



GWW third call Formal Requirements and criteria

Applications must satisfy all of the formal requirements as included in the administrative decision:

- Applications that do not satisfy all of the formal requirements will not be processed further, subject to section 4:5 of the General Administrative Law Act.
- The original grant application must be completed and submitted in writing. And must be send to Netherlands Enterprise Agency as specified on the application form and in the annexes.
- Along with the application on paper, an electronic copy must be submitted on a digital storage device with USB connector (USB key). The electronic copy must be submitted in accordance with the instructions given in the application form.
- Applications must be submitted in English.
- Applications must be submitted on time. The Netherlands Enterprise Agency must receive the application no later than 15:00 (CET) on 16 February 2015. **The third call for Ghana WASH Window is now closed. You can no longer apply.**
- Applications must be delivered in person or by post to:

Visiting address

RVO.nl, attn. GWW-FDW
Prinses Beatrixlaan 2
The Hague

Postal address

Netherlands Enterprise Agency, attn. GWW-FDW
POB 93144
2509 AC The Hague

- The application form must state the name of the applicant and be signed by the applicant's authorised representative.
- In addition to the applicant, all other project partners must each sign the project proposal by using the partner form. Please note, however, that if the grant is awarded, the applicant is the sole grant recipient and bears full responsibility for the fulfilment of all obligations, regardless of who carries out the project activities.
- A cooperation agreement (format provided), signed by all participating partners, should be provided together with the application. The cooperation agreement guarantees, provided GWW-FDW subsidy is granted, the commitment of all partners to the implementation of the project, compliance with the agreements within the PPP, and compliance with the provisions of the Subsidy Ordinance.
- The project partners must declare that they are aware of and will act in accordance with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on corporate social responsibility, the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the UN Convention on Biological Diversity.
- The applicant must declare that the activities for which a grant is requested are not on the FMO exclusions list.
- All the parties involved in the partnership must have legal personality.
- The project proposal must concern WASH, improved waste management and/or integrated water management related activities in Ghana.
- The partnership consists of at least one public body, one company and one NGO or research institution.
- At least one of the parties must have legal personality under Dutch law, and at least one must have legal personality under Ghanaian law.
- The minimum grant application is euro 500,000 and the maximum is euro 10,000,000.

- The maximum project duration is five years.

Besides, applications that do not satisfy all of the threshold criteria below will be rejected:

- With respect to development, the project is sufficiently aimed at structural poverty reduction, sustainable economic growth and self-reliance;
- The project focuses on at least one of the following themes: 'sanitation and hygiene', 'improved waste management (solid and liquid)', 'access to and use of safe drinking water' and 'integral water management';
- The financial contribution made by the partnership covers at least 30 percent of the eligible costs (this contribution may not come from other grants awarded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, directly or indirectly). Higher contributions are encouraged;
- At least 15 percent of the eligible costs, must come from company funds. Higher contributions are encouraged; the proposal must include a satisfactory system for monitoring and corrective action. At least 2% of the project budget is reserved for project monitoring and evaluation;
- Projects with a project budget exceeding 4,000,000 euros must demonstrate that they have been evaluated by an independent party;
- Throughout its duration, the project must not be commercially viable. This must be demonstrated using a standard calculation model;
- The intervention must be financially sustainable. An intervention is financially sustainable if it can endure without a Ghana Wash Window or other Ministry of Foreign Affairs grant once the project period ends. This must be demonstrated using a standard calculation model;
- The proposal must make clear that the project will not distort the market in Ghana or in Europe;
- The project does not involve initiatives aimed wholly or partly at proselytisation;
- Companies must have a good reputation in terms of ICSR. The participating company will submit a document setting out its ICSR policy (in accordance with OECD guidelines) with the grant application or will draft one in the near future.