

## Partnership with high street retailers

***“We’re currently constructing an article on the DFID giving taxpayer’s money to high street retailers in order to help develop the businesses of their foreign suppliers.***

***Q. How much money in total has been provided?***

***Q. How does a company apply for such a grant?”***

This initiative is not giving money to UK retailers or their foreign suppliers to develop their business.

Through the Trade and Global Value Chains Initiative (TGVCI) DFID will work with UK high street names to improve working conditions and job opportunities for more than 700,000 workers and smallholder farmers in countries like Kenya, South Africa and Bangladesh. The initiative will match funds that companies or suppliers invest in projects to improve working conditions, job opportunities, and community services for workers and communities involved in the horticulture and garment sectors. Funding from DFID and the global retailers will go towards specific projects which will be implemented by local and international organisations.

Detailed information on DFID’s TGVCI project ‘[Promote sustainable global value chains](#)’ which includes spend and budget figures is available on DFID’S Development Tracker using the link given above.

Information relating to how a company applies for TGVCI grants is available [here](#) on the Inside Government website.