

# Long-Term Policy Supporting Research (PSR) 2020-2021

## Prolongation Format

### Support to Human Rights Based Approach to Development

- **Presentation of the research team**

- Present the changes in the research team for the prolongation of the current PSR project: are all previous researchers involved again or are new researchers proposed to be involved?

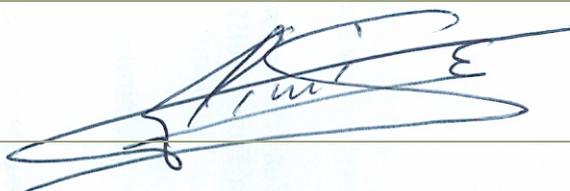
No changes in the research team are proposed for the prolongation of the PSR project "Support to Human Rights Based Approach to Development". Elena Briones Alonso (KULeuven, HIVA) joined the research team in the Summer 2020, in replacement of Sarah Braeye (KULeuven, HIVA). Since June 2020, Elena has been working as a senior researcher for the global development group of the HIVA institute at the KU Leuven. In this position, Elena is currently involved in policy supporting research for the ministry of development cooperation with the aim of supporting the operationalisation of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and her focus for this PSR on HRBAD is the principle of leaving no one behind and its links with SDGs in Belgian development cooperation. This change was communicated to and validated by the steering committee during its meeting on 8th September 2020.

- What is the relevant expertise and experience of the newly proposed researchers?

No new researchers are proposed.

- Signature of the lead researcher

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- **Plan of action and research methodology**

Please explain why there is a need to prolong the project. What are the objectives for the prolongation? What are the planned results for the prolongation? What products or deliverables are proposed for the prolongation? What is the proposed research methodology? How is this complementary to the finishing Long-Term PSR project? Which activities are still planned in 2020 within the finishing Long-Term PSR project?

The Covid-19 pandemic has been a major obstacle to implementing the project as initially planned. In particular, it made impossible the planning, preparation and carrying out of field missions or focus groups. Facing unpredictable urgencies, development actors were less available both in Belgium and in partner countries and planning trainings was difficult.

In that context, the prolongation of the project is crucial for delivering the key outputs and results of this PSR in a way that ensures comprehensive uptake, outreach and integration of data and experience from the field. The latter is of high importance to the relevance of the guidelines and trainings.

It will also allow for the inclusion of new results at the request of the steering committee, notably drafting a policy note (vision document) and supporting the preparation of a new strategic note, to be submitted to the Minister for approval.

The research will stay based on a mixed-methods approach that will continue to be adapted to the evolutive

sanitary context: 1) analysis of relevant literature and policy sources; 2) qualitative semi-structured interviews and participatory workshops and focus groups; and 3) field research missions. Building on the initial research methodology and the expected outputs and results, an extension will make possible more in-depth analyses, more detailed guidelines and trainings and to cover more priority themes and sectors to be decided with the steering committee.

Besides the additional deliverables (introductory note, policy note, strategic note), that are complementary to the first year's goals of this PSR project, the initial products will be qualitatively and quantitatively resized:

- The desk study could integrate more case studies (as suggested by the steering committee) and/or deepen the current case studies by adding in new thematic in-depth interviews to the documentary analysis and interviews already carried out. It could also integrate data and lessons from the field, rather than using mere reports and publications, for example in the case of other donor's best practice and lessons learned.
- The field missions, including trainings, could be carried out in March-May 2021.
- The guidelines and tools will take into account the data, case studies and lessons gathered during the field missions. The prolongation will allow for the inclusion of more sector or thematic sections as well as an extensive process of consultation and dialogue with Belgian development actors on the draft guidelines before finalizing this key new reference documents for Belgian development cooperation. This step is key to a better dissemination, and a real ownership from the various development actors concerned.
- The training sessions will benefit from a deeper desk study; more lessons and case studies from field missions and more detailed guidelines. This is in line with the request of the steering committee. The training sessions could also be organized under the form of webinars in order to allow more participants, incl. on the field, to take part.

On the issue of uptake and dissemination, a specific amount was dedicated in the initial budget to the organization of seminars with DGD (including Enabel and other actors). The amount is still available and will be used during the last months of the project (see planning hereunder). However, the extension would allow for a broader diffusion of the research also within the academic field. Other researchers, incl. from the South, would therefore be consulted on their views on HRBA, using the already existing network of the PSR partners, especially in the field of Human Rights in Burkina Faso, Burundi, and Bénin. Missions of several African colleagues coming to Belgium on other funds and projects would also be used to piggy-back discussions and seminars on a North-South cross-perspective on HRBA.

The proposed planning of activities and results in case of a prolongation is:

- October 2020: finalisation and circulation to NGA and cabinet of a document presenting definition, key concepts and principles of HRBA.
- November-December 2020: draft and final version of a policy note on Belgium's vision of HRBAD; draft of the HRBAD study.
- January-February 2021: preparation of the field missions, preparation of guidelines, tools and training material.
- Spring 2021: Field missions, preparation of guidelines, tools and training material.
- June 2021: Draft guidelines; final study (integrating field missions' data), planification of training sessions.
- Summer 2021: final guidelines, tools and training material.
- Fall 2021: training sessions; dissemination of guidelines and tools; draft strategic note.
- December 2021: final report.

The budget (point 3) presents the number of days necessary for the implementation of the additional and revised activities in the context of a prolongation of the project until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

- **Budget**

- Please present the number of days which are deemed necessary for the implementation of the project and the corresponding budget (number of days multiplied by the € 1.000 daily fee).

<i>Number of working days</i>				
<b>Tasks</b>	<b>USLouis</b>	<b>ULiège</b>	<b>KUL</b>	<i>Total number of days * daily fee</i>
<b>Final study</b>		05		05
<i>Finalisation and integration of field data</i>		05		
<b>Guidelines and tools</b>	15	25	08	48
<i>Guidelines on priority themes and sectors</i>	15	25	08	
<b>Introductory note (NGAs/Cabinet)</b>	01	05		06
<b>Policy Note/Vision document</b>	03	10		13
<b>Detailed strategic note</b>	04	20		24
<b>Dissemination strategy</b>	05			05
<b>Trainings</b>	10	15	12	37
<i>Additional preparation/Training material</i>	10	15	12	
<i>Total number of days * daily fee</i>	38	80	20	138

- **Other**

Are there any other aspects that you would like to mention?

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Please limit the proposal to 3 pages maximum and submit before 21 October 2020 to VLIR-UOS/ARES.