

1. Fact Sheet for Credit Proposal for Projects / Programs

<u>Project title</u>	U4 – Anti-Corruption Resource Centre (Norway)	<u>SDC priority theme</u> Other (anti-corruption / asset recovery)
<u>Project no.</u>	7F-09157.01 (single phase)	<u>Country or region</u> global
<p><u>Lead (max. 5 lines)</u> U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, housed at the Christian Michelsen Institute in Bergen (Norway), is a web-based resource center for development practitioners who wish to effectively address corruption challenges in their work. U4 is a leading player in providing its own applied research, publications, a helpdesk service and online training in order to attain more effective development efforts.</p>		
<p><u>Context (general and related to relevant area):</u> Corruption threatens economic growth, social stability and poverty reduction particularly in developing countries which lose billions through corrupt acts such as bribery, embezzlement, misappropriation or other diversion of property or abuse of functions. Corruption erodes public trust in government, it leads to sub-standard services and it wastes scarce public resources. Corruption, however, also may occur at project or program level of donor agencies. SDC is therefore committed to improving its knowledge base for anti-corruption work.</p>	<p><u>Overall goal</u> U4 aims to provide enhanced knowledge, understanding and learning across the anti-corruption agenda for practitioners from development agencies and, more broadly, for a wider public. The operating principle of U4 is to make available as much as possible of its products as a global public good. The development impact of the contribution will be to substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms via training, applied research and other services (i.e. helpdesks) and hence to reduce the negative impacts of corruption on economic growth, social stability or poverty.</p>	
<p><u>Key results and insights from previous phases</u> n/a</p>	<p><u>Outcomes (objectives) of the planned phase</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ U4 publications are operationally relevant and of high-quality. ➤ U4 website and communication activities are informative, relevant and broadly known. ➤ U4 training & other learning opportunities provide high-quality, targeted information. 	
<p><u>Key outputs of the planned phase</u> As a knowledge and training center, U4 will provide an up-to-date knowledge base (and an effective and efficient way of accessing it). SDC staff in headquarters or country offices are able to assist to trainings or to command bespoke knowledge generation quickly on specific practical questions (e.g. help-desk). As a research institute, U4 will provide research relevant to SDC's strategic thematic priorities (asset recovery, illicit financial flows and the development agenda, fragile states) or sector priorities (water, health, natural resource management).</p>	<p><u>Target group/s</u> Direct target groups are staff of the U4 partner agencies, in particular SDC and the Swiss Administration. U4 aims to provide resources and services that are directly relevant to the practical and policy challenges facing these key development actors. U4 services will be relevant to SDC's coordination offices and Regional Cooperation / Cooperation with Eastern Europe (on-line training, in-country training), Global Cooperation (specific sector issues) and Humanitarian Aid (fragile states). Given that U4's research is publicly accessible, indirect beneficiaries are therefore the broader community of development practitioners in governments, NGOs, and academic institutions around the world.</p>	
<p><u>Contract partner/s</u> Christian Michelsen Institute in Bergen (Norway)</p>	<p><u>Coordination and synergies with other projects and actors</u> U4 works in close partnership and coordination with other organizations that strengthen the relevance, reach, and impact of anti-corruption work. U4 has important</p>	

	working relationship with Transparency International and the Basel Institute on Governance (both co-funded by SDC).
Start date of 1st phase according to SAP 01.04.2015	Other partners Besides the founding members Germany, Norway and the UK the following agencies have joined: Sweden (Sida) and Canada (CIDA) in 2005, Belgium (BTC) in 2008, Australia (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) in 2009, Finland (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) in 2012 and Denmark (Danida) in 2014.
<u>Start of phase:</u> from 01.04.2015	<u>End of phase:</u> to 31.03.2017
<u>SDC Budget of phase</u> CHF 600'000.-	<u>Total SDC expenses already spent since 1st phase (including opening credit)</u> CHF none
<u>Total budget of phase including local partners and external contributions</u> EUR 2.013 million	<u>Estimated Swiss/SDC budget for the duration of the whole intervention (all phases combined, indicate total duration)</u> CHF 600'000.- (2015-2016)

