

## **Oxfam Great Britain Call for Concept Notes**

Oxfam Great Britain announces the availability of funding to support Vietnamese non-governmental organizations (VNGOs) and community based organizations (CBOs) in policy related work. Policy work may include but not be limited to various types of activity such as policy analysis, survey, research, study, and advocacy etc. Areas of policy focus should be poverty reduction, and promoting social accountability. Policy work could be at any level, ranging from commune, district, provincial to national level.

The “Promoting Social Accountability in Vietnam” programme under the Aim 4-Right to be Heard has been designed to ensure that “Government plans and policies are consistently prepared and implemented in a participatory manner and accountable to poor/ethnic minority men and women so that the poor/ethnic minority men and women in Vietnam have better living conditions and greater voice in matters concerning their own development”. This programme is supported by Irish Aid and is also expected to receive European Commission funding from 2010.

To this end, the programme includes a focus on assisting the “voice” of civil society organizations as a bridge between local citizens and government institutions. Civil society organizations (including Vietnamese NGOs, CBOs) and/or their networks involved in policy work can play an important role in strengthening this bridge.

**Goal of the project:** To support civil society organizations to be more active and effective in policy work.

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

- VNGOs, CBOs or existing networks of VNGO, CBO
- Groups of at least 3 VNGOs or CBOs or mixed groups of the two who share common interests in specific policy issues and get together for collective actions

**Funding:** From EUR 5,000 to EUR 10,000 per grant/year. We expect to award up to EUR 22,000/year for 3 years.

This funding is for both one-year and multi-year grants (maximum 3 years). For those multi-year grants, there must be concrete results for each year. An annual evaluation is required before grant for the next year is approved.

### **Time period for implementation:**

For one-year grant: April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011

For multi-year grant: April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2013 at the latest

**How to apply:** Eligible applicants are requested to submit a concept note for the first round selection<sup>1</sup>. Those applicants to be selected in the first round will be requested to submit a proposal for the final round selection. Please see annex for guideline for concept note.

**Concept note applications must be submitted by:** December 21, 2009, 5:00 p.m.

**Evaluation criteria for concept note:** Applications that meet the above requirements will be evaluated based on how well they:

- Identify specific policy issues and propose an appropriate and feasible action plan to address the identified policy issues, which could include but not be limited to such activities as research/study, survey, policy dialogue, advocacy etc.
- Demonstrate their capacity and experiences on the issue(s) that they proposed
- Prove strong cooperation among and active participation of network members or group members to take collective actions

**Submission of applications:**

Applications should be submitted by email to Ms. Hoang Thi Hai Anh at [hthanh@oxfam.org.uk](mailto:hthanh@oxfam.org.uk)

or by mail to:

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that we will send letters to inform organizations about result of the concept note by January 8, 2010 at the latest. There is therefore no need to call or email us before the date is due.