



Dear Prime Minister,

We, a partner organisation to We Effect, write to you to express our deep concerns of the decision to dramatically cut Sweden's official development assistance.

The war in Ukraine has underlined how severely vulnerable groups are affected in times of crisis. Already enduring the economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and the climate crisis, the people, especially the poorest, are now suffering from skyrocketing food prices. The world is in the worst humanitarian situation since World War II.

We, in Moldova, bear witness to this. As a neighbouring country to Ukraine that is severely feeling the impact of the humanitarian crisis, the cut to the development assistance will have strong effect on us.

Together with We Effect we are the voice of most vulnerable groups in Moldova – small farmers and our mission is to work towards poverty eradication in the rural areas. The partnership with We Effect allows us to maintain ties with over 7,000 members and address their issues step by step. In the context of the current crisis but also including NFFM transformation, the lack of Sweden's support through We Effect will affect us enormously and implicitly our members through the limitation of quality services, the lack of communication with farmers and last but not least a disbalanced civil society.

We are on the path to European integration and the support of the Swedish state, especially through partner organizations, such as We Effect, is a decisive one that will have a positive effect and impact on agriculture, rural development and civil society.

As a support to this, please find attached the statements of several members of our organization, farmers, talking about how the cuts are going to affect them and consequently all the positive changes that they are trying to implement in their work.

Dear Magdalena, as Sweden's prime minister and leader of your government, we know you are a strong believer in international solidarity. We can't thank you enough for the support your country has given in the past.

We now encourage you to stand with us in these desperate times and re-evaluate the decision to cut development assistance, to make sure that the consequences of the war in Ukraine and the climate crisis will be as limited as possible.

Show your full support to civil society organisations and people in poverty that we support. Your financial support is needed more than ever. It is a long-term investment in a more sustainable and just world.

We look forward to your reply.

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