

FY05 Call for Proposals for Activities to be Funded under the **Environment, Poverty, and Social Development Windows of the Trust Fund for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development (TFESSD)**

Background

The Multi-donor Trust Fund for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development (TFESSD) provides grant resources for activities aimed at mainstreaming the environmental, social and poverty-reducing dimensions of sustainable development into overall Bank work. The intention is to encourage inter-linkages between these dimensions. In addition to the three windows – environment, social and poverty – the TFESSD now includes a fourth window for social protection that has a separate call for proposals.

Priority Areas for Call

The priority areas of focus for this call are **governance and accountability, empowerment, conflict, and vulnerability**, especially the inter-linkages between these focus areas. Proposals covering the following activities will be considered for funding:

- Upstream activities that integrate one or more of the focus areas into macro-level policy making—for example, analysis of policy choices, development of strategies, and design of policies and programs.
- Downstream activities which **monitor, analyze, and/or evaluate** the impact of policies in the focus areas.
- Capacity building, learning, information-sharing and dissemination related to the areas of focus, with/to national level partners and institutions in developing countries; and, in the case of information sharing and dissemination, also including the broader community of development agencies (e.g. in the World Bank's regions, in Norway, Finland, the UN-agencies and the regional banks).

Selection Criteria

Priority will be given to proposals that:

- have the potential to make significant development impact;
- focus on the priority areas above and are in line with regional priorities;
- are technically sound and cost-effective and could be replicable;
- are multi-sectoral and cut across the internal sectors within the Bank;
- demonstrate in-country demand, collaboration with, and capacity building within institutions in developing countries; support and are integrated with the national poverty reduction strategies and Poverty Monitoring Systems processes in the countries (where relevant/applicable).
- adopt an innovative approach;
- do not substitute for other funding;

The funds from TFESSD are untied. National partners (experts and institutions), as well as potential partnerships with United Nations agencies, and Norwegian/Finnish

researchers/ institutions should be indicated in the application.

General Guidelines

- *Eligible Task Managers:* The Trust Fund is Bank executed and proposals can only be submitted by, and task managed by, Bank staff who are accredited to manage trust funds.
- *Eligible expenditures:* Project preparation work will not be funded, nor components which could be funded as part of ongoing operations. Funds cannot be used for staff salaries and staff travel. Eligible expenditures are consultant fees/travel, workshops, training, client equipment, publications etc. Bank procurement regulations apply in all cases.
- *Eligible countries:* The TFESSD is limited to financing activities in countries included in the bottom three categories in the OECD/DAC ODA (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Development Assistance Committee Official Development Assistance) list (see the following OECD website <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/35/9/2488552.pdf>). Fifty percent of TFESSD funds shall, according to the legal agreement, go to work in/on Sub-Saharan Africa. Elsewhere, preference will be given to IDA (International Development Association) countries.
- *Funds release:* Work can span up to three fiscal years (FY05-07). While an overall amount is tentatively allocated when the project is approved, funds are released in installments on a need basis and funding beyond the first year will be released based on good performance.

How to Submit a Proposal

- Proposals should be no more than three pages long, and in addition include a logical framework of objectives, key performance indicators, monitoring and evaluation, and critical assumptions. Please use the Application Form and Logframe templates attached to the Call for Proposals (also available on the TFESSD web site). See www.worldbank.org/tfessd, under Templates. Any needed background information should be submitted as an annex; this will be regarded as a reference document only and may not be read by the technical reviewers.
- Proposals should clearly indicate the linkages of the proposed project with, and value added over, ongoing or planned regular Bank analytical, program or project activities, and its relevance as input into Bank/country Country Assistance Strategies, Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers etc. Proposals should indicate how the proposed activities support and are integrated with the national poverty reduction strategies and Poverty Monitoring Systems processes in the countries concerned.
- Proposals should indicate milestones and monitorable indicators, especially if they are multi-year, since progress will be reviewed annually. They should include a clear budget, with planned expenditures by type of expenditure, FY, and source (Bank Budget, TFESSD, other sources). There is no minimum or maximum limit per proposal, but we require you to use the same standards for budgets that you would use for regular Economic and Sector Work and other analytical work.
- Proposals for country-level work need to be approved by the Country Director or whomever the Country Director has designated to give such approvals (an email is fine, and should be attached when the proposal is submitted).

- You are encouraged to consult with your sector board member before submitting the proposal and copy him/her when submitting it.

Deadline and Selection Process

- Proposals should be sent to Nenuca Munoz Robles by email **by Close Of Business March 31, 2004**. Proposals received after this date or incomplete proposals will not be reviewed.
- The proposals will be reviewed by a committee with members nominated by the Environment, Social Development, and Poverty Reduction Boards and rated based on the criteria spelled out above. Then the Directors of the Environment, Social Development, and Poverty or their designates will review the ratings and present a prioritized list in a joint meeting of the three boards.
- The list approved at the joint meeting will be submitted to the donors for approval.
- Funds will be available at the beginning of FY05.

Timetable

Call for Proposals: March 3, 2004

Deadline to submit proposals: March 31, 2004

Reviewers present to Directors: April 9, 2004

Discussion by Boards: by April 30, 2004

Submission of final selection to the Donors: May 7, 2004

Review by Donors: by May 28, 2004

Final decisions: June 11, 2004

Activation of Trust Funds: July 2004

For Further Information

- Check the TFESSD website at www.worldbank.org/tfessd
- E-mail your Sector Board member or one of the Window managers: [Keith McLean](mailto:Keith.McLean@worldbank.org) (Social Window), [Giovanna Prennushi](mailto:Giovanna.Prennushi@worldbank.org) (Poverty Window), [Ede Ijjasz-Vasquez](mailto:Ede.Ijjasz-Vasquez@worldbank.org) (Environment Window).