



Frequently Asked Questions for Non-Finalists

(1) How were Pakistan Development Marketplace finalists selected? Could you explain the actual steps of the assessment process?

The guiding principles of the assessment process were fairness, diversity of views, and transparency. To this end, the Pakistan Development Marketplace team assembled 22 disability and development experts from the World Bank and a range of other organizations to serve as assessors in the selection process and review each eligible proposal. The 33 finalist proposals were selected from over 215 applications through a rigorous two-stage process. This involved first, sifting of eligible and ineligible applications based on the publicized eligibility criteria and second, individual reviews by assessors with relevant sector and regional expertise who then met for a group deliberation. Each proposal was reviewed by two independent assessors from a diverse range of backgrounds.

(2) Which criteria were applied to choose finalists?

Proposals were evaluated against the criteria of leadership by persons with disabilities; whether the proposal had a youth focus; innovativeness; partnerships; replicability; cost effectiveness and; impact. The Development Marketplace is a program that focuses on identifying innovative approaches to development.

(3) I think my proposal should have made it to the next round. Can I provide you with further information or contact assessors to clarify and make the case for my proposal?

No. In the interest of fairness and transparency, it is not possible to contest the decision on finalist proposals. Fairness would require that all applications not selected as finalists receive an additional review. All applicants had access to the same information and competition guidelines, faced the same constraints to express and present their idea (e.g., word limits, proposal template). Additionally, all proposals received uniform evaluation by experts according to the given criteria.

(4) Can I use the same project idea to apply for a Global Development Marketplace (GDM) competition?

Yes. Non-winning proposals submitted to the Pakistan Development Marketplace competition, 2006 can be used for applying to the Global Development Marketplace as long as they fit the respective theme and eligibility criteria of that competition.

(5) Are there other funding sources that I could approach with my proposal?

Many of the proposals that we received have the potential to find alternative funding elsewhere, and we encourage you to continue seeking support from other sources. Attending the Pakistan Development Marketplace event, scheduled in Islamabad on March 15th, 2006 will be an opportunity to meet with Funders. The Pakistan Development Marketplace team encourages all non-finalists to attend the Pakistan Development Marketplace. You can also check the World Bank and Pakistan Development Marketplace website at www.worldbank.org.pk/taraqeebazar for any updates on possible funding sources for innovative ideas which have the potential of improving the lives of persons with disabilities.