



ODA Compliance

The Gnatwork pump-prime funds are delivered from the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF), which aims to support cutting-edge research that addresses the challenges faced by developing countries. The Fund forms part of the UK's Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitment which is monitored by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). As such, all research supported by the Gnatwork's pump-prime funding must meet the criteria for classification of expenditure as Official Development Assistance (ODA).

ODA funded activity focuses on outcomes that promote the long-term sustainable growth of countries on the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list. The overall principle for satisfying ODA compliance for CONNECTED's pump prime funding is that each project is administered with the promotion of the economic development and welfare of developing countries as its main objective. All proposals must have this clearly articulated within an "ODA Compliance Statement".

OECD further specifies the following in relation to ODA compliant research: "Only research directly and primarily relevant to the problems of developing countries may be counted as ODA. This includes research into tropical diseases and developing crops designed for developing country conditions. The costs may still be counted as ODA if the research is carried out in a developed country

For the ODA Compliance Statement, please describe how this project is ODA compliant by answering the following questions:

1. Which country/countries on the DAC list will directly benefit from this research?
2. How is your proposal directly and primarily relevant to the development challenges of these countries?
3. How do you expect that the outcome of your proposed activities will promote the economic development and welfare of a country or countries on the DAC list?

Annex 1

GCRF Networks in Vector Borne Diseases Research - Guidance

The following is intended as generic advice provided to applicants invited to submit proposals to the GCRF Networks in Vector Borne Disease Research Pump-priming awards. The Non-UK partners of the proposal should be DAC-listed countries. Applicants should demonstrate how their research will promote the economic development and welfare of the ODA eligible countries.

Part 1 Guidance for satisfying ODA requirements:

1. How is the UK funded element of the proposal directly and **primarily relevant** to the development challenges of ODA eligible countries?
2. Which country/countries on the DAC list will directly benefit from this proposal?
3. How do you expect the outcome of the UK funded proposed activities will promote the economic development and welfare of a country or countries on the DAC list?
4. Who are your in-country partners and how are they delivering impact in-country towards ODA goals to the people it will affect directly?

Part 2 Considerations for high quality ODA compliant applications:

- Seek to investigate a specific problem or seek a specific outcome which will have an impact on a developing country or countries on the DAC list;
- Provide evidence as to why this is a problem for the developing country or countries;
- Address the issue identified effectively and efficiently;
- Use the strengths of the UK to address the issue, working in collaboration with others as appropriate;
- Identify appropriate pathways to impact to ensure that the developing country benefits from the research.
- Consider articulating how the research will lead to implementation of the objectives in-country, i.e. beyond the partner organisation, especially in cases where a global organisation or research laboratories (e.g. universities) are the in-country partner.
- Demonstrate the added value of the research partners beyond providing local/ODA eligible country expertise: particularly how the partnership (including respective roles, contributions and additional resources) will contribute to the proposed research;
- Consider engagement beyond the immediate research group, to explore innovative ways in which to disseminate and apply the knowledge gained, e.g., linkage with other research groups in both a national and international sense;
- Articulate opportunities for training, capacity building and knowledge transfer;
- The extent to which research within ODA eligible country(s) might be sustainable beyond the lifetime of the research grant, and what innovative approaches will drive this.

Useful feedback observations on preparing ODA proposals can be found here:

<http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/documents/gcrf-agriculture-food-systems-generic-observations-pdf>

Further generic guidance on ODA compliance is available at:

<http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/documents/international/gcrfodaguidance-pdf/>

In writing your proposal, please also consider the following:

- Research proposals should factor in the time required for local approvals (e.g. approvals for GM trials).