

Direct Aid Program Concept Note

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Introduction

What is the Direct Aid Program?

The Direct Aid Program (DAP) is a flexible small grants program funded by the Australian Government and managed through the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT) overseas posts. The program aims to support projects with a strong development focus that complement Australia's broader aid program which contributes to sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction. DAP projects should promote a distinctive and positive image of Australia.

Who can Apply?

DAP is available on a not-for-profit basis to individuals, community groups, NGOs and other entities engaged in development activities in countries that are eligible for official development assistance (ODA).

The Australian Consulate-General in Mumbai supports small-scale, sustainable development projects in **Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa**, with grants typically **up to INR 10 lakh**.

What activities are eligible for DAP Support?

DAP activities should achieve practical and tangible outcomes of high development impact. DAP is able to fund activities that have a direct, practical and immediate impact, including capacity building programs in the areas of governance and human rights engagement. We will favourably consider projects:

- in the areas of community and/or rural development, education, gender equality, disabilities, youth, human rights, the environment, small-scale infrastructure, economic empowerment and ad hoc humanitarian relief.
- where applicants and their communities make a contribution in labour, materials, transport or cash;
- that use sports to achieve development outcomes
- that enhance educational and cultural exchanges and people-to-people links
- that are achievable and have sustainable outcomes
- that provide educational or occupational/skills training

While we always seek a diversity of projects, this year we are especially looking for projects that will support development through:

- COVID relief and other areas impacted by the pandemic (such as livelihoods, education and health)
- Health
- WASH or water management
- Education or skills training
- Empowerment of women and girls

Projects should be self-contained, with finite time lines. Activities in which the recipient community themselves makes a significant contribution in terms of labour, materials or cash are particularly well-received. Projects that might act as a catalyst for additional development of the community or a model for similar developments elsewhere will also be welcomed. Activities may run up to a **maximum of two years**. Most projects run for 1 year.

We will generally **NOT** fund the following:

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- 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
- Sponsorship of major sporting tournaments or cultural displays that do not have a clear developmental benefit
- staff salaries
- travel, accommodation, and food and beverages costs for staff members
- routine, recurring running costs and administrative expenses including office rental and utility costs, spare parts, routine maintenance

Proposals must be clearly defined with specific outputs. Proposals will be approved or rejected on the basis of:

- the costs and the development benefits of the proposal
- achievable and sustainable outcomes
- soundness of the project's objectives and design
- the practicability of the proposed implementation arrangements, and
- whether the project conforms with the objectives of the Direct Aid Program

Expectations for accountability, transparency and reporting

Should your project be successful, you will be required to:

- sign a contract specifying the terms and conditions of the grant
- keep full financial records of all expenditure, including receipts
- submit a progress report within six months of receiving your funding
- submit a final report at the project's completion
- allow and facilitate a visit by the representatives of the Australian Consulate General in Mumbai to the project site

If your project changes as it is implemented, approval for the reallocation of funding must be sought from the Australian Consulate General in Mumbai. Any unspent funds at the completion of the project must be returned to the Australian Consulate General in Mumbai.

Instructions

This form is to be completed by the applicant online. All applications must be accompanied by a fully costed project budget that provides a detailed breakdown of costs by component. **Please note that 10% of the budget must be dedicated towards activities that generate public awareness about the project.**

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>

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>

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Organisation Details

Organisation Name *

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FCRA Number *

The FCRA Registration must be renewed.

Date FCRA Registration or Renewal *

Must be a date.

Please note the date which is most recent.

Previously received DAP funding *

Yes

No

Summary of the project

Project Title *

Project Country *

Project Location *

Please include the name of the state in which the project is located.

Project Description *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Budget

NOTE: Ensure all costs quoted in the budget are in INR.

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Click "Add More" to insert additional lines.

Item	Number of Items	Total Cost	NGO Contribution	DAP Contribution
		Must be a number.	Must be a number.	Must be a number.

Outcomes

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What are the expected outcomes of the project?
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Word count:

Describe three things you want the project to achieve in terms of benefits for participants and/or others (200 words recommended)

Who will benefit from the project? *

Word count:

Describe the estimated number, gender, age and location/region of those participating in the project (150 words recommended)