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8TH CALL FOR THE SUBMISSION OF

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MEKONG - ROK COOPERATION FUND (MKCF)



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Introduction

Following the launch of the Mekong – Republic of Korea (ROK) partnership in 2011, the Mekong – ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF) was established in 2013 to support the implementation of cooperation activities initiated by the Mekong countries and the ROK under the Mekong – ROK cooperation framework.

The MKCF encourages cooperation in seven priority sectors outlined in the “Mekong – Han River Declaration for Establishing Partnership for People, Prosperity and Peace” adopted by Mekong-ROK Leaders during the 1st Mekong – ROK Summit in 2019.

The Fund provides grants for regional projects (benefits more than one country in the Mekong region - Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Viet Nam and Thailand). Such a project is aligned with the country's priorities to address national issues that facilitate the regional integration process. It can be implemented in a single country. However, benefits should be shared among the countries in the Mekong region and the ROK.

Criteria

The Fund provides grants to support catalytic and innovative activities in the seven priority sectors: (1) Culture and Tourism, (2) Human Resources Development, (3) Agriculture and Rural Development, (4) Infrastructure, (5) Information and Communication Technology (ICT), (6) Environment, and (7) Non-traditional Security Challenges.

Eligible Requirements of Proponents

- Government agencies/Autonomous Organizations from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Viet Nam, Thailand (CLMVT), and organizations from the ROK.
- Non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and training institutes from CLMVT and the ROK.
- International Organizations, including UN Agencies, and other International Non-Governmental Organizations having operating offices in the Mekong countries and ROK.
- Experience in implementing development projects for at least 5 years.
- Assistance to individuals will not be provided.

Budget / Duration

- The contribution of the Fund per project proposal is a minimum of 300,000 USD and a maximum of 1,000,000 USD.
- The fund encourages projects promoting 3-way (triangular) or 4-way (quadripartite) collaboration with other donors, including but not limited to the Mekong River Commission (MRC), Japan, United States (US), Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Canada, etc. When needed, extra budgetary funds should be leveraged to facilitate such projects.
- The fund provides grants for joint activities with a regional or international entity, formalized through a cooperation agreement and considered regional.
- Activities that are not eligible for funding include construction of buildings and payment of rent or utilities.
- The time frame of the project should be 2-3 years.

EOI SUBMISSION

Expression of Interest (EOI) Submission

- The proponent is required to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) when applying for the MKCF.
- The EOI should contain all the required components.
- The EOI, as per the prescribed format, should be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the respective country by May 10, 2024
- International Organizations, including UN Agencies and other International Non-Governmental Organizations having operating offices in the Mekong countries and ROK, should submit the EOI to ROK MOFA by May 10, 2024.
- Only shortlisted EOIs will be contacted for the next phase of the application process.

To know more about the MKCF, please download the MKCF Management Manual at: <https://bit.ly/4coJIKt>

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