

## **Frequently Asked Questions OFID-REEEP Programme Cycle**

### **How do I apply?**

Proposals should be submitted to [ofidcall@reeep.org](mailto:ofidcall@reeep.org) by 21<sup>st</sup> October using the *REEEP Bidding Form Version 4*. For questions on filling out the form, please refer to the guidance section at the end of the bidding form itself.

### **Where can I find details regarding the Call for Proposal priorities and proposal submission deadlines?**

If you do not find the information you need on the <http://ofid-reeep-call.reeep.org> page, please download the Call for Proposals and Project Line v 5.4 (offline version) documents for more extensive details on the programme priorities and the official procedures for the OFID-REEEP Programme Cycle.

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

The OFID-REEEP programme cycle could support up to 3 projects that propose innovative approaches to addressing the finance and business challenges of energy access by the poor. Proposals that address thermal and mechanical energy requirements in addition to electricity may be preferred. All proposals must be self-sustaining beyond the OFID-REEEP funding period.

### **Who is eligible to submit proposals?**

The OFID-REEEP programme is calling for proposals from organisations that are based in OFID priority countries, which covers all Least Developed Countries (LDCs). The implementing organisations should either be based in the target countries and/or ones with significant local presence and participation. These organisations could include:

- Financial institutions
- Private sector
- Non-governmental organisations and
- Energy regulators

### **How do I know if my proposal is eligible?**

The primary qualifiers for proposal eligibility are:

- Must be from a Least Developed Country
- Must have 50% co-financing
- Preferred to be income generating and sustainable after completion
- For a full list of the types of projects that will be rejected outright see the REEEP project line V 5. 4 (offline version)

**What are the focus areas or themes for funding?**

This funding is intended to support projects that accelerate development through energy access for the poor in a Least Developed Country. Proposals should target the reduction of energy poverty and include solutions with direct links to income generation. All forms of energy generation and efficiency will be considered.

**Which countries are the target countries?**

The OFID-REEEP target countries, as stated in the Call for Proposals and for which funding is available, are the currently qualified LDCs, as of 2011:

Africa:

Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Tanzania, and Zambia.

Asia and the Pacific:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Nepal, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Yemen.

Latin America and the Caribbean:

Haiti

Link to more information on LDCs:

[http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/ldc/home/Background/quick\\_facts](http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/ldc/home/Background/quick_facts)

**My project country is not an LDC. Can my project nevertheless be considered?**

Unfortunately only proposals from LDCs will be considered.

**Can I include non-LDCs as part of a regional project which focuses on LDC's?**

No. The scope of this funding is for application in LDCs only.

**How much funding is available?**

OFID-REEEP offers a maximum grant amount of US\$150,000.00 (one hundred fifty thousand) per project.

**Is co-financing necessary?**

Yes. Successful applications will be required to demonstrate proof of a minimum of 50% co-financing in order to be considered.

**Can OFID-REEEP funding be used towards larger projects with co-funders?**

Yes. Please indicate in your proposal the amount of co-funding received from other sources, including your own organization, and provide letters of confirmation from your co-funders.

**I have a few ideas for a potential proposal concept. Can REEEP provide comments on these before I submit my proposal?**

It may be possible for REEEP to provide comments on potential proposal concepts from implementing organizations prior to the start of the proposal submission and selection process. However, this will no longer be possible after the proposal submission deadline has passed and selection process has begun.

**What is the deadline for proposal submission?**

21<sup>st</sup> October 2011

**When does project implementation begin?**

Funded project implementation begins February 2012

**When will selected projects be announced?**

31st January 2012

**Is energy-related hardware eligible for funding?**

Yes, but this cannot be the only aspect of a proposal. For instance, a proposal should not only request funding for installation. It must include links to income generation. The OFID-REEEP programme cycle will provide partial support for costs of energy access hardware or infrastructure; co-financing from other donors or own resources can be used to support the remaining costs for hardware or infrastructure.

**Is there a timeframe for activities in a proposed project?**

Funded projects will be implemented over a 12-month period from February 2012. Longer term projects of 24 month duration are also possible in exceptional cases.

**The project I had submitted to REEEP for the 8th Programme Cycle was then put on the waitlist. Can it be re-submitted for this cycle?**

If the proposal covers an LDC, and meets all other criteria for the OFID-REEEP call (e.g. energy access related, 50% co-financing, and sustainable after the life of the project) it can be re-submitted for this call, but in the offline format for the OFID-REEEP call.