

Affiliated Network on Social Accountability and Governance in South Asia

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Financial Arrangements for FY09 (Amount in US \$ Million)	
Total Budget:	28.00
DGF Funding Request:	1.50
DGF Percentage:	5%
Objectives and Expected Outcomes	
<p>To enhance the quality and scaling up of social accountability (SAC) and governance initiatives in SAR and globally, this GPP supports the launch of the Affiliated Network on SAC and Governance in South Asia and a pilot global partnerships seed fund by BRAC University Institute of Governance Studies. This will be accomplished by: strengthening the institutional capacity of BRAC IGS as a regional leader and global player; building the capacity of select country-based organizations in the SAR; and piloting a global platform through a global seed fund to build partnerships for knowledge sharing and institutional capacity building worldwide.</p>	
Main Components	
<p>1. Supporting country-based institutions through grants to learn through capacity building, technical assistance and core functions support towards effective social accountability, anti-corruption and governance initiatives in South Asia, innovatively document and disseminate lessons, incubate partnerships and other forms of joint action to take innovative practices to scale, and evaluate the impact of SAC initiatives. 2. Building capacity of learning institutions to deliver training/courses on specific governance, SAC and communication concepts and methodologies and approaches for improved governance through training courses for practitioners and higher education SAC courses integrated into existing accredited degree programs. 3. Strengthening networking among SAC practitioners at regional and global level for knowledge sharing. 4. Providing a global partnership fund to pilot technical assistance and capacity building to strengthen country-based institutions worldwide to improve the quality and scale up the impact on social accountability, anti-corruption and good governance and piloting a global network or platform for knowledge dissemination and sharing on these issues as a global public good.</p>	
Performance Indicators	
<p>(1) Targeted institutions initiate and expand the number and scope of their SAC activities, learn and share, and get motivated to continue their activities. (2) Increased capacity of participating institutions in South Asia to offer learning programs in governance, social accountability and communication approaches to civil society organizations, local and national government officials, academics, donors, students, and citizens. (3) An active network of SAC practitioners active in the South Asia network and connects with similar networks and communities of practice in other regions and globally to share knowledge and act as a mutual global support group. (4) A global partnership fund to a pilot global partnerships/network provides technical assistance and capacity building grants to build institutional capacity of country based institutions to train, teach, pilot initiatives in governance, social accountability and anti-corruption. (5) The global partnership network facilitates global knowledge dissemination and sharing as a public good and move from a pilot to a sustainability network.</p>	

Progress and Achievements

Progress will be measured through the achievement of the above performance indicators. It is important to note that subsequent funding for the initiative will be based on the existence of a resource mobilization strategy to ensure its sustainability beyond GPP support. The initiative will also be evaluated based on its outreach to and support of institutions and practitioners of social accountability across the region, the development of new tools and methodologies, the rigorous research and evaluation of existing methodologies, the development and wide dissemination of knowledge on the topic, and the fostering of exchange of cross-regional and global experience. Of crucial importance is regional ownership of the initiative with broad representation from within the region and expansion to a global partnership.

Partners

Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), Google, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Government of Denmark, European Commission, SDC, DFID, Norwegian Agency for Development, Partnership for Transparency, ANSA-Africa and East Asia, UNHABITAT, UCLG, EU, bilateral, Participatory Budgeting Regional Facilities.

Governance and Management

This GPP will be anchored by the lead Implementing Agency, BRAC IGS with a governance structure consisting of four legal entities: the Network Secretariat (NS), the Steering Committee (SC), the Technical Advisory Group (TAG), and the Global Partnership Fund Panel (GPPF). IGS will assume management and fiduciary responsibility to plan, implement and monitor program activities, and mobilize core funding for program activities.

NS: coordinate the growth, through the cultivation of a Partnership Group. The PG will consist of two Partner types, Operational and Sponsoring Partners. Operational partners (OP) are regionally established organizations that have a recognized track record and competency in the thematic areas advanced through the GPP. SP are institutions choosing to join the Bank in investing in the Network and its activities, either directly through the Implementing Partner, or through OP led activities. They will likely be a mix of multilateral, bilateral development agencies and private foundations.

SC: the primary multi-stakeholder governance structure guiding the strategic direction, annual action plan, growth and financial sustainability of the Network. The SC will consist of a representative from the Bank, the Implementing Agency and each of the Operational and Sponsoring Partners.

TAG: the primary governance mechanism steering the grant-making facility, assuring technical quality and ensuring the integrity and transparency of the grant-making process.

GPPF: a panel would be established of internationally recognized individuals with a mandate to work toward its long-term future from a pilot to an established global partnership network with sustained financing and established membership. The panel also selects projects for funding worldwide, fosters global partnerships/networking and mobilizes funding. This group would develop criteria and coordinate grant-making and additional resource mobilization.

Exit Strategy

The GPP has been designed to operate as a long-term initiative, outlasting initial involvement of the 3 year period of DGF funding. The IGS Network Secretariat will use four methods to develop sustainable resource streams. It would; i) cultivate four to six Sponsoring Partners' Group to contribute an average of 100K or more annually to support the Network core functions and activities; ii) submit grant proposals to implement/scale-up special initiatives; and iii) raise funds through fee-for-service delivery of core services such as impact assessment or online collaboration tools, iv) actively generate cost sharing for core support funding from a broader donor network investing primarily in national level initiatives, but recognizing the regional Network value. To help finance BRAC's global expansion, two non-profit resource mobilization organizations have been set up each with its own Board of Trustees: 1) BRAC UK, registered in June 2006, in London and 2) BRAC USA, registered in July 2007, in New York. Although the GPP is designed to be sustainable beyond the initial 3 years, the Bank may wish to remain engaged to leverage the expansive relationships and implementation channels to assist with the Bank's ongoing governance work through resource mobilization. By catalyzing a global network/partnerships and working the GPP ANSAs and other regional/global institutions more activities could be cost-shared and funds leveraged.