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### 14 AUGUST 2006 Foreign aid tops world ranking Denmark is the world leader in foreign aid for the third year in a row

An independent report by US-based Centre for Global Development has ranked Denmark as the world's leader in foreign aid for the third year in a row. The report finds that Denmark gives the most per capita to developing countries, daily newspaper Berlingske Tidende reported Monday.

The organisation's Commitment to Development Index evaluates countries' foreign aid according to seven categories, including security, environment and trade - areas where Denmark received high marks. The study did show, however, that there was need for improvement when it came to immigration and technology.

The news is good for the government, who have generally valued the results of such studies. Socialist People's Party leader Willy Søndal wasn't so impressed with a government that has cut foreign aid from one percent to 0.8 percent of GDP.

'It's a fine ranking when you look at it that way, but we can certainly do more to fight poverty,' he said. He added that the numbers look better due to previous governments' work to increase foreign aid budgets. He pointed out that DKK 3 billion (EUR 402 million) in foreign aid was axed from the budget last October.

'Just because the rating is good doesn't mean it's good enough,' he said.

The Copenhagen Post

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