

Will study the effect of Norwegian development assistance

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In the next three years Norway will spend EUR 4 million on research that explores the effect of Norwegian aid, particularly in the past decade.

The Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) has asked the Research Council of Norway to establish the new Effect of Aid (AIDEFFEKT) initiative, which will be administered under the Norway – Global Partner (NORGLOBAL) programme.

In the period from 2000 to 2012, the Norwegian Government allocated a total of EUR 33 billion to development cooperation in all parts of the world and in a variety of forms. There has been an extensive – and lively – debate on how much should be invested, whether the goals have been achieved and what the effects have been. The Research Council has recommended for many years that more funding should be set aside for research on aid activities.

The AIDEFFEKT initiative is designed to facilitate a more knowledge-based Norwegian aid policy. The initiative has a future-oriented perspective, but the recommendations will be based on the experience gained in the past decade in particular.

The research activity will:

- develop new knowledge about the effect of aid on development and poverty reduction;
- increase understanding of the effect of aid within research groups in Norway and in countries in the South;
- contribute to research-based information that will benefit the public debate on the effect of aid.

This spring a group of experts in the field has drawn up a programme document for the initiative. The document will form the basis for the call for proposals for funding for the period from 2013 to 2015.

Norwegian research institutions and certain Nordic institutions are eligible to apply for funding. The application deadline is 4 September 2013.

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