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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

'The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.' (Lam 3:22-23, ESV). We remember this confession when COVID-19 continues, when the effects of climate change threaten lives and livelihoods, when many young people see little prospect for the future, and in so many other difficult situations. With this hope in our hearts we stand in mutual solidarity and do not grow weary of doing good.

I am therefore pleased to share with you this year's call for applications for short-term projects (the fourth round of the COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund) and for long-term projects starting in 2023.

I. Call for proposals – 4th round of COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund

The LWF with the generous support of partners has launched a Rapid Response Fund (RRF) for COVID-19 in April 2020. Since then over 140 RRF member church projects were approved. It has been enriching to see the meaningful difference churches made in their communities.

We are now opening a fourth round to address the continued social, spiritual and economic impact of COVID-19 on LWF member churches and the communities they serve. The focus on recovery and livelihoods responds to the deepening of previously existing injustices on marginalized population groups especially in countries with weaker economies and the harsh economic realities caused by COVID-19.

I am very pleased to use this opportunity to point out the workshop for interested member churches and related institutions about livelihoods projects (in Spanish: Sept 13th 3pm to 6:30 pm CH time; in English: Sept 15th, 9am to 12:30 CH time; invitation will follow) which you may find helpful when designing your project. I also draw your attention to the attached document, which gives helpful tips for the application.

Deadline for applications: 17 October 2021

The review of applications will be finalised in the first week of November. Feedback will be provided shortly after with project starts possible from mid-November onwards.

II. Call for proposals – long-term projects

We are calling for **new** member church projects starting in 2023, running a maximum of three years.

Applications for project extensions for projects in their first cycle (typically running from 2020 to 2022) can be submitted for another two years maximum, finishing latest in 2024. Please note that projects can only be extended once. Projects are not automatically extended and must apply for a new cycle.

Deadline for applications: 09 January 2022

All applications for long-term projects will be reviewed during January and February 2022. Initial feedback will be provided shortly after. Shortlisted projects will be invited to submit further details to support their application. The final approval of the projects will be given by the Committee for Member Church Projects in May 2022.

III. How to apply

Member churches can apply for both COVID-19 and long-term grants. Please refer to the attached annex for eligibility criteria and further details.

Please use the following link for applications: https://webportalapp.com/sp/lwf_pcmprogram_en. User guidelines are attached. Please send an e-mail to dtmjprojects@lutheranworld.org if you have any issues with the platform and need support. The member church projects coordination team is there to answer your questions and to help.

May God continue to bless you in your ministry.

Yours in Christ,



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