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# Norway Pledges Additional NOK 30 Million to Strengthen Food Security in Tanzania

**September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Dar es Salaam –** Norway, in cooperation with the United Nations, is increasing its support to strengthen food security in Tanzania. The Norwegian Embassy and the United Nations in Tanzania are delighted to announce an additional contribution of NOK 30 million (approx. TZS 7 billion) from Norway to the Tanzania SDG Acceleration Fund. The commitment will be allocated towards UN initiatives aimed at strengthening food security in Tanzania.

This contribution comes at a critical juncture when the world is grappling with the ripple effects of geopolitical tensions, including the war in Ukraine. Recognizing the gravity of the circumstances people around the world are facing, Norway has swiftly committed a total of NOK 5 billion (approx. TZS 1.2 trillion) globally, underscoring its commitment to helping those affected.

"Food security is a top priority for Norway. We want to support Tanzania and the rest of Africa in producing more food locally. Supporting small-scale farmers, women and investing in the food production value chain is key to make this happen. We want to increase food security in Tanzania on Tanzanian terms. I am pleased to reinforce our strategic partnership with the United Nations in Tanzania with this extra contribution" said Ms. Anne Beathe Tvinnereim, Norwegian Minister for International Development. She is currently in Tanzania participating in the Africa Food Systems Forum.

"We are very grateful to the Government and people of Norway for this additional allocation which will go towards strengthening an important pillar of our work and ensuring that Tanzania continues to be food secure," said Mr. Zlatan Milisic, UN Resident Coordinator in Tanzania. "Such contributions amplify the collective effort in ensuring no one is left behind, especially in these challenging times."

Norway's contribution will strengthen the UN's ability to ensure Tanzanians have access to safe and nutritious food in line with SDG 2 which aims to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture by 2030.

#### **Note to Editors**

The Tanzania SDG Acceleration Fund is a joint initiative between the United Nations and the Government of Tanzania that aims to mobilize and direct pooled resources to high-impact and transformative results to accelerate SDG progress in Tanzania, with special efforts to ensure that no one is left behind.

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