

# **Department for International Development (DFID) – United Kingdom**

## **About DFID**

Since 1997, DFID is the department of the UK government that manages Britain's aid to developing countries and aims to eliminate extreme poverty worldwide. In order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015, DFID works together with governments of developing countries as well as international bodies, charities, businesses and local cooperatives and civil society groups.

In 2010/2011, DFID has a budget of £7.8 billion, equal to 0.7% of GNI. DFID provides both bilateral and multilateral aid for development assistance. 27% of the budget is provided to governments directly and 40% goes to international multilateral organizations. The key multilateral partners of DFID are the World Bank, European Commission, United Nations and the Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Special attention is further devoted to the member States of the Commonwealth. The UK being the prominent member of the Commonwealth Secretariat, DFID supports Commonwealth members' governments directly, but also through providing funding for all sorts of Commonwealth development projects. Other funding goes to charities and development projects led by non-governmental organizations on the ground.

DFID has recently introduced its UKaid logo to make DFID's contributions to development activities more visible.

## **Areas of work**

The eight Millennium Development Goals lie at the heart of DFID's work. Within this context, the following policy areas have emerged as the key policy areas of DFID:

- Climate and environment
- Malaria
- Reproductive, maternal and newborn health
- Water and sanitation
- Wealth creation and private sector
- Support to local civil society organizations

## **Eligibility for DFID funding**

DFID runs projects all around the world: Africa, Middle East, Asia, Pacific, Caribbean, Europe, Latin America and the British overseas territories.

The following UNECE member States are eligible for funding: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan and Ukraine.

DFID provides funds for organizations across the globe through open competition. Various funds exist for not-for-profit organizations who are working to end poverty, but also a number of funds that aim to encourage businesses' (financial) involvement in development projects. Furthermore DFID finances two humanitarian response funds to support projects in emergency situations or fragile states.

### **How to apply**

From 1 April 2001, all UK development assistance has been fully untied, which allows suppliers from anywhere in the world to bid for DFID contracts. The DFID website lists all funds that are open to bids on the following website: <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-opportunities/>

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