

Ensuring peaceful and inclusive societies globally through a two-year framework contract

As part of the Policy Framework for Swedish Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid, together with Ecorys and PRIO, NIRAS has been contracted to implement Sida's Framework Agreement on Peace and Human Security running from 2020-2022.



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It is estimated that without action more than 80% of the world's poorest will be living in fragile contexts by 2030. With the outbreak of COVID-19, concerns have been raised specifically regarding the vulnerability of crises-affected populations, as well as risks to social order and political exploitation of such crises. Efforts to ensure peace and human security around the globe have never been more critical.

The Policy Framework for Swedish Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid identifies "peaceful and inclusive societies" as one of eight prioritised thematic areas for Swedish development aid. The framework establishes that a conflict perspective shall be integrated in all Swedish development cooperation. For Sida and its implementing partners, this instruction implies that all contributions must be conflict-sensitive and that opportunities to integrate conflict prevention, peace and human security must be identified.

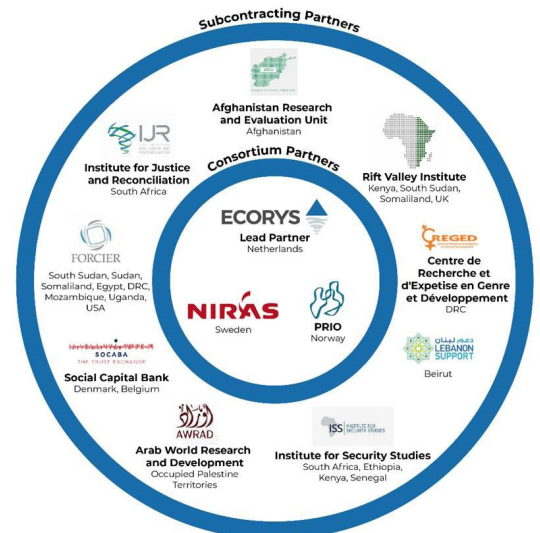
To that end, a consortium comprised of NIRAS, Ecorys and PRIO has been contracted to conduct assignments under Sida's Framework Agreement on Peace and Human Security. The agreement will run from 2020-2022, and it will include both medium and longer-term assignments in the following areas:

- Country/context/conflict analysis - including feasibility studies and appraisals - for input in strategy processes, including needs assessments, operationalisation and contribution management processes;
- Advice to and coaching of Sida and/or partners during preparation, implementation, monitoring and follow-up of projects and programmes;
- Method support, including strengthening of results-based management in programme and strategy development;

- Capacity development and training, for example short courses, development of training material, organising seminars, etc.;
- Studies and analytical reports, assessments, thematic background documents, discussion papers, input to policy processes; and
- Support and advice to and coaching of Sida in global, regional and country level advocacy efforts, dialogue and negotiations.

Ensuring presence

The consortium will be working with a range of subcontractors when implementing assignments under the framework agreement. The geographical diversity in the subcontractors, together with the consortium partners' extensive experience and network in conflict-affected areas, is to ensure the highest possible degree of local or regional presence in implementation of tasks, which is also essential when working under the COVID-19 outbreak.



Client
Swedish Agency for International Development (SIDA)

Partners
Ecorys (Lead), PRIO

Location
Global

Contract value
up to € 1,491,424

Duration
2020-2022