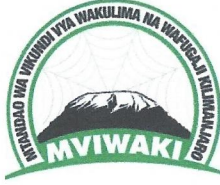


# #DearMagdalena – Invite to e-mail the Prime Minister to defend the Swedish development aid



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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, people in poverty are now suffering from skyrocketing food prices.

The Secretary-General of the UN warns that 1,7 billion people – one fifth of the world's population– are at risk of hunger and poverty. The world is in the worst humanitarian situation since World War II. Nearly half of humanity lives in the danger zone of climate crisis. We, TANZANIA, bear witness of the UN reports. With this in mind, the historic and tragic decision to cut the development assistance will impact us in unprecedented ways. For us, the cut has drastic implications/effects.

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- More than 4000 smallholder farmers are affected by increased cost of production in terms of increased cost of inputs like fertilizers.
- Negative impacts of Climate change to more than 4000 members who are currently affected badly due to prolonged drought which has killed more than 5000 catles in Mwanga District due to official news we have, unpredictable rainfall patterns in Kilimanjaro region has affected food and cash production where most of our members are depending to trap the marketing opportunities in the nearing countries like Kenya.





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.

