



MTF-RDP

Promoting Peace and Development in Mindanao Round 2

Announcement for Applications from Grant Facility for Peace and Development in Mindanao

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2. Gender in peace building
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4. Educational facilities improvement

These themes are from the Joint Needs Assessment conducted for the Mindanao Trust Fund. Additional themes from the JNA may be added in a later period.

Grants range from PhP250,000 to PhP500,000 (approx. US\$5,000 to US\$10,000). Applicants must meet specific requirements and their proposals should respond to the needs of conflict-affected communities in Mindanao.

Mail, e-mail or fax applications to BDA with a copy to the MTF Secretariat.

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Requests for applications will be several times a year. For this call (Round 2), applications should be received by **September 1, 2007**. No applications will be accepted after that date. No organization can receive two grants within the same round.

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To apply for a grant, read the [call for proposal](#) and complete the [application form](#).

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For background information on the MTF-RDP and a downloadable electronic copy of the Joint Needs Assessment, go to the website:

<http://www.emindanao.org.ph>

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What are the priority areas for funding in each thematic area?

The Facility will consider grants addressing the following areas:

1. *Knowledge management and sharing of successful approaches of peace and development work*
 - Case studies and in-depth assessments and comparative analysis of program approaches, strategies and good practices used effectively by foreign and locally-funded development programs in conflict areas
 - Capacity building of a Mindanao-based knowledge exchange network of organizations, agencies and individuals that are actively engaged in peace and development work, including the operationalization of a web-based knowledge exchange system.
 - Planning, promotion and conduct of policy fora, research appreciation seminars, roundtable consultation-meetings to disseminate new knowledge and to provide good venues for informed debates around current issues in peace and development work
2. *Gender in peace building (project must involve both women and men)*
 - Develop sensitivity of stakeholders to gender issues in conflict-affected and vulnerable communities and response to these gender issues in a way that will promote and sustain peace-building in the area
 - Studies, policy forums and advocacy for mainstreaming gender in peace-building and development work
 - Gender analysis of programs, policies and institutions, including social groups at the community level to promote traditional and appropriate methods of gender equity in peace-building and more effective participation of women and men in existing and expanded roles in peace-building
 - Develop partnerships and alliances with other stakeholders, such as governments, NGOs and civil society organizations, communities and networks for promoting gender equality in peace-building
 - Request for training from MTF-RDP Gender and Peace-building Program (including modules and toolkit)
3. *Muslim and indigenous youth vocational training and livelihood development*
 - Strengthen and expand access to existing technical-vocational training programs for Muslim and Indigenous People youth (ages 14 to 20 years old) in conflict-affected and vulnerable communities
 - Support for adaptive technology projects of the youth that build on indigenous and local culture, identity, knowledge, agricultural technologies, agro-biodiversity, natural resource management, community-based forestry, market access, off-farm activities and enterprise development
 - Develop partnerships and alliances with technical-vocational training institutions to enhance the quality and strategic orientation of programs through linkage with industries, HR professionals, and public and private employment promotion agencies

4. *Educational facilities improvement* (beneficiary-schools must be non-denominational)

- Rehabilitate and/or upgrade educational facilities affected by the conflict, especially primary school classrooms, libraries, furniture and equipment
- Rehabilitate or build water and sanitation facilities in schools where internally displaced people usually shelter when disaster hits the area
- Improve physical access to schools, e.g., access tracks, walkways, and child-friendly crossings
- Innovative learning projects and alternative teaching methods initiated by organized parents with teachers to address high drop-out rates, low student performance and interest in conflict-affected communities

Who can apply?

Please note that your organization **MUST** meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for a grant:

- Applicant must be an organization with an office in Mindanao; it can be a government organization, a not-for-profit/non-governmental organization, a research and/or academic institution, a registered community organization (with Securities and Exchange Commission);
- Applicant should have an established bank account in the name of the applicant organization;
- Applicant should demonstrate sound internal controls to govern the use of funds.
- Applicant is limited to only one proposal per organization, provided that any other proposals previously submitted by the applicant have been declared ineligible for block grant funding by the Review Committee.

The Facility **WILL NOT** consider applications from organizations without legal registration, or applications from individuals applying in their personal capacity.

Community organizations/people's organizations that are current or previous recipients of the MTF-RDP's CDD block grant are not eligible for funding.

What are the requirements for applications?

All applications must directly benefit conflict-affected or vulnerable communities in a culturally appropriate, sustainable, and gender inclusive manner and address issues central to peace and development.

- Proposed project budget requests should range between PhP250,000 to PhP500,000 (approx. US\$5,000 to US\$10,000) and include a minimum contribution by the grant recipient of 20% of the total request from the Facility. The contribution can be in cash or in-kind (such as personnel costs or use of local facilities). The budget should be based on realistic local costs. Details should be provided on amounts and sources of contribution (including from the applicant organization). Budget **MUST** be submitted in Philippine Peso.
- Project timeline should indicate how the project would be completed within 12 months from the award date.
- Applications are accepted only in English.
- Applications must be received by **September 1, 2007**.
- Applications should include a copy of the certificate of registration of the organization (from Securities and Exchange Commission), documentary evidence of the organization's financial and control capacity to receive and manage funds, under applicable law, and the latest annual audit of the organization's accounts or any other external or internal assessment of the organization's internal controls.
- Incomplete or not signed applications will not be considered.

What cannot be funded by the grant?

The grant cannot fund the purchase of land, buildings or residential houses, vehicles and equipment, staff salaries, study tours, rental of office space, and operational costs for on-going projects.

How will the decisions on applications be made?

All applications received by the deadline will be reviewed according to the criteria listed below. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Applications will be acknowledged within one month of receipt but due depending on the volume of requests it may take up to three months to notify applicants of the

decisions. Decisions on projects will be made by the Bangsamoro Development Agency, OPAPP, and the MTF Secretariat based on the following key criteria:

- **Project relevance:** Does the project address the major challenges under the applied-for theme? Is the proposed project site/s a conflict affected area? Are the **direct** beneficiaries of the projects conflict-affected groups/areas in Mindanao? Does the project mainstream important gender concerns, promote women's decision-making and participation of vulnerable groups in decision-making? Does the application address the needs of the community and/or the peace and development issue in Mindanao? Will it make a difference in the community to aid or resolve issues? Can it be replicated elsewhere?
- **Project feasibility:** Is the timeline realistic and the budget adequate given the desired outputs? How will results be sustained? Can the outputs of the proposed activity/project/intervention be delivered within twelve months? Can the outputs of the proposed activity/project/intervention be delivered within the proposed budget? Are the project costs realistic?
- **Institutional capacity and credibility:** What relevant skills does the organization's staff bring to the project? Has the organization succeeded in similar endeavors? Is the proposed project aligned with the mandate/vision/mission and objectives of the organization?
- **Sound internal control in the use of funds:** Does the organization have the necessary personnel, policies and procedures in place to demonstrate sound internal financial management? Are its financial statements audited annually by an external party?
- **Institutional credibility:** What kind of reputation does the organization enjoy within its community, in Mindanao and beyond?

Supervision and monitoring

The implementation of the projects financed by the Facility will be supervised and monitored directly by the Bangsamoro Development Agency with occasional assistance from the MTF Secretariat or through other possible forms as decided appropriate by the Fund.

How to apply for a grant?

Applicants should carefully read the guidelines of the above information prior to completing the attached application form. The completed application should not exceed 5 pages; attachments can be additional pages. A copy of the certificate of registration (from Securities and Exchange Commission), evidence of the organization's financial and control capacity to receive and manage funds ((e.g., organization's written financial management policies and procedures), and the latest annual audit of the organization's accounts or any other external or internal assessment of the organization's internal controls. has to be attached to the application.

Applications should be emailed to: "BDA" bmdc11@gmail.com -- a with a copy to -- mtfsecretariat@worldbank.org
They may also be mailed or faxed to the addresses below:

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