

FEMINIST DEVELOPMENT POLICY

A NEW BUZZ WORD OR REALLY HELPING WOMEN ON THE GROUND?

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The disregard for the **rights of women and girls** has come into sharp focus in the past year due to developments in Afghanistan and other countries. **Populist movements** around the world are questioning women's rights that had been given. The consequences of multiple **global crises** (climate change, Covid-19 pandemic, the war against Ukraine and its disastrous effects on food security, etc.) illustrate the particular **vulnerability of women, girls and LGBTIQ**.

Feminist development policy, on the other hand, focuses on the equal participation of women, girls and people of diverse gender identities and sexual orientations in their societies and sees them as key actors for **transformative change processes**. It is about the well-known four "R" - to strengthen the rights, representation and resources of women and to build on their respective realities of life. It is about a **cooperative approach** in the international community and about putting the prevention of violence in the foreground. But it is not a completely new idea. Gender sensitivity and the fight for the rights of women and girls have been approaches in development policy for quite a long time and are also reflected by the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals). Furthermore Feminist development policy is an approach of the Global North, the **perspective of the Global South** has been missing to date.

Against this background, we want to raise questions such as the following:

- Is the new feminist development policy really new and has the potential to change things on the ground? Or is it just another buzzword?
- How do the southern partners see the approach and the possibilities of practical implementation? What do they need to strengthen women's rights in their respective context?
- Feminist development policy and feminist foreign policy - are they aligned? Can they reconcile conflict of interests between traditional development and foreign policy?
- What is the significance of the narrative of feminist development policy in current crises, what are its limits, what are the obstacles to its reception and implementation?



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