

FY05 Call for Proposals for Activities to be Funded under the **Social Protection Window 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 TFESSD has just been extended by opening a window for Social Protection to sponsor work on vulnerable children, youth, and disabled persons. On an exceptional basis this year, this Call is separate from the joint call for the Environment, Poverty, and Social Development windows (see www.worldbank.org/tfessd for more information on that Call). \$1 million has been earmarked to this window for activities spanning Fiscal Years 2005-06.

Priority Areas for Call

Proposals should cover activities that:

- increase the understanding and knowledge of the extent and impact of the vulnerabilities of children, youth, and disabled persons on human development, poverty reduction and social inclusion;
- improve the understanding and knowledge of effective public action on how to redress these vulnerabilities: what policies and services are effective, how they are best organized, and how much they cost; and to integrate issues related to the target groups into macro level, multi-sectoral, and sectoral policy making;
- build stakeholder capacity for macro-level, multi-sectoral, and sectoral analytical work and for micro-level impact analysis related to children, youth, and disabled persons.

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;
- show collaboration 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 Strategy 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 UN 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 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Development Assistance Committee Official Development Assistance (OECD/DAC ODA) 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 two fiscal years (FY05-06). 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 (also available on the TFESSD website 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. Where relevant, 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, Fiscal Year, 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 by e-mail to [Ms. Gertrude Ssali \(gssali@worldbank.org\)](mailto:gssali@worldbank.org), HDNSP by Close Of Business April 2, 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 Social Protection Board and rated based on the criteria spelled out above. Then the Director, Social Protection, or his designate, will review the ratings and present a prioritized list in a meeting of Social Protection Board, with representatives of the other 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 4, 2004

Deadline to submit proposals: April 2, 2004

Reviewers present to SP Director: April 12, 2004

Discussion by SP Board: 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
- Email your Sector Board member or [Sándor Sipos](#), Sector Manager, HDNSP; [Judith Heumann](#), Disability Advisor, HDN and [Viviana Mangiaterra](#), Children and Youth Advisor, HDN.