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## **SUBJECT: Update on LWF Member Church Projects support 2021-2023**

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our warmest greetings from the Lutheran World Federation Communion Office in Geneva. We hope this letter finds you well.

With the new LWF strategy 2019-2024 adopted by the LWF Council in July 2018, the governance has asked the Communion Office to review the work with Member Church projects.

The review has started based on two perspectives. Firstly, it's the new program on Action for Justice, working mainly with four themes, using the Local to Global to Local methodology, to which member church projects will be connected. Secondly, it's the changing financial reality which has to be taken into account. Shrinking funding for Member Churches' project work is a reality which has to be taken into account.

In the light of this ongoing process and considering the available funding, the following decisions have been taken with regard to the 2021-2023 project cycle:

1. There will not be a call for application for new projects in 2019.
2. Available funding will be reserved to support the continuation of ongoing projects ending in December 2020 at the following conditions: a) projects must be in the first or second phase of implementation; b) the budget of the new phase must be lower than the previous phase by at least 20%; c) extension for another cycle is not automatic and must respond to the criteria of relevance and sustainability.
3. We foresee in coming years that calls will be opened for projects related to theology and mission as well as for urgent needs. In the near future, new funding opportunities will be opened also for projects in the area of the four LWF shared themes, decided by the Assembly in 2017: Climate Justice, Gender Justice, Interfaith & Peace and Human Rights.

The closing date to apply for continuation of projects ending in 2020 is the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2020. Please note that late applications will not be considered. All applications need to be formally endorsed by an LWF member church and sent by email to [DMDprojects@lutheranworld.org](mailto:DMDprojects@lutheranworld.org) together with the church profile and the project budget. Application documents can be uploaded from the LWF website: <https://www.lutheranworld.org/content/member-churches-project-applications>.

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