Norad opens for increased funding towards existing agreements with food security objectives

In a world that was already off target to meet SDG 2 of zero hunger by 2030, Russia's invasion of Ukraine has further exacerbated the situation. The crisis has led to increased prices of seeds, fertilizer, and fuel. For some of our partners these price increases mean that projects need to be scaled back, thereby risking achievement of their objectives, unless additional funding is provided. Under these extraordinary circumstances, Norad has the opportunity to offer increased flexibility within existing agreements and budgets, as well as – exceptionally – to offer expansion of budgets to compensate for increased input prices and other factors putting pressure on food security programme budgets.

The following temporary measure applies for 2022:

Expansion of budgets to achieve agreed food security, food production and nutrition outcomes and impacts of the project.

Existing agreement partners that have project implementation challenges due to increased input costs can apply to Norad for an expansion of existing budgets to compensate for these increased input prices. The application can also include the introduction of alternative/enhanced outputs to reach the agreed objectives related to food security, food production or nutrition. This opportunity for budget increases is limited to the budget lines directly related to the above-mentioned objectives and not generically to all aspects of programmes with a food security component.

Any application for a budget increase must include:

- Documentation of need, including demonstration of how any unused funds have been reallocated across budget lines. The documentation must include all income to the project including from other donors, expenditures to date and information of any unused funds as well as information regarding the increased costs of inputs.
- If new/enhanced outputs are included a written justification must be provided.
- A revised budget.

In addition, please be reminded of the Covid-19 exceptions opening for increased flexibility in making changes at the output level and between budget lines. This flexibility can also be used to reach agreed food security, food production and nutrition outcomes and impacts of the project.

For further information, or to apply for an increase of the project budget, please contact your Norad case officer.

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