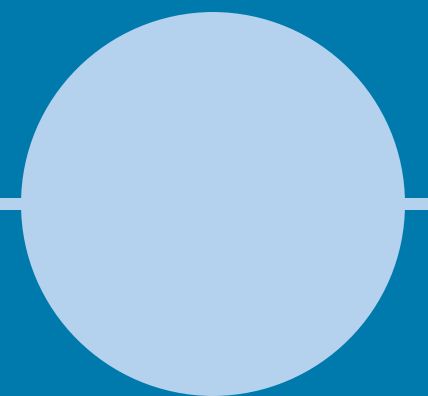


# FCDO Research Commissioning Centre

## Impact Fund: pilot phase 2025

March 2025



# About the impact fund

# Strategic Goals

- Bridge the gap between research insights and real-world change
- Provide additional support to **promising FCDO-funded research**
- Focus on **demonstrated success or clear potential for impact**
- Maximize **impact of research**

# Position within Research Commissioning Centre

- Part of RCC's commitment to maximizing FCDO research value
- Complements existing research funding mechanisms
- Day-to-day operations managed by dedicated Fund team
- Streamlined application and review processes

# Pilot phase

- Approximately £170,000 allocated to Impact Fund
- Working directly with FCDO Research and Evidence Directorate (RED)
- Targeted outreach to potential applicants from existing programs
- Testing various aspects of fund operations

# What we fund

## Show existing impact

- Contribution Tracing
  - Document impact pathways
  - Understand success factors

OR

## Build future impact

- Research Translation
  - User-friendly tools
  - Policy briefs
  - Practical applications

- Sustainable Impacts

- Local capacity building
- Knowledge platforms
- Long-term partnerships

- Engagement & Communication

- Knowledge-sharing events
- Targeted communication
- Building networks

- Conference participation\*

\*Prioritise Global South or early career researchers, strong justification required

# Eligibility criteria

- **Connection to FCDO:** Recent, past, or present FCDO-funded research
- **Additionality:** Not duplicating existing funding
- **Impact Potential:** High likelihood of significant real-world impact
- **Timeframe:** Activities feasible within 6-12 months
- **Budget:** Funding request within £30,000

# Assessment Criteria

- **Impact Potential (40%):** Clarity and significance of expected outcomes
- **Feasibility (30%):** Practical and robust implementation plans
- **Additionality (20%):** Creating new value beyond existing work
- **Team and Partnerships (10%):** Capability to deliver impact



# How will we assess the pilot phase? (I)

## **User Experience Assessment**

- Application process efficiency
- Quality of support mechanisms

## **Funding Demand Exploration**

- Relevance to FCDO research objectives
- Diversity of projects and applicants

## **Review Process Optimization**

- Operational efficiency
- Quality and consistency of evaluations

# How will we assess the pilot phase? (II)

## **Administrative & Financial Process Evaluation**

- Process agility
- Financial management effectiveness

## **Dissemination Strategy Assessment**

- - Knowledge translation pathways
- - Effectiveness of dissemination channels

## **Communications Strategy Assessment**

- - Reach to target audiences
- - Effectiveness of communication channels

# Next steps

- **Identifying potential applicants** from recently concluded FCDO research programmes
- **Sharing information** about the fund with your networks and research partners
- **Encouraging applications** that are locally-led, from diverse geographic regions, thematic areas and career stages

# Next steps

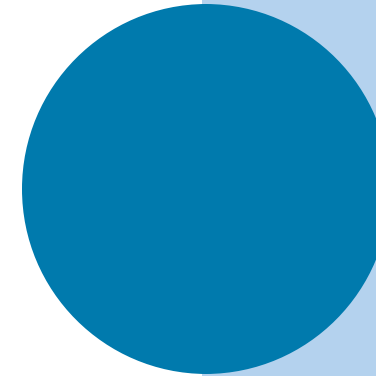
Phase	Activities	Timeline
<b>Planning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Finalise fund structure (administrative, legal, organisational requirements)</li><li>- Develop detailed eligibility and assessment criteria</li><li>- Design application forms and procedures</li></ul>	February
<b>Setup</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Establish review panels</li><li>- Create online application portal</li><li>- Develop guidance documents for applicants</li></ul>	March
<b>Launch</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Announce fund opening</li><li>- Conduct outreach to potential applicants</li></ul>	April
<b>Pilot of First Round</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Accept and process applications</li><li>- Conduct peer reviews</li><li>- Make initial awards</li></ul>	April-May
<b>Evaluation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review first round process</li><li>- Implement improvements</li></ul>	December
<b>Subsequent Rounds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Continue fund operation with improvements</li></ul>	January 2026

# Contact

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