Generalkonsulat
der Bundesrepublik Deutschland
Karachi

The Micro Project Scheme

of the German Consulate General, Karachi

I.

The German Diplomatic and Consular Missions in Pakistan operate a programme which enables them to support small projects carried out by Pakistani NGOs, particularly in the fields of energy efficiency, renewable energy, protection and sustainable use of natural resources, vocational training, education and health improvement.

Aid is granted to Pakistani NGO's willing to carry out projects as „Help for self-reliance". The geographical area for assistance covers the consular jurisdiction of the relevant mission. For Karachi these are the provinces of Balochistan and Sindh. The average financial amount allowable per project is 10,000 EUR – 15.000 EUR (approx. 3.2 Mio. to 4.8 Mio. PKR), whereas a contribution by the NGO with their **own funds is required**.

The Consulate will only support projects carried out by organisations with a prior record of self-help, reliability and which are financially sound. Previous cooperation with a German or international NGOs is a plus.

The Consulate provides „one off" grants, i. e. assistance for the purchase of equipment, building materials etc. **Any recurring costs** (salaries, wages, utilities etc.) as well as cost for projects which only have a very limited duration (e.g. workshops, awareness-programmes organized by the NGO**) cannot be borne,** but are expected to be financed by the receiving side as its own contribution. The „target groups"benefiting from the micro-project should be actively involved in the project.

Any project is to be completed within a maximum period of six months after which proper accounting on the utilization of funds has to be submitted.

Project Examples:

- Renovation of a school / classroom
- School equipment
- Upgrading of clinics / hospital wards
- Hospital equipment
- Water Installations
- Renewable energy projects
- Projects empowering women

II.

Pakistani NGOs which fulfil the afore-mentioned requirements and intend to apply for assistance from this Consulate General to carry out a particular project are required to submit the following **typewritten** documents:

- covering letter, giving information about the organization, its past record, auditor's report and balance sheet of the last two years as well as on the project the applicant intends to carry out,
- project questionnaire duly filled out,
- cost estimate on the project along with three independently obtained quotations.

- if applicable, recommendation letter by any partner NGO outside Pakistan confirming successful previous cooperation with the applicant (Note: The Consulate General may waive this requirement if the applying organisation has received funding in the past).

The deadline for the submission of project proposals for any given year is 30 November of the previous year.
The project-selection committee of the Consulate General will discuss the proposals received and decide about the support that could be granted. All decisions in this respect are final. The Consulate General reserves the right to reject applications without assigning any reasons.
Chosen applicants may expect to be contacted by this Consulate General no later than by February.

III.

After a project has been selected for sponsorship and inspected by an official of this Consulate General, an agreement to this effect will be signed between the Consul General and the applicant. The project has to be completed within the same year the agreement is signed.

The project will be jointly inaugurated by a representative of the Consulate General and representatives of the applicant. The fact that the project was funded by Germany needs to be mentioned on the relevant commemoration slab or plaque.

Further information may be obtained from:

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