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Partner Countries in Norway's Development Policy
Executive Summary



Norway's development efforts are designed to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which world leaders adopted at the UN summit in 2015. The main aim is to eradicate extreme poverty, ensure inclusive and sustainable development and promote prosperity, peace and justice throughout the world by 2030. To achieve the SDGs, all the world's countries will have to cooperate closely.

Norway's development efforts started in the 1950s and 1960s. They have been expanded as part of a growing global engagement in this field. Norway's efforts have tended to be spread over a wide range of geographical and thematic areas. To ensure good, lasting results, our efforts need to be concentrated on fewer carefully chosen partner countries and priority areas.

The new partner country initiative is a strategic tool for concentrating Norway's aid. The aim is to achieve better results in partner countries so that they can become independent of aid in the long term. This requires an integrated approach to development that takes into account the varied and complex challenges that different