

Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 3 June 2019, MINBUZA-2019.352950, amending the Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 27 May 2018, no. MinBuZa-2018.1211-42, laying down administrative rules and a ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 (Grant ceiling for second round and amendment of the administrative rules for the SDG Partnership Facility Grant Programme)

The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation;

Having regard to articles 6 and 7 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grants Decree;

Having regard to article 5.1 in conjunction with article 10.2 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006;

Orders:

Article 1

1. **A grant ceiling of €30 million applies to SDG Partnership Facility (SDGP) grants referred to in article 2, paragraph 2 of the Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 27 May 2018, no. MinBuZa.2018.1211-42, laying down administrative rules and a ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 (SDG Partnership Facility Grant Programme),<sup>1</sup> which are awarded from 15 November 2019 up to and including 31 December 2020.**
2. The available funds referred to in paragraph 1 are divided over the following themes:
  - a. **Nutritional value: €5 million;**
  - b. **Sustainable value chains: €15 million;**
  - c. **Sustainable and climate-resilient food production systems: €5 million;**
  - d. **Better work and higher incomes for young people and women: €5 million.**If, following the approval of applications for a particular theme, funds are left over, these should be made proportionately available for applications relating to the other themes, in so far as these satisfy the criteria laid down in this Order.

Article 2

The annex to the Order is amended as follows:

1. The fourth bullet under chapter 3. Definitions, '*SME*: an enterprise as described in Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises' is deleted.
2. The following sentence is deleted from chapter 4. Grant programme, *section 4.3 Parties that may be eligible for a grant*: '**Multinational enterprises may only participate in the PPP if an SME, either Dutch or foreign, is also a partner.**'
3. Chapter 4. Grant programme, *section 4.5 Eligible activities* is amended as follows:

The second bullet is replaced by:

  - Sustainable value chains: contributing to market development in all or part of the production and supply chain (from farm to fork).

The third bullet is replaced by:

  - Sustainable and climate-resilient food production systems: contributing to sustainable food production systems that are resilient to climate change.

**b. In the sentence 'Activities focusing on the financial sector, except insurance systems, are not eligible for an SDGP grant', 'Activities' is replaced by 'Projects'.**
4. In chapter 4. Grant programme, *section 4.7 Size of the grant*, a sentence is added to the paragraph '**The portion of the costs not covered by the grant must be funded from the PPP partners' own contribution (own resources or resources obtained from third parties)**'. This sentence

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<sup>1</sup>Government Gazette 2018, no. 32302.

reads: 'Partners who contribute financially must provide information on their solvency and liquidity position to demonstrate their capacity to finance their own contribution'.

5. In chapter 6. Application, *section 6.1 Requirements*, the first sentence of the fifth paragraph is replaced by 'Applications must be duly signed and submitted digitally to ePortal, Netherlands Enterprise Agency's electronic desk.'

6. In chapter 7. Assessment of applications and allocation of resources, *section 7.2 Substantive criteria*, under Partnership, criteria j. up to and including s. are renumbered k. up to and including t. after insertion of a new criterion:

j. If one of the partners is a multinational enterprise, the partnership must provide sufficient safeguards to ensure the project is locally embedded and financially sustainable.

7. A new paragraph is added to chapter 7. Assessment of applications and allocation of resources, *section 7.4 Allocation of resources*, which reads:

**A total of €30 million is available for applications submitted in the second round. Of this amount, €5 million is available for activities focusing on nutritional value, €15 million for sustainable value chains, €5 million for sustainable and climate-resilient food production systems and €5 million for better work and higher incomes for young people and women.**

8. Appendix 1 to the annex is replaced by:

Appendix 1: Overview of themes and indicators

a. Overview of themes

Theme:	1. Nutritional value	2. Sustainable value chains	3. Sustainable and climate-resilient food production systems	4. Better work and higher incomes for young people (<35) and women
<i>Description</i>	Combating malnutrition and undernourishment: projects must contribute to better access to and consumption of healthy food throughout the year.	Development of value chains: Proposals must contribute to market development in all or part of the production and supply chain (from farm to fork).	Contributing to sustainable food production systems that are resilient to climate change.	Contributing to better work and higher incomes for young people (<35) and/or women, by promoting both jobs and independent enterprise (including farms).
<i>Budget</i>	<b>€5 million</b>	<b>€15 million</b>	<b>€5 million</b>	<b>€5 million</b>
<i>Core indicators</i>	1. Reduce malnutrition	2. Promote agricultural growth (including livestock/fish) and/or 4. Create better and more efficient working conditions	3. Create ecologically sustainable food systems	4. Create better and more efficient working conditions

9. Appendix 2 is replaced by:

Appendix 2: List of countries

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Afghanistan*</li> <li>- Algeria*</li> <li>- Angola</li> <li>- Armenia</li> <li>- Bangladesh</li> <li>- Benin</li> <li>- Bhutan</li> <li>- Bolivia</li> <li>- Burkina Faso*</li> <li>- Burundi*</li> <li>- Cambodia</li> <li>- Cabo Verde</li> <li>- Chad*</li> <li>- Colombia</li> <li>- Côte d'Ivoire</li> <li>- Democratic Republic of the Congo</li> <li>- Djibouti</li> <li>- Egypt*</li> <li>- Ethiopia*</li> <li>- Gambia</li> <li>- Georgia</li> <li>- Ghana</li> <li>- Guatemala</li> <li>- Guinea</li> <li>- Haiti</li> <li>- India</li> <li>- Indonesia</li> <li>- Iraq*</li> <li>- Jordan*</li> <li>- Kenya</li> <li>- Kosovo</li> <li>- Laos</li> <li>- Lebanon*</li> <li>- Liberia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Libya*</li> <li>- Madagascar</li> <li>- Malawi</li> <li>- Mali*</li> <li>- Morocco*</li> <li>- Moldova</li> <li>- Mongolia</li> <li>- Mozambique</li> <li>- Myanmar</li> <li>- Nepal</li> <li>- Niger*</li> <li>- Nigeria*</li> <li>- Pakistan</li> <li>- Palestinian Territories*</li> <li>- Peru</li> <li>- Philippines</li> <li>- Rwanda</li> <li>- Sierra Leone</li> <li>- São Tomé and Príncipe</li> <li>- Senegal*</li> <li>- Somalia*</li> <li>- South Africa</li> <li>- South Sudan*</li> <li>- Sri Lanka</li> <li>- Sudan*</li> <li>- Suriname</li> <li>- Tanzania</li> <li>- Togo</li> <li>- Tunisia*</li> <li>- Uganda*</li> <li>- Vietnam</li> <li>- Zambia</li> </ul>
<p>*10 bonus points for projects targeting countries in the foreign trade and development cooperation (BHOS) focus regions</p>	

Article 3

This Order enters into force on the day after the date of the Government Gazette in which it appears and lapses with effect from 1 January 2021, with the proviso that it continues to apply to grants awarded prior to that date.

This Order will be published in the Government Gazette.

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