



British Embassy
Manila

British Embassy Manila Bilateral Fund FY 2016-17

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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 governance 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 is 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); a SMART project purpose is essential for us to approve a bid at the concept stage.** The project purpose must be supported with clear outputs and measurable milestones, and project activities must be directly linked to the specific outputs. The budget proposal must show reasonable activity costs and demonstrate value for money practice. Please keep in mind that the British Embassy Manila does not advance funds but can reimburse the partner on a monthly basis.

15% of the fund will be reserved for the attendance of influential stakeholders to key engagements on UK priorities such as the International Anti-Corruption Summit and the Open Government Initiative.

Writing a proposal that meets our standards at the concept stage can be a complex process but we will be happy to help you. Please discuss your concepts with us in advance so we can provide proper guidance and feedback; **bids that have been crafted with our guidance and feedback are more likely to be invited to the full proposal stage.** Please contact Clarisse Fogg, Programme Manager of the Bilateral Programme Fund at Clarisse.Fogg@fco.gov.uk.

Bilateral Fund Objectives and Indicators for FY 15/16

Objectives	Indicators
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support to end conflict in Muslim Mindanao and implement the 2014 Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro 2. Strengthening governance and institutions 3. Promotion of tolerance and counter violent extremism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy sharing, policy formulation 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. - 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 - Engagement and empowering of civil society and the public collaborating with the government on the best and most suitable democratic systems and structures - Inclusive, multi-stakeholder and collaborative engagement mobilising and empowering key actors or institutions committing to the programme initiatives and sustaining the action agenda

Indicative Timetable

Bidding Timeline FY 2016-2017 * <i>in line with regional schedule</i>	
Dates	Activity
19 February 2016	Deadline for concept notes
23 February 2016	Manila Programme Team to make a decision on the concepts that are to be made into full bids
4 March 2016	Deadline for full bids to British Embassy Manila
7-9 March 2016	Manila Programme board meets to assess bids
9-11 March 2016	Revision of bids
15 March 2016	Deadline for full bids to Asia Pacific Directorate
1 April 2016	Project starts (earliest date)
31 March 2016	Project ends