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**GREEN RECOVERY
CHALLENGE FUND**

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UK PACT OVERVIEW

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UK PACT: Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions

UK PACT is a £260m programme funded by the UK Government under its International Climate Finance portfolio. It has provided funding for projects and skill-shares across three continents since 2018.

UK PACT supports countries that have high emissions reduction potential to implement and increase their ambitions for tackling climate change in line with the goal of the 2015 Paris Agreement.

UK PACT delivers capacity-building activities through three components:

1. **Country Programmes**
2. **Skill-Shares and Secondments**
3. **The Green Recovery Challenge Fund.**

UK PACT: Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions

Supporting transformational climate change projects worldwide

UK PACT's delivery model creates opportunities for **synergies, knowledge sharing and learning** between projects, helping partner countries shift towards a greener, more resilient future.



Our portfolio of project is **broad and diverse**. We work in sectors where our funding can have the most impact in catalysing the transition to a low-carbon future by **addressing barriers and constraints to clean growth**.



Our projects are implemented by local and international organisations from the **private and non-governmental sector, civil society and academia**. Many of these will work with partners to widen their reach and embed specialist expertise in their project delivery.



UK PACT has **robust risk assessments and mitigation strategies** to ensure projects have the necessary built-in flexibility and adaptability.

UK PACT: Programme structure

A flexible, demand-driven delivery model to support transformational change

UK PACT is designed to be flexible and adaptive, with 3 core components to its delivery model. FCDO has procured a delivery partner to lead the delivery of each component:



Foreign, Commonwealth
& Development Office

STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT

1. COUNTRY PROGRAMMES:



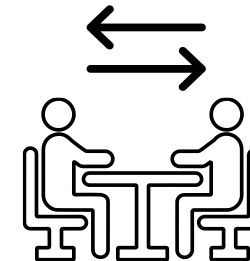
Support for innovative projects in partner countries to provide **capacity building** in line with the country context **and demand from government stakeholders**.

2. GREEN RECOVERY CHALLENGE FUND (GRCF):



Support for **innovative capacity building** projects to promote low-carbon solutions and a green, resilient and inclusive recovery in a **wider range of countries**.

3. SKILL-SHARES AND SECONDMENTS:



Provide both short-term peer-to-peer **skill-shares** with country counterparts, and long-term **secondments** into key institutions.

Before joining the webinar, how aware were you of UK PACT and the various programmes?

Not aware

A little aware

Quite aware

Very aware

GRCF OVERVIEW

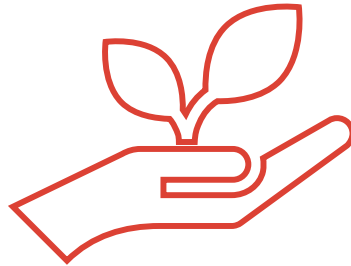
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The Green Recovery Challenge Fund

What is it?



**CAPACITY
BUILDING**



**LOW CARBON
TRANSITION**



**GRANTS OF UP TO
£500,000**

What are we looking for?

We are looking for innovative ideas that address specific low-carbon challenges, show measurable results, promote social inclusion and inspire future actions to increase climate ambition at scale while supporting countries to rebuild their economies after the COVID-19 outbreak.

Only registered not-for-profit organisations are eligible to be the lead Implementing Partner of a proposal/consortium. For-profit organisations can participate in the call for proposals as partners within a consortium.

Each project has the potential to be awarded up to £500,000 over the course of a 12-month implementation period.

Examples of activities we expect to fund include:





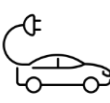

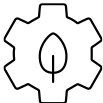
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**ENHANCING SKILLS IN KEY
INSTITUTIONS BY
PROVIDING TRAINING**
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**RECOMMENDATIONS OF NEW
POLICIES OR TOOLS TO
ACCELERATE EMISSION
REDUCTIONS**
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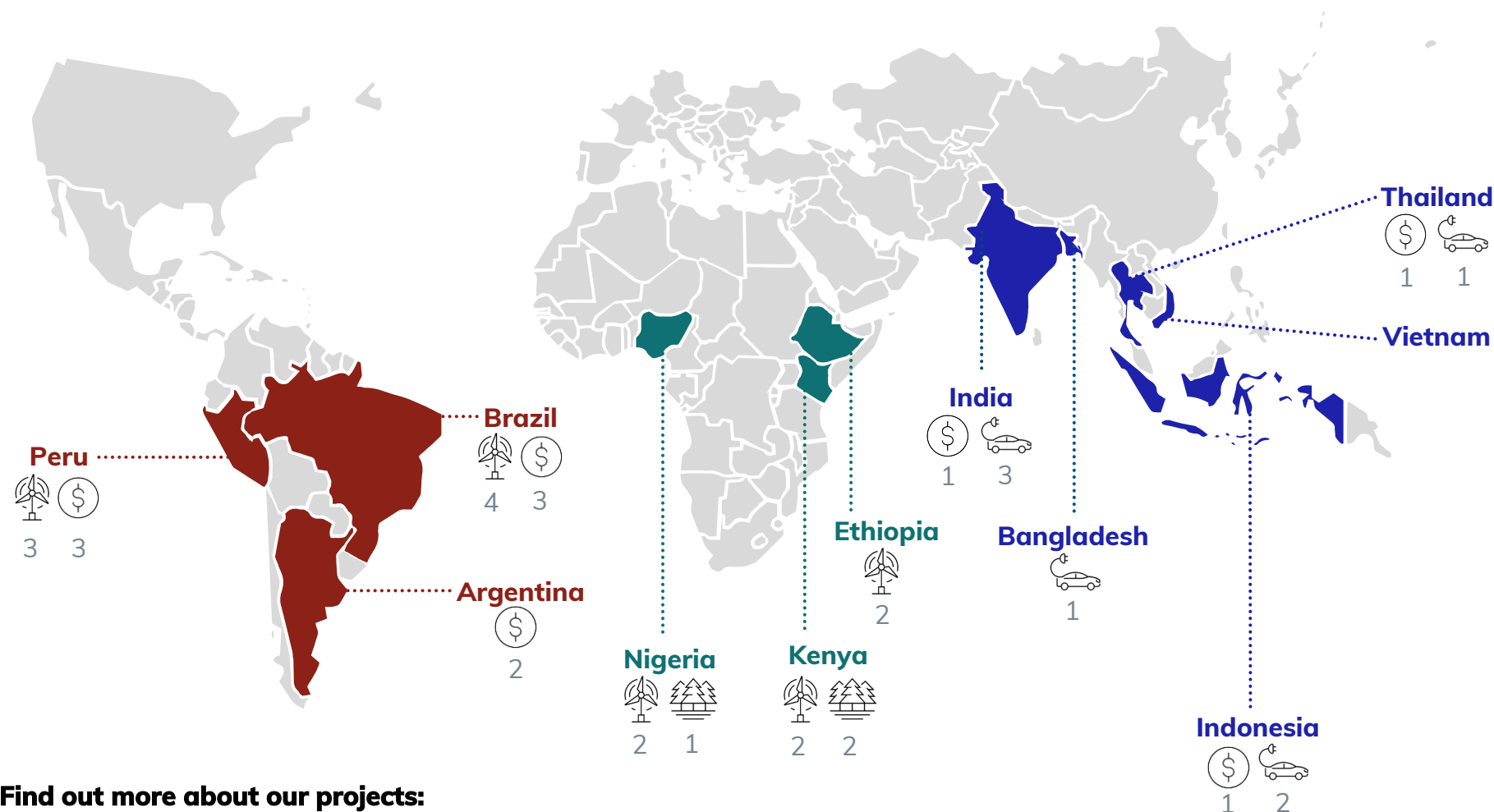
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**CREATING KNOWLEDGE AND
COMMUNICATION PRODUCTS
(E.G. RESEARCH PAPERS)**
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**STRENGTHENING
NETWORKS OF KEY ACTORS
TO DRIVE CLIMATE ACTION**
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The Green Recovery Challenge Fund is distinct from other parts of UK PACT, namely from the Country Programmes.

Category	GRCF	Country Programmes
Funding capacity-building projects	✓	✓
Single-country projects	✓	✓
Regional and multi-country projects	✓	✗
Countries		
Focus areas	<div>Thematic windows</div> <div></div>	<div>Tailored to specific country priorities</div>

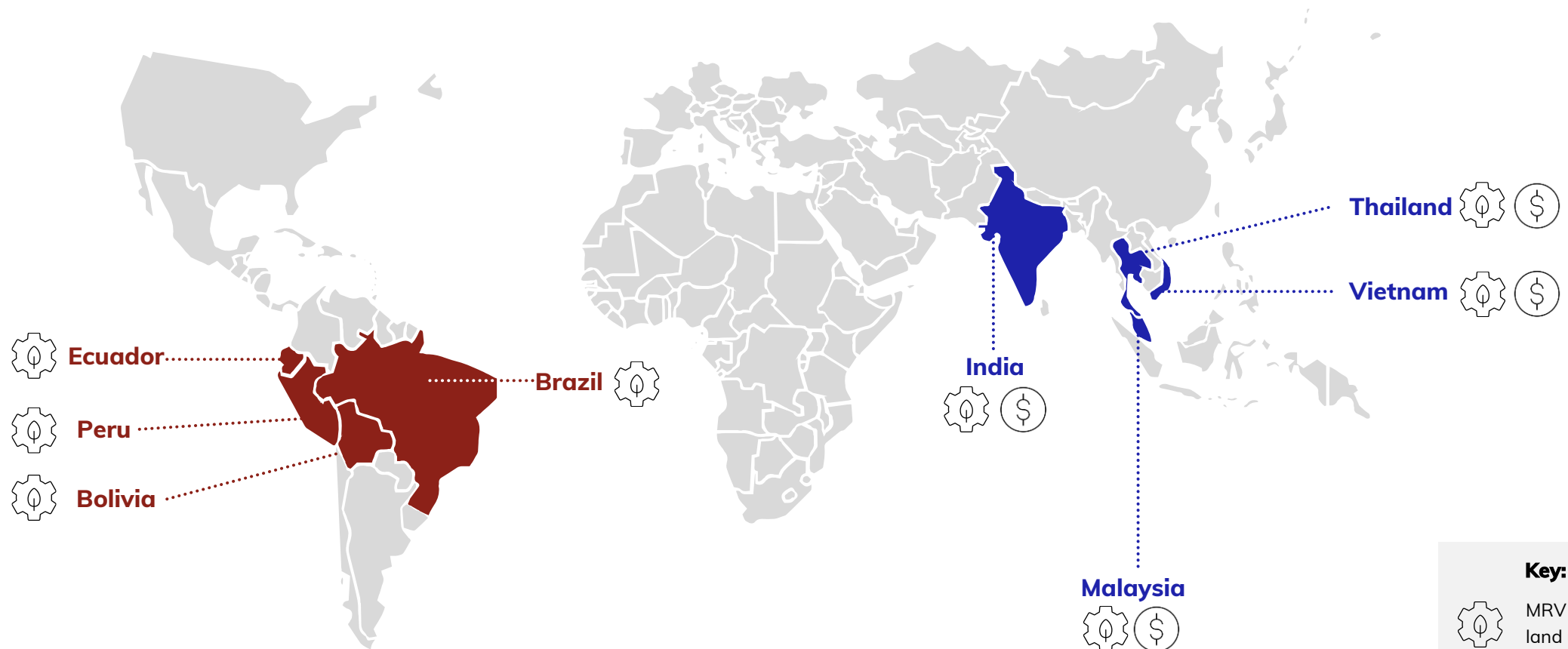
Portfolio overview



Find out more about our projects:
www.ukpact.co.uk/green-recovery-challenge-fund/projects

Theme		Number of projects
	Electrifying urban mobility	7
	Greening financial systems	10
	Clean energy transition	6
	Nature based solutions	10
Total		33

Focus areas for this funding round



Key:



MRV tools for forests, land use and agriculture



Greening financial systems

**THIRD
FUNDING
ROUND
THEMES**

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Theme 1

Measuring, reporting and verification (MRV) tools for forests, land use and agriculture



MRV tools for forests, land use and agriculture



Locations



Latin America (Brazil, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru) and **Asia** (India, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam)

Context

- Lack of **robust and appropriate MRV tools** and **insufficient capacity** to implement them is a major barrier to tackling emissions from Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU).
- Standardised MRV tools can help countries with reporting requirements and **tracking progress towards their NDC goals**.
- They can also **empower indigenous and local communities** to increase the sustainability of their activities.

Action

- Strengthening national and local MRV tools can **enhance transparency in tracking AFOLU emissions**, enabling countries to **accurately report progress**.
- Increasing effective use of MRV tools and data at a local level can **support better policymaking** and the **development of carbon markets**.
- Implementing MRV tools alongside Nature-based solutions (NBS) **can multiply the mitigation potential** and unlock long-term systemic change.

MRV tools for forests, land use and agriculture



Scope

- **Development and implementation of MRV tools at field level** e.g. methodologies and tools to:
 - support sustainable forestry and agricultural practices
 - enhance forest-based removals through monitoring of forest degradation and land use changes
 - develop green supply chains.
- **Development of certification schemes** utilising data to verify sustainability claims and mainstream deforestation-free commodities.
- **Capacity building** for governments and institutions to effectively utilise MRV tools.
- Utilisation of MRV tools for forests, land use and agriculture to **support the development of rural credit options and carbon markets.**

Not in scope

- Projects that only focus on implementing MRV tools to monitor **business-as-usual agricultural practices or deforestation** without promoting more sustainable agricultural or reforestation practices.
- Projects that focus on developing new MRV tools and **do not include capacity building elements** targeting communities and/or policymakers.
- Projects that create new tools and process ‘in a silo’ with **no clear link to the broader national and institutional frameworks** in the country.

MRV tools for forests, land use and agriculture



Example projects

- **Training communities to use existing MRV tools** to collect data that can help improve the sustainability and profitability of agricultural practices, such as fertiliser spraying and local forest protection and management.
- **Knowledge sharing activities to promote uptake of MRV tools** either by developing new stakeholder networks and platforms, or by enhancing existing networks, with a particular focus on South-South exchange.
- **Developing and implementing MRV tools to support the creation of certification schemes** that verify environmental credentials of agriculture or forestry practices across the supply chains, including forest carbon credits.
- **Encouraging the standardisation and alignment of MRV tools and data** used, ensuring clear links to existing frameworks and systems.
- **Training government officials and stakeholders** in key national institutions to utilise and understand MRV data, tools, frameworks and processes for climate reporting and policy making.

An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely Bangkok, featuring a dense cluster of skyscrapers and modern buildings. In the foreground, a large, lush green park with a winding lake and several small boats is visible. The sky is a mix of blue and light orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The image is partially obscured by a dark blue overlay on the right side.

Theme 2

Greening financial systems

Greening financial systems



Locations



Asia (India, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam)

Context

- **Financial systems remain vulnerable to climate change risks.** Transitioning to more sustainable and greener financial systems is key to a more resilient finance sector.
- More work is needed to fully **incorporate climate concerns into financial policies** and regulations and **mobilise further private finance** into green investments.
- The development of **sustainable financial architecture and products** also provides an opportunity to enable a **more inclusive financial system**.

Action

- **Incorporating climate concerns into financial decision-making** by working with finance ministries, central banks, and regional administrations.
- **Mobilising private finance** to direct investments towards projects and technologies that contribute to net-zero goals and a just transition.
- **Supporting the development of financial frameworks, risk management tools, and financial instruments** to support both climate and social inclusion objectives.
- **Improving access to finance** for small businesses, women, and people from vulnerable groups.

Greening financial systems



Scope

- **Developing financial market frameworks for sustainable finance** to incentivise investments into green and sustainable projects.
- **Aligning climate risk reporting and management mechanisms with international standards** to build resilience against climate-related physical externalities.
- Mainstreaming sustainability in public budgets and implementing reforms to **embed climate dimensions in national public financial management systems**.
- **Supporting governments to design innovative financial architectures** and more ambitious national strategies to scale-up sustainable finance.
- Supporting governments and financial institutions in **designing policies and financing options to support more inclusive financial systems**.

Not in scope

- Developing a **pipeline of green/sustainable investible projects**.
- **Providing direct funding** to green/sustainable projects outside the financial sector.

Greening financial systems



Example projects

- Supporting the **creation of financial market frameworks** to promote innovative green financial instruments.
- **Training local financiers** on climate disclosure and risk management.
- **Supporting regulatory changes** that incentivise more investments in sustainable projects, including gender-sensitive regulatory and monitoring processes.
- Supporting governments in the **inclusion and monitoring of climate-related expenditure in public budgets**.
- **Quantitative assessment of the capital and investment needs** for countries to achieve their climate ambitions.
- **Re-designing financial market structures and products** to support investment into green infrastructure and projects
- **Building capacity in local financial institutions to scale up private finance** to underserved sectors and geographies, **improving the gender-responsiveness of green finance** and increasing the level of support for the most vulnerable.

How likely are you to apply for funding from the UK Green Recovery Challenge Fund?

Very likely

Somewhat likely

Undecided

Not likely

APPLICATION PROCESS

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Application process



Applications stages: EOI and full proposal

Expression of interest (EOI)

Capturing initial concepts and assessing eligibility.

INCLUDES

- Eligibility checklist
- Thematic focus/ strategic fit of project
- Information on implementing consortium
- Demand from stakeholders
- Impact potential
- Gender and inclusion consideration
- Key risks
- High-level budget.

Full proposal

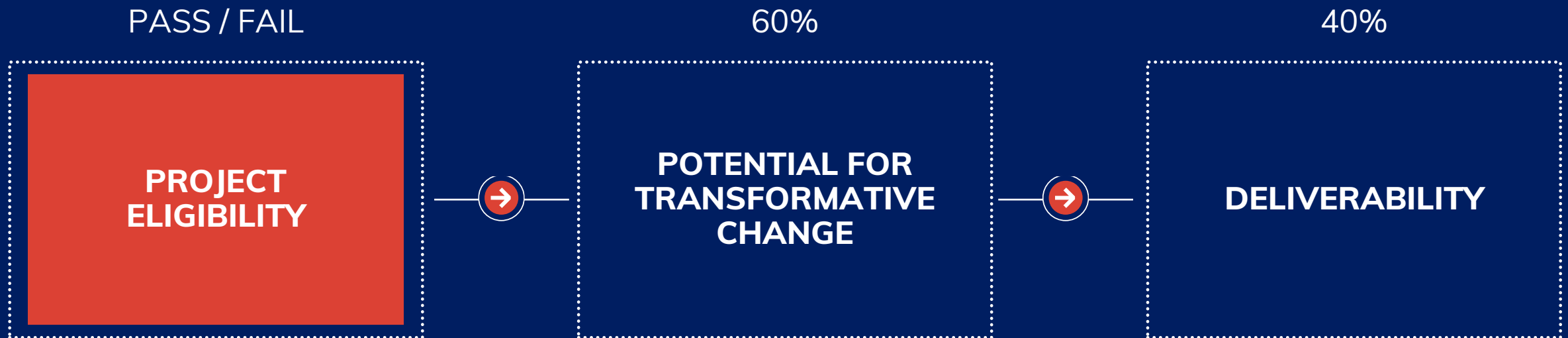
More detail provided on full project scope, activities, management, risk and budget.

INCLUDES

- Full project description and transformational change criteria (impact, sustainability, political buy-in, leverage)
- Full stakeholder analysis and demonstration of beneficiary buy-in/engagement, including communications plans
- Full risk analysis
- Description of delivery team
- Project and financial management
- Gender and inclusion considerations
- Detailed project workplan
- Detailed budget.

Applicants successfully selected following full proposal stage will be provided with the necessary support and guidance to ensure projects are fully aligned with UK PACT requirements (this may include budget and milestones, monitoring and reporting, communications, and gender and inclusion support, among other aspects).

Selection criteria: Expression of interest



Project eligibility criteria

Relevance and strategic fit

- Accelerates the low-carbon transition and promotes a greener, fairer, more resilient future.
- MRV tools for forests, land use and agriculture in Latin America and Asia.
- Greening financial systems in Asia.

ODA-eligibility

- Contribute to a reduction in poverty, enhanced sustainable development and/or improved welfare of the country's population.

* Possibility for project extensions beyond one year, pending further funding for the UK PACT programme.

Organisation

- Only not-for-profit organisations are eligible to be the lead Partner of a proposal/consortium. For-profit organisations can participate as partners within a consortium.

Duration

- Up to 12 months*.

Budget

- Up to £500,000
- To be paid in GBP in arrears for completed tasks.

Selection criteria: Expression of interest



Key selection criteria



Transformational change

To sustainably reduce emissions and shift to lower-carbon patterns of development, countries need interventions that can catalyse further change.

This means contributing to ‘transformational change’ by encouraging others to adopt, replicate and scale-up successful activities and by facilitating substantive institutional and policy change towards a low-carbon future.



Demand led

All project proposals must identify beneficiaries that will ensure the buy-in and absorption of the capacity building proposed.

Applicants will be expected to have strong in-country networks and well-developed engagement plans for ensuring the uptake of project outputs.

Key selection criteria: Gender equality and social inclusion

Support the inclusive low-carbon transition and the green, resilient economic recovery needed to reduce poverty in partner countries, contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



Consideration of gender equality and inclusion are a minimum requirement to ensure no harm is done.

Do no harm: Ensure each intervention will not lead to unintended negative gender and/or discrimination impacts.

NON-COMPLIANCE

GESI unaware/blind



MINIMUM COMPLIANCE

GESI neutral



EMPOWERMENT

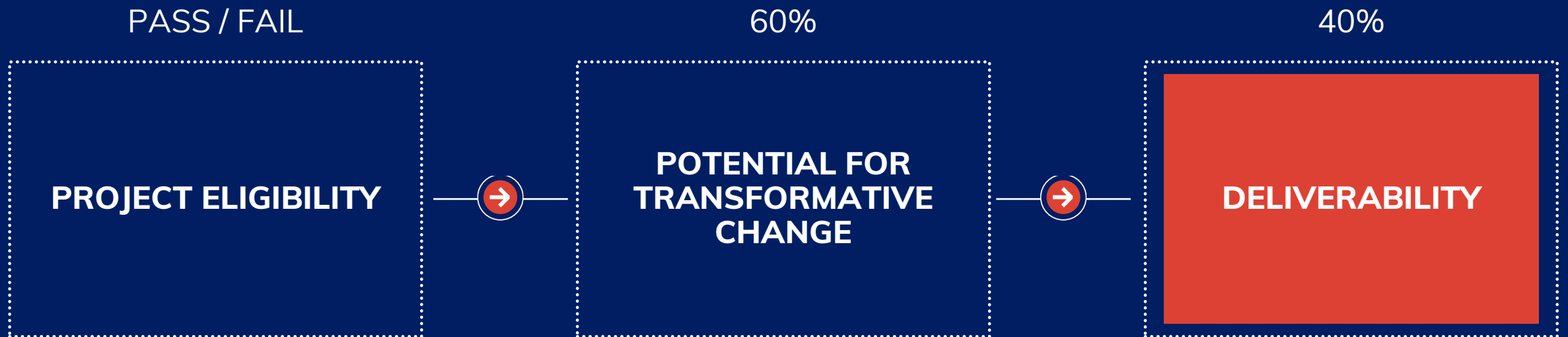
GESI sensitive



TRANSFORMATION

GESI transformative

Selection criteria: Expression of interest



Key selection criteria



Deliverability

The deliverability of the project will be assessed to determine the expected likelihood of successful delivery of the project.

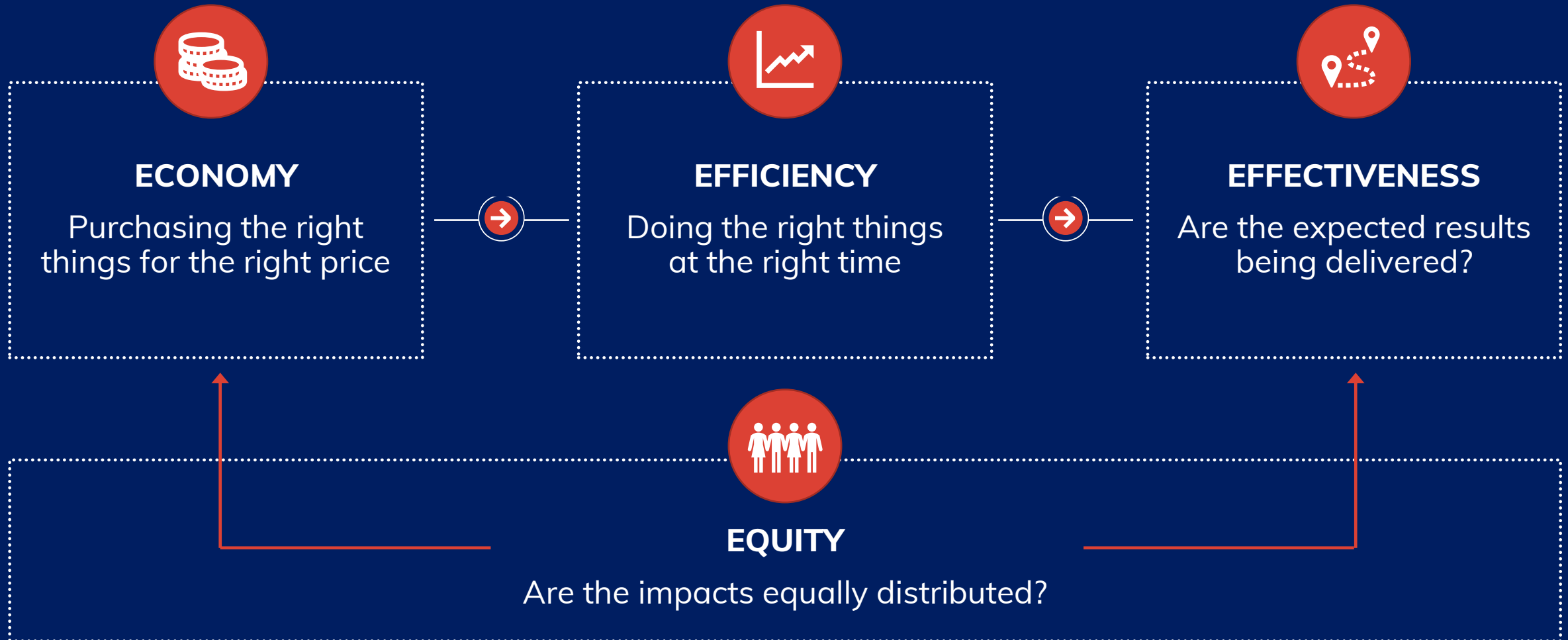
Does the implementing organisation have the skills, knowledge and experience to deliver the capacity-building project?

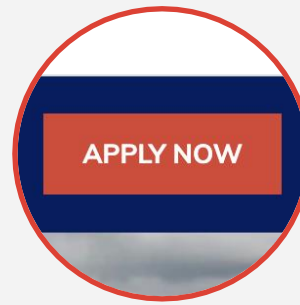
Does the proposed project have an appropriate design, including a clear, logical and achievable plan?

Selection criteria: Full proposal



Selection criteria: Value for money





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A capacity-building fund to support low-carbon transitions and a green, resilient and inclusive economic recovery across ODA-eligible countries.

The UK Government has partnered with ICF Consulting to deliver the Green Recovery Challenge Fund under the UK PACT (Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions) programme funded by UK International Climate Finance.

The story so far

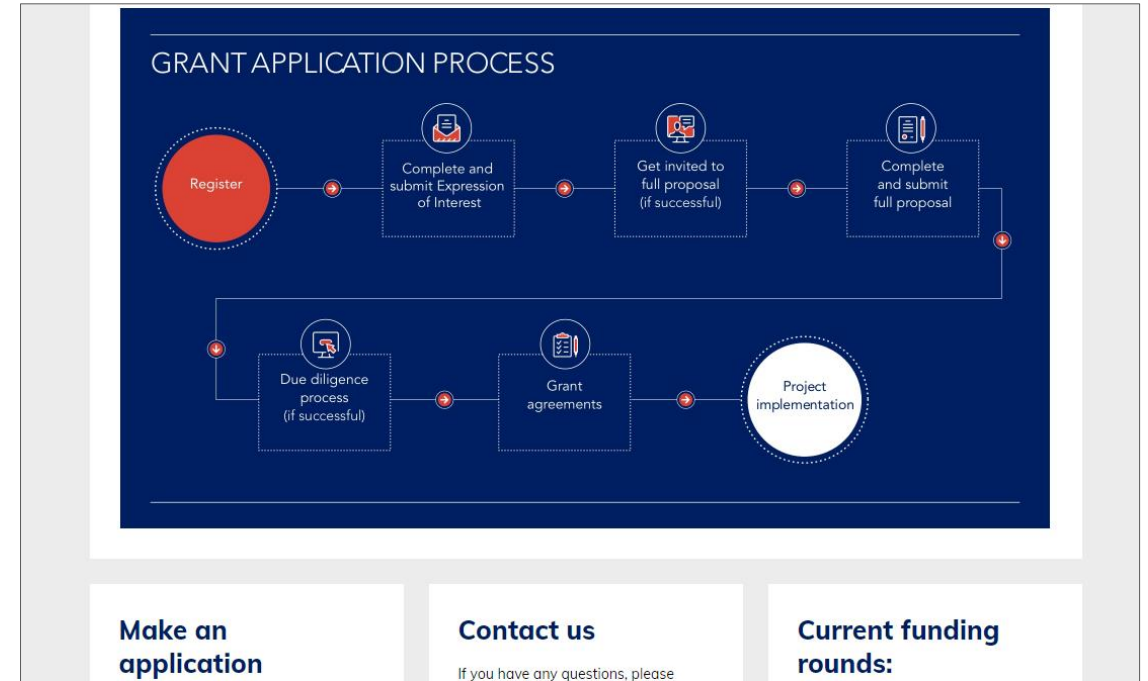
In 2020, we began our search for projects that supported the acceleration of the low-carbon transition for ODA-eligible countries in Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Asia.

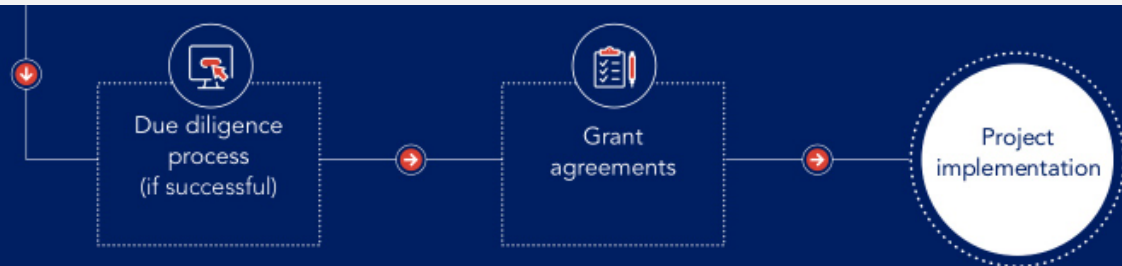


How to apply through the application portal

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How to apply through the application portal





Select a scheme to start an application

Expression of Interest - Monitoring, Reporting & Verification

Expression of Interest - Verification

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Submit application

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Please note these criteria will be assessed as pass/fail – a fail against one of these criteria will result in the project being

Do you confirm that your project would deliver in at least one of the countries eligible within the thematic funding round

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Submit application

How to apply through the application portal

What materials do you find most useful when applying for or sharing information on grant funding programmes such as this?

**Case
studies**

**Step-by-step
application guides**

**Guidance
on themes**

**1:1 support or
correspondence**

**Example
applications**

Q&A

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Jennie Sloane , ICF Consulting

What's next?

- If you haven't already, check your eligibility and read the theme descriptions.
- Supporting material including the Guidance Document and Expression of Interest template are available on the website. www.ukpact.co.uk/green-recovery-challenge-fund
- Then from 16 May 2022 12:00 (GMT+1), register on the portal and start your application! www.ukpact.co.uk/apply-now.



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Recording available this week

Applications open 16 May 2022 at 12:00 (GMT +1)

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