

Country Focus Document

Orange Knowledge Programme (OKP)

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November 2020: to bring more focus into the programme, and to be more aligned with the Dutch policy on Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation (BHOS beleid) we have made changes in the country list. Suriname is now the only Compact country (C-country) left on the programme list. This means that Armenia, Bhutan, Bolivia, Cambodia, Cuba, Georgia, Nepal, Nicaragua, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Zimbabwe are not part of the programme for upcoming calls. Also Iraq joined the list for scholarships and training.

March 2021: adjustment of themes for Benin, Mali, Burkina Faso & Niger. New link to Country themes page including all regional context documents.

September 2021: Dutch embassies no longer issue visa for Afghan applicants, this also includes Afghan OKP scholarship holders. Activities in have been put on hold for Afghanistan. This means that Afghanistan will no longer take part of the Orange Knowledge Programme.

April 2022: Priority areas for Lebanon have been updated.

Co-funding

Note that co-funding is only applicable for group trainings and institutional collaboration projects – not for individual scholarships. The percentages shown below in the “co-funding” column show the minimum percentage of co-funding required. At least half of this minimum percentage should come from the requesting organization. The remaining required amount of co-funding is free to come from various other sources.

In order to enhance effectiveness and sustainability of individual scholarships and TMTs, applications should be linked to the priority areas provided by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands would like to support the following strategic partners or organizations:

Country	Priority areas	Strategic partners	Co-funding	ODA Country Category	OKP Country Category
Bangladesh	-Integrated Food and Nutrition Security (including water and climate change) -Integrated water resources management -Delta management -Maritime development including port development -SRHR	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	0%	LDC	A
Benin	Food and Nutrition Security, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights. Security and Rule of Law (nord Benin)	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) and the regional context document for the Sahel on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	0%	LDC	A

Country	Priority areas	Strategic partners	Co-funding	ODA Country Category	OKP Country Category
Burkina Faso	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Security and Rule of Law, Private Sector Development, Food and Nutrition Security, Water, Other priority areas: Integrated water resources, management for different stakeholders (agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries, energy, transport, drinking water) Employment creation for youth, Migration.	Ministries and government agencies directly involved in policy development and implementation in the abovementioned areas. Please find more information regarding this country in the regional context document for the Sahel on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	0%	LDC	B
Burundi	Food and Nutrition Security, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights/gender	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	0%	LDC	A
Colombia	In order to enhance effectiveness and sustainability of individual scholarships and TMTs, applications should complement existing institutional cooperation, supported by Nuffic or the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, by building capacity in related organisations in the following fields: Security & Rule of Law with the aim to increase legitimate stability. More specifically, social and economic reconstruction is chosen for a long-term impact: peace building through rural economic development in water and agriculture. In addition applications for scholarships in the so-called 'Orange Economy' are eligible (not necessarily linked to existing cooperation).	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	25%	UMIC	A
Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)	Health, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Education, Security and Rule of Law, Private Sector Development, Food and Nutrition Security, Water, Women's Rights and Gender Equality, Climate and Minerals.	Government staff, NGO's, entrepreneurs, researchers	0%	LDC	B

Egypt	Efficient water management in climate smart agriculture and inclusive agriculture for ecologically sustainable food security	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	15%	LMIC	A
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Ethiopia	In order to enhance effectiveness and sustainability of individual scholarships and TMTs, applications should complement existing institutional cooperation, supported by Nuffic or the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, by building capacity in related organisations in the following fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and Nutrition Security (with emphasis on dairy, horticulture and water in support of Food and Nutrition Security); • Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights; • Security and the rule of law 	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) and context documents on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	0%	LDC	A
Ghana	Food and nutrition security (FNS) and water management for agricultural production: focus on entrepreneurship and development of the private sector.	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	15%	LMIC	A
Guatemala	Priority 1: Human rights, with focus on women's rights (including SRHR), Human Rights Defenders, LGBTI rights, and freedom of expression. Priority 2: Social progress, especially civil society and (shrinking) civic space. Priority 3: Peace, security, stability and migration, with focus on transnational crime. Priority 4: Sustainable trade and investment, with focus on agrifood, logistics and corporate social responsibility. Priority 5: Sustainable development and climate.	Dutch and local NGO's in Guatemala; Ministries and other government organizations such as the ministries of environment, agriculture and interior affairs, the office of the public prosecutor, municipalities, etc.; Universities; Trade organisations such as AGExport and CENTRARSE.	15%	LMIC	B
Guinea	Security and Rule of Law, Private Sector Development, Food and Nutrition Security, Women's Rights and Gender Equality, International Justice, Climate & Environment.	The embassy has many partners in different projects, mostly governmental institutions and NGOs. Partners are chosen on the basis of their interest in taking part in the activities.	0%	LDC	B

Indonesia	Food and Nutrition Security Water management including climate and energy, Security and the rule of law.	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	15%	LMIC	A
Iraq	Food and Nutrition Security & Water	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) on our website:	25%	UMIC	A

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		Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic			
Jordan	Food and Nutrition Security, Sustainable agriculture including water efficiency and reuse.	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	15%	LMIC	A
Kenya	Food and Nutrition Security in a nexus with Water 1. professional education and vocational training in the agricultural value chains horticulture and dairy through strong collaboration with the private sector; 2. teacher training for agricultural TVET 3. water-smart and climatesmart agriculture 4. improved governance of water contributing to watersmart agriculture	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	15%	LMIC	A
Lebanon	Rule of law and anti-corruption, Sustainable rural development (agriculture and agro-food value chains), Upskilling and employment creation for youth, Education (curriculum reform; lifelong education; innovation in teaching; etc.), Program/project management and NGO management.	Public institutions Social enterprises	25%	UMIC	B

Liberia	Health , Water Sanitation, Hygiene and Water resources, Agriculture/Food Security, Trade & Private sector development.	For Health: Health facilities, Health professionals, Knowledge institutions / tertiary (colleges, technical universities), Government institutions / agencies, sector associations, regulatory bodies. For Water: Knowledge institutions / tertiary (colleges, technical universities), government institutions, SMEs, sector associations, regulatory bodies. For Agriculture/Food Security: Knowledge Institutions/Tertiary (Colleges, Technical Universities) Government Institutions/Agencies SME's Sector Associations Regulatory Bodies Trade & Private sector development: Knowledge Institutions/Tertiary (Colleges, Technical Universities) Government Institutions/Agencies SME's Sector Associations Regulatory Bodies Young Entrepreneurs	0%	LDC	B
Mali	Food and Nutrition, Security, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights. Security & Rule of Law	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) and the regional context document for the Sahel on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	0%	LDC	A

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Mozambique	Food and Nutrition Security (focus nutrition), Energy & Maritime, Water, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights.	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	0%	LDC	A
Myanmar	Inclusive agriculture for ecologically sustainable food security and sustainable and equitable water use.	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	0%	LDC	A
Niger	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Security and Rule of Law, Food and Nutrition Security, Water.	Please find more information regarding this country in the regional context document for the Sahel on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	0%	LDC	B

Nigeria	Human rights and good governance (democratisation and elections, security and rule of law), Sexual and reproductive health and rights, Water management, Economic development (food security and agriculture, agro food and horticulture, energy, creative industries)	Both public and private sectors	15%	LMIC	B
Palestinian Territories	Efficient water use for climate smart agriculture and Improved access to water and sanitation through good governance and sound technical management.	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	15%	LMIC	A
Rwanda	Security and Rule of Law: Justice, Reconciliation Law and Order Sector (JRLOS) with special attention for: -provision of legal services in the JRLOS institutions - increased access to, and quality of justice through capacity strengthening of forensics, law enforcement and rehabilitation centres. Food and nutrition security in a nexus with water: - value addition through agrobusiness development and agro-processing - sustainable, water efficient and climate smart agriculture.	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	0%	LDC	A
Senegal	Private sector Development, Human Rights, Security (Sahel Region), Employment / Employability of youth, Vocational training, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Rule of law, International justice,	The Embassy has many partners with whom we work depending on the projects we are working on. That is why the Embassy always supports any person/organizations interested by the OKP programme to apply (open system).	0%	LDC	B

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	Climate & Environment, Food security.				

Sierra Leone	Health, Water Sanitation, Hygiene and Water resources, Agriculture/Food Security, Trade & Private sector development.	For Health: Health facilities, Health professionals, Knowledge institutions / tertiary (colleges, technical universities), Government institutions / agencies, sector associations, regulatory bodies. For Water: Knowledge institutions / tertiary (colleges, technical universities), government institutions, SMEs, sector associations, regulatory bodies. For Agriculture/Food Security: Knowledge Institutions/Tertiary (Colleges, Technical Universities) Government Institutions/Agencies SME's Sector Associations Regulatory Bodies Trade & Private sector development: Knowledge Institutions/Tertiary (Colleges, Technical Universities) Government Institutions/Agencies SME's Sector Associations Regulatory Bodies Young Entrepreneurs	0%	LDC	B
Somalia	(Maritime) Security and Rule of Law, Food Security and agriculture.	For (Maritime) Security and Rule of Law: NGO's, Civil society, government, media organisations. For Food Security and agriculture: Knowledge institutes and private sector actors focused on sectors such as fisheries and natural resources	0%	LDC	B
South Africa	Food and Nutrition, Security, Water management, TVET with a particular focus on FNS and Water.	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	25%	UMIC	A
South Sudan	Private Sector Development, Food Security, Water.	For all areas: Existing project beneficiaries, IDPs, Urban and rural youth, Women.	0%	LDC	B
Sudan	Food security, agriculture and water, Rule of law and human rights, Business/private sector, Democratisation (including media and journalism)	We are keen to liaise future OKP activities closely with our ongoing programmes funded via a.o. the Human Rights Fund, PSD programmes and our economic diplomacy efforts. In particular we see a role for the OKP in complementing our private sector led development approach in both Eastern and south western Sudan, addressing migration issues at the same time.	0%	LDC	B
Suriname	Security and Rule of Law, Food security, Water management,	Government Semi-government NGO's and small enterprises	25%	UMIC	C

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	Human Rights esp. LGBT and Women Rights, Urban Planning/City planning, Sustainable tourism management, Diplomacy, Local governance, Sport, Women entrepreneurship, Private sector development.				
Tanzania	Food and Nutrition Security, Energy, (Media).	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	0%	LDC	A
Tunisia	Agricultural growth and employment in agriculture; Stability, Migration, security and the rule of law.	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	15%	LMIC	A
Uganda	<p>Food and Nutrition Security with special attention for: - climate smart agriculture, value chain development and business development in horticulture, potato and dairy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - regulatory systems for agricultural products to comply to international market requirements - agricultural training for relief and development in relation to refugee support programmes in Uganda. <p>Security and Rule of Law: 1. Training capacity and organisational development of institutions in the established Justice Law and Order Sector (JLOS). Focus themes are specified in the CPI for Uganda</p> <p>2. Prioritized themes within JLOS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Juvenile and child justice - Sexual gender based violence in relation to human rights - Safety and security refugee settlements/host communities - Transitional Justice - Commercial Justice 	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	0%	LDC	A
Vietnam	Sustainable Integrated Water Resource Systems and inclusive agriculture which contribute to ecologically sustainable food security systems in Vietnam	Please find more information regarding this country in the Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) on our website: Country themes - Orange Knowledge Programme Nuffic	15%	LMIC	A

Yemen	SRHR, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Peacebuilding and Rule of Law	For SRHR: Ministry of Public Health and Population, relevant education and training institutions, NGOs, family counselling and development foundation	0%	LDC	B
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		For Water: Ministry of Water and Environment, relevant education and training institutions, Integrated Water Resources Management, NGOs For Peacebuilding: Ministries, relevant educational training institutes, NGOs.			
Zambia	Water, energy and climate change, Food and Nutrition security	Ministry of Agriculture Ministry of Commerce Trade and Industry/Zambia Development Ministry of Transport and Communication Ministry of Lands Cabinet Office / Public Service Management Division Ministry of Energy Zambia Electricity Supply Corp	0%	LDC	B

OKP Country category	Available instruments
A	Institutional collaboration projects, Tailor-Made Training Plus, Tailor-Made Training, Individual scholarships for mid-career professionals, alumni activities
B	Tailor-Made Training Plus, Tailor-Made Training, Individual scholarships for mid-career professionals, alumni activities
C	Tailor-Made Training, Individual scholarships for mid-career professionals, alumni activities

ODA Country category	Explanation
LDC	Least Developed Countries
OLIC	Other Lower Income Countries
LMIC	Lower Middle Income Countries and Territories
UMIC	Upper Middle Income Countries and Territories