Government to identify four policy areas where more work can be done: Education, Climate, Migration & Economy/trade in the short term;
- developed a shared understanding of PCD, having started from different perspectives, eg. their work on Global Health

The SG ID team have begun communicating with other government departments, namely Education on PCD.

- This is where the journey really begins!

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What’s next?

• The Scottish Government are due to publish a progress report on their International development Strategy later in 2018. We are working with the Government to make sure PCD is central to this report. It will be published annually going forward.

• Meetings between the International Development team, the Alliance Working Group, and other government departments are due over the coming months, starting with Education.

• The Scottish Government will share their NPF methodology at this years UN HLPF in New York.

• The Alliance aims to produce shadow reports in future years, to maintain pressure.
Thank you

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