

South-South Cooperation Program for Disaster Risk Reduction Call for Proposals Deadline: June 30, 2009

Objective

Past experience has shown that sharing knowledge and expertise within the South is crucial to finding relevant, effective, and efficient solutions to common development challenges. To facilitate knowledge sharing networks and capitalize on the South's existing innovations and initiatives, the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) has established a special South-South Cooperation Program.

The South-South Cooperation Program (SSCP) aims to facilitate collaboration and partnership among low- and middle-income countries. The goal is to expand knowledge sharing and build capacity to mainstream disaster risk reduction and recovery, including climate change adaptation, into development planning and programming. In order to foster regional and cross-regional collaborative arrangements and partnerships among Southern governments, academia, public, private, and civil society organizations, the South-South Cooperation Trust Fund (SSCTF) offers grant funding to partnerships covering one or more aspects of risk management, climate adaptation, disaster mitigation, or recovery. Activities may include the following types of technical cooperation:

- Developing and sharing sound, evidence-based public policies and advocating their adoption;
- Developing and sharing sound action plans and their monitoring and evaluation;
- Generating and sharing knowledge and experience;
- Strengthening and sharing organizational and institutional capacities, including training activities and establishment of "Centers of Excellence;"
- Developing and sharing specific technologies;
- Testing and piloting specific strategies and interventions;
- Developing and sharing innovative approaches to risk financing and risk transfer.

During the 2008-2010 phase, partnerships are encouraged in the following areas:

- Building safer, resilient communities;
- Financial risk sharing mechanisms;
- Legislation and public policy development;
- Risk assessment methods and systems;
- Early warning and emergency preparedness;
- Post-disaster needs assessment and recovery;
- Information, education, and communication approaches;
- Risk mitigation related to specific hazards, or particular settings such as urban locations and small islands.

Particular attention should be given to the most vulnerable groups, including the elderly, children and women.

Eligibility Requirements

To apply for a SSCP grant, partnerships must meet the following criteria:

- At least two or more “principal members” from disaster-prone low- and middle-income countries with more than 30 percent of their population and GDP in areas at risk from one or more hazards or requiring special attention due to adverse geo-economic factors, i.e. small-islands or fragile states.
- Partnership members should be legal entities and must be associated with and endorsed by their national platform for disaster reduction or the equivalent national coordination authority.
- One member of the partnership must act as a focal point for the partnership and assume responsibility for supporting the partnership, including signing the grant agreement as the grant recipient, and regularly reporting to the GFDRR Secretariat on the partnership’s performance.
- All members of the partnerships must specify their financial or in-kind commitments to the partnership.
- All members from low- and middle-income countries must convey their willingness, in principle, to contribute financially or technically toward sustaining or expanding the partnership beyond the SSCTF support period or to contribute to the GFDRR in the future.

Partnership members must identify their specific core commitments to the partnership. These may include financial contributions or/and quantified in-kind technical assistance, products, and services.

Awards

Approved proposals are initially funded up to a maximum of US\$500,000 over three years through a grant agreement with the focal point as the grant recipient. The grant agreement becomes effective when all the partnership members sign a mutually agreed MOU outlining the objectives, terms and conditions of their partnership. The disbursement of funds is linked to an agreed work plan and the grant is administered in accordance with World Bank guidelines.

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of eligibility, commitment to deliver results, and merit. The following criteria will be used in making the assessment:

- Ability of the proposed partnership to deliver results;
- Extent to which additional technical and financial resources for country-level actions that are part of national programs on disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation, and recovery are catalyzed or leveraged;
- Type and extent of sustainable country-level and regional capacity building for disaster risk reduction;
- Assessed benefits affecting the magnitude, quality, and impact of national disaster risk reduction programming.

Expression of Interest

Interested partnerships are invited to meet with the team of the GFDRR South-South Cooperation Program during the side event of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, Geneva, June 16-19, 2009.

The "South-South Cooperation: Making it a Winning Combination" side event organized by GFDRR SSCP is scheduled for Wednesday, June, 17, 13.00 - 14:30. The meeting will provide opportunity to partnering entities - government agencies, public institutions, networks, NGOs – from different

countries to work on the outline and objectives of their Stage 1 proposal with support of resource people from the World Bank, GFDRR Secretariat, UNISDR, and UNDP. Representatives of earlier approved partnerships will share their experiences and answer to participants' questions during the session.

Applicants attending the workshop should submit an Expression of Interest (EoI) by June 1, 2009 to Application@GFDRR.org. In the subject line please refer to South-South Cooperation Program, EoI. The EoI form is an attachment of this Call for Proposals document and also posted next to other relevant SSCP documents on the GFDRR website.

Application Process

Eligibility criteria, guidelines, templates, and instructions are available at www.gfdr.org. Application forms with detailed instructions are provided in the South-South Cooperation Program for Disaster Risk Reduction Operations Manual.

Proposals are selected through a two-stage process. Stage 1 proposals should be submitted electronically to Application@GFDRR.org by June 30 2009. Eligible proposals will be screened and evaluated by the GFDRR Secretariat. Those accepted to proceed to Stage 2 will be notified by July 30, 2008.

During the preparation of Stage 2 proposals, the GFDRR Secretariat will facilitate¹ the agreement on the concept and scope of the proposed collaboration. The full proposal should detail specific objectives, the members' commitments to contribute resources, an in-depth description of activities and expected results, a work plan, and indicators.

Additional documentation such as financial statements, annual reports, proof of legal entity status, etc. may be requested to comply with World Bank fiduciary policies.

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¹In exceptional cases Partnership Preparation Funds (PPF) up to one hundred thousand United States Dollar (USD100,000) can be requested for preparation of the Stage 2 proposal. The recipient shall administer the funds in accordance with the World Bank rules and regulations.



Expression of Interest
To participate on the "South-South Cooperation: Making it a Winning Combination"
Side event during the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2009, Geneva
Wednesday, June 17, 13.00 - 14:30
organized by
GFDRR South-South Cooperation Program

This Expression of Interest Form can be completed electronically by pressing the 'Tab' key or clicking with your mouse on the grey text boxes and check boxes, or in hardcopy.

Your contact details	
Name of the participant	
Name of the organization	
Country	
Participant's email address	
Telephone number	

Partnership Initiative

1. Title of the proposed partnership

2. Objective of the proposed partnership

3. Partnering organizations

4. Country affiliation of the partnering entities

5. Expected number of people attending the workshop, their names and affiliation

Please submit this form electronically by June 1, 2009. In the subject of the email please write South-South Cooperation Program, Expression of Interest
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