
Coverage of the most necessary operating costs if implementation is disrupted due to Covid-19

Norad recognizes that the outbreak of COVID-19 may result in temporary disruption of project implementation. As an important measure to ensure continuity of projects and enable partners to restart activities without delay Norad will cover the most necessary direct project costs for Civil Society Organisations even when the projects temporarily are not delivering results according to the agreed plan. Norad may for example cover salary for project staff in ODA-countries also in situations where staff are unable to work due to lockdowns and curfew. The time not dedicated to specific project activities must be registered separately. This will also be an important contribution for staff with limited or no rights to compensation from their governments in the event of furlough.

Norad will maintain this flexibility with regard to direct costs will be allowed until September 30th 2020. A new assessment of the situation will be made during September.

Importantly, we expect all organisations to use the flexibility granted under previous adjustments to keep project staff active as far as possible with alternative tasks in line with the project's aim, in order to maintain the project's progress where it is possible.

In case of questions or need for clarifications, the organisations may contact their Norad focal point.