

The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and The Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)



– Donor Fact sheet

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Background

The INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation (Cooperation) has taken the initiative to develop fact sheets for the purpose of increasing knowledge of member practices in supporting Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs). Fact sheets have been developed for donor members who can provide financial support for capacity development. In addition, fact sheets have been developed for some INTOSAI members who can support capacity development for SAIs through their programme implementation.

This fact sheet is for information purposes only and does not constitute an offer for support.

About The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and The Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)

The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) is responsible for Norway's foreign and development policy. The 99 foreign service missions, which include embassies, permanent delegations and general consulates, together make up the Foreign Service.

The Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) is the agency for development cooperation under the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. NORAD's main purpose is to ensure that Norwegian development aid funds are spent in the best possible way.

For an overview of the types of projects MFA or NORAD can provide funding for when working with SAIs, see table 1. These categories cover duration and delivery approaches, and are not mutually exclusive.

Table 1: What types of projects can MFA or NORAD provide funding for when working with SAIs:

Type of projects:	Can NORAD provide funding:
Short-term projects	Yes
Long-term programmes	Yes
Bilateral support	Yes
Regional support	Yes
Global support	Yes
Funding for peer to peer support	Yes
Funding for projects to be implemented by the SAI itself	Yes
Funding for projects with a third-party implementer	Yes
Projects where SAI Capacity Development is part of a broader PFM programme	Yes

Programme Cycle and decision making

The decision on country level support to SAIs are normally taken at the country level by the Norwegian embassies. The Ministry is responsible for global programs. Both the embassies and the Ministry can provide regional funding of development programs. As one of their tasks NORAD grants funding to organisations within civil society, research, higher education and industry that work with partners in developing countries. NORAD also receive funding to implement their own development programs.

Budget approvals usually happens at the start of the calendar year.

Strategic priorities for Norway

Priority countries

The Norwegian Government takes an integrated approach to Norway's foreign and development policy. The development policy is designed to promote economic development, democratization, implementation of human rights, good governance and measures that can lift people out of poverty for good.

To consider supporting a SAI, the SAI preferably has to be from one of Norway's priority countries, but NORAD can also consider supporting a project outside of the priority countries. In addition to the twelve priority countries, NORAD/Norway provide support for aid-programs in around 70 countries. For an overview of the priority countries see table 2 below:

Table 2: priority countries¹

Priority countries	DAC List of ODA Recipients ²
Afghanistan	LDC
Ethiopia	LDC
Haiti	LDC
Malawi	LDC
Mali	LDC
Mozambique	LDC
Myanmar	LDC
Nepal	LDC
Palestine	LMIC
Somalia	LDC
South Sudan	LDC
Tanzania	LDC

¹ List of priority countries as per March 2017.

² LDC=Least Developed Countries, OLIC=Other Low Income Countries, LMIC=Lower Middle Income Countries, UMIC=Upper Middle Income Countries

Areas of strategic priorities:

To consider supporting SAI development programs, the projects need to be compatible with Norway's strategic priorities. Norway can provide support for projects in the following areas:

- Good governance
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Fighting corruption
- PFM reforms
- Public administration reforms
- State building
- Effective Institutions

About the INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation

THE INTOSAI-DONOR COOPERATION

The INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation is a strategic partnership between donors and the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) community.

Purpose: to improve SAI performance in developing countries through scaled-up and more effective support.

Guiding Principles: development of country-led strategic plans; donors respecting SAI country leadership; and improved coordination of support.

Members: To date, 23 donor organizations and INTOSAI (who comprise the INTOSAI-Donor Steering Committee) have signed the Memorandum of Understanding.

For more information, visit us online at www.idi.no/intosai-donor-cooperation