

## UK Aid Connect 2017

**UK Aid Connect will deliver lasting change to poor people's lives by supporting consortia of diverse organisations to come together and create innovative solutions to complex development challenges**

The world has seen substantial success on poverty reduction. However, 1.2 billion people remain in extreme poverty. There is a growing recognition that the problems facing the poorest and most excluded people and the global challenges underlying those problems are complex and inter-connected.

No single development actor has all the answers. Consortia and collaboration bring new and creative ideas, innovation, better results and opportunities through pooled ideas, skills and resources. DFID wants to bring those qualities together in coalitions that address key development challenges in priority thematic areas.

We are therefore inviting consortia to submit proposals on how they will tackle the following challenges:

- Promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights;
- Disability Inclusion;
- Working towards global security and stability;
- Building civil society effectiveness;
- Building open societies;
- Tackling child labour and modern slavery;
- Addressing lesbian, gay and bisexual and transgender inclusion;
- Supporting tolerance and freedom of religion or belief.

### Next Steps

#### Phase1:

Theme	Discussion/Dialogue Meeting	Proposal to be submitted to DFID by:
Promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights	DFID Whitehall London Wednesday 26 July 1230-1430	23:59 on 15 September
Working towards global security and stability	DFID Whitehall London Wednesday 26 July 1530-1730	23:59 on 15 September
Disability inclusion	DFID Whitehall London Thursday 27 July 1200-1400	23:59 on 15 September
Building civil society effectiveness	DFID Whitehall London Friday 28 July 0930-1130	23:59 on 15 September

**Decisions:** The outcome of the Phase 1 application process will be communicated in November.

**Phase 2:**

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Discussion/Dialogue Meeting</b>	<b>Proposal to be submitted to DFID by:</b>
<b>Tackling child labour and modern slavery</b>	<b>DFID Whitehall London Tuesday 25 July 1600-1800</b>	<b>23.59 on 20 October</b>
<b>Building open societies</b>	<b>DFID Whitehall London Thursday 27 July 1500-1700</b>	<b>23.59 on 20 October</b>
<b>Supporting tolerance and freedom of religion or belief</b>	<b>DFID Whitehall London Friday 28 July 1230-1430</b>	<b>23.59 on 20 October</b>
<b>Addressing lesbian, gay and bisexual and transgender inclusion</b>	<b>DFID Whitehall London Friday 28 July 1530-1730</b>	<b>23.59 on 20 October</b>

**Decisions:** The outcome of the Phase 2 application process will be communicated in December.

Funding for each of the thematic areas will be dependent on the quality of proposals received and DFID will reserve the right to not fund one or more area if the bids do not meet the required standard.

If you would like to attend one of the Discussion/Dialogue meetings, please e-mail [UKAidConnect@dfid.gov.uk](mailto:UKAidConnect@dfid.gov.uk) by **1200 on 20<sup>th</sup> July**. Places are limited but all questions and answers will be published on the website.