

## **Regional Media Support Fund – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### ***Who can apply for the Regional Media Support Fund?***

Organisations focused on enhancing the capacity and capability of local media in countries eligible for Official Development Assistance in the Pacific, Southeast Asia and South Asia. This may include media organisations, commercial and not-for-profits, non-government organisations, civil society, membership networks and associations, education institutions, and media development institutions.

### ***Can partnerships or consortiums apply?***

Yes. You can apply as a partnership. Be sure to describe each partner's role in the project and resources that they may provide.

### ***Who reviews the proposals?***

A senior-level Governance Committee at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade makes final funding decisions.

### ***Is there a deadline for submissions?***

Applications are accepted at any time. However, to ensure timely review of your proposal, we encourage you to submit before the next Governance Committee meeting. Time-sensitive or urgent proposals may be considered on an ongoing basis. Please contact [RMSFadmin@abc.net.au](mailto:RMSFadmin@abc.net.au) for more information about timelines.

### ***What types of projects are eligible for funding?***

Projects may include small-scale equipment and facility upgrades, professional development, organisational strengthening, or other activities that support more viable, resilient, inclusive and independent media in the region.

### ***How do I show that my project supports public interest media?***

Clearly describe how your project benefits communities, promotes inclusivity, or strengthens media independence or collaboration.

### ***What should I include in the project objectives?***

Focus on what your project aims to achieve, who it will benefit, and how it aligns with the objective of the Fund. Activities must be focused on enhancing the capacity and capability of local media in countries eligible for Official Development Assistance in the Pacific, Southeast Asia and South Asia.

***What level of detail is expected in the budget section?***

Include a breakdown of the type of costs (for example, personnel, travel, equipment, venue hire, catering etc.), brief descriptions, and estimated amounts. Show how the budget is proportional to the project's scale and impact.

If there are in-kind contributions, please note these as well.

***Can I request support in the development or delivery of my activity?***

Yes. You can indicate the kind of support you need, such as procurement, logistics, technical expertise, or monitoring and evaluation. Feel free to contact [RMSFadmin@abc.net.au](mailto:RMSFadmin@abc.net.au) to discuss your needs.

***What if my organisation has limited experience delivering these types of projects?***

That's okay. You can still apply. Be honest about your experience and highlight any relevant capabilities or support you will need.

***How do I show how success will be measured?***

Use indicators like number of people reached, skills improved, feedback from participants, or community impact. We can help guide you if you need it.

***What should I include in the monitoring plan?***

Describe how you'll track progress throughout the delivery of an activity, e.g., regular check-ins, data collection, feedback, or reporting etc.

***How do I identify and manage risks?***

List key risks (e.g. procurement delays, staff capacity) and explain how you will monitor and respond to them.

***What is GEDSI and how should I address it?***

GEDSI stands for Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion. Describe how your project contributes to the advancement of gender equality, disability equity and social inclusion.

***How should I address climate change in my proposal?***

Talk about how you have considered climate change as part of your proposal. You can also talk about how your project contributes to positive climate action.

***How do I show that my project will have lasting impact?***

Talk about some of the ongoing benefits your project may have. You can also describe plans for community ownership, other funding, integration into existing

systems, or how the sharing of knowledge and learning would improve the capacity or capability of local media professionals after your project ends.

***Can I save and return to the form later?***

Yes, if you are logged into a Microsoft account, your progress will save automatically. If not, you will need to complete the form in one session.

***Can I submit attachments or supporting documents?***

Not directly through the Microsoft form. If needed, contact RMSFadmin@abc.net.au to discuss.

***What happens after I submit my proposal?***

You will receive an email notification about the outcome. Some applicants may be contacted prior to this in case we need to clarify aspects of the application.

***Where can I get help with my application?***

Email RMSFadmin@abc.net.au with any questions or to request support.