

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS

Of the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education of Bangladesh

1. Basic act and Financing source

The basic act for this action is the regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006.

The Budget line: 21.02.01

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2009 and expected results

The **Global Purpose** of the GoB/EU Food Security Programme is to improve the food security of vulnerable households in Bangladesh.

The **overall objective** of the Food Security – School Feeding Programme Component is: to improve food security of the Poor and ultra poor children of the targeted area, through the distribution of fortified biscuit.

The **specific objectives** of this Call for Proposals are:

- Achieve universal primary education and reduce gender disparity
- Enhance learning capability and more attentiveness towards studies of primary education institutions in selected areas by supplying nutritious food.
- Increase enrolment, attendance and completion rates at the primary level of education.
- Increase the nutritional status of 200,000 primary school students.

The **expected results** organized by specific objective are: Possible outcome of the Project:

Result 1 : Net Enrolment Rate (NER) will be increased (up to 93%).

Result 2 : Gross Enrolment Rate (GER) will be increased (up to 106%).

Result 3 : Completion Rate will be increased (up to 80%).

Result 4 : Repetition Rate will be decreased (up to 20%).

Result 5 : Dropout or Rate will be decreased (up to 20%).

Result 6 : Absenteeism will be decreased (up to 20%).

Result 7 : Health and Nutrition of the pupil of the project areas will be increased (up to 20%).

3. Eligibility Conditions:

In order to be eligible for a grant, applicants **must**:

- be legal persons and
- be non profit making and
- be specific types of organizations such as: non-governmental organizations, public sector operators (institutions, departments, research organization, universities, etc), local authorities, international (inter-governmental) organizations as defined by Article 43 of the Implementing Rules to the EC Financial Regulation and
- be nationals of a Member State of the European Union or Bangladesh. This obligation does not apply to international organizations and
- Local NGOs must be registered with the appropriate authorities of Bangladesh and
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with their partners, not acting as an intermediary and
- Applicants for each lot must have at least 3 years proven track record in the successful management and implementation of interventions related to food distribution with at least one project of minimal value of EURO 100,000 and
 - One or more of the partners must have at least three years experience of food distribution in educational sector in Bangladesh
 - In case of International NGOs, have had an office in Bangladesh or have worked with NGO partners in Bangladesh in the area of food security/poverty alleviation in educational sector for at least three years.

4. Selection and award criteria

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions.

5. Maximum rate of European Union financing

The Commission will finance up to 90% of the total budget of the proposed activities. The balance must be financed from the applicant's or partners' own resources or from resources other than the European Community budget.

6. Schedule of calls for proposals

The tentative time for launching of call for proposals is February 2010. The deadline for submission of proposals is foreseen for May 2010.

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

The overall indicative amount made available for this call for proposals is EURO 1,080,000. The Non-State Service Provider will work in 10 upazilla in six Divisions. One lot of the Call for Proposals will be set aside for each division:

Sl.no	Division	District	Upazila	Number of schools	Comments
1	Sylhet	Habigong	Lakhai	51	All the students of the targeted schools
2		Sunamgong	Dharmapasha	98	“
3	Dhaka	Netrokona	Kalmakanda	75	“
4		Jamalpur	Dawangong	57	“
5	Khulna	Jessore	Jhikorgacha	72	“
6	Rajshahi	Lalmonir hat	Hati banda	59	“
7		Pabna	Bera	65	“
8	Chittagong	Cox's Bazar	Mohesh Khali	47	“
9		Laksmipur	Ramgoti	54	“
10	Barisal	Patua khali	Dasmina	39	“
			Total =	617	

The Contracting Authority reserves the right not to award all available funds.