

Mozambique call for grant applications Institutional Collaboration Projects OKP-MOZ-10060

Joint proposal

Country	Mozambique
Priority themes	Food and Nutrition Security
Aim of the project	Develop and implement a comprehensive, multidisciplinary curriculum on nutrition, involving non-agricultural sectors
Call number	OKP-MOZ-10060
Maximum available funding for this call, excluding co-funding	EUR 1,000,000
Maximum funding per collaboration project, excluding co-funding	EUR 1,000,000
Minimum required cofunding	Encouraged

Time schedule

Call for grant applications	1 August 2019
Nuffic will answer questions about the call until	26 September 2019, 23.00 hrs CEST
Closing date for submission of grant applications	21 October 2019, 11.00 A.M. CEST
Assessment of grant application	18 November 2019
Communication of results to the applicants	2 December 2019

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1. Introduction: The Orange Knowledge Programme

Nuffic's Orange Knowledge Programme is a 5 year global development programme, aimed to strengthening professionals and organisations through education and training. It contributes to the goals of the Netherlands' [development cooperation policy](#), in which education plays a significant role.

The programme offers funding in 54 countries for individual scholarships, tailor-made trainings and institutional partnerships between Dutch and foreign education institutions in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and higher education. It focuses on the priority themes of the Dutch government (Water, Food and nutrition security, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, and Security and Rule of Law) and aims throughout the programme for inclusion, employability and environmental sustainability.

Nuffic is programme manager, in close collaboration with the programme's funder, the Netherlands' Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Running from mid-2017 to mid-2022, it will offer at least 51,000 people the chance to change their future through education.

With its institutional collaboration projects the Orange Knowledge Programme aims to support knowledge institutions in need of sustainable strengthening of higher and vocational education capacity, regarding local priority themes relevant to development cooperation. Support for vocational education and connection to the labour market are important principles. Institutional projects consist of various activities that contribute to institutional development of organisations in developing countries on three levels: individual, organisational and institutional.

More information about the Orange Knowledge Programme such as the basic principles and the policy framework can be found of the Nuffic website: www.nuffic.nl/en/global-development/orange-knowledge-programme.

The Orange Knowledge Grant Obligations and Conditions can be found among the downloads under the link to this call.

The Orange Knowledge Programme focuses on sustainable strengthening of higher and vocational education capacity within local priority themes relevant to Dutch development cooperation which are outlined in the Country Plans of Implementation (CPI). Click [here](#) for the CPI's per country.

The Theory of Change (ToC) of the Orange Knowledge Programme describes the interlinkages between capacity building and sustainable inclusive development to which each approved initiative under the Orange Knowledge Programme contributes to. The ToC can be found [here](#).

This document describes the procedure for submitting an Orange Knowledge Programme grant application for institutional collaboration project – joint proposals.

In this document you find important details for this call. Where applicable, links are included to provide more information on grant obligations and conditions, guiding principles, procedures, and formats.

2. Information specific for this call

2.1 Long-term impact

The Theory of Change (ToC) of the Orange Knowledge Programme presents the expected medium and long-term impact and outcomes of the programme. Each impact and outcome is quantified by a number of indicators which are described in the Orange Knowledge Programme Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and relates to the M&E Framework of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

All projects must contribute to achieving these impact and outcomes. In addition, it is expected that projects seek alignment with existing programmes, encourage alumni involvement and stimulate and facilitate south-south cooperation as much as possible. The grant application and, if the application is selected, subsequent reporting must give insight into how the project will contribute/contributes to achieving impact and outcomes.

The CPI gives all details about the impact, outcomes and indicators of the ToC of the Orange Knowledge Programme and of the contribution to the thematic ToC(s) specific to the country in question in Annex 3.

The proposed project must contribute to the following objective:

- End hunger (SDG 2)

The proposed project must contribute to the following long-term impacts:

- Reduce malnutrition; and
- Promote agricultural growth.

The following medium-term impact will contribute to this:

1. Education system (TVET/HE) is of good quality, relevant and accessible (SDG 4);
2. Partnerships between persons and organisations are inclusive and sustainable (SDG 17);
3. Organisations key to (sectoral) inclusive development of partner countries are strengthened by inflow of enhanced workforce.

This will be achieved by the following outcome:

- A. TVET/HE organisations (in the selected partner countries and in NL) perform better their core tasks, firmly embedded in their environment (in line with country / regional specific labour market needs & aiming at inclusiveness).

In the Orange Knowledge Programme format for a grant application the consortium partners will be asked to select relevant indicators to measure the achievement during and after project implementation at medium-term and long-term-level.

2.2 Context of the call

In Mozambique, the majority of the agricultural work is done by women. Gender inequality and poor access of women to resources keep productivity low, and food insecurity and malnutrition high. Statistics show that 24% of the households are food insecure; 43% suffer from chronic under-nutrition, affecting almost one in every two children under the age of five.

Nutrition is not a stand-alone science or intervention. It is linked to different pillars of food security like health, education (both on household level and school/university), inclusiveness and gender (in)equality. These topics, as well as cultural and regional differences are taken into consideration by the Mozambican government in its strategy to eradicate malnutrition and by the stakeholder platform that has been created for this purpose. Nevertheless, the translation of this strategy and outcomes of the platform into concrete and practical actions at community level to address malnutrition, remains a major challenge.

Within this context, Nuffic has identified a discrepancy between the existing curricula (theory) and the practice. Clear interventions are needed, such as a multi-sector plan to fight malnutrition and a comprehensive curriculum that encompasses the aforementioned pillars and that includes outreach initiatives, extension programmes and/or training opportunities in the communities. Whereas studies focus mostly on theory, there is a high demand for people with practical skills and a broad approach including all facets related to FNS. Consequently, based on a prioritisation of capacity gaps in the CPI the following intervention domain applies to this call:

Develop and implement a comprehensive, multidisciplinary curriculum on nutrition, involving non-agricultural sectors

The proposed project should focus on and include the following elements:

- Work together with and receive broad support from (small) farmers, farmers' associations and councils. This cooperation is crucial to promote innovations in agriculture and promote a new, balanced food consumption pattern among the population with affordable and healthy products.
- Work towards achieving a higher level of coordination and collaboration between faculties and other universities (homogenisation of curricula), as well as with the labour market and other institutions in the sector.
- Include outreach initiatives, extension programmes and/or training opportunities in the communities.
- The newly developed curriculum should provide for the development of professional and practical skills.

The proposed project should specifically pay attention to the following cross-cutting issues:

- The inclusion and improvement of (working) conditions for women and girls and marginalised and discriminated groups;
- The promotion of and emphasis on employability of graduates;
- Alignment of the newly developed curriculum with the labour market needs.

The intervention should be closely aligned with national policies and with other already existing initiatives (including projects funded by Nuffic and/or the Dutch Embassy) to

generate more impact towards overcoming the education and training gaps in FNS and to strengthen agricultural higher education in Mozambique. By continuing where other projects have ended; by working in parallel with other initiatives; and by building a strong foundation for the future, the continuity and sustainability of this project's results will become more strongly embedded.

The involvement of experts/consultants/local resource persons with good proficiency in the Portuguese idiom is highly recommended. In that sense, the inclusion of Mozambican organisations that have expertise in this area on the side of the Dutch consortium or other forms of south-south cooperation will be evaluated positively.

This is the first of three calls (OKP-MOZ-10060 / OKP-MOZ-10061 / OKP-MOZ-10062). Each call has a specific focus. Together, these calls are part of a complementary approach to address the capacity needs and gaps as identified in the CPI and should be interpreted as such.

2.3 Co-funding

Co-funding is one of the key principles underpinning the programme. It contributes to reciprocity and increases ownership of the collaboration. Co-funding may involve public, private and/or own funds.

Mozambique is considered to be a Least Developed Country (LDC) according to OECD's DAC list. This means that an application for this call does not require a minimum of co-funding, but partners are encouraged to include co-funding. Integration of co-funding in the breakdown of budgets will be one of the assessment criteria in the selection of applications.

A contribution from public funds is defined as: a contribution in cash or in kind to which is directly or indirectly paid for from state resources. State resources comprise all funds from the public sector, including funds from local levels of government (decentralised, federal, regional or other) and, in certain circumstances, funds from private bodies.

Public funds from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands (including embassies) do not count as co-funding, but can be added to the project.

Private funds are considered to be all funds – in cash or in kind – that are not state resources.

2.4 Questions about the call?

Nuffic will answer questions about this call until the date stated in the time schedule on the front page. If you have a question about this call you can send an e-mail in English to GDtenders@nuffic.nl. Mention in your email the call number.

Questions and Nuffic's answers will be published on the OKP website. The identity of the inquirers is kept private.

3. General information for applicants for institutional collaboration projects

Grants for OKP Institutional Collaboration Projects will be awarded to collaboration projects between knowledge institutions focusing on sustainable strengthening of higher and vocational education capacity within local priority themes relevant to development cooperation. A grant application (proposal) may be submitted by any one of the partners, potentially on behalf of a consortium. The grant applicant must be a Dutch institution for secondary vocational or higher vocational or academic education; or a national or local knowledge institution or organisation (knowledge institution, ministries, national commissions or non-governmental organisation) that contributes to capacity development in the area of higher and vocational education within the local priorities as set out in the country plan of implementation (CPI). The grant applicant must have sufficient organisational and financial capacity to lead an institutional collaboration project. The grant applicant (lead partner of a consortium, either from country A or the Netherlands) can only submit or be involved in one application for this call ('one applicant, one application'-rule). A consortium member (Country A or Dutch consortium) can participate in various proposals for the same call. The lead partner of the consortium that is not the applicant can also be involved in various applications for the same call.

Please check the criteria in the legal policy framework on our website, and read the specific criteria in this call document.

The applying organisation will be the grant recipient, who will be responsible for the grant activities and for complying with the obligations and conditions connected to the grant.

3.1 Eligibility criteria

Grant applications and applicants have to meet the following minimum criteria to be eligible for a grant:

1. The grant application must be submitted by a Dutch institution for secondary vocational or higher vocational or academic education, or a knowledge institution or organisation in a [Country A](#) (see full-programme countries on the map that are marked red), potentially on behalf of their consortia. The project must be a collaboration between a Dutch and a country A partner, potentially on behalf of their consortia. All country A partners have to be based in the country/countries specified in the call. Only the Dutch lead partner has to be based in the Netherlands.
2. The grant applicant is in a position to provide adequate financial management and, due to its experience and expertise in relation to activities similar to those for which the grant is being requested, can guarantee the targeted and effective performance of the activities to achieve the impact and outcomes as defined in the application; the applicant must submit data in the form of a COCA to enable its capacities to be assessed.
3. The grant applicant can function and operate appropriately within the legislation passed by the government in the country or countries in question.

4. The project proposal has a minimum duration of one year and a maximum duration of four years, and must be implemented and established by no later than 31 December 2021.
5. The grant applied for does not exceed the maximum amount specified in the call for grant applications.
6. Any required co-funding is guaranteed.
7. The grant application meets any specific financial requirements set out in the call.
8. The grant application must be in the compulsory format and meet all criteria and requirements stated in this document.
9. The grant application is in line with the CPI of the country concerned.

After receiving an application Nuffic will check if the application is complete and meets the minimum criteria. If the application is not complete or does not meet all criteria Nuffic will inform the applicant. The applicant then has two working days to complete or correct his application under specific conditions. After the two working days it is not possible to make any more changes to the application. Applications that are still not complete or still do not meet the minimum criteria will be rejected.

3.2 Grant Obligations and Conditions

By submitting a grant application the applicant agrees with the Grant Obligations and Conditions (version 3.0). The applicant by submitting also agrees to endorse the objectives of the Orange Knowledge Programme.

3.3 Requirements

Applications have to be:

- submitted before the deadline, in the compulsory format;
- complete, including all required documents at the time of submission, in the English language;
- a maximum of 25 pages, excluding the compulsory annexes;
- in a font size not smaller than Century Gothic 10;
- submitted in a searchable PDF (including all the annexes) and a budget in excel via email by sending it to GDtenders@nuffic.nl.

The email must at least carry the following information:

- subject: grant application Orange Knowledge Programme: OKP-country abbreviation-call number;
- a description of the content: call number, country, attached documents;
- the full name and contact details of the applicant.

All submitted annexes must follow the numbering and titles as indicated in the grant application form (checklist).

3.4 Eligibility check

After receipt of a grant application Nuffic will send the applicant a confirmation of receipt by email.

Nuffic will check if the application meets the eligibility criteria.

Grant applications that do not meet the minimum will be rejected. The applicant will be informed of this decision by Nuffic via email.

3.5 Assessment and selection procedure

Step 1: Assessment of eligible applications

Nuffic assesses the quality of eligible applications.

The applications are assessed according to the following criteria:

- Quality of the partnership;
- Project relevance;
- Project approach and design;
- Project management;
- Technical quality of the application.

A specific score sheet and set of criteria are used for the quality evaluation of the application. These criteria are the basis to determine which application best answers the capacity gap expressed in the CPI. An explanation of the assessment specifying the assessment questions and their weighting is available on the website.

A grant application is given a score for each of these criteria. The application must obtain a minimum score for each of the five criteria. In case a minimum of co-funding is required, the application must also obtain a minimum score for co-funding. Only applications that have obtained the required minimum score on all items are taken into consideration in the selection of a winning application. Applications that have not obtained the minimum score will be rejected.

Step 2 Ranking of applications

After the assessment all applications will be ranked. The grant application(s) with the highest score(s) will be selected, within the available budget.

After the selection Nuffic will inform the applicants with eligible applications by email of the outcome of the selection.

4. Checklist

Before submitting your application, please check that each of the following components is complete and complies with the criteria:

- The application has been submitted before the deadline
- The correct application form has been used.
- The application is written in the required language.
- The budget is in the prescribed format (in excel and a signed PDF by the legal representative of the grant applicant), does not exceed the maximum available amount for the specific call and meets the co-financing requirement (if applicable).
- The e-mail has been drawn up according to the specifications in this document.
- The answers must not exceed the maximum number of words indicated per question.
- The 'one applicant, one application'-rule has been respected

An application needs the following documents to be complete:

- Filled-in application form using the mandatory application format
- Annex 1 Statement grant applicant (mandatory format)
- Annex 2 Letter of intent for a consortium agreement signed by all partners (Country A lead partner including consortium members and Dutch lead partner including consortium members) including organisational diagram of the project
- Annex 3 Project Logical framework including planning (mandatory format)
- Annex 4 Budget of the proposed project (mandatory format)
- Annex 5 Overview of relevant experience in capacity development of the Country A partner and the Dutch partner (mandatory format)
- Annex 6a CVs of the project management teams (both partners) and principal experts
- Annex 6b Statements of availability and expertise (mandatory format)
- Annex 7 Capacity analysis of the Country A partner(s) (mandatory format: organisational assessment plus 5c scoring visualisation)
- Annex 8 Proof of co-funding, duly signed by co-funder
- Annex 9 Bank Statement of the grant applicant no more than 6 months old
- Annex 10 Checklist Organisational Capacity Assessment (COCA) for Institutional Collaboration Projects of grant applicant (mandatory format) or if the applicant already has a valid COCA: the COCA registration number issued by Nuffic.

Incomplete applications will be rejected. Nuffic prefers the proposals for the Institutional Collaboration Projects calls to be submitted in separate documents (Proposal, CVs, statements, letters) and the budget also separately in Excel.