

## Re: Partnership renewal and applications for 2023

Dear friends,

Greetings from Uppsala!

We are approaching the end of the Act Church of Sweden Programme period 2018-2022, and we want to express gratitude for our partnership and for the positive outcomes we have achieved together.

With our previous letter (7 April 2022) we shared Act Church of Sweden's revised Strategic Plan together with information on the ongoing process to develop new regional programmes for 2023-2027. In addition to regional programming, we will also shift towards a more holistic programme approach to address the regional challenges and opportunities that we identify with our development and humanitarian partners in five regional settings – Asia, Middle East and Northern Africa, Eastern Africa, Southern Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean. When the Act CoS International Reference Group<sup>1</sup> met in Uppsala, 15-17 May, we received important inputs to the early developments of the programmes. With this letter we want to share preliminary programme outlines for continued dialogue.

In preparation for the new programme period 2023-2027, we invite you to engage with us in a partnership capacity dialogue to establish a baseline for the renewal of our cooperation. Further details will be communicated by the dedicated programme manager at Act Church of Sweden to guide the following steps:

- Programme partner organisations are invited to indicate their intention to continue partnering with Act Church of Sweden by submitting a capacity self-assessment together with basic documents according to the Due diligence checklist latest by the 31<sup>st</sup> of August.
- Act Church of Sweden welcomes funding applications for 2023 latest by the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2022. Applications can be submitted by programme partners for a maximum implementation period of 3 years.
- Act Church of Sweden initiates partnership capacity dialogues and assessments that will result in recommendations for the renewal of Cooperation agreements and funding plans for the 2023-2027 programme period. Decisions will be communicated latest by 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

Please make use of relevant documents and templates for partner and project support on our website – <https://www.svenskakyrkan.se/act/partner-collaboration-and-project-support>. Should you have any questions or feed-back, do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



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<sup>1</sup> The International Reference Group is an advisory entity, comprised of 14 representatives of partner organisations to Act Church of Sweden (Act CoS) or persons with special competence from Act CoS's networks. The members of the group serve for a four-year term (2020-2023).