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**Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 26 January 2023, no. MINBUZA-2023.339797, establishing grant ceilings under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Scheme 2006, and amending the Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 8 March 2018, no. MINBUZA-2018.385214, establishing a grant ceiling and policy rules for the awarding of grants under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Scheme 2006 and the Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 21 June 2022, no. MINBUZA-2022.504564, establishing grant ceilings under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Scheme 2006 (grant ceilings for the OKP 2023 and amendment of OKP policy rules)**

The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation,

In light of Articles 6, 7 and 10 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grants Decree; and  
In light of Articles 6.4 and 6.5 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Scheme 2006;

### **Article 1**

1. For the awarding of grants under the OKP 2018–2022<sup>1</sup>, there will be a grant ceiling of €35,000,000 for the period from the effective date of this order until 31 December 2023.
2. The amount available for 2023 will be distributed among the various types of grants as follows:
  - a. Grants for activities aimed at providing scholarships for:
    1. Short Courses: €8,000,000, of which

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<sup>1</sup> Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 8 March 2018, no. MINBUZA-2018.385214, establishing a grant ceiling and policy rules for the awarding of grants under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Scheme 2006 (Orange Knowledge Programme 2018–2022), Government Gazette 2018, no. 14630.

- i. €4,000,000 is available for an initial call and
  - ii. €4,000,000 is available for a second call. In each of the two calls, €3,000,000 of the available funds has been earmarked for activities conducted in the countries included in Category A of the country list in the annex to the OKP 2018–2022, while €1,000,000 has been earmarked for activities conducted in the countries included in Category B of the same country list. If any money is left unspent from the funds made available for the first call, that money will be made available for applications submitted in response to the second call.
2. Master's programmes: €16,000,000, of which
- i. €14,000,000 is available for an initial call, of which €525,000 has been earmarked for applications in connection with the Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education (*Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan*), €10,106,250 for activities conducted in the countries included in Category A of the country list in the annex to the OKP 2018–2022 and €3,368,750 for activities conducted in the countries included in Category B of the same country list; and
  - ii. €2,000,000 is available for a second call, of which €1,500,000 has been earmarked for activities conducted in the countries included in Category A of the country list in the annex to the OKP 2018–2022, while €500,000 has been earmarked for activities conducted in the countries included in Category B of the same country list.
- If any money is left unspent from the funds made available for the first call, that money will be made available for applications submitted in response to the second call.
- b. Grants for activities aimed at providing the following types of training courses:
    - 1. Refresher courses: €0.
    - 2. Tailor-made training courses: €5,000,000, of which
      - i. €2,500,000 is available for an initial call and
      - ii. €2,500,000 is available for a second call.
 The available money for both calls will be evenly distributed among the countries included in the country list in the annex to the OKP 2018–2022, as stipulated in Article 8(3)(d) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Grants) Decree. If any money is left unspent from the funds made available for the first call, that money will be made available for applications submitted in response to the second call.
  - 3. Tailor-made Plus training courses: €6,000,000, which will be evenly distributed among the countries included in the country list in the annex to the OKP 2018–2022, as stipulated in Article 8(3)(d) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Grants) Decree.
  - c. Grants for activities aimed at organising institutional cooperation projects: €0.
  - d. Grants for alumni activities: €0.

3. For the awarding of grants under the OKP 2018–2022, there will be a grant ceiling of €0 for the period from 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2024.

## Article 2

Additional policy rules shall be announced on [www.nuffic.nl](http://www.nuffic.nl) for the calls referred to in Article 1(2)(b)(2) and (3).

## Article 3

The Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 8 March 2018, no. MINBUZA-2018.385214, establishing a grant ceiling and policy rules for the awarding of grants under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Scheme 2006 (2018–2022 Orange Knowledge Programme)<sup>2</sup> will be amended as follows:

<sup>2</sup> Government Gazette 2018, no. 14630.

A

In Article 1, '31 July 2023' will be replaced by '31 December 2024'.

B

In Article 5, '1 August 2023' will be replaced by '1 January 2025'.

C

The annex to the Order will be amended as follows:

1. In Article **1(3). Available funds**, the date '31 July 2023' in the first paragraph will be replaced by '31 December 2024' and '€231,775,801' will be replaced by '€266,775,801'.

2. Article **1.6. Country list** will be replaced by the following:

**1.6. Country list**

To be eligible for a grant under the OKP 2018–2022, grant applications must focus on educational activities for candidates and institutions in a limited number of countries. These countries are listed in the 'Country List' schedule to this annex. In line with the current Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation policy strategy and in anticipation of a proposed new programme, countries have been divided into two categories, A and B, from 2023 onwards.

**Country Plans of Implementation (CPIs) and Country Focus documents**

To be eligible for a grant for the various educational activities for which OKP grant funds are available, grant applications must be relevant to sustainable development in the country and/or region in question, and must be aligned with the themes relevant to local priority development. Information on these matters can be obtained in the Country Plans of Implementation (CPI) for countries included in Category A and in the Country Focus documents for countries included in Category B.<sup>3</sup> CPIs define the capacity needs for the country concerned and contain a package of coherent activities that could contribute to knowledge development and capacity building within the chosen themes for the country or region in question. They are in line with the multi-year strategic policy as described in the Multi-Annual Strategic Plan (MASP) or the annual plan of the Dutch Embassy. In the case of countries included in Category B, the themes outlined in the Country Focus document apply. A list of themes relevant to local priority development for each country, which have been strategically coordinated with the embassies, will be published on Nuffic's website.<sup>4</sup>

3. **Section 2. Individual scholarships** will be amended as follows:

a. The text under the heading **Section 2. Individual scholarships** will be replaced by the following:

In the OKP Individual Scholarships programme, grants will be provided from which scholarships can be issued to participants in:

1. Master's degrees: post-graduate Master's programmes lasting at least one academic year and a maximum of 24 months. In the case of Master's programmes lasting more than 12 months, a grant will be provided for the first 12 months provided that co-financing is available for the remainder of the programme.
2. Short Courses (SC): courses not connected to a degree, such as diploma courses or modules from Bachelor's and Master's programmes. In order to qualify for a Short

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<sup>3</sup> [www.nuffic.nl](http://www.nuffic.nl)

<sup>4</sup> [www.nuffic.nl](http://www.nuffic.nl)

Course grant, applications as part of the first call must span a minimum of two weeks and a maximum of 12 months, while applications as part of the second call must span a minimum of two weeks and a maximum of seven months. The available money will be allocated by means of a grant tendering process based on the criteria set out in this section. As regards grants towards scholarships for participants in Short Courses and Master's programmes, 75% of the grant money earmarked for each call is intended for activities conducted in the countries included in Category A of the country list in this annex, while 25% is intended for activities conducted in countries included in Category B. As regards the first call for applications for scholarships for participants in Master's programmes, a total of €525,000 will be earmarked for applications under the joint scholarship programme with Indonesia, the Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education (*Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan, LDPD*).

b. In the paragraph headed 'With regard to the application/applicant', the full stop at the end of the final criterion will be replaced by a semicolon and the following criterion will be added:

- Applicants must demonstrate that they will co-finance at least 5% of the cost of the programme for each selected scholarship recipient.

4. In **Section 3. Tailor-made group training courses**, the text under the heading **Range of programmes** will be replaced by the following:

In the context of OKP group training courses, offering the following types of courses will give rise to eligibility for a grant:

1. Tailor-made training courses (TMT): tailor-made group training courses with a maximum budget of €75,000 and a maximum duration of 12 months.
2. Tailor-made Plus training courses (TMT+): tailor-made group training courses with a maximum budget of €200,000 and a maximum duration of 14 months.

The available money will be allocated by means of a grant tendering process based on the criteria set out in this section and evenly distributed among the countries included in the country list in the annex to these policy rules. If additional policy rules are set for the call, notice will be given and the rules will be made available on [www.nuffic.nl](http://www.nuffic.nl).

5. The country list in the annex in the enclosure will be replaced by the following country list:

**Annex: Orange Knowledge Programme (OKP) country list**

Category A	Category B
Bangladesh	Burkina Faso
Benin	DR Congo
Burundi	Lebanon
Colombia	Niger
Egypt	Nigeria
Ethiopia	Senegal
Ghana	Somalia
Indonesia	South Sudan
Iraq	Sudan
Jordan	Yemen
Kenya	
Mali	
Mozambique	
Palestinian Territories	
Rwanda	
South Africa	

Tanzania	
Tunisia	
Uganda	
Vietnam	

#### **Article 4**

Article 1(3) of the Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 21 June 2022, no. MINBUZA-2022.504564, establishing grant ceilings under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Scheme 2006 (grant ceilings for the OKP 1 July 2022–31 July 2023)<sup>5</sup> shall expire.

#### **Article 5**

This Order shall take effect from the day after the date of issue of the Government Gazette in which it is published, on the understanding that the annex to the Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 8 March 2018, no. MINBUZA-2018.385214, establishing a grant ceiling and policy rules for the awarding of grants under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Scheme 2006 (Orange Knowledge Programme 2018–2022) shall continue to apply to grants awarded before that date and shall expire with effect from 1 January 2025, on the understanding that it shall continue to apply to grants awarded before that date.

Notification of this order shall be published in the Government Gazette.

*The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation,  
on whose behalf,  
the Director-General for International Cooperation,  
K. van der Heijden*

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<sup>5</sup> Government Gazette 2022, no. 16825.