



British Embassy
Manila

British Embassy Manila Bilateral Fund FY 2014-15

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Introduction

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office's programme funds seek to create real, measurable outcomes in support of the FCO's policy goals. Human rights, democracy and the rule of law are at the heart of HMG's foreign policy.

The Bilateral Fund is money devolved fully to the Embassy to spend on priority issues linked to Post's Country Business Plan or a Department's Business Plan and one or more of the Foreign Policy Priorities. The aim is to deliver transformational policy change in the Philippines.

High Level Objective

The Embassy business plan covers a wide range of issues including human rights, economic reform / growth, exchanges, counter-proliferation, education, development, institutional reform, capacity building and climate change.

While we can and will accept project ideas and bids on all of these issues, we want the Bilateral Fund to focus in particular on the issue of governance. Governance is central to all of the hope and aspirations of the Philippines. Governance is essential for long term prosperity. And it is the best support for democracy, good government and human rights.

Project proposals should demonstrate that they will leverage significant additional actions over and above the money invested by the FCO. Experience has shown that the best way to do this is to work towards **high level policy change**, build capacity in a sustainable way, translate evidence or analysis into action plans and work closely with host governments. This can also be achieved when FCO funding is used to leverage co-funding from other donors and partner institutions.

Partners can include government, business, academia and NGOs, but **working with governments and official bodies is more likely to result in high impact, transformational outcomes which outlive the duration of the project.** An inclusive and collaborative engagement amongst various stakeholders are also likely to deliver sustained project outcomes buttressed by stronger project ownership and real partnership.

We are looking for practical interventions that will lead to a real and timely difference to decision-making and implementation changes. Proposals focusing purely on research, analysis, seminars or workshops will not be relevant unless they lead to specific and measurable action. Projects can be at regional or state level within a country, provided that replicability is built into the proposal and sufficient impact is likely.

Proposals must make clear that they are adding value to, and not duplicating other donor activities. **Project purpose must be specific, measurable, ambitious but achievable, realistic and time bound (S.M.A.R.T).** The project purpose must be supported with clear outputs and measurable milestones, and project activities must be directly linked to the specific outputs. Budget proposal must show reasonable activity costs and demonstrate value for money practice.

We will reserve 15 % of the fund to be used throughout the year on short notice projects or visits of £ 5000 or less that can deliver value and outcomes on the priority areas.

Bilateral Fund Objectives and Indicators 2014/15

Objectives	Indicators
1. Strengthening governance and institutions	1.1 Policy sharing, policy formulation, policy refinement, policy influence and capacity building related to the systems of governance, key government institutions and the UN that can be strengthened and/or developed to initiate reform towards reinforcing better performance, strengthening delivery of services and bolstering public trust, thereby delivering enhanced security and prosperity in the Philippines.

	<p>1.2 Support to electoral management bodies, parliaments, the judiciary, political parties, the media, the security sector and civil society that is essential to the success of elections and/or plebiscites, and strengthening the electoral process and key institutions</p> <p>1.3 Engagement and empowering of civil society and the public collaborating with the government on the best and most suitable democratic systems and structures</p> <p>1.4 Inclusive, multi-stakeholder and collaborative engagement mobilising and empowering key actors or institutions committing to the programme initiatives and sustaining the action agenda</p> <p>1.5 Deep contextual and evidence-based understanding of the governance challenges, government’s institutional priorities and capacities, and risks strategically addressed by project interventions.</p>
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Indicative Timetable

Bidding and Project Timeline FY 2014-2015 <i>* in line with regional schedule</i>	
Dates	Activity
13 December 2013	Communication of priorities and briefing of project partners
14 Dec 2013 - 20 Jan 2014	Call for Bids Stage 1 Bidders submit project concept proposal
06 Jan 2014 – 20 Jan 2014	FCO Evaluates project Concept Proposals
20 Jan 2014 – 15 Feb 2014	Stage 2 Successful bidders develop full project proposal
15 Feb 2014 – 21 Feb 2014	Programme Board Meets to decide on bids
March 2014	Successful bidders are notified for revisions or invited to sign a grant agreement
01 April 2014	Project Commences
15 March 2015	Project Ends

Programme Board

Chair: Trevor Lewis, DHM British Embassy Manila

Board Secretaries: Nell Belgado and Clarisse Fogg

Members:

1. Steph Lysaght, 1st Secretary & Head of the Political & Economic Team

****Members to be determined by January 2013**

Previous and Ongoing Project Work

FY14-15

- a. UK support for the implementation of Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) consisting of study group visits and meetings for the CPA that will create the Bangsamoro government by 2016 implemented before the end of 2013.
- b. Launch of first Global Entrepreneurs Week in the Philippines to promote entrepreneurship as a means of economic growth
- c. GREAT Prosperity Campaign highlighting the best of UK business and culture
- d. Institutionalising a rationalised investigation-case build-up-prosecution process amongst Department of Justice, Commission on Audit, Civil Service Commission, National Bureau of Investigation and Ombudsman
- e. Enhancing business ethics and adherence to international standards (Mexico City Principles) in the Philippine pharmaceutical industry
- f. Contributing to a national inclusive agenda empowering persons with disabilities
- g. Disaster risk management involving the sharing of UK processes with the Philippines in response to Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan)
- e. Tactical projects (Earth day, course on women's transitional justice and course on land issues in transitional nations)

FY 13-14

Sponsorship of 2 women leaders to attend training programme on gender, conflict and UNSCR 1325 - Support the Mindanao Peace Process by building the capacity of women leaders on the issue of transitional justice and on the UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security.

Support the attendance of a key DFA contact at the Wilton Park NPT Conference in order to support our CBP objective of the Philippines using its influence in international bodies to support UK counter-proliferation and disarmament objectives.

'Mobilising the Aleemat as Human Rights Educators' - Mobilise Muslim religious leaders to raise community awareness and uphold the promotion and protection of human rights framing it within the religious and cultural context of ARMM and other regions in the Philippines where Muslims communities exists such as NCR / Luzon and Visayas. £21,326

Support Philippine Government Development Programme of key officials and young professionals – Sponsor courses: PPP Foundation Masterclass’ (co-sponsored with Mansion House Scholarship) and ‘Doing Business: How governments provide private sector development.’ Participants from Department of Finance, Department of Science & Technology, and Department of Health.

Sponsorship of UK Expert to attend CPU Net’s conference in December 2012 *Ako Para sa Bata 2012 Manila Conference* with a theme “*Battling BAD Behaviors: Enabling Adults to Respond Positively and Effectively to Children*” aims to help key stakeholders such as social workers, police, teachers, community workers, physicians, legislators, parents, understand and develop competencies that will prevent children from coming in conflict with the law and to fully implement the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act. Detective Chief Superintendent John Carnochan QPM FFPH, Co-Director of the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit.

Lord Trimble’s Philippines Visit - Recognise the important steps taken by the GPH and the MILF and to build political and public support to drive implementation of the plan during and beyond the present administration.

Programme and Project Partners in the past

Gaston Z Ortigas Peace Institute Inc

Philippine Centre for Islam and Democracy (PCID)

Department of Foreign Affairs

Department of Finance

Department of Health

Department of Science & Technology

Child Protection Unit Network Foundation Inc (CPN)

Foreign Service Institute-Department of Foreign Affairs

Mission Pacific and the Marshall Islands National Olympic Committee (MINOC), Republic of Marshall Islands

Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities (iCSC)

Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG)

Rainbow Rights Project (R-Rights) Inc

Code RED (Reforms for Economic Development)

La Liga Policy Institute Inc

Vera Files Inc

International Alert

Go Negosyo

Department of Justice