

Preparedness for Climate Change - Innovations fund

What is the 'Innovations fund'?

In collaboration with the Federation Secretariat, the Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Centre is offering a small innovations fund to National Societies. This follows requests made during an evaluation of the Preparedness for Climate Change programme that ran between 2006-2009. The idea is to provide inspiration and support to staff of National Societies to kick start ideas they may have for innovative projects as a result of thinking about the implications of climate change for their plans and programs.

The fund is designed to reward innovation and pilot approaches that can be studied and scaled up. The fund is NOT meant to substitute regular funding of programmes or replace efforts to seek outside funds for your climate change related actions. These actions should still be incorporated into regular plans and proposals rather than stand-alone.

How much funding is available?

Each proposal can be on the order of 5,000 Euro, but up to 10,000 with very good justification. The total pool of funding is approximately 100,000 Euro.

Who can apply?

The call is to all National Societies that have participated in the Preparedness for Climate Change programme (from 2006 to present). National Societies are encouraged to work with their relevant Federation focal point to create innovative proposals.

How will the funds be distributed?

A maximum of one project per country will be funded, but more than one proposal can be received from each country.

How to apply for the funds?

Please use the attached proposal template. In order to avoid a lot of work for National Societies, we insist that proposals should be *no more* than 2 pages, with a 1-page cover sheet. The proposal can address any of the following topics: communications, climate-smart community-based risk reduction, early warning/early action inspired disaster risk management (for climate related hazards), advocacy, training and partnerships etc.

How will proposals be selected?

The highest scoring proposals will be taken from each zone and after a budget check funds will be allocated. We will ensure that all major areas of work including DRM, Health, DRR & OD are allocated funds (through highest scoring in each category). This process will be continued until all funding is allocated.

What are the selection criteria?

Proposals will be judged by the Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Centre, IFRC Geneva secretariat and an external reviewer. They will be judged on the following 5 criteria with equal weight given to each:

- (a) Connection to climate-related risks and vulnerabilities identified in your PfCC background document and/or action plan (Steps 2 and 4 in PfCC1)
- (b) Integration of climate-related work into regular priority activities of the National Society
- (c) Integration of scientific information about changing climate risks into operational activities

(d) Building resilience among the most vulnerable groups

(e) Possibility for project to be scaled up either within the National Society or elsewhere

Bigger isn't necessarily better, we also value small innovative ideas.

What language can I write the proposal in?

In any one of the 4 Federation languages.

What is the timeline for applying and implementation?

Proposals accepted until: 30 June 2010

Date of awards notification: 15 July 2010

Timeline for implementation: before 1 December 2010

How will the funding be channelled?

The funds will be transferred to the zonal and/or regional offices of the Federation who will administer them to National Societies.

How do I report on the funding?

A report template will be provided. It includes a structure for documentation of lessons learned and how to share them,

Who do I send the proposal to?

You can submit the proposal via your Federation focal point or directly to the Climate Centre at climatecentre@redcross.nl. Deadline is 30 June.

Are there any conditions?

Projects will be utilised by the RC/RC Movement for sharing of lessons learned and academic researchers will need to be allowed access to the results of the project.

For further information

Please contact your Federation focal point or send email questions to the Climate Centre email: climatecentre@redcross.nl.