International Initiative for Impact Evaluation

Organisation profile

(Proposed organisation in receipt of funding)

Legal name

Type of organisation

Division or department

Country of Registration

Website

Organisation's Leadership: gender balance

Please indicate the gender composition of your senior leadership, in the form of a number (e.g. 20). Leadership includes staff at the director level. Gender composition includes the % who are female or gender non-noncorming, as a proportion of the total staff.

Organisation's Leadership: gender balance

Low- and middle-income country leadership

Is your organisation's President/Executive Director from a low- or middle-income country?

Organisation's trading status (if other please specify)

If Other, Please specify your trading status

Verification

We verify that the organisation is legally eligible to receive funding from organisations in other countries and from RCC/3ie

Roles and responsibilities

Previous FCDO Research Project and Programme

> Provide details about your previous FCDO-funded research project to which your Impact Fund proposal relates. Please upload supporting document(s) under Section 9.

Title of previous FCDO-funded research project, to which your Impact Fund proposal relates:

Start date of previous FCDO-funded research project

End date of previous FCDO-funded research project

Your role in the project

Lead investigator of project (if different from the applicant):

List the name of FCDO research programme under which your research was funded.

> Illustrative examples (this is not an exhaustive list): Energy and Economic Growth (EEG); AHRC - Collaborative Humanitarian Protection Programme; DT Global - High Value Transport. To be eligible for funding, your FCDO funding must come from the Research and Evidence Directorate (RED).

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Title (max 20 words)

> Suggestion: In the title, please include the following: 1) project focus, and 2) country, region or geographies considered. Note: If your project is not specific to one country or region, use 'global'.

Abstract (max 250 words)

> Summary of your proposed impact initiative:
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> "Your summary should include the social challenge you're addressing, who will benefit and how many people you'll reach, your main activities and approach, specific measurable outcomes you expect to achieve, and your pathway to creating sustainable impact."

Primary category of impact

> Please select the primary category of impact that best fits your proposed project. Note: Select one option only. If your project involves multiple activities, these can be added in the next question.

○ Research Translation: Creating practical applications from research findings. For example, developing policy briefs or guides

○ Engagement and Communication: Stakeholder engagement or knowledge sharing. For example, facilitating workshops with practitioners or policymakers

○ Theory-Based Impact Evaluation: This option supports rigorous evaluation using theory-based methods (such as contribution analysis, bayesian updating or process tracing) to assess your intervention's causal contribution to outcomes. Selecting this option requires a thorough description of the planned method and data sources in this application. For plans to track influence or uptake from your proposed Impact Fund project but not a theory-based methodology, do not select this option. Indicate tracking of influence or uptake under Section 3.

○ Sustainable Impacts: Embedding research findings through capacity building. For example, facilitating training with practitioners

○ Conference Participation: For significant policy or practice influence. This category will require a strong justification, such as why funds are not available elsewhere, or why it would be necessary to achieve impact

Other categories of impact

> If applicable, please select any other category or categories of impact for your proposed Impact Fund project. Note: Select up to 4 categories, but do NOT include the primary category selected in the previous question.

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Implementation Timeframe

Proposed start date

> The start date is no earlier than 8 weeks following the close of the application window, as per the technical document.

Proposed end date (Must be by February 2027)

02/2027

Total duration (months) - auto calculated

IMPACT POTENTIAL (35%)

Impact Statement (max 400 words)

Describe the specific real-world change your initiative aims to achieve and how it builds on existing FCDO research. What problems are you addressing and what changes do you want to see? Consider expected outcomes over different time horizons: what might success look like in 1 year, 5 years, and 10 years?

Theory of change (max 200 words)

Explain your pathway to impact - the logical sequence of how your activities will lead to outcomes and ultimately to your desired impact. What are the key assumptions underlying your approach? How will your research translate into real-world change?

Engagement and Communication (max 150 words)

Describe your plan for engaging key stakeholders and communicating findings. Who are your target audience? What channels and methods will you use to reach them? How will you ensure research uptake?

Scaling and Replication (max 150 words)

Describe the potential for scaling or replicating your approach in different contexts. What elements of your work could be adapted or expanded? What factors would enable or constrain scaling?

Tracking Influence and Uptake (max 200 words)

Explain how you will monitor and measure your project's influence. What indicators will you use to track uptake? How will this build on any existing research uptake data you have collected? What methods will you use to assess whether you're achieving your intended impact?

FEASIBILITY (25%)

Implementation Plan (max 750 words)

Provide a detailed plan outlining key activities, methodologies or approaches (where relevant), and milestones (max 750 words). You have the option to upload a Gantt chart or timeline under Section 9, but this is not required.

Objectives & Deliverables

Objective	Deliverable	

Risks and Mitigation

Risk	Risk category	Impact	Mitigation Strategy	Post-mitigation likelihood	Post-mitigation impact
Policy and Programme Delivery	Policy and Programme Delivery	Insignificant	Insignificant	Unlikely	Insignificant

ADDITIONALITY (20%)

Explain how this initiative adds value to your research and why funding for this wasn't factored into your previous research project

Guidance for applicants: Additionality means demonstrating that this funding will enable something genuinely new or additional that wouldn't happen otherwise. Address the following

What is new? Explain what specific activities, outputs, or outcomes this funding will enable that are not already planned or funded elsewhere (max 100 words)

This could include:
– Additional impact activities beyond your core research scope
– Scaling or translating existing research in ways not originally planned
– Engaging new stakeholders or reaching new audiences
– New opportunities for engagement that have arisen due to unanticipated changes to context

Why wasn't this included before? Explain why this work wasn't factored into previous funding applications. (max 100 words)

This could include:
– Original grants focused on research generation rather than impact/translation
– Emerging opportunities that arose after initial funding was secured
– Recognition of additional impact potential that became apparent during the research
– Constraints in original funding scope that prevented broader engagement

Value addition (max 100 words)

Clearly articulate how your Impact Fund project enhances the overall value and impact of your previous research, not just what it will fund

Equity and Partnerships (10%)

Equity and inclusion (max 350 words)

How will your team and project incorporate equity and inclusion in the ways you deliver the project, and/or how you collaborate and make decisions? This is particularly pertinent for the composition and responsibilities of the project team, any partnerships that exist in your project delivery, and/or stakeholder engagement.

Please detail how your project activities might address structural inequalities that lead to unfair advantages for some groups and disadvantages for others. (max 350 words)

We would like to understand if you anticipate that your activities, or the results of your work, could promote the inclusion or empowerment of women, people with disabilities, and other historically excluded communities. For example, this could include ensuring that the uptake of the research findings considers under-represented groups or stimulating evidence-informed policy change that seeks to address structural disadvantage.

Proposed Partners

For each proposed implementation partner, we strongly recommend including a letter of support from the partner as an attachment in the Supporting documents section. The letter should describe how the partner and applicant would enhance impact. If the partner and applicant have collaborated previously, the letter should also describe the quality of the relationship and joint accomplishments, if any.

Proposed partner organisation 1

Legal name:

Type of organisation:

Division or department:

Country of registration:

Website:

Low- and middle-income country leadership. Is this organisation's President/Executive Director from an L&MIC?:

Proposed partner organisation 2

Legal name:

Type of organisation:

Division or department:

Country of registration:

Website:

Low- and middle-income country leadership. Is the organisation's President/Executive Director from an L&MIC?:

Proposed partner organisation 3

Legal name:

Type of organisation:

Division or department:

Country of registration:

Website:

Low- and middle-income country leadership. Is the organisation's President/Executive Director from an L&MIC?:

Proposed partner organisation 4

Legal name:

Type of organisation:

Division or department:

Country of registration:

Website:

Low- and middle-income country leadership. Is the organisation's President/Executive Director from an L&MIC?:

Proposed partner organisation 5

Legal name:

Type of organisation:

Division or department:

Country of registration:

Website:

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BUDGET AND VALUE FOR MONEY (10%)

Total amount of funding requested (in GBP)

Budget Breakdown

> Please download the Excel© budget template here and complete the budget according to the budget guidelines provided in the document, while paying careful attention to the FCDO eligible cost guidance. Explain your main budget categories (e.g., personnel time, materials development, event costs, evaluation activities) and justify why these expenses are necessary to achieve your intended impact outcomes.

Value for money (max 250 words)

> Explain how your approach and activities maximises impact potential within the proposed budget - for example, leveraging existing networks, using cost-effective dissemination methods, or building on prior work. Include any partnerships or co-funding that enhance value, and explain how you have designed activities to be resource-efficient while maintaining quality. We want to see thoughtful resource allocation that will effectively translate research into real-world influence and change.

Declarations

I confirm that:

> 3ie's funding agreement documents available on here
>
> Impact Fund eligibility criteria detailed here

- ☐ All information provided is accurate and complete
- ☐ This application meets all eligibility criteria for the Impact Fund (linked above)
- ☐ I will comply with reporting requirements if funded
- ☐ I will acknowledge FCDO Impact Fund support in all outputs
- ☐ There are no interests arising from research, financial, or personal reasons that might lead to biases in my work
- ☐ I reviewed 3ie's funding agreement documents (linked above) and confirm that I agree to the terms of the documents

SECTION 9: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Please attach:

> CV for each Investigator/Project lead. Each CV should not exceed three pages and should highlight this information:
> • Research experience directly related to the proposed activity, ideally with a focus on the geographic and sectoral context in which the prosed research will take place.
> • Information on success in communicating findings and facilitating policy uptake.

Theory of Change diagram (if applicable, max 1 page)

Letter/s of support from proposed implementation partners (if applicable)

Information regarding the original FCDO-funded research project. This information could be captured in various ways, such as the original research proposal, outputs, funding details, or Devtracker link. We do not require all of these documents. Please upload at least one document that provides evidence about your original FCDO-funded research project. You may upload more than one document if you wish

Gantt chart (optional)

Feedback

Please complete this short user survey of our grant management system. Your answers will not be shared with reviewers and will have no impact on the outcome of your application.

On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rate your user experience of the RCC grant management system?

○ Very Poor   ○ Poor   ○ Average   ○ Good   ○ Excellent

How easy was it to navigate the application process? This could include the clarity of the call documents, the grant management system user guide, and the application form

○ Very difficult   ○ Difficult   ○ Neutral   ○ Easy   ○ Very Easy

Is there anything you would suggest to improve the application experience?

Where did you hear about this RCC funding opportunity?

☐ RCC communication (e.g., email, newsletter, social media)
☐ University of Birmingham communication (e.g., email, newsletter, social media)
☐ Other

☐ FCDO communication (e.g., email, newsletter, social media)
☐ Event (e.g., conference, webinar)
☐ Not Sure

☐ 3ie communication (e.g., email, newsletter, social media)
☐ Word of mouth