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Abbreviations

AFK	**LDF**
Aga Khan Foundation	Local Development Facility
Aus AID	**LGA**
Australian Agency for International Development	Local Grant Facility
CBO	**MCHC**
Community Based Organisation	Mother Child Health Care
CCO	**MDG**
Canadian Cooperation Office	Millennium Development Goal
CFP	**MOU**
Call for Proposal	Memorandum of Understanding
CN	**NGO**
Concept Note	Non-Governmental Organisation
CIDA	**ODA**
Canadian International Development Agency	Official Development Assistance
CSO	**OECD**
Civil Society Organisation	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
DAC	**PACS**
Development Assistance Committee	Poorest Areas Civil Society Programme
DAP	**PIDSA**
Direct Aid Programme	Pakistan Italian Debt Swap Agreement
DCI	**PADOR**
Development Cooperation Instrument	Potential Applicant Dated Online Registration
DFID	**PPAF**
Department for International Development	Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund
DG	**RAF**
Directorate General	Research and Advocacy Fund
EIDHR	**RH**
European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights	Reproductive Health
FLC	**UNICEF**
Fund for Local Cooperation	United Nations Children's Fund
FP	**UNIFEM**
Family Planning	United Nations Development Fund for Women
HRGS	**UNFPA**
Human Rights Grants Scheme	United Nations Population Fund
ICPD	**WB**
International Conference on Population and Development	World Bank

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Dear Readers,

Today's development assistance funding environment is complex and hard to navigate for most Civil Society Organisations and Non-Governmental Organisations. In light of this our "Tips and Tricks South-Asia Edition" provides detailed information on 23 different funding programmes available to non-profit organisations working with population assistance and reproductive health in the region. For each funding programme we provide detailed information on funding priorities, eligibility criteria, application procedures, contact information, and more.

The UN Millennium Project states that "investments in sexual and reproductive health are vital to achieving the Millennium Development Goals". To achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015, both governmental and non-governmental agencies must mobilise more resources for reproductive health, HIV/AIDS and population programmes.

Our hopes are that this publication will aid organisations in finding relevant and reliable information about different funding programmes, in order to raise more money for reproductive health projects throughout South Asia.

Good luck!

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How to Use the Tips and Tricks

Tips and Tricks South Asia has been divided into four sections based on geographic coverage. The first section is the Regional Section. In this section we have included European Funding programmes managed by the European Commission as well as national European Aid Agencies, available for all non-profit organisations working in the population and reproductive health sector in the region.

The second section includes funding programmes available for Indian organisations, the third section covers funding programmes in Nepal and the fourth section focuses on funding programmes in Pakistan.

To make the information comparable and easily accessible, each section describing a funding programme follows the same structure and answers the same questions:

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Name of grant programme

What is the name of the fund?

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Regional Section

Tips and Tricks

Name of ODA agency/Ministry

German Federal Foreign Office

Name of grant programme

Small Scale Embassy Projects

Background

The Federal Government provides embassies and consulates with small budgets for supporting small scale projects in the field of technical cooperation. In 2009 the Federal Foreign Offices supported nearly 1,000 micro-projects with a total of €7.1 million

Types of grant

This scheme is especially targeted at local organisations and self-help initiatives working at the grassroots level.

Grant size

As a rule, the grant size does not exceed €25,000.

Own contribution

Own contribution is desired, but not a prerequisite for funding.

Funding Priorities

The aim of the micro-project scheme is to improve the basic needs of the poor and most vulnerable population groups in a non-bureaucratic and efficient manner. Rural development is prioritised, in particular food security, power supply, protection of natural resources, education and training. Moreover, measures aimed at the enhancement of democratic structures and human rights, as well as women's rights may be sponsored. The project's positive impact on the local population should be clearly demonstrated. Personnel costs or costs for salaries, administration and travel cannot be funded.

Eligibility Criteria

- Projects will not be funded if the applicant is receiving funds from other sources
- Projects must not already be benefitting from part of

development aid activities of the German government
- Projects do not create additional costs after being funded once.
- Projects should be completed within the same fiscal year in which funding has been provided

Guidelines

To obtain the correct guidelines for your country, please consult your local German embassy for more information.

The following costs can not be funded through this funding:

- Salaries of your organisation's workers
- Administration and travel expenses
- Operational and recurring costs in general
- Acquisition of land
- Allocation of loans

Project Duration

The maximum project duration is one year (January 1st – December 31st).

Deadline

No deadline applies, but it is advisable to contact the embassy, consulate or German representative at least a few months before the end of the calendar year.

Application forms

The specific application procedures may differ from country to country. Please send a request to the nearest German embassy or representative for information on sponsorship of small-scale projects for technical cooperation.

Application procedures

The embassies, consulates and representatives are responsible for making the grant decision. The German institutions will consider the quality and reputation of the NGO or institutions looking for support, evaluate the project, its layout and target group, check whether additional costs might arise after completion of the project, and evaluate the quality and outcomes of the project.

Languages

German or English

Tips

- Contact the embassies, consulates and representatives before officially applying for funding. Annual themes, regional preferences and budget limitations may impact the current funding priorities
- Make sure that representatives from the German institutions within your country are aware of activities and plans for your projects in the fields for which support is sought before you ask for funding.
- Cooperation with a German NGO or institution is not a prerequisite to be eligible for funding, but this may offer additional help to establish the necessary contacts with the German representatives and may assist in avoiding procedural difficulties or other obstacles

VENRO can also be contacted for more general information on development cooperation and on accredited NGOs.

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German Embassy, New Delhi

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Chanakyapuri,
New Delhi 110021.

In Nepal

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Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany

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+977-1-4412-786

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Website
www.kathmandu.diplo.de

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PO Box 226 Gyaneshwar
Kathmandu, Nepal.

In Pakistan

Official name
Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany

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(24 hours; except visa enquiries)

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Website
www.islamabad.diplo.de/Vertretung/islamabad/en/Startseite.html

Address
Ramna 5, Diplomatic Enclave, Islamabad, Pakistan.

Postal Address
P.O. Box 1027, Islamabad, Pakistan.

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Danish Foreign Ministry

Name of grant programme

Local Grant Authority

Background

The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs supports civil society organisations in the South through local agreements with the Danish Embassies, through the Local Grant Authority scheme.

Types of grant

The Local Grant Authority (LGA) is a flexible and largely non-bureaucratic funding instrument available to local civil society organisations, authorities or enterprises in developing countries. The budget for the LGA is administered by Danish Embassies, which are authorised to approve grants without consulting the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Grant size

Under the LGA, Danish Embassies can fund projects up to a maximum grant size of DKK 5 million (€670,000)

Own contribution

Not Specified.

Funding Priorities

All proposed project activities should follow the general objectives and principles of Danish development policy as laid down in the annual "Priorities of the Danish Government for Danish Development Cooperation", the Strategy for Danish Development Policy "Partnership 2008" and other relevant thematic policies. Moreover, applications should make reference to the specific Danish country strategy, if applicable. However, the target country of the project proposal does not need to be one of Denmark's programme countries.

The cross-cutting issues of gender, sustainable development and human rights and democracy should be mainstreamed into the project proposal if possible.

Eligibility Criteria

Civil society organisations from developing countries are eligible to apply for Danish Embassy funds without a Danish partner organisation.

Project proposals under the Local Grant Authority of Danish Embassies will be appraised based on the following criteria:

- The project's feasibility and effectiveness in regard to the problem it intends to address
- Sustainability of the proposed activities and coherence with national poverty reduction strategies
- Sound project budget and appropriate timeframe
- Capacity of the local executing partner to manage the project and to properly report on the funds received
- The applying civil society organisation must be legally established and have audited annual accounts

Guidelines

The guidelines are available for download on the following link:http://amg.um.dk/en/menu/ManagementTools/LocalGrantAuthority/

Project Duration

Project duration will be negotiated with the local Danish Embassy on a case-by-case basis.

Deadline

No set deadlines.

Application forms

Contact the Danish Embassy or representation in your country for an application form.

Application procedures

Interested organisations from developing countries should contact the local Danish Embassy to get more information about the availability of funds under the LGA.

Language

Danish or English

Tips

Southern civil society groups can contact the Project Advice and Training Centre if they are interested in forming partnerships with Danish NGOs.[1] Another resource is IBIS, the Danish NGO platform, who can also be contacted for more general information on development cooperation and on accredited NGOs.[2]

Contact

Contact information for Danish Embassies is available on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: http://www.um.dk/en

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 http://www.prngo.dk

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1,2   More information on the Project Advice and Training Centre can be found at: http://www.prngo.dk

Name of ODA agency/Ministry

European Commission

Name of grant programme

European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)

Background

The European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) has been in place since 2007. The overall objective of the instrument is to contribute to the development and consolidation of democracy and the rule of law, and of respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms. In particular, this means to:

- Enhance the respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms and to promote and consolidate democracy and democratic reform in third countries, mainly through support for civil society organisations, providing support and solidarity to human rights defenders and victims of repression and abuse, and strengthening civil society active in the field of human rights and democracy promotion
- Support and strengthen the international and regional framework for the protection, promotion and monitoring of human rights, the promotion of democracy and the rule of law, and reinforcing an active role for civil society within these frameworks
- Build confidence in and enhancing the reliability of electoral processes, in particular through election observation missions, and through support for local civil society organisations involved in these processes

The overall EIDHR budget for the period of 2007 to 2013 is €1,104 billion.

Types of grant

Co-financing grants

Grant size

The exact amounts of each grant are announced in the Guidelines for each call for proposal, which can be found on the following link: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm

To get an indication of a grant size before a call for proposal is published; please refer to the "Annual Work Programmes": http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/ap/index_en.htm

Own Contribution

The percentage of own contribution or co-funding is specified in the Guidelines of each call. The status of your organisation will also effect how much of your own contribution you will be expected to provide.

Funding Priorities

The EIDHR supports actions in the following areas:

- Participatory and representative democracy, mainly through civil society organisations.
- Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms concerning civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, mainly through civil society organisations.
- Strengthening the international framework for the protection of human rights, justice, the rule of law and the promotion of democracy
- Building confidence in and enhancing the reliability and transparency of democratic electoral processes.

Funds are allocated following strategy papers, which specify the priority areas selected for financing, objectives, the expected results, performance evaluation as well as indicative financial allocations. Further, the European Commission prepares annual action programmes which outline the objectives, the fields of intervention, the expected results, the management procedures and the total amount of financing planned. They contain a description of the operations to be financed, an indication of the amounts allocated for each operation and an indicative implementation timetable. These key documents can be found here: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/eidhr_en.htm

Eligibility Criteria

The following actors are eligible for co-funding under this instrument:

- Civil society organisations, including non-governmental non-profit organisations and independent political foundations, community-based organisations, and private sector non-profit agencies, institutions and organisations, and networks at local, national, regional and international level
- Public sector non-profit agencies, institutions and organisations and networks at local, national, regional, and international level
- National, regional and international parliamentary bodies, when this is necessary to achieve the objectives of this instrument and unless the proposed measure can be financed under a related Community external assistance instrument

- International and regional inter-governmental organisations
- Natural persons, if necessary to achieve the objectives of the EIDHR Regulation. [3]

Applicants can be nationals or legal persons, who are established:

- In a Member State of the Community, in an accession or official candidate country or in a Member State of the European Economic Area.
- Or in a developing country, as specified by the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD/DAC)

Guidelines

Specific guidelines are published with each call for proposal.

Project Duration

The duration of an action is defined in the guidelines for the individual call. However, almost all actions have implementation periods exceeding 12 months.

Deadline

The deadline for submission will be defined in the guidelines for the specific call for proposal. To get an indicative deadline, it is advisable to look at the "Annual work plan" available on this link: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/ap/index_en.htm

Application Forms

Application Forms are published together with the call for proposal and the guidelines.

If the call for proposals is a "Restricted call", applicants will be asked to submit a Concept Note. Thereafter, a selection of Concept Notes will be made and a number of applicants will be invited to submit a Full Application Form. However, if the call for proposal is an "Open Call", all applicants are invited to send in their Concept Notes and Full Proposals at the same time.

Application and Procedures

The management of the geographic programmes is shared by the EuropeAid Co-operation Office in Brussels and the EU Delegations in your country. Call for proposals are published on the EuropeAid website; https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChck=12248 46858672&do=publi.welcome&userlanguage=en and the delegation website; http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/delegations/web_en.htm

In order to apply for a grant, your organisation must register in the "Potential Applicants Data Online Registration" PADOR. To register in PADOR follow this link: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/onlineservices/pador/index_en.htm

Language

English, unless other EU language is specified.

Tips

In order to succeed in accessing EU funds, a good understanding of the rules and procedures of the calls are crucial. Small administrative mistakes, such as submission after the deadline or missing documents lead to immediate rejection. NGOs considering responding to a call should carefully read the guidelines. Project objectives should be directly linked to the objectives of the call. Applicants should also read the relevant policy papers and refer to them, when appropriate. Manuals on how to manage an EC project can also be found on the following link: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/multimedia/publications/index_en.htm

NGOs with little experience in applying for EU funding should consider participating in another NGO's project which is currently being funded by the EU. As a junior partner they can build their capacity and get acquainted to EC requirements without taking full responsibility of a project. Consult and liaise with both the EU Delegation in the beneficiary country and the Brussels-based officials. Another information source is CONCORD Europe, the European confederation of relief and development NGOs. You might also get support from your national NGO platform.

Contact

EuropeAid Co-operation Office
Unit 04 Central management of thematic budget lines
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+ 32 2 2961430

Website
Europe Aid
Check your EU delegation website for contact persons.

Address
The External Service Directory is a database of
delegation addresses.

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3   MEIDHR   Regulation: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.
     do?uri=CELEX:32006R1889:EN:NOT

Name of ODA agency/Ministry

European Commission

Name of grant programme

Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) – Geographic Programmes

Background

The geographic component of the Development Co-operation instrument (DCI) provides assistance to developing countries in Latin America and Asia, including Central Asia and South Africa. The instrument is valid for the period 2007 to 2013.

The overall goal of the instrument is the eradication of poverty in partner countries and regions in the context of sustainable development, including pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), as well as the promotion of democracy, good governance and respect for human rights and for the rule of law.

Co-operation is intended to:

- Consolidate and support democracy, the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms, good governance, gender equality and related fields
- Foster the sustainable development – including political, economic, social and environmental aspects – of partner countries and regions, and more particularly the most disadvantaged among them
- Help develop international measures to preserve and improve the quality of the environment and the sustainable management of global natural resources, in order to ensure sustainable development including climate change and bio-diversity

The overall DCI budget for geographic programmes for the period 2007 to 2013 is €10,057 billion.

Types of grant

Co-financing grants

Grant size

The exact amounts of each grant are announced in the Guidelines for each call for proposal, which can be found on the Europe Aid Funding website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm or the delegation website of your specific country http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/delegations/web_en.htm

To get an indication of a grant size before a call for proposal is published, please refer to the "Annual Work Programmes" http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/ap/index_en.htm

Own Contribution

The percentage of own contribution or co-funding necessary is specified in the Guidelines of each call. The status of your organisation will also affect how much of your own contribution you will be expected to provide.

Funding Priorities

Priorities are country-specific. Funds are allocated following Country Strategy Papers which include multi-annual indicative programmes specifying the priority objectives and the indicative multi-annual financial allocations. The Country Strategy papers for countries in Asia can be found on this website: http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/sp/index_en.htm

Furthermore, the European Commission prepares annual work programmes which specify the objectives and priorities for the year, global and specific objectives, indicative size of funding and schedule for calls with indicative deadlines. The annual work programmes can be found on the following website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/ap/index_en.htm

The DCI regulation includes priorities specific to the different regions. The ones relevant for SRH NGOs in Asia are:

- Pursuing MDGs in the field of health, including HIV/AIDS, and education
- Addressing governance issues to help build an active and organised civil society
- Enhancing the protection of human rights, including the rights of the child

Eligibility Criteria

Non-State Actors applying for DCI funds have to be non-state, non-profit making actors operating on an independent and accountable basis. The nationality of your organisation will also determine your eligibility to apply for a grant.

Guidelines

The guidelines for each action are published at the same time as the call for proposal on the following web-site: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm

Tips and Tricks

Project Duration

The duration of an action is defined in the guideline for the individual call. However, almost all actions have implementation periods exceeding 12 months.

Deadline

The deadline for submission will be defined in the guideline for the specific call for proposal. To get an indicative deadline, it is advisable to look at the "Annual work plan" available on this link: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/ap/index_en.htm or the "call for proposal forecasts" available on this link: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm

Application Forms

Application Forms are available online (see website below) and are published at the same time as the call for proposal and the guidelines.

Each time a call for proposal is published, guidelines for that particular call are also published. If the call for proposals is a "Restricted call", applicants will be asked to submit a Concept Note. Thereafter, a selection of Concept Notes will be made and a number of applicants will be invited to submit a Full Application Form. However, if the call for proposal is an "Open Call", all applicants are invited to send in their Concept Notes and Full Proposals at the same time.

Application and Procedures

Management of the geographic programmes is shared by the Europe Aid Co-operation Office in Brussels and the EU Delegations. Call for proposals are published on the Europe Aid website; https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChck=1224846858672&do=publi.welcome&userlanguage=en and the delegation website; http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/delegations/web_en.htm

In order to apply for a grant, your organisation must register in the "Potential Applicants Data Online Registration" PADOR. To register in PADOR follow this link:http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/onlineservices/pador/index_en.htm

Language

English, unless other European language is specified.

Tips

See tips from previous grant programme.

Contact

Directorate General for External Relations (DG Relex) is responsible for policy decisions regarding the DCI, however DG Europe Aid is responsible for the programme implementation of DCI grants.

Within DG Europe Aid Direction D is responsible for Asia and Central Asia.

To contact specific staff within these Directions, please see the following:

Website
http://ec.europa.eu/staffdir/plsql/gsys_www.branch?pLang=EN&pId=5223&pDisplayAll=0

Contact details for you delegation can be found on the following

Website
http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/delegations/web_en.htm

Address
B-1049 Brussels
Belgium

Name of ODA agency/Ministry

European Commission

Name of grant programme

Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) – Thematic Programmes

Background

The thematic part of the Development Co-operation Instrument (DCI) provides assistance to all developing countries in Latin America, Asia (including Central Asia) and Africa. The instrument is valid for the period 2007 to 2013.

The overall goal of the instrument is the eradication of poverty in partner countries and regions in the context of sustainable development, including pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), as well as the promotion of democracy, good governance and respect for human rights and for the rule of law. The overall DCI budget for thematic programmes for the period from 2007 to 2013 is €5,596 billion.

Types of grant

Co-financing grants

Grant size

The exact amounts of each grant are announced in the guidelines for each call for proposal, which can be found on the following link: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm

To get an indication of a grant size before a call for proposal is published, please refer to the "Annual Work Programmes". http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/ap/index_en.htm

Own Contribution

The percentage of own contribution or co-funding necessary, is specified in the Guidelines of each call. The status of your organisation, whether you are a local NGO, international NGO or an International Organisation, will also effect how much of your own contribution you will be expected to provide.

Funding Priorities

The thematic programmes focus on particular themes and are not country specific. They are intended to complement and add value to actions funded under geographic programmes in cases where EU objectives cannot be achieved in an appropriate manner through geographic programmes. The thematic programmes can therefore fund both multi-country actions, as well as actions within a single country. Here is an overview on the new thematic programmes and their priorities:

INVESTING IN PEOPLE

- Good health for all: fight against poverty diseases targeting the major communicable diseases
- Improve reproductive and sexual health in developing countries; improve equitable access to health providers, commodities and health services
- Education, knowledge and skills: to achieve universal primary education; increase basic, secondary and higher education as well as vocational education and training
- Gender equality
- Other aspects of human and social development: Culture; Employment and social cohesion; Youth and children

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES INCLUDING ENERGY

- Environmental sustainability through capacity building
- Current and future climate change issues, biodiversity, desertification, forests, land degradation fisheries and marine resources, compliance with environmental standards, sound chemicals and wastes management, fight against pollution, sustainable production and consumption and environment-related migration.
- Strengthening environmental governance
- Supporting sustainable energy options

NON-STATE ACTORS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN DEVELOPMENT

- Promote an inclusive and empowered society
- Increase the level of awareness of the European citizen regarding development issues
- Achieve more efficient cooperation, foster synergies and facilitate a structured
- Dialogue between civil society networks and local authorities' associations
- Support to local authorities in situations such as difficult partnerships, fragile states and post-conflict

FOOD SECURITY

- Research and technological innovation
- Food security information and early warning

- Support food security in specific fields such as agriculture
- Support networking of policy experts and Non-State Actors
- Advocating and advancing the food security agenda
- Addressing food insecurity in exceptional situations of transition and State fragility

MIGRATION AND ASYLUM

- Fostering the links between migration and development, especially by encouragement
- The contribution of diasporas to the development of their country of origin
- Promoting well-managed labour migration,
- Fighting illegal immigration and facilitating the readmission of illegal immigrants
- Protecting migrants, including the most vulnerable such as women and children

Funds are allocated according to the priorities set out in the thematic strategy papers. The thematic strategy papers also set out the specific objectives, the expected results and the performance indicators of each thematic programme; they also give the indicative financial allocation, both overall and per priority area. Furthermore, the European Commission prepares annual work programmes, which specify the objectives, the fields of intervention, the expected results, the management procedures and total amount of financing planned. They contain a description of the operations to be financed, an indication of the amounts allocated for each operation and an indicative implementation timetable. These documents will be available on the following website: http://ec.europa.eu/development/how/iqsg/documents_library_en.cfm#them

Eligibility Criteria

Non-State Actors applying for DCI funds have to be non-state, non-profit making actors operating on an independent and accountable basis. The nationality of your organisation will also determine your eligibility to apply for a grant.

Guidelines

The guidelines for each action are published at the same time as the call for proposal. However, the rules and regulations which create the basis for all DCI funded programmes can be found on the following website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm

Project Duration

The duration of an action is defined in the guideline for the individual call. However, almost all actions have implementation periods exceeding 12 months.

Deadline

The deadline for submission will be defined in the guideline for the specific call for proposal.

To get an indicative deadline, it is advisable to look at the "Annual work plan" available on this link: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/ap/index_en.htm or the "Call for Proposal Forecasts" available on this link: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm

Application Forms

Application Forms are available online (see website below) and are published at the same time as the call for proposal and the guidelines.

Each time a call for proposal is published, guidelines for that particular call is also published. If the call for proposals is a "Restricted call", applicants will be asked to submit a Concept Note. Thereafter, a selection of Concept Notes will be made and a number of applicants will be invited to submit a Full Application Form. However, if the call for proposal is an "Open Call", all applicants are invited to send in their Concept Notes and Full Proposals at the same time.

Application and Procedures

Management of the thematic programmes is shared by the Europe Aid Co-operation Office in Brussels and the EU Delegations. Call for proposals are published on the Europe Aid website; https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChck=1224846858672&do=publi.welcome&userlanguage=en and the delegation website; http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/delegations/web_en.htm

In order to apply for a grant, your organisation must register in the "Potential Applicants Data Online Registration" PADOR. To register in PADOR follow this link: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/onlineservices/pador/index_en.htm

Language

English, unless other European language is specified.

Tips
See tips from previous grant programme.

Contact

The Directorate General for External Relations (DG Relex) is responsible for DCI policy decisions. However the Directorate General (DG) Europe Aid is responsible for the implementation of DCI grants.

Within DG Europe Aid Direction F, is responsible for the implementation of the Thematic Programmes. For contact details to specific staff within Direction F, see the following website: http://ec.europa.eu/staffdir/plsql/gsys_www.branch?pLang=EN&pId=5261&pDisplayAll=0

EU delegations are also responsible for the implementation of DCI. Contact details for you delegation can be found on the following website: http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/delegations/web_en.htm

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India Section

Name of ODA agency/Ministry

MISEREOR IHR HILFSWERK- The German Catholic Bishops' Organisation for Development Cooperation

Name of grant programme

Empowerment of the poor

Background

MISEREOR was founded in 1958 as an agency against "hunger and disease in the world". It is the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Germany. It cooperates in partnership to promote development, fight poverty, liberate people from injustice, exercise solidarity with the poor, and help create "One World".

Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is responsible for making public funds available to the Catholic Church for development measures. These funds are disbursed through the Katholische Zentralstelle für Entwicklungshilfe (Catholic Central Agency for Development Aid).

Types of grant

This fund is a partnership between MISEREOR and the local partner organisations in the project country. The funding provides two kinds of partnerships: Church-based and non Church-based partnerships. Non church-based partnerships include Non-Governmental Organisations.

Grant size

The grant size is determined on a case-to-case basis.

Own Contribution

The need for own contributions is also determined on a case-to case basis.

Funding Priorities

For India the funding priorities are:

- Promotion of community health
- Meaningful primary education
- Non-formal vocational training
- Promotion of women's organisations
- Promotion of credit societies

The project aims to include people from all sections of society including marginalised parts of the population such as Dalits, Adivasis, women, children and also people with disabilities.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants are registered societies, charities, NGOs, cooperatives, dioceses or associations. They can enter into a project contract with MISEREOR and become project partners for the fund.

The strategic framework of the project should be on the following lines:

- It should describe the criteria for the selection of the target group and mention in which zones, regions, municipalities or communities the target group was selected.
- It should address the social and economic problems of the target group.
- There should not be any gender inequalities while implementing the project as per the norms of the Millennium Development Goals.

Guidelines

The guidelines for submitting project proposals for funding can be downloaded from the website at http://www.misereor. org/de/regional/asia-and-oceania/financial-cooperation. html

Project Duration

The project duration varies.

Deadline

There is no specified deadline for the project. Proposals can be submitted at any time of the year.

Application Forms

The application forms can also be downloaded from the website at http://www.misereor.org/serviceorg.html

Application Forms

After submitting applications, the approval process may take up to six months. During this period, MISEREOR may ask the applicant for further information and clarification. If a

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project is approved, a contract is signed between MISEREOR and the organisation submitting the proposal.

Language

English

Tips

MISEREOR supports people irrespective of race, religion, nationality or sex. Its projects are primarily focused on the improvement of living conditions of poor population groups in the target countries. It does not implement any overseas projects on its own but supports partner organisations.

MISEREOR is presently implementing projects in the following countries: Nepal, India, East Timor, The Philippines, Latin America, Africa and the Middle East.

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Name of ODA agency/Ministry

Irish Aid

Name of grant programme

In-Country Micro Project Scheme

Background

Irish Aid is the Government of Ireland's programme to provide assistance to developing countries, which began in 1974.

Irish Aid in India is managed by the Embassy of Ireland, New Dehli, through the In-Country Micro Project Scheme (ICMPS). The Micro Project Scheme is designed to provide financial assistance primarily to Non-Governmental Organisations.

Types of grant

Co-funding projects

Grant size

So far, the maximum grant size has been € 26,000, with a maximum implementation period of three years.

Own Contribution

This fund covers about 75% of the project costs for NGOs in recipient countries.

(International travel and costs for expatriate staff cannot be covered by the grant.)

Funding Priorities

The Micro Project Scheme funds innovative projects that are in line with the objectives of the Millennium Development Goals, especially projects that address the root causes of poverty in a way that is strategic and cost effective, enhances local capacity and ownership, and is consistent with Irish Aid's other work.

Priority is given to projects in the following sectors:

- Basic Education
- Primary Health Care
- Water and Sanitation
- Micro-enterprise development
- Training and Capacity Building
- HIV/AIDS
- Democratic governance

The project should be sustainable, it should include all sections of society without any discrimination on the basis of gender, it should be effective and it should make use of appropriate and innovative technologies.

The geographical focus is generally on the underserved districts of Orissa, Karnataka, West Bengal, Dehli NCR and Tamil Nadu.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants are registered NGOs, community based organisations, faith-based organisations involved in development work, cooperatives, farmer associations and trade unions, registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) of the Government of India. Applicant organisations are expected to possess a verifiable track record of public-private partnerships, transparency in governance, financial accountability and facilitation of community stake holding, in previous project.

Projects that are NOT eligible for funding under this scheme are:

- Projects that are primarily of a welfare nature and that are clearly not sustainable without external support, such as feeding programmes or the provision of financial relief
- Emergency projects that are in response to natural or human disasters
- Projects that involve evangelisation or the proselytising of religious beliefs
- Projects involving sponsorship or scholarships of individuals or families
- Projects that have received funding in the past from Irish Aid under other budget lines such as the NGO Co-financing Scheme or the Human Rights and Democratisation Scheme

Guidelines

The guidelines for the grant programme are available on the website at http://www.irelandinindia.com/home/index.aspx?id=73710

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Project Duration

Pilot projects – six months
Short term projects – one year
Long term projects – three years

Deadline

There are no set deadlines.

Application Forms

Application forms will be sent to the applicant after an initial concept note sent by them has been approved by the funding agency.

Application and Procedures

Prospective applicant organisations will first have to send a three to four-page concept note describing the proposed project with a budget outline. If the concept is approved, then an application pack will be sent to the NGO for it to submit a full proposal in the relevant format with all details of budget and annexure. It takes two to three weeks to process a concept note and about three months to process a full proposal.

Language

English

Tips

The scheme is administered by the Development Cooperation Section at the Embassy of Ireland, New Delhi in coordination with the Department of External Affairs, Ministry of Finance, and Government of India who are joint reviewers of the application. When possible, they make a preliminary visit to the applicant's project area to assess the technical expertise that will be required to implement the project. The funding scheme and its operations are inspected and audited periodically, to ensure transparency and efficiency of funding. Currently, under this scheme, projects are being implemented in the districts of Karnataka, Orissa, West Bengal, Delhi NCR and Tamil Nadu.

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Name of ODA agency/Ministry

Aga Khan Foundation

Name of grant programme

Innovation Fund for Rural Development

Background

The Aga Khan Development Network was founded by His Highness the Aga Khan and brings together a number of development agencies, institutions and programmes that work primarily in the poorest regions of Asia and Africa. The Aga Khan Development Network works through the SCALE (Sustainable Community-Based Approaches to Livelihood Enhancement) programme in India. The main focus is to try out innovative processes to enhance livelihood generation in the semi-arid rain-fed rural areas in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan.

Types of grant

This fund provides small grants to NGOs to implement short term projects for a maximum of two years.

Grant size

The grant size may vary depending on the project but the maximum amount of grant available is INR 25,000,000.

Own Contribution

The Aga Khan Foundation expects the applicant to contribute with something.

Funding Priorities

The main priority area of this programme is to enhance livelihood generation in rural areas by implementing innovative processes. This is expected to be achieved by:

- Use of information and communication technology in livelihood enhancement.
- Making governance reform, especially those related to local governance.
- Implementing innovative approaches to micro-enterprise development and microfinance access.

Special priority will be given to projects which focus on marginalised sections of society, such as:

- Under-served populations in geographically remote areas.
- Livelihood of women, the very poor, under-privileged and marginalised people (elderly citizens, physically challenged, weaker groups, etc).
- Environmental health of rural communities (mainly women and children, who are particularly vulnerable to water-borne diseases, indoor air pollution and lack of focused health-care services.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible are NGOs registered for at least three years under the Societies Act or the Trust Act in India with Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) to support the implementation of innovative ideas through village federations, community groups, self-help groups and public agencies.

Guidelines

The guidelines for this fund can be downloaded from the website at http://www.akdn.org/india_scale.asp

Project Duration

The maximum project duration is two years.

Deadline

The proposals should be submitted mid-year. No date is specified.

Application Forms

The application format along with the guidelines is available along with the guidelines of the proposal and can be downloaded from the website at http://www.akdn.org/india_scale.asp

Application and Procedures

Applications can be sent either directly to the Aga Khan Foundation office in New Delhi, or e-mailed to somnath. bandyopadhyay@akdn.org. Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) has given its National Committee the authority to supervise

decisions regarding the fund. If the proposal is approved, the NGO will sign a Grant Contract with AKF. A milestone-based mode of funding is followed where pre-determined amounts of funds will be released on successful achievement of agreed milestones.

Language

English

Tips

Only those proposals that are submitted strictly in the prescribed format will be considered for screening at the first level.

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Name of ODA agency/Ministry

Sir Dorabji Tata Trust

Name of grant programme

Small Grants facility

Background

The Sir Dorabji Tata Trust was founded in 1932 by Sir Dorabji Tata for the purpose of encouraging learning and research in the country, for providing relief during crises and calamities, and for carrying out charitable activities. The Sir Dorabji Tata Trust has a group of allied trusts that are regarded as a single charitable institution.

The Sir Dorabji Tata Trust has the Small Grants facility in the health sector for the purpose of research and knowledge for promoting low-cost health delivery and health financing and studies on non-communicable diseases. It also focuses on integration of the physically and mentally challenged in mainstream society. It also tackles issues of gender-based violence.

Types of Grant

Co-financing grants

Grant Size

Determined on a case-by-case basis

Own Contribution

The grant covers 80 – 90% of the project cost.

Funding Priorities

- Community health with a focus on child and maternal health and child nutrition.
- Treatment and care of the physically and mentally challenged and their integration into society.
- Integration of the Indian systems of medicine.
- Improved health-infrastructure in rural areas.
- Strengthening of community-based maternity centers.
- Training of village health workers.
- In areas of disability, the focus is on early intervention, community-based approaches to providing care and rehabilitation, skill development and employability of the disabled.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants are registered Non-Governmental Organisations in India who can work in a strategic partnership with the fund.

The initiative must be in line with the strategic framework:

- It should be of benefit to the target population long term.
- There should be capacity building measures to ensure sustainability.
- There should be a focus on rehabilitation and integration of the physically and mentally challenged in mainstream society.

Guidelines

There is no prescribed format but the general guidelines can be downloaded from the website at http://www.dorabjitatatrust.org/about/proc_grant.aspx#ngovol

Project Duration

Three to five years

Deadline

There are no set deadlines.

Application Forms

There is no specific application format. However, applications should include:

- A description of the proposed project with clearly articulated objectives, plans/programs or activities, and mechanisms for impact assessment.

- A profile of the project holder (qualifications, achievements, experience) and a brief background of the core team.
- Registration certificate of the organisation and Income-tax Exemption Certificates.
- The financial audited statements of the last three years and Annual Reports.

Application and Procedures

After receiving a project proposal, the Trust will asses it and makes any necessary recommendations to the project holder before approving the project. Follow the link for any updated information: http://www.dorabjitatatrust.org/about/proc_

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Language

English

Tips

Some information regarding disbursement of grants and partnerships with NGOs can be downloaded from the website at http://www.dorabjitatatrust.org/NGO_Grants/strategy_papers03.aspx

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Name of ODA agency/Ministry

Sir Ratan Tata Trust

Name of grant programme

Health Programme

Background

The Sir Ratan Tata Trust was founded in 1919. From its inception in 1919 until the mid-1990s, The Sir Ratan Tata Trust mainly provided funding to initiatives in Bombay. However, since the mid-90s the trust has expanded its geographical scope substantially and is now funding initiatives all over India.

The Health Programme aims to address gaps in the Indian health system, and to contribute to an overall improvement to the country's health care delivery services.

Types of grant

Co-financing

Grant size

Determined on a case-by-case basis, previous health projects have received grants ranging between INR 7 million and INR 13 million.

Own Contribution

The grant covers 80 - 90% of the project costs.

Funding Priorities

The Funding Priorities for this programme are:

- Reproductive Health Care
- Infectious diseases
- Non-communicable diseases
- Disabilities
- Human resource strengthening in the health system
- Environment

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants are registered Non-Governmental

Organisations in India who can work in a strategic partnership with the fund.

Guidelines

The strategic plan for the Health Portfolio of Sir Ratan Tata Trust in India can be downloaded from the website at http://www.srtt.org/institutional_grants/health/strategy_paper.htm

Project Duration

The project duration is determined on a case-by-case basis. However, most projects funded have had an implementation period of three years.

Deadline

Applications can be sent in at any time of the year.

Application Forms

There are no application forms; applications in all formats are accepted.

Application and Procedures

To apply for funding from the Ratan Tata Trust, an organisation must simply write an application with expected activities, outcomes and required budget and send it in by mail to the Trust's Head Office (see address below).

Language

English

Tips

As the Trust does not provide applicants with any guidelines or application forms, make sure to read the Trust's strategic plan for health and model your project outcomes according to this. To ensure that you have included all information necessary in your application, it is advisable to contact the Trust and ask them for guidance.

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DFID

Name of grant programme

India's Poorest Areas Civil Society Programme (PACS)

Background

The purpose of the PACS programme is to build capacities of CSOs in the poorest districts of India to facilitate marginalised communities in realising their entitlements. The PACS programme concentrates on the 100 poorest districts with the lowest social, economic and political indicators across the states of Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh and Maharashtra.

Since 2001, PACS has supported networks of CSOs aiming to increase the capacity of poor people to demand and use political, economic, and social and human rights instruments and services to improve their lives.

Types of grant

The grants provide full funding for Civil Society Projects.

Grant size

The estimated annual budget for projects can range between INR 1,000,000 (Rs.10 Lakhs) and INR 4,000,000 (INR 40 Lakhs). The scale of the funding will depend upon the scale of the project and the outcomes envisaged.

Own Contribution

The Programme covers up to 100% of the total project cost.

Funding Priorities

- Strengthen demand for improved delivery of services
- Make service providers more responsive and accountable
- Address the different forms of barriers and discrimination socially excluded groups face in claiming services and benefits.

The programme's main thematic priorities are:

- Livelihood Rights
- Right to basic services on education, health and nutrition

The Fund covers the following geographic areas: Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh.

Eligibility Criteria

Only CSOs who are registered under FCRA and under Section 12AA of Income Tax Act can apply for support under PACS.

Guidelines

Detailed guidelines along with Concept Note Format are available and can be downloaded from the announcement section of the website www.pacsindia.org.

Project Duration

The duration of the projects should not be less than one year and can be for maximum up to four years.

Deadline

Application deadlines are published with each call for proposal.

Application Forms

Detailed guidelines along with Concept Note Format are available and can be downloaded from the announcement section of the website www.pacsindia.org.

Application and Procedures

The process of getting support from PACS programme involves the following stages:

1. Submission of concept note within timeline as announced in the call for concept notes in prescribed format and according to concept note guidelines as available on www.pacsindia.org.
2. Screening of concept notes, followed by evaluation, and approval of concept notes by the Regional Project Selection Committee.
3. Pre-funding appraisal of CSOs/CSO networks whose concept notes have been approved by the Regional Project Selection Committee.
4. On successful completion of prefunding appraisal, CSOs will be invited to submit detailed project proposal.
5. Screening and approval of submitted Project

Proposals by the Project Screening Committee.

6.   Award of contract to CSOs whose project proposals are finally approved by DEA, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India

Language

English or Hindi

Tips

Look out for the announcement of future calls on the PACS website www.pacsindia.org.

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Nepal Section

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Name of ODA agency/Ministry

Australian Embassy

Name of grant programme

Direct Aid Program (DAP)

Background

The Direct Aid Program (DAP) is a flexible and small grants program funded by the Australian Government through AusAID and managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The goal of DAP is to advance developmental objectives and address humanitarian hardship in developing countries, while at the same time fulfilling Australia's international relations and public diplomacy objectives.

Types of grant

Grant

Grant size

AUS$ 5,000 and AUS$ 30,000

Own Contribution

It is determined on a case-by-case basis.

Funding Priorities

Priority areas where grants may be given are:

- community health
- education
- small scale infrastructure
- sanitation
- rural development

In certain cases, consideration may be given to contributions to disaster relief operations, activities of cultural significance and sporting equipment for disadvantaged communities.

Special attention is always given to projects providing direct benefits to those most in need, including concerning gender issues, children and other disadvantaged groups, and to projects with environmental benefits.

As a general rule, the following activities are not funded:

- items of a routine or recurrent nature, such as staff salaries, office rental and utility costs, spare parts, supplies, routine maintenance and repairs
- payment of salaries or fees for consultants and advisors, where they constitute a major cost component
- generic conferences, training, cultural and sporting activities that can not demonstrate a developmental outcome
- Micro-finance projects or micro-credit schemes that involve a return of money

Eligibility Criteria

DAP is available on a not-for-profit basis to individuals, community groups and NGOs engaged in development activities in countries that are eligible for overseas development assistance.

Guidelines

The guidelines can be downloaded from the website of Australian Embassy: www.nepal.embassy.gov.au. The guidelines are available on the website at the time of a call for proposal.

Project Duration

Usual project duration is one year.

Deadline

Deadlines are announced with each call for proposal.

Application Forms

The application form can be downloaded form the website of the Australian Embassy: www.nepal.embassy.gov.au.

Application and Procedures

The Australian Embassy in Nepal publishes calls for proposals on their website, after which eligible NGOs fill the application form and submit it to the Embassy within the deadline. The applications are evaluated by the panel at the Embassy for the selection/rejection of the proposal. The Embassy will contact the selected/rejected NGOs to inform them about the decision.

Language

English

Tips

The project activities must be consistent with the Australian Embassy's international relations and public diplomacy objectives for Nepal. In addition, consideration is given to the following issues:

- applications should clearly detail the expected developmental impact of the project, for example in terms of promoting community development, education, health, gender equality, disadvantaged groups, and environmental sustainability
- DAP projects must be sustainable, oriented towards self-help and should not rely on future DAP grants. Submissions should demonstrate a commitment on the part of the local community to implement the activities and sustain them
- appropriate institutional support arrangements must be described, for example, the level of recurrent costs generated and evidence of capacity to sustain these costs in the longer term
- details of the extent to which the DAP activity might act as a catalyst for further development of the target community or a model for similar projects elsewhere
- preference is given to innovative and creative projects, particularly those using low technology solutions

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Name of ODA agency/Ministry

Australian Embassy

Name of grant programme

Human Rights Grant Scheme (HRGS)

Background

The HRGS provides grant funding to non-government organisations and human rights institutions based or operating in developing countries to promote and protect human rights in direct and tangible ways.

The HRGS is managed by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) in consultation with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australian human rights experts and Australia's network of overseas diplomatic posts.

Types of grant

NGO Grants

Grant size

AUS$ 20,000 and AUS$ 100,000

Own Contribution

Varies

Funding Priorities

Priorities will be given to the projects that aim to achieve one or more of the following objectives:

- prevent or end gross human rights violations such as (but not restricted to) extra-judicial and arbitrary killings; torture; human trafficking; restrictions on freedoms of thought/expression/ association; abuses in the judicial system; systemic discrimination; mass evictions; forced displacement; denial of the right to education for girls; denial of the right to economic livelihoods for particular groups; or forced labour

- promote positive change in policies or actions of government or relevant non-state actors (including corporations, international institutions, non-government organisations) in the area of human rights

- monitor, seek redress for and/or report on human rights violations, including supporting victims of human rights abuses educate and/or train human rights victims, workers or defenders promote observance and implementation of international human rights standards, including through treaty ratification, domestic legislation and/or effective engagement with international and/or regional human rights institutions or promote and strengthen national or regional human rights institutions or mechanisms

Eligibility Criteria

Organisations must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for funding:

- Involved in promoting and defending human rights in an eligible developing country
- Have a proven track record in the type of activity the organisation wants funded and/or experience in the country in which the project will take place
- Is preferably non-government, although national and regional human rights institutions are not excluded
- Proposals from individuals are not eligible.

Projects eligible for funding must:

- Aim to achieve one or more of the objectives stated in the funding priorities
- Demonstrate that the equal rights of women and men and girls and boys, underpin the project, in line with AusAID's gender equality policy
- Be designed and delivered in accordance with human rights and community empowerment principles
- Deliver concrete outcomes
- Represent value for money.

Where relevant, projects should also:

- involve the active participation of marginalised groups such as people with disability, women, children, youth, the elderly, people living with HIV/AIDS, prisoners, homeless people, refugees, internally displaced persons, indigenous peoples, ethnic and religious minorities, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual and intersex persons
- Strengthen the applicant organisation's ability to deliver human rights work after funding under the HRGS has ended
- encourage self-help and self-reliance by involving communities in developing, implementing and managing project activities and by using community structures and systems

- strengthen the ability of States to meet their obligations and requirements to report on their performance to international or regional human rights institutions and/

or mechanisms
- promote collaboration in funding and networking to optimise the impacts of activities.

Funding will not be provided for:

- projects reasonably determined to be contrary to Australia's interests
- projects that support independence movements
- evangelism or missionary outreach activities
- political party campaign activities
- emergency relief activities
- recurrent costs, unless the organisation demonstrates in its application how it will take over these costs
- retrospective activities
- activities that already receive significant funding through other Australian Government programs
- individuals
- welfare and service delivery activities
- academic research

Guidelines

The guideline can be downloaded from the website: http://www.ausaid.gov.au. New guidelines are uploaded on the website at each time a call for proposal is launched.

Project Duration

Preferably one-year, however, projects of up to AUS $150,000 over a two-year period will be considered.

Deadline

The Human Rights Grant Scheme allocates funding every year, and the deadline usually fall in the middle of the year. However, the specific deadline will always be published together with the guidelines in a call for proposal.

Application Forms

The applicant should fill the Expression of Interest form, to providing the following information:

- Organisation details
- Project summary
- Project details

Selected organisations will then receive the full application form to fill out.

Application and Procedures

The application process has two steps. Step 1 is for all interested organisations that fill the eligibility criteria:

- Applicant organisations must submit a completed Expression of Interest Form (Attached with the guideline) to the Australian Embassy in Nepal to be received by the deadline. Expressions of Interest must be submitted in hardcopy by mail or delivered in person to the Embassy. Envelopes should be clearly labeled 'Human Rights Grants Scheme'.
- Australian diplomatic posts will assess all Expressions of Interest and then, in consultation with an advisory group, invite selected applicant organisations to submit full applications for consideration for funding.
- The Embassy will contact these selected organisations.

Step 2 is only for those organisations which have been invited to submit a full application:

- Australian diplomatic posts will provide an Application Form and guidelines for submitting a full application to selected organisations.
- Full applications must be submitted by the deadline.

Language

English

Tips

Projects that adhere to the following Australian Government policies will be given priority:

- Gender Equality in Australia's Aid Program—Why and How http://www.ausaid.gov.au/publications/pubout. cfm?Id=39_3102_3439_6270_8533 (for guidance on implementing the gender policy see AusAID's Gender Equality Guidelines http://www.ausaid.gov.au/keyaid/ gender.cfm)
- Environmental Management Guide for Australia's Aid Program http://www.ausaid.gov.au/publications/ pubout.cfm?ID=2297_1393_1917_9648_6600
- Development for All – Towards a disability inclusive Australian aid program 2009-2014 http://www. ausaid.gov.au/keyaid/pdf/FINAL%20AusAID_ Development%20for%20All.pdf
- Safeguarding your organisation against terrorism financing http://www.nationalsecurity.gov.au /
- Family Planning and the Aid Program: Guiding Principles http://www.ausaid.gov.au/publications/ pdf/GuidingPrinciples.pdf

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- Child Protection Policy (in particular the child protection compliance standards at Attachment 1) http://www.ausaid.gov.au/publications/pdf/child_protection.pdf

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Name of ODA agency/Ministry

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Name of grant programme

Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI)

Background

The Canadian Cooperation Office-Nepal (CCO), established in 1987, is a program support unit of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) that assists in the planning and delivery of CIDA's development program. The program is a direct response to the development priorities of the Government of Nepal.

The Canadian Cooperation Office:

- Support the planning and delivery of Canada's Official Development Assistance in partnership with Nepal in order to contribute to equitable and sustainable development through capacity building both at and between local and central levels.
- Promote social, economic, and political relationships between Nepal and Canada, and
- Assist Canadians in Nepal

The support provided by CIDA aims to:

- reduce poverty at the community level by improving access to basic health, education, skills training, micro-credit, and infrastructure facilities,
- reduce social and gender inequalities, and
- empower communities

Types of grant

Small NGO Grants

Grant size

Decided on a case-by-case basis

Own Contribution

Decided on a case-by-case basis

Funding Priorities

The program supports the projects that fall under Canada's six ODA priorities:

- Basic human needs
- Gender equality
- Infrastructure services
- Human rights
- Democracy and good governance
- Private sector development
- The environment.

Eligibility Criteria

Nepalese NGOs:

- Registered with the government that also have an affiliation with the Social Welfare Council
- Past experience and ongoing activities in implementing and contributing community development work related to the proposed action

Guidelines

Projects should be in line with the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives' Strategic Results Framework, which includes the following expected results:

- Improved access to basic human needs e.g.: community education, health, socioeconomic status, and rural infrastructure integrating gender, environment, and natural resources management related issues in project areas through a right based focus.
- Strengthened ability and capacity of local communities and community based organisations (caste, class, gender, and ethnicity) in partnership with the local government to plan, implement, and manage sustainable development projects.
- Increased leadership among women and underprivileged groups to promote human rights, good governance, and gender and social inclusion/equality at the community level.

The detailed guideline is available at:
http://www.cconepal.org.np/pdf/Local%20Initiative%20Brochure-%20English.pdf

Project Duration

Project duration is decided on a case-by-case basis.

Tips and Tricks

Deadline

No deadlines. Concept papers can be submitted throughout the year and are assessed continuously in batches.

Application Forms

Concept Note: A three to four page concept note with outlines of the major focus of the project needs to be submitted. The concept paper should include the following components:

- Project title/location
- General analysis of needs including gender, social inclusion, and conflict dynamics in the local and project context
- Rationale for project and target group
- Project goal and purpose
- Expected results
- Budget and local contribution
- Background of the executing agency

Detailed proposal: Once the project is screened and accepted at the concept level, the applicant will be required to prepare a detailed proposal in line with CIDA's Results Based Management framework. The proposal should include the following details:

- Project title/location
- Project period
- Contact person details
- Project background
- Rationale for the project
- Project goal and purpose
- Target group/beneficiaries and other stakeholders
- Expected results (at the impact, outcome, and output levels)
- Project description (components, activities, and management)
- Sustainability
- Risk factors and mitigation measures
- Budget and local contributions
- Impact on women, children, and marginalised groups, impact on the environment, and on conflict and security

Application and Procedures

The application process requires two stages: Concept Note and detailed proposal. The acceptance and rejection of the concept paper is notified to the applicant by the CCO office. If the Concept Note is accepted, the applicant will be required to prepare a detailed proposal according to the guidelines provided.

Language

English or Nepali

Tips

The projects selected for funding under CFLI share the objective of becoming sustainable, viable, replicable, and up-scalable. They focus on promoting and realising gender equality, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability related issues in order to improve people's quality of life. CFLI adhere to conflict sensitive development approaches.

CIDA/CCO has adopted a Results Based Management (RBM) approach for programming. Projects are implemented, monitored, and evaluated through these results and indicators. So, the applicant should design the project based on this approach.

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Name of grant programme

Local Development Facility (LDF)

Background

The Canadian Cooperation Office-Nepal (CCO), established in 1987, is a program support unit of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) that assists in the planning and delivery of CIDA's development program. The program is a direct response to the development priorities of the Government of Nepal.

The Canadian Cooperation Office:

- Support the planning and delivery of Canada's Official Development Assistance in partnership with Nepal in order to contribute to equitable and sustainable development through capacity building both at and between local and central levels.
- Promote social, economic, and political relationships between Nepal and Canada
- Assist Canadians in Nepal

The support provided by CIDA aims to:

- reduce poverty at the community level by improving access to basic health, education, skills training, micro-credit, and infrastructure facilities,
- reduce social and gender inequalities
- empower communities

LDF has been in place in Nepal since 2002. The facility's purpose is to respond effectively to Nepal's changing development context in a timely manner.

Types of Grant

NGO Grants

Grant Size

Grant sizes varies

Own Contribution

Is decided on a case-by-case basis

Funding Priorities

Under the Local Development Facility CIDA's prioritised actions are:

- Support to Decentralisation and Devolution process: build up of linkages and coordination of civil society organisations and CBOs, good governance principles and practices, legal aid, advocacy, public hearing, democratic transition, etc.
- Conflict Prevention and Peace Building: conflict mitigation, community mediation, trauma counseling, HR education, children and women's rights, campaigning and advocacy, HR protection/incidental monitoring and reporting, reconciliation and rehabilitation, etc.
- Basic Human Needs and Mitigation of the Effects of Conflict: employment generation, community livelihoods, economic development, health and drinking water services, nutrition, etc.
- Gender Equality and Environment: gender equality, social inclusion, and community-based environmental conservation/natural resources management related issues will be integrated as cross cutting themes to all the projects.

Eligibility Criteria

Nepalese NGOs:

- Registered with the government that also have an affiliation with the Social Welfare Council
- Past experience and ongoing activities in implementing and contributing community development work related to the proposed action

Guidelines

Projects should be in line with the Strategic Results Framework of the Local Development Facility, which includes the following expected results:

- Enhanced capacity of Nepalese development stakeholders (women, men, civil society organisations, local government bodies, etc.) to plan and implement equitable and sustainable development and governance processes at the local and other levels.
- Enhanced role and capacity of the civil society (including networks and coalitions) and government actors in the peace building process and prevention of conflict.
- Improved and equitable access of groups affected by the conflict (women, children, poor and disadvantaged groups) to basic human needs and public goods and services.

Tips and Tricks

- Better designed CIDA programming strategy and work in Nepal.

The detailed guideline is available at:
http://www.cconepal.org.np/pdf/Local%20Initiative%20Brochure-%20English.pdf

Project Duration

The project duration will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Deadline

There are no set deadlines. Concept Notes can be submitted throughout the year and are assessed continuously in batches.

Application Forms

Concept paper: A three to four page concept note, which outlines the major focus of the project should be submitted. The concept paper should include the following components:

- Project title/location
- General analysis of needs including gender, social inclusion, and conflict dynamics in the local and project context
- Rationale for project and target group
- Project goal and purpose
- Expected results
- Budget and local contribution
- Background of the executing agency

Detailed proposal: Once the project is screened and accepted at the concept level, the applicant will be required to prepare a detailed proposal in line with CIDA's Results Based Management framework. The proposal should include the following details:

- Project title/location
- Project period
- Contact person details
- Project background
- Rationale for the project
- Project goal and purpose
- Target group/beneficiaries and other stakeholders
- Expected results (at the impact, outcome, and output levels)
- Project description (components, activities, and management)
- Sustainability
- Risk factors and mitigation measures
- Budget and local contributions
- Impact on women, children, and marginalised populations, the environment, and on conflict and security

Application and Procedures

The application process requires two stages: Concept note and detailed proposal. The acceptance and rejection of the concept paper is notified to the applicant by the CCO office. If the concept paper is accepted, the applicant will be required to prepare a detailed proposal according to the guidelines provided.

Language

English or Nepali

Tips

The projects selected for funding under LDF must be sustainable, viable, replicable, and up-scalable. All projects must also promote gender equality, social inclusion, and environment in a conflict sensitive manner.

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MISEREOR IHR HILFSWERK- The German Catholic Bishops' Organisation for Development Cooperation

Name of grant programme

MISEREOR NGO fund

Background

MISEREOR was founded in 1958 as an agency against "hunger and disease in the world". It is the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Germany. It cooperates in partnership to promote development, fight poverty, liberate people from injustice, exercise solidarity with the poor, and help create "One World".

Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is responsible for making public funds available to the Catholic Church for development measures. These funds are disbursed through the Katholische Zentralstelle für Entwicklungshilfe (Catholic Central Agency for Development Aid).

Types of Grant

This fund is a partnership fund between MISEREOR and the local partner organisations in the project country. The funding provides two kinds of partnerships: Church-based and non Church-based partnerships. Non church-based partnerships include Non-Governmental Organisations.

Name of grant programme

MISEREOR NGO fund

Grant Size

The grant size is determined on a case-by-case basis.

Own Contribution

Applicants are encouraged to contribute to the project cost, although there is no pre-determined amount. Non-monetary contributions can also be used as co-financing.

Funding Priorities

MISEREOR fund projects related to the following themes:

- Climate Change and Justice
- Gender
- HIV/AIDS
- Food Security and Agriculture
- Microfinance
- Appropriate technology
- Vocational training
- Resources and Energy

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants are registered societies, charities, NGOs, cooperatives, dioceses or associations. They can enter into a project contract with MISEREOR and become project partners for the fund.

The strategic framework of the project should be on the following lines:

- It should describe the criteria for the selection of the target group and mention in which zones, regions, municipalities or communities the target group was selected
- It should address the social and economic problems of the target group
- There should not be any gender inequalities while implementing the project as per the norms of the Millennium Development Goals

Guidelines

The guidelines for submitting project proposals for funding can be downloaded from the website at http://www.misereor.org/de/regional/asia-and-oceania/financial-cooperation.html

Project Duration

The project duration varies.

Deadline

Requests for funding can be submitted at any time throughout the year and there are no fixed submission deadlines.

Application Forms

The application forms can be downloaded from the website and requests detailed information on the applicant, the project and the budget: http://www.misereor.org/serviceorg.html

Tips and Tricks

Application and Procedures

No invitations or calls for proposals are published, funding requests can simply be submitted at any time, using the given application format. The application must be delivered by mail in hard copy.

After submitting applications, the approval process may take up to six months. During this period, MISEREOR may ask the applicant for further information and clarification. If a project is approved, a contract is signed between MISEREOR and the organisation submitting the proposal.

Language

English

Tips

MISEREOR supports people irrespective of race, religion, nationality or sex. Its projects are primarily focused on the improvement of living conditions of poor population groups in the target countries. It does not implement any overseas projects on its own but supports partner organisations.

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Embassy of Finland

Name of grant programme

Fund for Local Cooperation (FLC)

Background

The Embassy of Finland in Nepal was established in 1992. As a member of the international community and especially as a member of the European Union, Finland supports the peace process, democracy, respect for human rights and sustainable development. Finland together with other EU member states follows the local implementation strategy for Nepal, which is based on the EU guidelines on Human Rights Defenders.

The Fund for Local Cooperation (FLC) is used to promote the objectives of Finland's Development Policy Programme: reduction of poverty; promotion of equality, democracy and human rights; prevention of environmental threats; and increase of worldwide security and economic interaction. Particular attention is paid to projects that strengthen the civil society; increase social equality and equality between women and men; improve transparency in society; and support the maintenance of local cultural identity. Special emphasis is put on the districts with low Human Development Index (HDI) and on the marginalised and excluded groups.

Types of Grant

NGO Grants

Grant Size

The grant sizes vary, however the overall annual budget for grants amounts to EUR 500,000.

Own Contribution

At least 10% of the total requested budget.

Funding Priorities

The Embassy funds projects that fall under following two main components:

1. Peace Building and Conflict Transformation: Promotion of Human and Civic Rights Situation;

Strengthening of Democratic Processes through Political, Economical, Social and Cultural Inclusion; and Rehabilitation and Reconciliation.
2. Innovative ideas linked with the Finnish Development Policy Programme.

Eligibility Criteria

Only Nepalese NGOs are allowed to apply to this grant. Projects should be implemented by local actors such as: civil society organisations, non-governmental organisations, institutions of science and technology, independent media, public corporations, cultural institutions, commercial associations, organisations of interest, foundations or religious communities.

The organisation applying must be registered and must have at least one year of experience of similar actions.

Guidelines

The project must address one of the two components mentioned under "Funding Priorities".

Project Duration

The project duration is decided on a case-by-case basis.

Deadline

Schedule for submitting applications

Deadline for applications	Selection meeting
End of March	End of April
End of August	End of September
End of December	End of January

Application Forms

The proposals may be written using the project proposal format or using organisation's own format. However, all proposals should include the information required in the Embassy's format. The Embassy's format can be downloaded from: http://www.finland.org.np/public/download.aspx?ID=52881&GUID={87D47A10-0A90-4A91-98E8-14ECA93C6B5C}. A detailed budget plan should be submitted to the Embassy together with the project proposal.

Tips and Tricks

Application and Procedures

- Submission of proposal as per given format or organisation's own format
- Embassy will inform if the proposal is accepted or rejected

Language

English

Tips

The organisation applying for a grant should clearly state in the project proposal, under which component its project proposal falls.

Project proposals can be submitted to the Embassy throughout the year and should be dated and signed, and include the organisation's contact information (address, name, name of contact person, email address, telephone number).

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Tips and Tricks

Name of ODA agency/Ministry

Department for International Development (DFID)

Name of grant programme

Maternal and Newborn Research and Advocacy Fund (RAF)

Background

Maternal and Newborn Health Programme - Research and Advocacy Fund (RAF) is a key component of the Department for International Development (DFID) and Australian Agency for International Development's (AusAID) support to the National Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) Programme in its efforts to achieve MDG targets in relation to maternal and newborn health in Pakistan. Managed by a consortium led by the British Council with its partners IPACT at the University of Aberdeen; Social Development Direct and RIZ Consulting, RAF is an initiative towards generating original research-based evidence that shall contribute to the formation of relevant and requisite policies in the field of maternal and newborn health. The program is available till May 31, 2013.

Types of Grant

RAF is a 100 % grant fund aiming to support organisations undertaking Research and Advocacy activities in Pakistan to complement the Government's efforts in improving policies and practices to achieve the MDGs related to maternal and newborn health. RAF offers grants to public institutions, programmes and departments; civil society organisations; academic institutions; private consulting firms and individual consultants. RAF also encourages proposals from consortia linked to international institutions, to NGOs, research institutions, and universities.

Grant Size

The minimum grant size is £50,000 and maximum grant available is £500,000

Own Contribution

The grant will provide up to 100% funding. The grant does not cover the heavy capital expenditure but funds some capital items where a case for these is properly made in light of project activities.

Funding Priorities

RAF has five overall themes for research and advocacy grant:

More equitable access to services

Research and/or advocacy proposals focused on stimulating demand for and improving access to MNH services might address, for example:

- Demand-creation strategies to address inequitable access.
- Financial barriers to access.
- Socio-cultural barriers to accessing health services e.g. gender relations, social exclusion and related factors.
- Physical/geographical barriers to access.

Improved quality of service provision

Areas for research and advocacy with potential for policy reform and practice change includes:

- Management of health service provision e.g. leadership development, workforce recruitment, deployment, training and retention.
- Bringing services such as skilled birth attendants and contraceptive services closer to the community.
- Motivation of health service providers e.g. attitudes and incentives, to engage with diverse groups.
- Understanding of "quality services" for different groups of poor women and girls.
- Role of the private sector in MNH service provision.

Institutional Context

Possible areas for research and advocacy in this regard are:

- The influence of the legislative framework, governance and regulation on service delivery and practice in the sector.
- The role and effectiveness of interdisciplinary, inter-ministerial or cross-sectored partnerships in improving service delivery.
- The role of monitoring and evaluation systems e.g. health information systems and health outcome measurements, in driving health service improvements.
- The role of planning and distribution of resources e.g. workforce planning at national, regional and district levels.
- The role of local communities in the planning and monitoring of MNH services and the accountability of these services to poor rural women and children.

Role of Research and Advocacy in Health Policy Reform

Possible research topics in this area are:

- Role and effectiveness of research dissemination and advocacy as a means of translating or harnessing knowledge to effect policy change.
- Barriers to the translation of research evidence into policy and practice.

The Role of Innovation in Improving MNH Service

RAF encourages research and/or advocacy proposals that seek to contribute to innovation in MNH services. Potentially interesting areas to explore might include, for example:

- Piloted innovation in MNH services with potential for scaling-up.
- Sustaining and developing MNH services in hard-to-reach and conflict-affected areas.

Eligibility Criteria

In particular RAF support research and/or advocacy projects which seek to generate research-based evidence to catalyse policy and practice change in Maternal and Newborn Health in Pakistan. The following entities are eligible to apply:

National Organisations who are:

- Registered with public authority under relevant acts in Pakistan (where applicable) for at least two years.
- Relevant experience/expertise in research and/or advocacy sufficient to carry out projects of the size and complexity indicated.
- Institutional capacity to implement, monitor, manage funds with appropriate independent auditing arrangements.
- Experience of working with socially excluded and marginalised communities.

 International organisations:

- Valid permission to work in Pakistan
- Local presence in the country through official registration and an established setup strongly preferred
- Relevant experience/expertise in research and/or advocacy sufficient to carry out projects of the size and complexity indicated.
- Authorised to open bank account in Pakistan and receive funds in Pakistani Rupees.
- Evidence of audit in last two years.

Individual Consultants: (For Small Grants only)

- Pakistani national, or in case of non Pakistani, evidence of residing in Pakistan.
- Relevant experience/expertise in research of at least two years.
- Registered with National Tax Authority of Pakistan (for Pakistani nationals only).
- Authorised to open a separate bank account and receive funds in Pakistani Rupees.

Guidelines

Maternal and Newborn Health Programme - Research and Advocacy Fund (RAF) is a key component of the Department for International Development (DFID) and Australian Agency for International Development's (AusAID) support to the National Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) Programme in its efforts to achieve MDG targets in relation to maternal and newborn health in Pakistan. The detail guidelines for concept note and guidelines for proposals are available at http://www.rafpakistan.org/raf/contents/Downloads/39.html

Project Duration

All projects funded by RAF must be scheduled to end before May 31, 2013.

Deadline

RAF announces call for proposals with relevant deadlines on the website: http://www.rafpakistan.org/raf/contents/Downloads/39.html.

Application Forms

Concept Note and Proposal forms can be downloaded from: http://www.rafpakistan.org/raf/contents/Downloads/39.html

Application and Procedures

Unsolicited proposals are not accepted by RAF. Organisations can submit Concept note along with budget when a call for proposal is open. The applicant will be asked to develop a full proposal if their concept note is approved by RAF.

Language

English

Tips

RAF is one of the biggest grants of DFID and AusAID to support Maternal Newborn and Child Health program in Pakistan. RAF is not meant to fund the service delivery projects, rather it support projects which generate towards original research-based evidence that contribute to the formation of relevant and requisite policies in the field of maternal and newborn in Pakistan.

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Pak Italian Debt Swap Agreement (PIDSA)

Name of grant programme

Country Program – Reproductive Health/FP

Background

Pakistan qualified for debt rescheduling under the Paris Club arrangement in Nov, 2001. As a result Belgium, Canada, Germany, Italy and Norway have entered into debt-swap agreements with Pakistan under this arrangement. The Government of Italy cancelled 50% of its debt against expenditures incurred by GOP on Afghan refugees' related projects. For the remaining 50% (approximately US$ 100 million) the Governments of Italy and Pakistan signed an Agreement on Debt for Development Swap that became operational in January 2009.

Under this Agreement, development projects submitted by Federal, Provincial or local Governments, Non-Governmental Organisations or channeled by relevant U.N agencies on the agreed sectors of Health, Education, Agriculture and basic infrastructures leading to socio-economic development and environmental protection are financed.

Types of Grant

PIDSA provides grants in the health sector which also covers RH/FP. Moreover, technical assistance in all funding areas also comes under PIDSA's mandate.

Grant Size

The maximum grant size is PKR 50 million and there is no minimum grant restriction.

Own Contribution

Up to 100% funding can be attained under this programme, although NGOs are encouraged to provide 10 % of their own funding.

Funding Priorities

PIDSA funding covers a broad range of programs including:

- Social Services and facilities including: health centers, schools, water systems, sanitation, sewerage, drainage system, small rural roads for service access, etc
- Sustainable Economy, through the strengthening of micro-credit systems in order to stimulate the creation of micro and small businesses for the poor and the strengthening of small infrastructures to support the economic development of the community.
- Community Development, including projects for indigenous community development
- Environment Protection and Sustainable rural community development including: reforestation, agricultural and livestock programs, and development of support services.
- Training and technical assistance related to the projects on the above issues.

Eligibility Criteria

For the NGOs/CSOs, following eligibility criteria is set by PIDSA:

- National NGOs/CSOs should have certification with the Pakistan Centre of Philanthropy.
- International NGOs must have signed an MOU with the Government of Pakistan
- NGOs can apply only once for funding during the entire funding program of PIDSA
- Project shall have NOC from federal, provincial authority of the respective area

Guidelines

Guidelines and application formats are published with each call for proposal. To access previous application forms and guidelines follow the link www.ead.gov.pk

Project Duration

The maximum duration for projects is three years.

Deadline

Calls for proposals are usually announced in the last quarter of each year.

Application Forms

Application forms are made available immediately after a call for proposal has been published.

Tips and Tricks

Application and Procedures

The programme publishes calls for proposals with application guidelines on a yearly basis.

A Management Committee is responsible for the selection and approval of projects. The Management Committee is chaired by the Secretary of EAD and the Italian Ambassador with representatives from all the provinces, the line ministries and Italian Development Cooperation. Moreover, a Technical Support Unit has been established in EAD which is co-directed by both the parties to technically support the MC.

Language

English

Tips

PIDSA is a new program in Pakistan and most functionaries in the NGOs sector are unfamiliar with this program. PIDSA awards the grants through a solicited process. Funding proposals for PIDSA can have more prospects of success if the NGOs/CSOs develop a project which is both innovative and practicable, whilst also addressing the area/community in need.

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United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA), Pakistan

Name of grant programme

Country Program –Reproductive Health/FP

Background

UNFPA assistance to Pakistan began in 1970. Its support contributed to enhancing the capacity of medical and health care providers of the Government and NGOs to deliver family planning services and the provision and management of contraceptive commodities. Twelve Regional Training Institutes were therefore established throughout the country to deliver basic technical training courses to a cadre of Family Welfare Workers, forming the core staff to deliver family planning services to the population. The goal of the seventh and current Country Programme is to improve the reproductive health status of the people of Pakistan, and is specially focused on helping couples achieve their desired family size while also improving maternal health.

UNFPA's assistance is currently concentrated in ten districts, where the emphasis is on the provision of services. At the provincial and federal level, the Fund's activities are directed towards planners and policy makers, as leading advocates for ICPD, ensuring that population-related issues, including reproductive health and gender are part of the Government's poverty reduction strategies.

Types of Grant

Grants for national and international NGOs

Grant Size

The grant size varies depending on the nature of the call for proposal.

Own Contribution

Requirements for own contributions are specified in each call for proposal.

Funding Priorities

RH/FP is a broad program and the goal of the seventh and current Country Programme is to improve the reproductive health status of the people of Pakistan, and is specially focused on helping couples achieve their desired family size while also improving maternal health. It recognises the interdependence between women's empowerment and gender equality for poverty eradication and sustainable development, and thereby provides the necessary linkages between the MDGs and the ICPD Programme of Action. UNFPA defines specific priorities through announcement of call for proposals at different milestones of the country program.

Eligibility Criteria

National and international NGOs can apply for grants under this programme.

Guidelines

Specific guidelines are published with each call for proposal.

Project Duration

Minimum and maximum project durations will be specified in the guidelines.

Deadline

Application deadlines will be published with each call for proposal.

Application Forms

Applications are published with each call for proposal.

Application and Procedures

NGOs should apply in response to calls for proposal when announced by UNFPA. Application procedures are also accessible on the web when a call for proposal is announced.

Language

English

Tips

Largely UNFPA allocates grant through call for proposals and usually does not accept unsolicited proposals from NGOs.

Tips and Tricks

However, if an NGO has enough experience in RH/FP and brings very innovative ideas, UNFPA can review it and may allocate the grant if it is in line with their program priorities, and budget is available. However, it is not advisable to submit a concept note to UNFPA without building initial contacts with UNFPA.

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United Nation Children's Fund (UNICEF), Pakistan

Name of grant programme

Country Health Program -Maternal and Child Health Care (MCHC) and Family Planning

Background

UNICEF is operating in Pakistan through the County Health Program, which has a special provision for Maternal and Child Care, including: Emergency Obstetric Care and Lady Health Worker and Community Midwives Workers. UNICEF works with government, ministries, public sectors and partners to provide grant and technical assistance in the above mentioned areas.

Types of Grant

NGO grants

Grant Size

Grant size varies depending upon the available budget and scope of activities.

Own Contribution

Own contribution is encouraged.

Funding Priorities

Specific priorities for the programme are:

- System strengthening
- Increased service delivery

However, every year UNICEF adopts an annual strategy with varying specifics.

Eligibility Criteria

NGOs are eligible to receive grants from UNICEF. UNICEF has internal assessment standards for applicant NGOs, and assesses through appraisal visits and set criteria. To fulfill UNICEF's criteria NGOs must have sound experience and relevant expertise to receive funding from UNICEF.

Guidelines

There are no specific guidelines for grant applicants. However, UNICEF establishes annual priorities and Annual Work Plans (AWP). To know what UNICEF's annual priorities are, look at their AWP and priorities available on their website.

Project Duration

The duration of projects is determined on a case-by-case basis.

Deadline

There are no set deadlines. However, to be funded in the following year, do not send in your letter of interest any later than November.

Application Forms

Interested organisations should forward an "Initial letter of interest" to UNICEF.

Application and Procedures

NGOs and CSOs who have relevant experience and wish to work with UNICEF should send an "Initial letter of interest" together with their reports and brochures etc. UNICEF keeps this information in their partners' pool and reviews it annually, or at the time of grant allocation. For potential prospects of funding in 2011, NGOs/CSOs must send their request before November 2010. Selected partners will have to sign a Project Cooperation Agreement, and will receive relevant guidelines for procedures to be followed.

Language

English

Tips

Since UNICEF does not accept unsolicited proposals and do not announce call for proposals, NGOs/CSOs who have sound and relevant experience and wish to work with UNICEF can send initial letter of interest with their reports and brochures etc.

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Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality

Name of grant programme

Country Health Program -Maternal and Child Health Care (MCHC) and Family Planning

Background

UNIFEM is the women's fund at the United Nations. It provides financial and technical assistance to innovative programs and strategies to foster women's empowerment and gender equality. UNIFEM's overall goal is to support the implementation at the national level of existing international commitments to advance gender equality. UNIFEM works with ministries to formulate and implement laws and policies to eliminate discrimination and promote gender equality. UNIFEM also aims to transform institutions to make them more accountable to gender equality and women's rights, to strengthen the capacity and voice of women's rights advocates, and to change harmful and discriminatory practices in society. Since September 2007, UNIFEM has an office in Pakistan.

Types of Grant

NGO grants

Grant Size

Grant sizes vary, however minimum and maximum grant allocations will be specified in each call for proposal.

Own Contribution

If there is a need to provide own contribution, it will be specified in the call for proposal.

Funding Priorities

- Enhancing women's economic security and rights
- Ending violence against women
- Reducing the prevalence of HIV and AIDS among women and girls
- Advancing gender justice in democratic governance in stable and fragile states.

Eligibility Criteria

UNIFEM supports the NGOs and CSOs with a strong background in Women's empowerment and gender equality, as well as capacity in advocacy.

Guidelines

Guidelines are available with each call for proposals. However, all proposals must demonstrate clear goals, objectives, outcomes and realistic indicators to measure the impact of the grant.

Information can be access at; www.unifem.org.pk

Project Duration

Most projects will be funded for one year.

Deadline

The deadline is often in the middle of the year.

Application Forms

NGOs and CSOs can only apply in response to a call for proposal. Application procedures are accessible at the UNIFEM website when a call for proposal is open.

Language

English

Tips

As an entry point to work with UNIFEM and other women's organisations, NGOs and CSOs can participate in the UNIFEM supported "Violence against Women Alliance", which is a functional network that meets up quarterly. To become a member of the alliance contact UNIFEM directly.

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Name of grant programme

Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund

Background

The Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) represents an innovative model of the public-private partnership. The PPAF is sponsored by the Government of Pakistan and funded by the World Bank and other leading donors. The Target Population of projects financed through the PPAF is poor rural and urban communities, with specific emphasis being placed on gender and empowerment of women.

Types of Grant

Grants to NGOs and Civil Society who work for social change through income generating activities

Grant Size

Decided on a case-by-case basis

Own Contribution

Decided on a case-by-case basis

Funding Priorities

The funding priorities of PPAF are:

- To empower the poor and increase their incomes, especially women
- To provide credit to partner organisations and assist them in expanding their poverty targeted micro-credit programmes
- To provide grants and loans on a cost-sharing basis for development of small-scale community infrastructure
- To enable accessibility of disadvantaged communities to infrastructure, Health and Education
- To strengthen the institutional capacity of partner organisations and support them in their capacity building efforts with communities

PPAF will also address the crucial linkage between environment and poverty by being sensitive to environmental degradation and child labour.

Eligibility Criteria

Organisations that are interested in applying for funds from the PPAF must:

- Be registered under one of the existing registration laws of Pakistan. Preference will be given to organisations registered under the Voluntary Social Welfare Agency Ordinance 1961, the Societies Registration Act 1860, or Section 42 of the Companies Ordinance 1984.
- Be involved in income-generation activities focusing on micro-credit/micro-enterprise and/ or small-scale community physical infrastructure.
- Have well-targeted community outreach programs
- Enhance economic welfare and incomes of the poor and disadvantaged
- Support and nurture community involvement
- Build sustainability and make tangible efforts to secure the future
- Be decentralised and follow democratic decision making

Guidelines

Ensure that your project is in line with the Funding priorities of the Fund.

Project Duration

Project durations vary.

Deadline

There are no set deadlines.

Application Forms

An organisation can only apply for funding after becoming a partner organisation of the PPAF.

Application and Procedures

In order to receive funding from the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund, you must establish a partnership with the Fund. In order to become a partner you must fulfill all the eligibility criteria and demonstrate that your organisation has well-established outreach programmes that are committed to enhancing the economic welfare of disadvantaged people. Today, the Fund has 85 partnership organisations throughout Pakistan.

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Language

English and Urdu

Tips

If you fulfill the eligibility criteria of the PPAF, contact them directly and inform them of your interest in becoming a partner organisation.

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German Foundation for
World Population (DSW)

DSW

The **German Foundation for World Population (DSW)** is a German charity organisation founded by two entrepreneurs in 1991 to address global reproductive health and population issues. In the late 1990s, DSW opened offices in developing countries to provide field-based services. And in 2000, DSW opened an EU Liaison office in Brussels, Belgium, to help mobilise resources to improve global health.

DSW helps people to fight their way out of poverty primarily by promoting access to sexual and reproductive health information, services and supplies. We advance sustainable development by raising awareness on global health and population issues in Germany and the European Union, and by implementing sexuality education programmes for young people in developing countries.