



Project proposals are invited under Social Window of SAARC Development Fund (SDF)
Important information for SW funding

1. Funding Sectors:

Proposals may include any of the following sectors:

Poverty alleviation, social development focusing on education, health, human resources development, support to vulnerable/disadvantaged segments of the society, funding needs of communities, micro-enterprises, rural infrastructure development etc. These projects shall be in line with regional consensus as reflected in the SAARC Social Charter, SAARC Development Goals, SAARC Plan of Action on Poverty Alleviation and other SAARC agreed and endorsed plans, programmes and instruments.

2. Mode of funding will be:

- a. Grant plus a capital contribution / co-founding of a minimum of 10% upto 49% (of the total budget cost) from local stakeholders / community contribution / implementing agency / respective Government;
- b. Co-funding from International organizations;
- c. Loans (interest free or with interest)
- d. Combination of any above.

3. Who may apply:

- a. Governmental Organizations of Member States preferably with a commitment of co-funding / financing ;
- b. Not for Profit Non-Government Organizations registered in any of the SAARC Member States having experience of working continuously for minimum of 5 years in the relevant field preferably with a commitment of co-funding / financing ;

- c. International Organizations with a commitment to provide technical assistance preferably with a commitment to co finance the SDF funded projects; and
- d. Private Sector Agencies registered in any of the SAARC Member States having experience of working continuously for minimum of 5 years in the relevant field with a firm commitment to co finance the SDF funded projects.

4. Eligible projects:

- a. Projects involving all SAARC Member States;
- b. Projects involving more than two but not all SAARC Member States;
- c. Projects with significant focus on poverty alleviation in any SAARC Member State having thematic linkage with more than two SAARC Member States as part of a sub-regional project.

Detailed Project Development Formats are available at SDF website: www.sdfsec.org. Brief Project Concept Notes/ Project Profiles can be sent to the Emails: ceo@sdfsec.org and info@sdfsec.org, along with hard copies addressing to the CEO of the SAARC Development Fund (SDF) Secretariat at Thimphu, Bhutan.