



OCIAC grant programme – Unofficial translation fourth round and amendment
Version of 15 July 2025

Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 4 July 2025 MINBUZA-2025.23869, setting a ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 and amending the Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 7 April 2023, no. MinBuZa-2023.15230, laying down administrative rules and a ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 (Fourth round and amendment of the administrative rules for the Orange Corners 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 articles 5.1 and 7.2 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006;

Orders:

Article 1

Applications for grants in the fourth round of the Orange Corners Grant Programme must focus on the target locations Bangladesh and Jordan and be submitted between 11 August 2025 and 23.59 on 18 September 2025 Dutch time (CEST).

Article 2

A grant ceiling of €900,000 million applies to the fourth round of the Orange Corners Grant Programme. Of this amount, no more than €450,000 is available for each target location.

Article 3

In the interests of efficiency, no more than one application for each target location referred to in article 1 will be eligible for a grant. The available funds referred to in article 2 will be allocated in accordance with an assessment based on the criteria set out in the annexe to this Order, on the understanding that, of the applications that meet the criteria, the application that meets them best will be given priority. If two or more applications for the same target location meet the criteria in equal measure, they will be ranked by drawing lots.

Article 4

The annexe to the Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 7 April 2023, laying down administrative rules and a ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 (Orange Corners Grant Programme)¹ is amended as follows:

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The last paragraph of section 4.1 (Purpose) is amended to read as follows: The grant programme is aimed at activities in the target locations Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, the DRC, Egypt, Ghana, Iraq (except for the Kurdistan Region of Iraq), Jordan, Kurdistan Region of Iraq, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Palestinian Territories, Senegal, South Africa, South Sudan and Sudan.

¹ Government Gazette 2023, no. 11115.

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The text of section 4.6 (Duration of activities) is amended to read as follows: The activities for which a grant is requested must have a duration of three years, starting on 1 January 2026 and ending on 31 December 2028.

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In the first sentence of section 4.7 (Size of the grant), '€750,000' is replaced by '€450,000'.

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The following table is inserted after the table in Appendix 1:

Target location	Relevant themes and sectors	Geographic focus	Other comments
Bangladesh	The most relevant themes and sectors are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Circular economy, with a particular focus on the ready made garments industry• Agriculture, with a particular focus on the horticulture value chain• Water• ICT and digitalisation	Dhaka, and if possible also Chattogram.	
Jordan	The most relevant themes and sectors are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food security and agriculture• Water• Renewable energy• Circular economy and (waste) recycling• Healthcare• Education Furthermore, there is a particular interest in support for themes and sectors that would enable further trade relations with the Netherlands.	Amman, and if possible other governorates.	For possible activities outside of Amman, it is expected that the focus will mostly be on promoting awareness of entrepreneurship and possible support of companies in an earlier business stage than in Amman.

Article 5

This Order enters into force on the day after the date of publication of the Government Gazette in which it appears, with the proviso that the Annexe to the Order of the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of 7 April 2023, laying down administrative rules and a ceiling for grants awarded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant Regulations 2006 (Orange Corners Grant Programme) (as it read prior to the entry into force of this Order), continues to apply to applications submitted and grants awarded prior to that date.

This Order and the explanatory notes will be published in the Government Gazette.

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For the Minister of Foreign Affairs

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order opens the fourth round of applications for the Orange Corners Grant Programme. A total of €900,000 is available for the award of grants in this fourth round for activities in the target locations Bangladesh and Jordan. For each target location, grant applications can be submitted for 75% of the total project costs, up to a maximum of €450,000. Only one grant application can be submitted for each location, and the activities should have a duration of three years, from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028.

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