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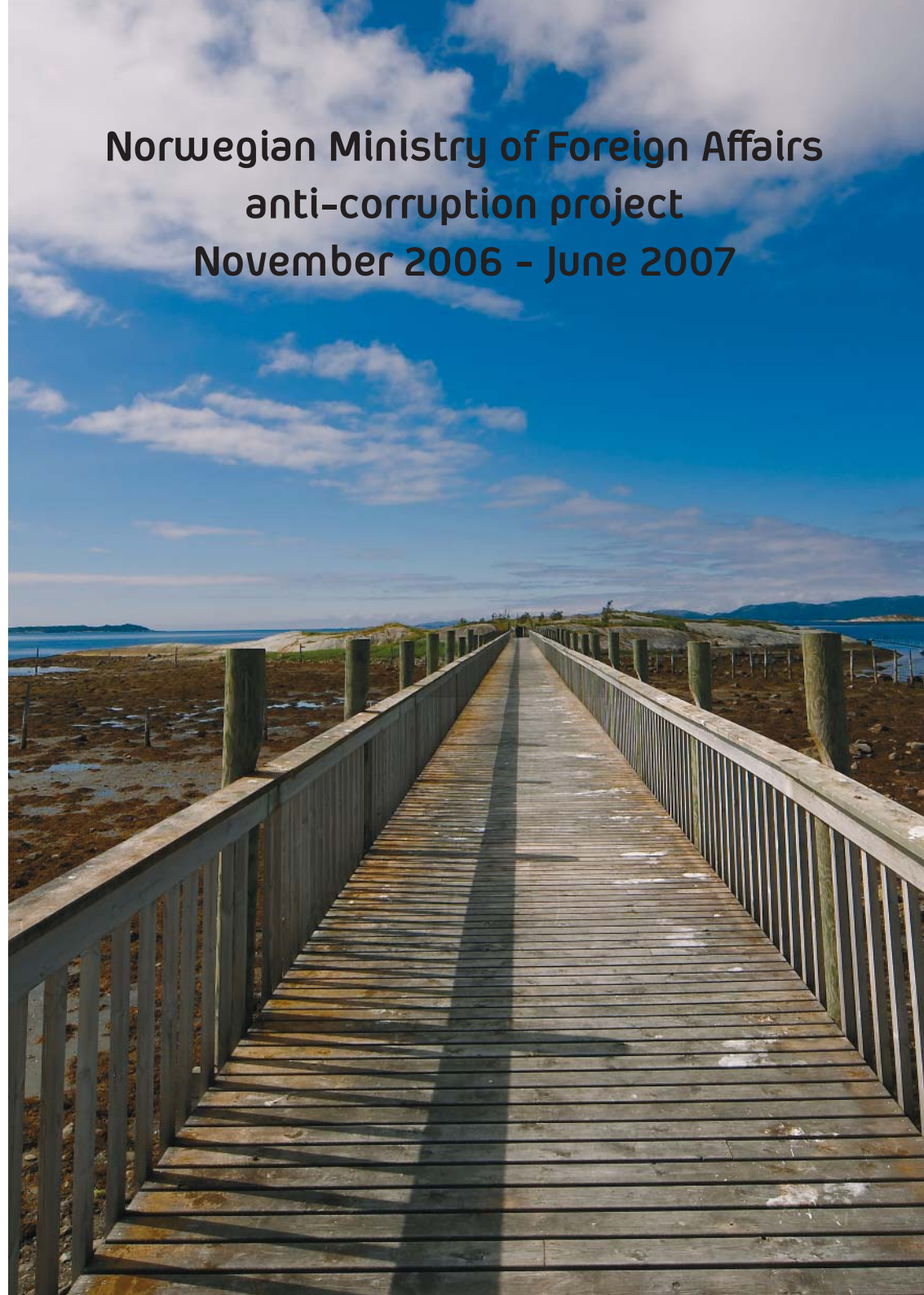
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Corruption is a major global problem:

- It constitutes a threat to the rule of law, democracy, human rights and social justice.
- It is linked to international crime and terrorism.
- It can impede economic development, and increases risk and costs in the private sector.
- It is damaging to all states, particularly poor countries that have weak public institutions and a vulnerable population.

The main goal of the Ministry's anti-corruption project is to strengthen the efforts of the Foreign Service in this area, both in Norway and abroad.

The project has four subsidiary aims:

- To prevent corruption in connection with the administration of funds that come from the Ministry's budget.
- To ensure that funds from the Ministry's budget are used effectively, so that they strengthen the international anti-corruption effort.
- To undertake initiatives that strengthen the international anti-corruption framework.
- To give Norwegian and international anti-corruption efforts a higher profile.

The project will be based on and will supplement the work already being done by the Ministry, Norwegian foreign service missions, Norad, Norfund (the Norwegian Investment Fund for Developing Countries) and FK Norway (the Norwegian Volunteer Service).

The different parts of the Foreign Service in Norway and abroad will cooperate closely on the implementation of the project, which will also make use of Norad's resource base.

Norway's international anti-corruption efforts

- Following up the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). Focus on implementation mechanisms, asset recovery and technical assistance.
- Providing financial support to several international organizations, among others UNDP and UNODC, for their targeted anti-corruption efforts and their development of good governance policies.
- Supporting the work of the international financial institutions on good governance and anti-corruption, including through targeted financial support for the World Bank and the African, Asian and Inter-American Development Banks.
- Supporting anti-corruption efforts and processes within the frameworks of the OECD, the OSCE, Council of Europe and the EEA Financial Mechanisms.
- Providing technical and financial support for anti-corruption initiatives in Norway's development cooperation partner countries. Such initiatives may include information campaigns and the development of anti-corruption strategies, as well as support for civil society actors such as the media and NGOs.
- Providing technical and financial support for the efforts of development cooperation partner countries in relation to good governance, transparency and capacity-building, which are considered essential to the reduction of corruption.
- Offering assistance from special advisers, and support for building and strengthening anti-corruption/anti-money laundering agencies in selected partner countries.
- Organising and funding a corruption hunter network as a forum for contact between practitioners.
- Following up the Oil for Development initiative, which helps developing countries with petroleum resources to ensure that the exploitation of these resources leads to development, for example by assisting them in anti-corruption efforts and efforts to improve financial management.
- Hosting the EITI (Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative) Secretariat in Oslo and promoting the EITI principles.
- Supporting various international organisations, such as Transparency International, the INTOSAI Development Initiative and the governance-access-learning network TIRI.