

# Direct Aid Program Expression of Interest Form Preview

## Introduction

### Overview

#### **What is the Direct Aid Program?**

The Direct Aid Program (DAP) is a small grants program funded by the Australian Government. It is managed globally by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade through its Embassies, High Commissions, and Consulates.

DAP complements [Australia's International Development Policy](#) and supports local communities to deliver direct, practical, and immediate projects that promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth and development.

The Australian Embassy in Addis Ababa's DAP program supports projects in Ethiopia, South Sudan, Djibouti, and the Central African Republic.

#### **Who can Apply?**

Not-for-profit organisations, including community groups, non-government organisations (NGOs), research institutions, and other entities engaged in development activities in Ethiopia, South Sudan, Djibouti, and the Central African Republic are eligible to apply.

#### **What types of projects are eligible for DAP?**

DAP projects should seek to achieve practical and tangible outcomes with high development impact across one or more of the following areas:

- gender equality, disability, and social inclusion (GEDSI)
- health services and education, particularly women's and girl's sexual and reproductive health rights
- agriculture, food security, and climate resilience
- governance, peacebuilding (including women, peace, and security), and human rights.

#### **What can't be funded under DAP?**

Generally, the following activities would not be supported by DAP funds:

- cash grants or micro-credit schemes or projects that involve the return of money
- commercial ventures
- purchase of major assets, e.g. vehicles
- Australian or overseas study tours
- international travel
- sponsorship of major sporting tournaments or cultural displays that do not have a clear developmental benefit
- staff salaries
- routine, recurring running costs and administrative expenses including office rental and utility costs, spare parts, routine maintenance.

#### **DAP funding and implementation timeframes**

There is no minimum amount that a single DAP project can receive, but the maximum is AUD60,000 over the life of the project. Activities can run up to a maximum of two years. Projects should be self-contained, with finite timelines.

#### **Application process**

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The Australian Embassy in Addis Ababa runs a two-stage DAP application process, consisting of an 'Expression of Interest' (Stage One) and a 'Full Proposal' (Stage Two).

Expressions of Interest submissions will close at **11.59pm (EAT) on Friday, 20 September 2024**.

After shortlisting, successful applicants will be invited to submit a Full Proposal.

Favourable consideration will be given to Full Proposals that:

- address more than one thematic area
- promote GEDSI
- address a tangible community need
- demonstrate sustainable, long-term benefits to a community, sector, or marginalised group
- demonstrate community involvement and ownership
- demonstrate good governance and structural capability to implement effectively.

Projects that act as a catalyst for additional development in the community, or a model for similar development elsewhere, are welcome. Projects in which the recipient community makes a significant contribution in terms of labour, materials, or cash are also well-received.

## Instructions

This form is to be completed by the applicant online.

This application form should be read in conjunction with information on the Direct Aid Program available at - <https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/direct-aid-program/pages/direct-aid-program>

### Notes:

1. DAP building and construction related projects should meet or exceed Australian standards wherever reasonably practicable to do so. Departure from Australian WHS standards on the basis that meeting such standards is not "reasonably practicable" should only be accepted where it is defensible to do so, supported by a clear, persuasive and documented explanation. In such cases, the project should meet the highest standard that is reasonably practicable, with hazard mitigation measures supported by a hazard identification and risk assessment report identifying the residual risks of injury and illness to any workers or third parties, and proposed mitigation strategy.
2. If the project involves working with children, the organisation must have a current child protection policy or code of conduct to be eligible. For information on child protection policy, see <https://www.dfat.gov.au/international-relations/themes/child-protection/Pages/child-protection>
3. Recipients of DyAP funding must ensure that no support or resources are provided to an entity subject to sanctions (by the United Nations Security Council or the Australian Government).
4. Recipients of DAP funding must ensure that the work conducted in relation to this project is undertaken in a safe manner and complies with all applicable local laws, standards and policies that relate to health and safety.
5. Selected Expression of Interests will proceed to develop a full proposal which must align with the information provided in this form.

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## Applicant Details

\* indicates a required field

### Applicant Organisation and Contact Details

**Organisation Name \***

**Type of Organisation**

- Individual  
 Community Group  
 Local NGO
- Overseas NGO  
 Other:

**Postal Address \***

Address

  

Suburb/Town State/Province Postcode Country

**Primary Contact \***

Title

First Name

Last Name

**Position \***

**Work Phone Number \***

Must be an international phone number

**Mobile Phone Number**

Must be an international phone number

**Email \***

Must be an email address

**Business licence and/  
or CSO, NGO, CBO  
certificate etc**

Attach a file:

Previous DAP Projects

**Have you received DAP funding  
previously? \***

Yes

No

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### Project Proposal

\* indicates a required field

#### Project Summary

**Name of Project \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 20 words

**Problem statement -  
what is the need \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 80 words.

**Project description -  
What activities will you  
do \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words

**Start Date \***

Must be a date

**End Date \***

Must be a date

**Which thematic areas does your project align with? \***

Agriculture, food security and climate resilience

Gender equality, disability, and social inclusion

Governance peacebuilding (including women, peace, and security), and human rights

Health services and education, particularly women's and girl's sexual and reproductive health rights

Select all that apply

**Does your project target any of these groups? \***

Women and girls  Rural communities

LGBT + community  Victims of human rights violations

Select all that apply

Project Location

**Project Country \***

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## Location of Project \*

If your project concerns the African Union or the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) please write that as the location of the project

## Funding

\* indicates a required field

The Direct Aid Program at the Australian Embassy in Addis Ababa operates in a number of different currencies. Please complete the following using one of the below currencies:

- AUD (Australian Dollars)
- USD (United States Dollars)
- ETB (Ethiopian Birr)

## Currency Type \*

AUD - AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR

USD - US DOLLAR

ETB - ETHIOPIAN BIRR

Please choose a currency from the list above

## Total Project Cost \*

What is the total budgeted cost (in the currency selected above) of your project?

## Other Funding \*

How much (in the currency selected above) are you contributing to the project?

## Total Amount Requested \*

What is the total amount being requested for this project from the DAP program? Note: that a maximum total of AUD\$60,000 or equivalent in another currency will be distributed. (This amount is calculated)