

CANADA FUND CAMBODIA

Application guideline

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in Ottawa has made available CAN\$125,000 (about USD 120,000) for the fiscal year (April, 2010 to March, 2011) with the aim of financing small, locally initiated projects providing technical, economic, educational, health and/or social development.

For more information concerning this fund please contact the CCO Program Assistant:

Ms. Ravuthea Eang
Program Assistant
Canadian Cooperation Office
#50, St. 334
Boeung Keng Kang I
Phnom Penh
Phone: 023-215-496/012-914 455
Fax: 023-720-774
E-mail: Ravuthea.Eang@cco.org.kh

OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES FOR CANADA FUND

The primary objective of the Canada Fund in Cambodia is to finance relatively small, locally initiated projects that will have a significant positive impact on the beneficiaries. The theme of the funding for this fiscal year is primarily focusing on the protection and promotion of the rights of women, children and indigenous peoples and the **purpose** is to encourage the participation of civil society in the promotion and protection of these human rights.

The Fund's activities will be conducted through activities initiated primarily by target organizations at both the national and local levels. Areas of intervention will concentrate on non-partisan and technical issues. Preference will be given to proposals which are able to provide positive and measurable results. Proposals will be reviewed to assess their strategy for addressing issues in ways that are constructive, able to garner political support and likely to be more effective. Specific proposals of the Canada Fund for this fiscal year could include:

Women's and Children's Rights

- Strengthened women's and girls' rights as well as fostering greater support for these rights by men and boys
- Greater involvement of women's groups and institutions in policy development and the decision-making process at local, regional or national levels
- Implementation of strategies and programs that address violence against women and children
- Improved access to training in the concepts and techniques of peaceful and equitable conflict resolution
- Prevention in the trafficking of women and children

- Support for the protection of children's rights, including street children and children involved in sex trade
- Provision of economic alternatives to women to make them less vulnerable to abuse.

Indigenous Land Rights

- Greater understanding and recognition of land rights of indigenous people
- Registration of indigenous communities.
- Strengthened capacity in conflict resolution

Expected Results

.Increased knowledge and skills of civil society organization to support communities and achieve results

.Reduced incidents of abuse, threats, harassment, and domestic violence within target communities.

.Increased ability and confidence of local people in resolving conflicts

Enhanced application of land rights of indigenous communities

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Canada Fund can only give grants to registered community group (CBOs) and non-governmental organisations (both LNGOs and INGOs) with an active Board of Directors and that can demonstrate sound financial management. The Canada Fund will give priority to small projects having budget ranging from US\$10,000 - US\$25,000 reflecting the above objectives. The Canada Fund also can co-fund projects with other donor agencies.

Proven experience in carrying out the kind of activities proposed is a very important factor in acquiring funding.

Proposals must include the information outlined in the application form. Potential projects will be reviewed by a Project Review Committee (PRC). All potential projects will be screened for compliance with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, and proponents will be notified if a full environmental assessment is required. Projects finally must be reviewed by the Counsellor and Head of Development Cooperation and approved by the Head of Mission.

OTHER CANADA FUND SPECIFICS

The Canada Fund supports projects that can be completed within one year.

The following CAN NOT be financed by the Canada Fund:

- Research
- All administrative costs (including consultant and NGOs fees) and other administrative expenses , which go beyond an approved percentage of the total Canada Fund funding (they should be kept to 15 % or lower of total project cost).
- Organisation start-up costs
- Travel outside Cambodia
- Attending conferences and workshops outside Cambodia
- Fees and expenses for non-Cambodian Trainers/Consultants
- Straight percentage of a program's overall costs
- Purchasing or donation of expensive pieces of equipment, vehicles etc.

In selecting projects, factors such as level of contribution by the implementing organisation and its administrative capacity are considered. Other important factors are the level of community participation, gender considerations, cost effectiveness, and sustainability of the projects. The Canada Fund cannot fund the same project twice.

PAYMENT

Payment is made in two or three parts, depending on the project. Payment is made by cheque. A bank account with at least two signatures is required to be held by the NGO and if possible separate account for keeping the fund is recommended.

IF THE PROJECT IS APPROVED

A letter of agreement is signed with the Canadian Ambassador to Cambodia before the funds are disbursed. The organisation receiving the funds must agree to certain conditions including:

- Submission of progress and final reports according to Results Based Management principles, following CIDA's format.
- Maintenance and submission of clear, verifiable accounts including original expenditure receipts. The Canada Fund reserves the right to audit a project.
- Arrangement of monitoring visits for the Canada Fund Coordinator and Embassy staff when requested.