

## Project conclusion and local take-over

The phase-out of the working relationship – which the organisations should start discussing as early as when planning the operation – is an important partnership issue. A responsible phase-out makes a strong contribution to sustainable results and longevity in the partner organisation's operation planning. The operation is intended to contribute to lasting changes for target groups, and to help the partner organisation continue its work. The operation must naturally be targeted at helping the partner organisation to develop and acquire the tools to continue its work as a player for change in the long term, with or without support from the Swedish organisation. Before the working relationship is brought to a close, it is extremely important to work strategically so that the results become durable and the organisation is in a strong position when the financing is discontinued. The activity plan for the final year should have resources set aside for specifically reinforcing sustainability and sustainability, both in the results for the target group and within the organisation. In many cases, this involves a plan for assuring financial sustainability.

### **Suggestions for measures during the final year of the project include:**

- Within the project, include training courses in strategic planning and project management, for example.
- Strengthening the partner organisation's competences and capacity to apply for funding from local authorities and other organisations such as the EU.
- Identifying other potential partners and other types of possible activities that could generate an income.

The working relationship between two organisations need not come to an end simply because the specific project/operation has been concluded. Projects sometimes lead to other forms of working relationship, such as twinning programmes between two local authorities, or the partners continuing to maintain contact and utilise each other's skills and knowledge in other contexts.

The Palme Center has a strategy for local take-over of projects. Contact your programme manager for additional information. Make sure to prepare in good time.

It is also possible to apply for funding specifically for phasing out a project/a working relationship. [Contact your programme manager](#) for additional information.