



Crisis and Support Centre

Humanitarian and Stabilization Operations Department

Re: Call for projects - Fund to support structural humanitarian initiatives

1. Background and objectives

In accordance with the commitments France made at the [National Humanitarian Conference in December 2020](#) and [the recommendations made in the external evaluation of the Humanitarian Emergency Fund](#), the **Humanitarian and Stabilization Operations Department will renew the support fund launched in 2021 for structural humanitarian initiatives for the year 2022.**

This tool aims to **support initiatives by humanitarian actors to respond to the growing number of emergencies and challenges for humanitarian aid due to the increasing scale of crises and disasters.**

Through this fund, the Crisis and Support Centre plans to mobilize **€3 million in grants** to support projects that aim to **increase humanitarian actors' capacity to respond to crises**, by fostering the **pooling** of approaches for greater efficacy and efficiency, and the development of **innovative methods and tools.**

The initiatives proposed must be **strategic** in their vision and **inclusive** in their approach in order to contribute to the overall evolution of the humanitarian sector. The fund will focus on innovative initiatives and/or those that would not have the same systemic impact without dedicated financing.

2. Priority themes

This call for projects aims to finance structural projects in the field of humanitarian assistance and emergency response, specifically in the following areas:

- the pooling of capacities among actors and the sharing of innovative solutions;
- the localization of aid, in particular capacity building of local actors' crisis response;
- the promotion of international humanitarian law, particularly the protection of humanitarian workers and the fight against impunity for crimes of which they are victims; and also the preservation of the humanitarian space;
- the inclusion of environmental matters in emergency humanitarian response and the impact of climate change on humanitarian assistance.

3. Eligibility requirements and selection process

3.1. Eligibility:

This call for projects is open to French and international NGOs, and local NGOs, recognized for their expertise and intervention capacity in response to humanitarian crises.

- Type of structure: Non-governmental organizations or operational foundations, acting in their name or in a consortium.

- Each organization can submit only one project to this call.
- The organizations must establish a concept paper and detailed budget, and present the structural and/or innovative character of the project or approach (analysis of the context, value added and innovative aspects, technical feasibility, synergy with what exists, approach benefiting the sector and humanitarian actors, etc.).
- The projects must address at least one of the priority themes. They may focus on more than one theme. Projects with a particular focus on the cross-cutting incorporation of gender issues will be appreciated.
- Duration: between 12 and 24 months.
- Budget: between €500K and €1 million.

3.2. Selection:

Eligibility and project selection will be analyzed by the Crisis and Support Centre's Humanitarian and Stabilization Operations Department.

Obligatory criteria:

- Themes: the project clearly contributes to capacity building and/or structuring of humanitarian assistance concerning one or several of the themes mentioned. Themes must be clearly included in the concept paper's "summary of action".
- Areas of intervention: geographical areas affected by the emergency response to humanitarian crises and disasters linked to climate change.
- Innovation: the project has innovative approaches and/or implementing procedures.
- Expertise: the project is founded on expertise and proven experience of the organization(s). The analysis of the challenges behind the project is clear and consistent.
- Impact: the proposal anticipates the impact of the project on the identified theme(s). Its effects and lessons learned will be beneficial to the recipient NGO, its partners, and more generally the humanitarian sector.

4. Selection criteria

a. Subsidiary criteria:

The following projects are encouraged:

- Projects led in consortium, or supporting North-South partnership dynamics;
- Projects conducted in partnership with local actors and fostering their participation and empowerment;
- Projects that incorporate gender issues and in particular prevention of sexual violence and support for victims (health, protection, etc.);
- Projects that factor in the vulnerabilities of the end recipients of assistance (disability, age, vulnerable groups, etc.);

- Projects that are co-financed by other international donors.

b. Non-eligible actions

Projects targeting one of the following operations are not eligible:

- Projects limited to communication, information or awareness-raising;
- Development projects.

5. Duration

Projects should run for between 12 and 24 months and must start on 1 September 2022 at the latest.

6. Project submission

1) Initial request

Projects must be submitted by email to the following address: fondsinnovant.cdcs-cohs@diplomatie.gouv.fr

Projects cannot be more than 10MB (formats in annex) and must contain:

- A concept paper (4 pages);
- A provisional budget, indicating key groups of expenses, and including co-financing obtained or being obtained, where applicable;
- A logical framework;
- An implementation timeline.

2) Shortlisting

The shortlisted projects will be notified by CDCS staff who will then carefully review the project and may request additional information. During this phase, the CDCS may request that the NGO make changes, including to adapt the amount of financing.

3) Final selection

The selected projects will then be subject to the grant allocation and control process of the Humanitarian and Stabilization Operations Department of the Crisis and Support Centre.

7. Timeline

The call for projects is open from 20 January 2022. Projects must be submitted to the email address indicated by 8 April 2022.

Requests for information on the call for projects may also be sent to the following email address: fondsinnovant.cdcs-cohs@diplomatie.gouv.fr.