

OVERSEAS AID COMMITTEE

OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS



Isle of Man Government

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Remit & Application Guidelines

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Overseas Aid Committee

The Overseas Aid Committee of the Council of Ministers is the Isle of Man Government body responsible for the funding of development aid projects in the world's less developed countries. The Committee is also responsible for providing donations to international emergency/disaster appeals.

Formed in 1985 as the Voluntary Service Overseas Committee to fund the overseas postings of Isle of Man VSO volunteers, the Committee changed its name the following year when it was given responsibility for the funding of all overseas development aid projects. Responsibility for donations to disaster appeals was given to the Committee in 2000.

The Committee consists of four members (three from Tynwald and one lay member) who are appointed by the Council of Ministers. Meetings usually take place three or four times per year.

The Committee funds projects from many well-known charities and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) such as Christian Aid, HelpAge International, PLAN International, The Leprosy Mission, Marie Stopes International and VSO, together with many others. Projects in Africa, Asia, Central and South America, and Eastern Europe have all benefited from donations.

Current membership of the Committee

Mr G H Waft MLC (Chairman)

Mr J R Kniveton MLC

Mrs H Hannan MHK

Mr J H Green MBE

Mr K Cubbon (Secretary)

Remit of the Overseas Aid Committee

- 1.** The Overseas Aid Committee is responsible for administering the distribution of the Isle of Man Government's development aid funding. The Committee is also responsible for providing donations to international emergency/disaster appeals.
- 2.** The Committee will provide development aid grants particularly to the following areas:
 - a. projects to assist self-sufficiency;
 - b. safe drinking water and food security;
 - c. environmental protection and sustainable development;
 - d. effective education and training;
 - e. basic health care and medical care.

Projects in these areas that address the role of women and gender equality will be strongly encouraged.

- 3.** Grants will normally only be made to projects submitted by non-governmental organisations (NGO's), including many well known charities. The Committee will however occasionally consider requests from local people to support particular projects.
- 4.** The Committee is strongly supportive of appropriate projects which involve a local (Isle of Man) fund-raising element.
- 5.** No grant of more than 10% of the Committee's total budget will be made to any one project.
- 6.** The Committee requires a project report to be submitted no later than twelve months after a project is completed. Where the project is incomplete or ongoing an interim report should be submitted.

Application Guidelines

1. An application for funding to the Committee should include the following :-
 - a. Description of the area where the project is to take place and the people who will benefit.
 - b. Identification of the need for the project.
 - c. Details of the project, including budget.
 - d. Approximate number of beneficiaries.
 - e. Future sustainability of the project.
 - f. Amount requested from the Isle of Man Overseas Aid Committee.
2. Where an organization has not received support from the Committee in the past, details of the organization, including Audited Accounts, should be enclosed with the application.
3. The Committee will normally only fund projects which are to be carried out by International NGO's which are UK based, or have a UK branch or acting in partnership with a UK based organisation.

The Committee does not usually make grants to individual schools, hospitals, communities or groups, including trustees or local charities set up for such specific purposes. It will, however, consider such applications if they are submitted through, or in partnership with, one of the International agencies as mentioned at **3**.

4. The Committee will occasionally offer part of the funding requested, with the proviso that the remaining funding for the project to go ahead can be obtained elsewhere.
5. Funding from the Committee can only be used for the purpose which has been approved. The consent of the Committee must be obtained for any change to the use of the funding.
6. A report on the project will be required within twelve months of the allocation of funds. Where the project is incomplete or ongoing an interim report will be expected.
7. The Committee will not normally commit funding for more than one year, funding for subsequent years of a longer project will be considered in the normal way and will be subject to satisfactory progress reports being received.
8. No funding for the general running costs of an agency's administration will be awarded.

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