

Direct Aid Program Application (English)

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Introduction

Overview

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 funds are available on a not-for-profit basis to registered community groups, NGOs and other entities engaged in development activities in Mauritius (including Rodrigues), Comoros and Madagascar. We welcome projects with a regional dimension. Regional projects including Seychelles may be considered if the other countries will benefit from Seychelles' participation or if there are other funding sources for Seychelles.

What activities are eligible for DAP Support?

DAP activities are aimed at achieving practical and tangible outcomes of high development impact. Projects that might act as a catalyst for additional development of the community or a model for similar developments elsewhere will be welcomed.

The maximum amount for each grant is AUD60,000 (or the USD equivalent) and projects should be completed within one year from the date of entering into the grant agreement.

NOTE: Based on strong justifications, a project proposal may be exceptionally considered to be spread over a maximum of two years. Prior approval of the Australian High Commission/Embassy must be sought for any extension of timeframe and other variations on components.

Priority areas for 2026-27 are:

- Climate, disaster resilience, and renewable energy
- Climate smart agriculture and food security
- Blue economy and marine biodiversity
- Human rights and gender equality

Applicants may apply for funding for development projects in other thematic areas.

The following activities are NOT eligible for funding under the DAP:

- Australian or overseas study tours
- International travel (except in exceptional cases where it is a small component of overall budget)
- Grants programs run by other governments or organisations
- Micro-credit schemes and or projects that involve the return of money or loans for cash
- Permanent staff salaries or related fees
- Commercial ventures
- Purchase or rental of major assets including property or land

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- Purchase of vehicles (medical/emergency or farming vehicles may be considered in exceptional cases)
- Routine, recurring and/or running costs of the applying organisation including staff salaries; office rental and utility costs; spare parts and office supplies
- Routine maintenance and repairs (including of equipment such as photocopiers, computers, stoves, fridges etc.)
- Office or equipment insurance
- Administrative costs not directly related to project implementation
- Commemorative events
- Sporting tournaments or cultural displays, that do not have clear developmental outcomes
- Direct support to governments

NOTE: Projects which include ineligible components can be considered only if the proposal clearly states how these components will be funded by other sources.

How do I apply?

This application form should be completed online via the SmartyGrants platform at: <https://dap.smartygrants.com.au/PortLouisFY2026-2027-EN>.

Your application should

- comply with guidelines above
- clearly articulate the positive change and impact that would occur following project implementation
- include an itemised and fully costed project budget
- include two referees – these cannot be from the applicant organisation or from an organisation which stands to gain from the proposed project
- show with the help of a timeline or work plan that the project will be completed within one year.

Proposals should demonstrate a commitment on the part of beneficiaries to implement the activities and maintain them beyond the conclusion of the project.

Applications for this round must be received no later than 23:59 hours MUT (GMT +4) on Sunday 20 September 2026.

All queries should be directed to the DAP Program Officer via email to DAP.PortLouis@dfat.gov.au.

Instructions

This form is to be completed by the applicant online. All applications must be accompanied by a fully costed project budget.

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

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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 incidental or minimal contact with children, the organisation/applicant must meet the essential standards required by DFAT's Child Protection Policy. But if the organisation or the DAP activity will have direct, sustained or significant contact with children then the organisation/applicant must meet the comprehensive standards. However, DFAT may consider essential standards for locally based/small organisations delivering a DAP activity if deemed appropriate following a risk assessment. Posts may support an organisation to mitigate child protection risks. For information on child protection policy, see <https://www.dfat.gov.au/international-relations/themes/child-protection/Pages/child-protection>

3. Projects must play an active role in addressing the risk of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment. For further information see [Protection From Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment | Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(dfat.gov.au\)](#)

4. Recipients of DAP funding must ensure that no support or resources are provided to any individual or entity subject to sanctions (by the United Nations Security Council or the Australian Government) or to any individuals or entities associated with terrorism.

5. 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.

6. Only successful applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection exercise.

Applicant Details

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Applicant Organisation and Contact Details

Organisation Name *

Organisation Name

Type of Organisation *

Other:

Postal Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, and Postcode are required.

Primary Contact *

Title

First Name

Last Name

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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

Secondary 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.

Previous DAP Projects

Have you received DAP funding previously? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, list any projects previously done by this organisation through the Direct Aid Program

Project Name	Name and Cont act	Currency Type	Amount Funded	Dates

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If No, provide details of two referees for your project

Referee One

Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Referee Two

Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Position *

Position *

Primary Phone Number

Must be an international phone number

Office Phone Number

Must be an international phone number

Primary Email *

Must be an email address

Office Email *

Must be an email address

Project Proposal

* indicates a required field

Project Summary

Name of Project *

Word count:

Must be no more than 20 words

Project description *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words

Anticipated Start Date *

Must be a date

Anticipated End Date *

Must be a date

Project Location

Project Country *

Project Location *

Address

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Country is required.

Project Purpose

Select one or more of the Purposes below.

What is the purpose of this project? *

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| ☐ Education | ☐ Agriculture (including Forestry and Fishing) |
| ☐ Health | ☐ Industry, Mining and Construction |
| ☐ Water Supply and Sanitation | ☐ Trade Policies and Regulations |
| ☐ Government and Civil Society | ☐ Tourism |
| ☐ Conflict, Peace and Security | ☐ Environment Protection |
| ☐ Other Social Infrastructure and Services | ☐ Emergency Response and Relief |
| ☐ Transport and Storage | ☐ Disaster Prevention and Preparedness |
| ☐ Communication | ☐ Gender Equality |
| ☐ Energy | ☐ Other: <input type="text"/> |
| ☐ Business and Other Services | |

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Child Protection

DFAT has a zero tolerance approach to child exploitation, abuse and harm. Successful applicants will need to demonstrate their commitment to protecting children through their activity, including with support from DFAT. Applicants are asked to familiarise themselves with the [Child Protection Policy](#) and [Interim Guidance](#).

Direct Aid Program considers a child to be a person under the age of 18 years.

Please refer to the definitions below to assist with clarity.

No contact with children (No standards to apply): Activities with no anticipated interaction with children

For example: Office-based roles, one-off delivery of corporate goods, service or a trade or remote, desk-based policy advice or writing

Incidental or Minimal contact with children (Essential Standards to apply):

Activities where interaction with children is limited, indirect or incidental

For example: The focus of the activity is solely engaged with adults but is in a setting where children may be present, for example institutional settings such as health centres, attendance at public diplomacy events or delivery of goods/services, where children may be present under the supervision of parents/carers.

Direct, sustained, or significant contact with children (Comprehensive standards): where children are anticipated to be regularly in attendance or a beneficiary of activity.

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Will this project involve contact with children? * ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, does the project have: * ☐ Incidental or minimal contact with children
☐ Direct, sustained or significant contact with children

If Yes, attach a copy of the policy, procedure or guidelines *

Attach a file:

Funding

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Please outline the total amount of funds you are requesting and breakdown of what the money will be spent on here. This includes materials, transportation of goods, building services

Please note it is not sufficient to simply refer to quotes, a detailed budget must be outlined here. Please attach two quotes for the purchase of any products.

Currency Type *

Total Project Cost *

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

Total Amount Requested *

What is the total amount (in currency selected) being requested for this project?

Applicant's contribution *

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

Budget

Please provide a detailed budget.

NOTE: Ensure all costs quoted in the budget are in the same currency type as the **Total Project Cost**

Item	Cost per item	Number of Items	Total cost	Applicant's Contribution	DAP Contribution from other donors
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EG: water pipes	EG: \$20 per metre	EG: 50 metres	Must be a number.	Must be a number.	Must be a number.	Must be a number.

Attach quotes here

Attach a file:

Recurrent Costs

DAP funding cannot be used for recurrent costs.

Will the project have recurrent costs? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Explain how you will recover recurrent costs. *

Project Details

** indicates a required field*

Why does this work need to be done? *

Word count:

Describe the specific issue or need you want to address (200 words recommended)

What are the planned activities? *

Word count:

Briefly list (bullet points) the specific activities that will take place and where they will take place (200 words recommended)

What are the expected outcomes of the project? *

Word count:

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

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How will you know if these outcomes have been achieved? *

Word count:

Describe three changes you will see if the expected outcomes of the project occur (150 words recommended)

Risk Assessment

Complete the table below identifying the risks that will be involved in delivering this project. Some risks for consideration may include:

- Performance risks
- Fraud and Corruption risks
- Work, health and safety risks
- Risks of harm to children
- Terrorism Resourcing Diversion risks
- Environmental and/or social risks
- Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment risks

Click the '+' sign or "Add More" at bottom right to add new rows.

Risk Event	Risk Impact	Mitigation Strategy
What could go wrong?	What are we concerned about?	What are we going to do, and who is responsible?

Beneficiaries

Who will benefit from the project? *

Word count:

Describe the estimated number, gender, age and location/region of these participating in the project. Must be no more than 150 words.

Funding Agreement

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Conditions of funding

As a condition of this DAP funding, your organisation must ensure that no funds, resources or support, including training, is provided to any individuals or entities associated with criminal, illegal or terrorist activities.

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Accordingly, your organisation must take all necessary steps to ensure that funding provided by us does not, directly or indirectly, support or contribute to any criminal, illegal or terrorism-related activity.

Does your Organisation, directly or indirectly, support or contribute to, any criminal, illegal or terrorism-related activities? * ☐ Yes ☐ No