

Germany's "Micro-Project-Scheme" has been set up in 1980 to support the underprivileged groups of society (e.g. committees, associations, welfare societies, schools, kindergartens and so on) to improve their social and economic situation through "self-help"-projects.

The support consists of a financial donation that has generally a limit of about EURO 10.000,-- per project and should be dedicated to a well-defined project. (It can also be part of a large-scale project).

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Project applications for Sindh and Balochistan shall be submitted to the German Consulate General Karachi (Address: 92-A/7, Block 5, Clifton, Karachi, Pakistan).

Please keep in mind that the following costs cannot be funded: salaries of your organisation's workers; administration and travel expenses; operational and recurring costs in general; acquisition of land or allocation of loans.

Possible projects range from infrastructure (e.g. roads, water/energy supply), income generation and food security (especially in agriculture) projects to public health and sanitary facilities as well as education and vocational training.

Examples of project areas are

- purchasing machinery, equipment, tools;
- providing learning/teaching aids;
- generating income, basic education and health;
- improving the living conditions through fresh water, small power generating projects or ameliorating the infrastructure.

Time frame

Generally, project proposals should be submitted by the end of each year (31 December) to be considered for funding the following year. The announcement for the successful applications is usually issued within the first quarter of the following year. Project conclusion and submission of the final report are due towards the end (15 November) of the same year the project was implemented.

The following is a sample time frame for the course of a typical small-scale project. Please note that there may be variations from case to case.

- * 31 December: Deadline for submission of projects to be considered for funding the following year
- * March: Decision on approval and rejection of projects
- * April: Agreement signing, release of first tranche of project grant
- * Within 6 months: Interim report by project proponent, and upon positive evaluation release of second tranche of project grant (if applicable)
- * Completion of project
- * 15 November: Submission of final report and original receipts to the German Embassy/Consulate

Please note:

Only complete applications can be considered.

The information is subject to change without prior notice.