



CIDA's Peacebuilding Fund Applicant Information

IDENTIFIABLE PEACEBUILDING OBJECTIVES:

The project should be directly related to conflict prevention, resolution or peace consolidation. It should clearly contribute to peacebuilding, rather than to humanitarian or military aspects of conflict resolution, with clear measurable objectives and results

Examples of possible activities include:

Support for peace accords implementation

Strengthening locally-generated peacebuilding initiatives

Support for local peace dialogues

Developing local leadership for peace consolidation

Strengthening and enhancing governance and civil society

Promoting peace through communications and information technology.

URGENT NEED:

The Peacebuilding Fund should be used when no other existing mechanism is capable of reacting with sufficient speed or in a high-risk environment. The urgency of the need will be determined by CIDA's Peacebuilding Unit in consultation with the Department of Foreign Affairs and the respective posts.

CATALYTIC ROLE:

Peacebuilding Fund projects should be innovative in their approach to peacebuilding, serving as a "spark" or catalyst to energise local peace activities. Where appropriate, the potential leveraging aspect of CIDA's contribution to the peacebuilding process will also be taken into account.

CANADIAN CAPACITY:

Where appropriate, Peacebuilding Fund projects will respond to locally-defined peacebuilding needs by utilising Canadian capacity. The Canadian partner will be expected to bring relevant peacebuilding expertise to the project and, at the same time, to increase Canadian peacebuilding knowledge through its involvement in the project (lessons learned).

ONE-TIME, SHORT TERM CONTRIBUTIONS:

A Peacebuilding Fund project should be a one-time activity, or a series of activities for a period of up to 18 months.

COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE TO OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (ODA):

Projects under the Peacebuilding Fund may address conflicts in ODA countries only.

FINANCIAL LIMITATIONS:

Funding is available for peacebuilding initiatives to a maximum of \$500,000. The level of funding will be determined by clarity of the proposal and its objectives.

COMPLEMENTARY TO EXISTING CIDA PROGRAMS:

The Bilateral, Multilateral and Partnership programs should continue to carry the primary responsibility for development assistance and its contribution to peace. The Peacebuilding Fund is a new mechanism to fill gaps in Canadian programming when existing programs cannot respond rapidly to urgent peacebuilding needs, or when there is no existing bilateral program. In some cases, the Peacebuilding Fund could initiate the first response activity in a high-risk environment while regular programming is being planned. The issue of sustainability would thus be addressed.

PROJECTS' EXCLUSION GUIDELINES:

- Research projects
- Canada-based projects (activities that will happen only in Canada), as CIDA's mandate is to support the development of ODA countries
- Demining or demobilisation projects, as they are already financed through Multilateral and Bilateral mechanisms
- Refugees and returnees projects, as they are already covered by International Humanitarian Assistance
- Police training and electoral monitoring, as they are the object of specific funding arrangements between CIDA's Partnership Branch and other departments.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:

- Executing agencies must be eligible to receive CIDA's grants and be not-for-profit organisations
- Proven track record in peacebuilding and development
- Demonstrated administrative and financial accounting capacity
- Partnership with credible local organisations.

APPLICANTS' EXCLUSION GUIDELINES:

- Other Canadian government departments or their associated centres Research institutes
- Other donor governments' departments or associated organisations
- Foreign NGOs based in other donor countries
- Private individuals or for-profit consultant groups
- Core funding of organisations.

COUNTRY ELIGIBILITY:

- The project must take place in a country included on CIDA'S list on countries eligible for Official Development Assistance
- The country in question must have been recently affected, be currently affected or likely to be affected by a conflict.

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