



NEPAD/SPANISH FUND FOR AFRICAN WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT (THE FUND)

SELECTION OF ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES FOR FUNDING WITHIN THE 2nd CALL OF PROPOSAL

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The geographical scope of the NEPAD/ Spanish Fund for African women's empowerment is Sub-Saharan Africa. In this entity, there is tremendous need for women's empowerment due to the secondary position of women. Moreover, the first call for proposals created awareness about the NEPAD/ Spanish Fund. Thousands of women's groups, associations and governmental institutions in Africa are eagerly awaiting for the second call for proposals. However the funding available is limited. In this regards prioritization of eligible countries for funding within the second call of proposal with transparent criteria and methodology is relevant. The Geographical priorities for the period 2009-2012 are established according to multiple criteria of effectiveness as following

- Gender Responsiveness Criteria
- Development Indicators that classify low income countries in sub-Saharan Africa
- Priority countries for AECID (Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Development)

- **GENDER RESPONSIVENESS INDICATORS**

As the NEPAD /Spanish fund for African women empowerment aims to promote gender equality, 4 gender based criteria were selected:

- the report on the solemn declaration on Gender equality in Africa SDGEA
- the ratification of the CEDAW ¹,
- the ratification of the Protocol to the ACHPR² on Women's Right well know as the Maputo Protocol .

¹ Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women

- the membership for at least a REC³ which have already a Gender Policy and/or Protocol

- **DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS**

Many Development Indicators were developed. Three indicators were selected among them to be used as criteria for the selection of countries to be considered for funding during the 2nd call for proposal, as follow:

- The UNDP⁴ human development index (HDI) < 0.500. Grouping the lowest income countries in the world (using UNDP HDI from 2005 to 2008. According to UNDP research, these countries have a very high level of gender inequality, using the gender-related index (GDI) and its components in the UNDP Human Development Report 2007/2008 and 2009. These countries have also a very low gender-empowerment measure (GEM).
- The World Bank classification of Low income countries. The average income of people in these countries fall below the poverty line of 1.25 \$US per day
- the list of the 40 heavily Indebted Poor Countries in the world according to the World Bank classification

- **AECID PRIORITY COUNTRIES**

The presence and configuration of Spanish Cooperation in the partner country, the possible association framework in that country, the country's potential as development partner and the relative position of Spanish Cooperation to other donors.

² African charter on human and people's rights

³ Regional Economic Community

⁴ United Nations Development Programme

NEPAD SPANISH FUND LIST OF PRIORITY COUNTRIES IN SUBSAHARAN AFRICA FOR THE PERIOD 2009-2012

Language	NUM	COUNTRIES	CEDAW Ratified	MAPUTO PROTOCOL Ratified	Contries which Report on the SDGEA	Member of a Recs which have a Gender Policy or Protocol	UNDP HDI Lower than 0.500 2007 / 2008	world bank low income countrie s (Poverty line 1.25 US \$ / DAY)	40 heavily Indebted poor Countrie s	Priority Countries for AECID
18 Anglophone	1	ETHIOPIA	x	NO	x	COMESA & IGAD	0.414	x	x	A
	2	LESOTHO	x	x	x	SADC		x		
	3	LIBERIA	x	x	NO	ECOWAS	0.442	x	x	
	4	MALAWI	x	x	NO	COMESA & SADC	0.493	x	x	
	5	SIERRA LEONE	NO	NO	NO	ECOWAS	0.365	x	x	
	6	TANZANIA	NO	x	NO	SADC		x	x	
	7	GAMBIA	x	x	NO	ECOWAS	0.456	x	x	B
	8	SUDAN	NO	NO	NO	COMESA & IGAD		x	x	B
	9	GHANA	x	x	x	ECOWAS		x	x	
	10	KENYA	x	NO	NO	COMESA& IGAD		x	x	
	11	NIGERIA	x	x	x	ECOWAS		x		
	12	UGANDA	x	NO	NO	COMESA & IGAD		x	x	

20 Francophone	13	ZAMBIA	x	x	NO	COMESA & SADC	0.481	x	x	
	14	ZIMBABWE	x	x	NO	COMESA & SADC		x		
	15	NAMIBIA	x	x	x	SADC				C
	16	SWAZILAND	x	NO	NO	COMESA & SADC				
	17	BOTSWANA	x	NO	NO	SADC				
	18	SOUTH AFRICA	x	x	x	SADC				
	19	MALI	x	x	x	ECOWAS	0.366	x	x	A
	20	SENEGAL	x	x	x	ECOWAS	0.464	x	x	A
	21	NIGER	x	NO	NO	ECOWAS	0.34	x	x	A
	22	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	x	NO	NO	NO	0.369	x	x	
	23	BURKINA FASSO	x	x	x	ECOWAS	0.389	x	x	
	24	CHAD	x	NO	NO	NO	0.392	x	x	
	25	BURUNDI	x	NO	x	COMESA	0.394	x	x	
	26	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO	x	x	NO	COMESA & SADC	0.389	x	x	B
	27	GUINEA REPUBLIC	x	NO	NO	ECOWAS	0.435	x	x	B
	28	RWANDA	x	x	x	COMESA	0.46	x	x	
	29	IVORY COAST	x	NO	x	ECOWAS	0.484	x	x	
	30	BENIN	x	x	NO	ECOWAS	0.492	x	x	
	31	TOGO	x	x	NO	ECOWAS	0.499	x	x	
	32	DJIBOUTI	x	x	NO	COMESA & IGAD		x		
	33	MAURITANIA	x	x	NO	NO		x	x	

6 Lusophone	34	CAMEROUN	x	NO	x	NO		x	x	
	35	MADAGASCAR	x	NO	NO	COMESA & SADC		x	x	
	36	COMORES	x	x	NO	COMESA		x	x	
	37	REPUBLIC OF CONGO	x	NO	NO	NO		x	x	
	38	GABON	x	NO	NO	NO				
	39	MOZAMBIQUE	x	x	NO	SADC	0.402	x	x	A
	40	CAPE VERDE	x	x	NO	ECOWAS		x		A
	41	GUINEA BISSAU	x	x	NO	ECOWAS	0.396	x	x	B
	42	ANGOLA	x	x	NO	COMESA & SADC		x	x	B
	43	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	x	x	NO	NO		x		B
	44	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	x	x	NO	NO		x	x	

On the basis of these 8 criteria, several categories of association are established:

- 1- Countries which meet all the 8 criteria of selection (the ratification of the CEDAW ,the ratification of the Protocol to the ACHPR on Women's Right well know as the Maputo Protocol ,the reporting on SDGEA, the membership to at least a Rec which have already a Gender Policy and Protocol, the UNDP human development index < 0.500, the world Bank classification of Low income countries, the list of the 42 heavily Indebted Countries , The fact to be a Priority countries for AECID). In this group 2 francophone countries were selected: Senegal and Mali
- 2- Countries which meet 7 criteria of selection (the ratification of the CEDAW ,the ratification of the Protocol to the ACHPR on Women's Right well know as the Maputo Protocol ,the reporting on SDGEA, the membership to at least a Rec which have already a Gender Policy and Protocol, and 3 others criteria) In this group 2 countries were selected for funding as priority: 2 Francophone : Rwanda and Burkina Fasso
- 3- Countries which meet 6 criteria among others the 4 gender responsive criteria (the ratification of the CEDAW, the ratification of the Protocol to the ACHPR on Women's Right well know as the Maputo Protocol, the reporting on SDGEA, the membership to at least a Rec which have already a Gender Policy and Protocol, plus two others one). Only Ghana belongs to this group
- 4- Countries which complete 5 criteria of selection among others the 4 gender responsive criteria (the ratification of the CEDAW, the ratification of the Protocol to the ACHPR on Women's Right well know as the Maputo Protocol, the reporting on SDGEA, the membership to at least a Rec which have already a Gender Policy and Protocol,plus another one).They are Lesotho, Nigeria and Namibia,
- 5- Countries which completed only the 4 gender responsive criteria (the ratification of the CEDAW, the ratification of the Protocol to the ACHPR on Women's Right well know as the Maputo Protocol, the

reporting on SDGEA, the membership to at least a Rec which have already a Gender Policy and Protocol). Only South Africa belongs to this group

- 6- Countries which complete 7 criteria (3 of the gender responsiveness criteria in addition of 4 others one): Ethiopia, Gambia, democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique and Guinea Bissau are eligible
- 7- Countries which complete at least 6 criteria among others 3 genders responsive and 3 others one: Liberia, Malawi, Zambia, Burundi, Ivory Coast, Benin, Togo and Angola were selected.
- 8- Countries which meet partially or none of the gender responsive criteria but must be selected also as eligible countries for the second call of proposal in order to receive the necessary support to improve their policies and frameworks and be more gender responsive. The following countries fall on this group:
 - Sierra Leone which is member of ECOWAS Rec is considered as the priority action region for Spanish cooperation in Sub-Saharan Africa does not complete any of the gender responsive criteria but are affected by long war and need financial support to reconstruct the countries and take into consideration women who can play an important role on this process.
 - Sudan does not complete any of the gender responsive criteria but is considered as priority country for Spanish Cooperation as a category B and is affected by long war. In this regard, the NEPAD Spanish fund for African women empowerment brings some financial support with the first call of proposal by funding a project for women in Juba Region.
 - Niger is considered as a double priority country for Spanish Cooperation, first as a category A priority country and second as a member of ECOWAS, considered the priority action region for Spanish cooperation in Sub-Saharan Africa. Within the first call of proposal, Niger shows a real potential on Gender mainstreaming and is willing to add value on women empowerment in Africa. Five projects were funded in this country. One relevant project is the ratification without reserves of the Maputo protocol by the government. The project is ongoing and the process should be continue and speed. Despite the fact that they face lot of food security and climatic constraints, women's group and Civil Society Organization are

positioning themselves in order to reach their objectives on women economic empowerment, institutional strengthening and civil society strengthening.

- Guinea Republic is considered as a double priority country for Spanish Cooperation, first as a category B priority country and second as a member of ECOWAS, considered the priority action region for Spanish cooperation in Sub-Saharan Africa. Furthermore, due to political instability, international bilateral aid flows in Guinea are small compared to those in other countries ranked, like Guinea, among the bottom 15 in terms of their Human Development Index. Therefore Guinea is acutely vulnerable to shocks and remains heavily reliant on multilateral initiatives such as the Spain-NEPAD Fund for the Empowerment of African Women.
- Cape Verde is also a double priority country for Spanish Cooperation, first as a category A priority country and second as a member of ECOWAS, considered the priority action region for Spanish cooperation in Sub-Saharan Africa. Cape Verde is a highly gender responsive country in Sub-Saharan Africa, having ratified both CEDAW and the Maputo Protocol. Indeed, in its first call for proposals, the Spain-NEPAD Fund financed the National Plan Against Gender Violence, via the Cape Verde Institute for Gender Equality (ICIEG), a very successful project that demonstrates the commitment of local authorities to pursuing an active agenda in the sphere of gender equality as well as their capacity to implement successful large-scale projects such as this one. The project's non-governmental component also stands as evidence of the thriving civil society working for women's empowerment in Cape Verde. Spanish Development Cooperation works closely with local NGOs in different spheres and considers that this is a very good moment to help boost the non-governmental sector in Cape Verde in order to help consolidate some of the country's recent socio-economic successes. The Spain-NEPAD Fund has proved to be a powerful instrument in this respect.

- Equatorial Guinea is a priority country for Spanish Development Cooperation and is the only Spanish-speaking country in Africa. The promotion of women's rights and women's empowerment remains one of the pending issues in Equatorial Guinea's recent economic development. According to the latter, women in Equatorial Guinea continue to be deprived of their rights, are often relegated to an inferior position and face discrimination in many areas. They are often confined by customs and traditional roles, particularly in agriculture, in which they make up the majority of workers (81.5 per cent). Polygamy and a lack of educational opportunity also contribute to women's secondary position. In this context AECID believes the Fund offers unique opportunities for national and non-governmental institutions in this country to start tackling this issue. The strong presence of Spanish development cooperation throughout the country would also prove an important asset if the Fund were to develop activities in Equatorial Guinea.

With Regard to all the criteria and the selection process of the probable eligible countries for funding within the second call of proposal , 28 countries (11 Francophone, 12 Anglophone and 5 Lusophone) were prioritised on the list of 44 initial ones (20 francophone, 18 Anglophone and 6 Lusophone).

However, the exploitation of the previous matrix shows that effort have to be oriented also on ECCAS Regional economic communities that did not shows major progress in Gender . This REC needs technical and Political support to implement the frameworks on Gender Machinery for promoting Gender Equality.

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES FOR FINDING WITHIN THE 2 CALL OF PROPOSAL IN SUBSAHARAN AFRICA

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1	MALI	Francophone	x	x	x	ECOWAS	0.366	x	x	A	1
2	SENEGAL	Francophone	x	x	x	ECOWAS	0.464	x	x	A	1
3	BURKINA FASSO	Francophone	x	x	x	ECOWAS	0.389	x	x		2
4	RWANDA	Francophone	x	x	x	COMESA	0.46	x	x		2
5	GHANA	Anglophone	x	x	x	ECOWAS		x	x		3
6	LESOTHO	Anglophone	x	x	x	SADC		x			4
7	NIGERIA	Anglophone	x	x	x	ECOWAS		x			4
8	NAMIBIA	Anglophone	x	x	x	SADC				C	4
9	SOUTH AFRICA	Anglophone	x	x	x	SADC					5
10	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO	Francophone	x	x	NO	COMESA & SADC	0.389	x	x	B	6
11	ETHIOPIA	Anglophone	x	NO	x	COMESA & IGAD	0.414	x	x	A	6
12	GAMBIA	Anglophone	x	x	NO	ECOWAS	0.456	x	x	B	6
13	GUINEA BISSAU	Lusophone	x	x	NO	ECOWAS	0.396	x	x	B	6
14	MOZAMBIQUE	Lusophone	x	x	NO	SADC	0.402	x	x	A	6
15	BURUNDI	Francophone	x	NO	x	COMESA	0.394	x	x		7

16	BENIN	Francophone	x	x	NO	ECOWAS	0.492	x	x		7
17	TOGO	Francophone	x	x	NO	ECOWAS	0.499	x	x		7
18	IVORY COAST	Francophone	x	NO	x	ECOWAS	0.484	x	x		7
19	LIBERIA	Anglophone	x	x	NO	ECOWAS	0.442	x	x		7
20	MALAWI	Anglophone	x	x	NO	COMESA & SADC	0.493	x	x		7
21	ZAMBIA	Anglophone	x	x	NO	COMESA & SADC	0.481	x	x		7
22	ANGOLA	Lusophone	x	x	NO	COMESA & SADC		x	x	B	7
23	SIERRA LEONE	Anglophone	NO	NO	NO	ECOWAS	0.365	x	x		8
24	SUDAN	Anglophone	NO	NO	NO	COMESA & IGAD		x	x	B	8
25	NIGER	Francophone	X	NO	NO	ECOWAS	0.34	x	x	A	8
26	GUINEA REPUBLIC	Francophone	X	NO	NO	ECOWAS	0.435	x	x	B	8
27	CAPE VERDE	Lusophone	X	X	NO	ECOWAS		x		A	8
28	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	Lusophone	X	X	NO	NO		x		B	8

In total 28 countries are selected as eligible countries for funding within the second call of proposal. Their Geographical scope according to the Recs entities is as following:

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE OF THE 28 ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES FOR FUNDING WITHIN THE 2 nd CALL OF PROPOSAL ACCORDING TO THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES							
Recs	ECOWAS	COMESA	SADC	IGAD	EAC	ECCAS	CEN-SAD
COUNTRIES	MALI	DRC	DRC			DRC	MALI
	SENEGAL	RWANDA			RWANDA	RWANDA	SENEGAL
	BURKINA FASSO	BURUNDI			BURUNDI	BURUNDI	BURKINA FASSO
	BENIN	ETHIOPIA		ETHIOPIA			BENIN
	TOGO						TOGO
	IVORY COAST						IVORY COAST
	NIGER						NIGER
	GUINEA REPUBLIC						GUINEA REPUBLIC
	GAMBIA		NAMIBIA				GAMBIA
	LIBERIA	ZAMBIA	ZAMBIA				LIBERIA
	GHANA	MALAWI	MALAWI				GHANA
	NIGERIA		SOUTH AFRICA				NIGERIA
	SIERRA LEONE		LESOTHO				SIERRA LEONE
	GAMBIA	SUDAN	MOZAMBIQUE	SUDAN			SUDAN
	GUINEA BISSAU	ANGOLA	ANGOLA				GUINEA BISSAU

	CAPE VERDE					EQUATORIAL GUINEA	
TOTAL	16	8	8	2	2	4	14

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