

DED Partnership: GDO Small Grants 2010

The German Development Service (DED) is pleased to announce its interest in partnerships for its **Grassroots Democracy Small Grants in 2010**.

The purpose of the grants is to facilitate the implementation of Vietnam's Grassroots Democracy Ordinance (34/2007/PL-UBTVQH11) in order to strengthen people's participation and good governance at local level in Vietnam.

How to join?

Small Grants will be given to local civil-society organizations which submit project proposals focusing on facilitating **monitoring processes at village or commune level according to the Grassroots Democracy Ordinance (GDO) or innovative ways to implement the ordinance**. Projects that link the GDO implementation to other topics as gender equality; strengthening marginalized groups as ethnic minorities, women, people with disabilities or others; raising transparency and accountability of local authorities etc. are most welcome.

Grants may be provided to Vietnamese civil society organizations (non-governmental organizations, mass organizations at district level and below, and community based organizations) in North and Central Vietnam. Applicants are willing to build up a close partnership with DED and other DED partner organizations, participating in a joint planning workshop in February or March 2010.

Projects can be planned as follows:

- A **one phase project** to be implemented between 1 April and 31 October 2010 supported by a **small grant of up to 10.000 Euro**.

Or

- A **two phase project** to be implemented between 1 April and 31 October 2010 (1st phase) and between 1 March and 31 October 2011 (2nd phase) supported by a **small grant of 20.000 Euro (10.000 per year) maximum**.

Project proposal cost calculations in terms of human resources need to match the *UN-EU guidelines for financing of local costs in development-cooperation with Vietnam* in order to obtain a grant. The recent guidelines can be downloaded at:

<http://ccbp.mpi.gov.vn/Portals/1/Cost%20Norms%20EN%20Final.pdf>.

Proposals should be submitted using the enclosed **DED applications form**. Furthermore, a **contribution to the project costs of at least 30% per phase is required from the applicants**. Please read also carefully the DED guidelines for applicants and references for project implementation.

Who and what cannot be supported?

Support will not be granted for research programs, formal academic training programs, international travel to conferences, ongoing institutional support, scholarships, fellowships, study programs, construction of facilities, or for individuals applying on their own behalf, including for travel or studies. Third-country or international organizations are not funding eligible either.

Application deadline

Please send your project proposals in English or Vietnamese to the German Development Service (DED), Civil Society and Good Local Governance Program, 6th Floor Hanoi Towers, 49 Hai Ba Trung, Hanoi or preferably online via e-mail to n.charaby@ded-vietnam.org by **15 January 2010 latest** (date of receipt). Final selections will be announced by 26 February 2010.

If you have any questions, please call (04) 3728-1142 or e-mail dt.trung@ded-vietnam.org. Please note that we only accept calls and e-mails before a proposal is submitted. Please do not request information between your proposal submission and DED's final selection announcement.

More information is also available at: <http://vietnam.ded.de>.

We look forward to receiving your proposals!

What is the German Development Service (DED)?

DED, the German Development Service, is the specialized service for personnel cooperation within the network of German Development Cooperation. It is financed by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany. DED assigns experts on request to the projects of our Vietnamese partner organizations. The experts working in Vietnam are experienced professionals in the field of Health and Disability, Natural Resource Management, Waste Water Management, Technical and Vocational Education and Training, Civil Society and Good Local Governance and Development Partnerships with Vietnamese Enterprises. Apart from assigning experts on request, DED also participates in the Development Volunteer Service *weltwärts* for young people.

In Vietnam, DED has been active since 1993. We aim to assist the reduction of poverty by following the plans laid out in the Comprehensive Poverty Reduction and Growth Strategy (CPRGS) of the Vietnamese Government, the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and the Action Program 2015 of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Since the foundation of the DED in 1963, about 15,000 professionals have been engaged in improving the living conditions of people in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Currently, almost 1,200 professionals are working in 47 countries.