



Information on Activity Concept Submissions to Public Sector Linkages Program

FOR 2007-08 ROUND THREE FUNDING FOR ACTIVITIES RELATING TO APEC, APEC AI, EAST TIMOR, INDONESIA AND SOUTH ASIA

(Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Regionally)

Closing time and date: 5pm AEST, 30 June 2008

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

- > Use the **Activity Concept Submission Form** to apply for PSLP funding. (Do **not** complete the PSLP Activity Details Proposal Form unless asked to do so in writing by AusAID.)
- > A Submission that exceeds two pages will not be considered. Provide only the key points.
- > AusAID's receipt of your Submission in no way implies any commitment to support it. The approval of a grant under PSLP is at the discretion of AusAID.
- > By lodging an Activity Concept Submission Form the applicant is acknowledging an understanding of the **2007-08 Round Three PSLP Guidelines**. Activities **must** be consistent with the PSLP Guidelines before funding can be provided.
- > Draw on the PSLP informal note, *Aspects of development and Activity design* (available from www.aid.gov.au/pslp) to help ensure design integrity.

Proposals from coordinating departments or particular universities for the funding of multiple Activities in any one funding Round in one partner country or for one regional PSLP scheme **must** be accompanied by the **Form for Prioritising Multiple Submissions**, which requires:

- > Concepts to be prioritised relative to each other, and
- > a single point of contact to be nominated within the department or university.

Organisations lodging multiple Submissions should email each Submission separately.

Please **email** your completed Activity Concept Submission Form in MS Word to pslp@ausaid.gov.au at any time during the period 2-30 June 2008 but **no later than 5pm AEST, 30 June 2008**.

ADVICE FOR ADDRESSING ACTIVITY CONCEPT SUBMISSION FORM QUESTIONS

Q6. DESCRIBE THE BROADER DEVELOPMENT ISSUE THE ACTIVITY WOULD ADDRESS

If, for example, the Activity aims to improve the capacity of an organisation to deliver effective blood transfusion services at a district level, the broader development issue may be high maternal mortality levels from complicated deliveries. In this case, the broader development issue is not weak transfusion services. Rather, you would need to identify what development problem improved transfusion services would address.

Alternatively, if the Activity is to improve the capacity of an organisation to develop more effective education policy, you would need to consider the problem that has resulted from poor policy development to date. The broader development problem could be that children are not completing primary school, which is limiting economic development.

Although a single Activity is unlikely to have a demonstrable impact at this level, it is important to place it in context by describing what broader development issue it is trying to address.

Q7. DESCRIBE BRIEFLY AND CLEARLY THE ACTIVITY CONCEPT

Define the overall objective of the Activity. This should be clearly linked to the broader development problem described in the previous question. Ideally, the definition should include only one concept in a simple sentence (avoid the words 'and' or 'through').

development capacity, a single conference or workshop is unlikely to achieve this. Listing the types of activities you plan to undertake will assist the Panel to determine broadly whether the Concept is feasible and worth going through to the next stage of proposal development.

Q8. EXPLAIN HOW THE CONCEPT MEETS THE PSLP PURPOSE

Describe how the Activity would meet the two aspects of the PSLP purpose – to build capacity and to build linkages. Avoid using general motherhood statements.

Q9. INDICATE WHICH COUNTRY-SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT CRITERIA WOULD BE ADDRESSED

These Criteria are set out in the PSLP Guidelines.

Q10. DESCRIBE THE APPROACH OR STRATEGY TO ACHIEVE THE CONCEPT'S OBJECTIVE AND THE INPUTS TO BE PROVIDED

You should provide a general idea of the approach or strategy you would employ to achieve the objective.

You should also give the PSLP Inter-Departmental Assessment Panel a clear idea of the Activity's components. For example, if your broad strategy is to build a counterpart organisation's capacity through study tours and training workshops, you should provide more detail, such as the anticipated number of workshops, their precise respective purposes and their intended participants.

While these details do not need to be very specific (specificity is reserved for the next stage of the PSLP assessment process), the Panel does need to understand the nature and scope of Activity proposed.

You should take the opportunity to demonstrate that you have considered how to achieve the Concept objective realistically. For example, if the overall objective is to improve policy