

WORKING WITH AADCP II

What types of projects does AADCP II support?

Projects that provide economic research and policy advice on priority regional economic integration issues; and support regional mechanisms and capacity for the implementation of high-priority activities supporting the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and the AEC Post 2015 Vision.

AADCP II also supports institutional strengthening to enhance ASEC's capacity to achieve its objectives.

Please contact the Program Director to discuss initial project concepts and ideas.

What are the criteria for a fundable project?

There are generally no restrictions to funding requests, however projects must fulfill the following criteria:

Stage 1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Addresses a priority element in the AEC Blueprint or significantly contributes to the achievement of ASEAN Economic Community's Post-2015 Vision;
2. Endorsed and approved by an ASEAN Sectoral Body or Working Group;
3. Does not overlap/duplicate with other ASEAN/ ASEC projects.

Stage 2. PRIORITY CRITERIA

1. Built upon previous/ongoing activities in AADCP Phase I or II or other funded projects in ASEAN or ASEC, and will lead to urgent follow-on activities. AADCP II current streams of work include investment, services, consumer protection, agriculture, connectivity, financial integration and cross-cutting issues including narrowing the development gap and regulatory reform.
2. In line with the annual "strategic directions" and priorities of ASEAN and Australia.

How can I access AADCP II support?

1. AADCP II does not issue a formal call for proposals. At any point, an ASEC Desk Officer may contact the Program Director to discuss initial project idea/concept. Project concept should be put in writing. It should include: a) the context, particularly the situation/problem to be addressed; b) the project objective; c) the expected output; d) the expected start and end date; and e) the indicative total budget.
2. Once the project concept is considered eligible for AADCP II funding, AADCP II Program Planning and Monitoring Support Unit (PPMSU) will work with the assigned ASEC Desk Officer to develop a full project proposal.
3. Project proposal submitted to the ASEAN Sectoral Body or Working Group for endorsement.
4. Once the proposal is endorsed, AADCP II PPMSU will seek approval from its Program Management Team (PMT) and the Joint Planning and Review Committee (JPRC). PMT and JPRC approval are given on a rolling basis.
5. When the proposal is approved by the JPRC, the project can be contracted (if necessary) and subsequently implemented.

How is AADCP II different from other programs?

Under previous programs, outside firms were contracted to manage the design, delivery and monitoring and evaluation of activities. This approach gave the ASEAN Secretariat only some degree of influence and responsibility from the start to the end of activities, with limited opportunity to learn from the process.

Under AADCP II, funds are delivered directly to the ASEAN Secretariat based on agreed work plans approved through the JPRC. Activities are jointly managed by ASEC and the Australian Government through the PPMSU and the PMT. Tendering, contract preparation and management, project delivery, monitoring and evaluation, is done by ASEC and the PPMSU together. ASEC and PPMSU are mutually accountable for the effective and efficient delivery of the program.

In practical terms, this means the assigned ASEC Desk Officer fully owns the project and is responsible for overseeing the project including providing administrative and logistical support and approving project deliverables. PPMSU program officers will provide quality assurance and complementary support, as required by the ASEC Desk Officer.

What kind of support can AADCP II PPMSU provide in project development and implementation?

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

1. When requested, PPMSU can assist project proponents to develop a series of projects through a design facilitation process.
2. PPMSU provides quality assurance of draft proposals and provide input to ASEC Desk Officers in order to finalise the draft.
3. Once a project is approved by the JPRC, PPMSU drafts the Terms of Reference and manages the tendering process (if the project is contracted out).
4. Once tendering is completed and a contractor is identified, PPMSU drafts the Scope of Services and works with the project proponent and the Legal Services and Agreements Division (LSAD) to finalise the contract.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

1. PPMSU provides quality assurance to ensure that project deliverables are timely and up to quality standards.
2. PPMSU processes payment of deliverables. Deliverables have to be assessed and approved by the project proponent.
3. PPMSU conducts monitoring and evaluation based on AADCP II Performance Assessment Framework. Results of monitoring and evaluation are shared with the PMT, JPRC, project proponents and partners.

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