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Norad has two grant schemes for private sector development, funded by the Norwegian state budget for development aid

- Enterprise Development for Jobs (private sector companies)
- Cooperation on Framework Conditions for Private Sector Development in the South (Strategic Partnerships between NGO's, companies and government agencies)
- Both are based on Calls for Proposals and are application-based grant schemes

Enterprise Development For Jobs

- The purpose of the grant scheme is to support private sector development in developing countries. Main objective is to **contribute to job creation** by stimulating to more, sustainable commercial investments. In addition, it aims to stimulate renewable energy projects that **increase access to renewable energy** and thereby contribute to job creation and poverty reduction.
- Grants may be provided in connection with **project development** that leads to job creation and investments, to investment related projects and not export of goods and services. The grant scheme may fund activities related to the preparatory phase of an investment.

Enterprise Development for Jobs

- **Eligibility – who can apply?** This is an **untied** financial scheme, so potential grant recipients are Norwegian and foreign private sector companies with a proven track record and financial strength.
- **What type of projects can be supported?** The scheme provide grants to **early phase project development** to reduce the commercial risk for the developers in the pre-investment phase. Eligible activities are feasibility studies, partner search, pilot production, training of local staff.
- For more information see **Norad.no** (Funding, Grant programmes, Private Sector Development)

Example of Norad support Nkusi hydro power plant in Uganda, where Norad provided early phase project development grant

