

INIDA UK PACT

Urban planning and mobility

Call for Proposals – Responses to clarification questions

Introduction

This document compiles questions and answers from the India-UK PACT Call for Proposals (CfPs) on Urban planning and mobility sector (October 2024).

They are divided in 3 categories:

- Post event communication
- Scope
- Application process and requirements

Post event communication

Q. Will the slides and recording be shared with the participants?

A. The slides and recording of the Market Engagement webinar can be found in:

- India –UK PACT Market Engagement Webinar: Recording [Urban Planning and mobility](#)
- India – UK PACT Market Engagement Webinar : [Presentation](#)

Scope

Q. We are interested in submitting a proposal, can request a meeting to discuss our offer?

A. We have endeavoured to elaborate the scope of work that India UK PACT intends to support in Urban planning and mobility sector in the relevant Terms of Reference, as well as during the Market Engagement Events. UK PACT cannot meet with individual applicants prior to the application window closing and we would expect applicants to make their own assessment of their suitability for the opportunities presented.

Q. Is the technical assistance through central ministry MoHUA or directly to the implementing states?

A. The technical Assistance is being offered through UK PACT to support government counterparts.

Q. Would the implementation of NBS within urban planning be applicable to this programme?

A. NbS could be part of the solution offered but not the focus as part of this call.

Q. Are the climate actions plan required to focus on mobility or other sectors including solid waste management etc. Specifically, any focus on city development plans or mobility plans.

A. Climate action plans for this call have a focus on planning for integrated urban mobility and strategy based on transit-oriented development interventions. Solid waste management is not a priority area for this call.

Q. Can you specify the focus on climate data driven approaches to UP and Mobility?

A. The call is looking to support engagements that develop climate integrated data driven urban planning frameworks

across key public (municipal) services for city level decisions leveraging existing data related infrastructure such as integrated command and control centres.

Q. This Call for proposals seems more like a 'Climate Action Plan' TA which does not necessarily dovetail with City Development Plans' which is really the challenge at hand.

A. The focus of this program is to integrate climate action into city development plans. This will ensure that future development based on the city development plans include climate as a key consideration.

Q. Should the proposal cover all 3 themes, or can it focus on 1 or 2 themes?

A. We would ideally like the proposals to cover all 3 themes.

Q. Does the project scope have flexibility to look at other cities in India, aside the two locations in Tamil Nadu?

A. For this call we are focussing at the two cities of Erode and Thoothukudi.

Q. Since the theme focus is Urban Planning & Mobility, it is presumed that the entire service delivery spectrum of the local self-government is covered - say waste management, water & sanitation, parking and decongestion, local mobility improvement, energy assessments and efficiency et.al. ! Please clarify.

A. The themes include topic areas in the urban planning sector that overlap with the mobility sector such as public transport, last mile connectivity etc but also include additional areas like urban greening, strategies for including peri-urban areas into municipal limits etc.

Q. Is first theme of the proposal focusing on preparation of Net zero city resilient climate action plans?

A. The focus of this project is on integrating climate considerations into existing and upcoming city plans such as development plans and mobility plans.

Q. How and by whom will the outputs be used ultimately for each priority?

A. The outputs will be used by the two city governments of Erode and Thoothukudi and will be taken to the state and socialised with key central government ministry and departments.

Application process and requirements

Q. Do we need to have FCRA, for seeking the UK Pact funding?

A. Yes, if the lead organization intends to receive foreign contributions, it must be registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA).

If the lead organization does not have FCRA registration but is collaborating with a local partner that does, the local partner can manage the financial aspects of the project, provided they are compliant with FCRA regulations.

Q. Is UKPACT funding open to international companies or only Indian companies? i.e. can International/ UK companies also apply? What is the fund ceiling?

A. Yes, Funding is open to international organisations who can accept grants and work on a non-profit basis. The funding ceiling is 500k pounds per consortium per city available until January 2026 with a possibility for extension.

Q. How many projects will be awarded in this call for proposals?

A. We are hoping to award 2 consortium projects as part of this call. I.e. One consortium project in each city of Erode and Thoothukudi.

Q. What is the funding support amount for this India Programme on Urban Planning and Mobility?

A. The funding support is 1 million Pounds across the two cities in the state of Tamil Nadu until January 2026.

Q. Would grant come as one project or there will be multiple projects?

A. We are hoping that the grant will come as one consortium project in each city.

Q. Do we have to submit one proposal under one theme, or it can be cross cutting across 3 themes?

A. We are expecting submissions where 1 consortium proposal covers all the 3 themes.

Q. For applying for the UK Pact, what are the eligibility criteria to submit a proposal.

A. We are looking for a consortium of institutions that have the relevant knowledge, skills and experience. We are aiming to have a consortium of national and international organisations that have complementary skills and experience to strengthen delivery capacity. The full eligibility criteria will be detailed in the documents for the Call for Proposal.

Q. What is the overall budget of the programme and/or how many proposals will be funded? Please clarify if the budget of 500K is for 2 years and for both the cities? Will the budget be equally divided between the two cities?

A. The budget ceiling of 500,000 GBP for up to 24 months (with a possibility of extension). We aim to support at least 2 consortium projects – one each in each city of Erode and Thoothukudi each with a budget of 500k GBP.

Q. Does this call require the project proponents to have a buy-in from the respective municipal corporations before submission? Is engagement needed with the city authorities before submission?

A. We encourage you to engage with key counterparts before submitting a proposal, but evidence of support is not a requirement.

Q. Will this call cover agroforestry sector?

A. This call focusses on urban planning and mobility sector. A separate call for Agroforestry will be organised and communicated as and when that is planned. All information will be posted on the India opportunities portal.

Q. Do organisations need to be locally registered in the country of implementation to apply?

A. Organisations and consortia need to be sure that they are structured and registered in a way that allows them to deliver the project they have proposed. We require organisations and/or consortia to make sure they have confirmed their own ability to deliver their proposed project in country.

Q. Who will be the client exactly, the FCDO, UK Govt. or Indian govt counterparts?

A. Client will be Indian government counterparts.

Q. Will a consortium-building list be available?

A. We encourage applicants to apply through a consortium. We will be able to offer a list of potential applicants who express interest in applying as part of the consortium.

Q. Are not for profit eligible for application? Can an NGO also apply through a service contract? If not a grant?

A. Yes, non-for-profit and for-profit organisations can apply. For-profit organisations must be able to work on a non-profit basis.

Q. What is % of indirect/overheads allowed for the project?

A. The amount of overhead that can be funded by UK PACT should be an 'appropriate apportionment' and is calculated as the percentage of core costs necessary to support your organisation's ongoing business or activities. For more details, please refer UK PACT Applicant Handbook.

Q. Is the proposal submission currently live on your website?

A. The call will get launched on the 28th of October on the India Fund page opportunities portal.

Q. How would you describe a project supported by a Youth Start-up but with a robust monitoring and implementation framework involving multiple Self-Help Groups?

A. UK PACT plans to support projects that will be delivering technical assistance. We encourage applicants to identify as much as possible the relevant team composition before submitting their proposals.

Q. Is the local partner should be from the state of Tamil Nadu or can be from any states of India?

A. We encourage on local partner from Tamil Nadu as part of the consortium.

Q. Value of projects means consultancy fee or the project cost/project investment? Explain the point on one implementing partner can bid for more than 1 project. Can one consortium submit multiple proposals, and one organization be part of multiple consortiums?

A. The value of the project refers to the grant value of 500k GBP per project per city available for the period of 24 months. One implementing partner can apply for more than one consortium project application.

Q. How can Companies in India, take a grant?

A. Yes, a private company can receive a grant.

Q. Can the dates pls be shared again?

A. CfP launch – 28 Oct

Deadline for submissions- 30 Nov

Award announcement – 20 Dec

Project start date- February 2025

Q. What do you mean by local partner? Is that essential to have local partners from the selected cities?

A. A local partner refers to an organization based in India. It refers to applicants who work in the project geography, have an understanding of the local context, existing relationships with key counterparts and the ability to obtain information as needed to achieve the proposed outputs and outcomes.

Q. Is the programme to be delivered in 1 year or more than that?

A. The programme is to be delivered within 23 months starting February 2025- January 2027.

Q. Could you please confirm that two projects will be awarded in this call for proposals, one for each city, covering the three themes? Each project, up to £500,000 up to 24 months.

A. That is correct.

Q. Who will own the IP? Will it be a joint IP?

A. The Implementing Partner will own the IP; however, they will need to grant FCDO full rights to IP developed as part of the project.

Q. Do we need to quote financials also? or only technical evaluation will be there?

A. Your proposal will be assessed against financials apart from the technical assessment. You will be required to submit the budget that will comprise of a summary of your costs along with an overhead methodology that we require organisations to follow as well.

Q. Can start up participate in this? Can a IT company (Profit) submit a proposal?

A. All organisations that meet the eligibility requirements are welcome to participate in the call.