



The Nansen Programme for Ukraine

The Nansen programme is a Norwegian support programme for Ukraine. The envelope is NOK 75 billion to be spent over five years on military and civil support. A unanimous parliament adopted the programme and thus supersedes changing governments.

Spending

Allocations and the civil-military ratio will be decided annually. For 2023, the planned disbursement is NOK 15 billion with a 50/50 division between military and civil support. The funding is very flexible, and disbursements can be made as the Government see fit within the five years.

Countries affected by the war

As part of the Parliament agreement, a NOK 5 billion aid package for countries in the Global South severely affected by the war in Ukraine, was also adopted. NOK 2.5 billion was earmarked humanitarian aid and 2.5 billion allocated to food security. The extra funding is a one-off for 2023, but the agreement stipulates it can be continued if the needs remain.

Management

The Norwegian agency for development cooperation (Norad) is tasked with managing the programme including disbursements. A special unit is being formed. Norad will receive detailed instructions from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

NRC Recommendations:

The Nansen programme should be replicated by Norway and other donor countries for more protracted humanitarian crises.

Norway should continue allocating at least 50 per cent of the annual spending from the Nansen Programme to civilian support.

Norway and other donor countries should continue ensuring new crisis are not funded at the cost of existing crises, in-line with [the Good Humanitarian Donorship initiative](#).

Norway and other donor countries should avoid mixing military and civil support, in order to not jeopardize the neutrality, independence, and impartiality of humanitarian actors.

Links to other relevant information:
[proposisjon 44 S \(2022-2023\)](#) and [the Parliamentary procedure](#)