



Netherlands Enterprise Agency

# DRIVE

## Development related infrastructure

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Are you an entrepreneur and do you wish to make an active contribution to creating public infrastructure in low and medium-income country by offering your solution for an infrastructural problem? Does your project proposal stimulate a good business climate and the development of that country's private sector? If so, you may qualify for a DRIVE contribution that would enable you to make an attractive financing offer to the contracting authority.

Accessible and properly functioning infrastructure is an essential precondition for the development of a private sector. It makes effective entrepreneurship, foreign trade and investment possible and enables people to provide for their own livelihood.

The Netherlands Enterprise Agency administers DRIVE at the request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

### DRIVE

The programme offers the authorities of the DRIVE countries an attractive and flexible source of financing thereby, you are enabled to contribute effectively to the realisation of public infrastructure projects. In turn of the contracting government gains access to complete and concessional financing.

### Objective & themes

Infrastructure projects that demonstrably contribute in a sustainable manner towards improving the business climate,

home-grown enterprise, home-grown employment and labour productivity may be supported by DRIVE.

The focus is on public infrastructure in one or more of the following themes:

- Food security
- Water
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)
- Climate

Your project must support or build on the Dutch agenda for aid, trade and investment, for instance by contributing to initiatives that have already been developed as part of Dutch development policy and activities

### For whom?

As an entrepreneur you can submit an application for DRIVE. You undertake to comply with the OECD Guidelines on International Corporate Social Responsibility (ICSR) for multinationals when implementing a project. These guidelines include international standards on human rights, working conditions and the environment, among others. Your expertise, reliability, financial standing and stability should also be adequately guaranteed.

### Finance

By means of a DRIVE contribution you can make the contracting

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authority a complete and concessional financing offer. This allows you to actively contribute to the realisation of public infrastructure in DRIVE countries.

### Threshold requirements

In order to qualify for a financial contribution from DRIVE, the application must at least comply with the following requirements:

- It concerns a public infrastructure project in one of the DRIVE countries (see the list on [www.rvo.nl/drive](http://www.rvo.nl/drive)).
- The contract value of the project is between EUR 5 and 60 million (including financing costs and the costs of supervision on compliance with the contract).
- There is a feasibility study.
- The projects includes an operations and maintenance plan, including the relevant cost.
- Monitoring of compliance with the contract is clear.
- There is an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) in accordance with the IFC Performance Standards.
- The applicant has a valid and operational ICSR policy.

### Submission of application

The application process consists of three 3 subsequent steps. We strongly advise to start with a Quick Scan. The next step is to complete the intake form. Both forms can be found at [www.rvo.nl/drive](http://www.rvo.nl/drive). If the project meets all requirements you can submit an official application. Visit our website for more information.



### About RVO.nl

Your ambitions include doing business in emerging markets and developing countries. You want to contribute towards a healthy local business and the sustainable economic development of a country. Sometimes you encounter obstacles in relation to financing, a lack of knowledge about market opportunities, or the absence of a business network. You also have to deal with Corporate Social Responsibility and other laws and regulations. For all these questions relating to international enterprise, contact the Netherlands Enterprise Agency. We are your partner in the area of Sustainable, Agricultural, Innovative and International enterprise. For more information, visit [www.rvo.nl](http://www.rvo.nl).

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