



**Global Development Awards Competition  
Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project  
(MIDP) 2026**

**GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

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## **General Information**

Title of the project	
Date of beginning of the project implementation	<i>The proposal must target a project which is ongoing and started before 1st June 2025</i>
In which country are the majority of the current activities for this project taking place?	<i>Specify the main country that has been covered by the ongoing project</i>
Additional countries or regions where current project activities are taking place	<i>Specify additional country(ies), region(s), area(s) that have been covered by the ongoing project.</i>
In which country will the majority of the proposed project activities take place (If different from the current country listed above)?	<i>Specify the main country where activities will take place if the project aims to expand (move from) the current location</i>
What is the expected length of this project (in months)?	<i>Specify the number of months expected for implementation from the drop-down. Keep in mind that the funded projects must have an implementation period of 12 to 24 months</i>
Name of the implementation Organization	<i>The organization is the NGO, CSO or organization that will be responsible for administering the project, overseeing the implementation of activities and for monitoring and reporting.</i>
Project Director - Name	
Project Director - Email	
Project Director - CV	<i>CV to be uploaded</i>

### **Who are the target beneficiaries for this project?**

Please provide the demographics of the projected beneficiaries and the key challenges they face while present the characteristics of the population. Include the expected number of direct and indirect beneficiaries specifying in terms of individuals by gender and age.

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### **Summary of the project proposal**

#### Guiding questions

- *Accurately summarize the overall context, rationale and relevance of the project.*
- *Describe the importance of the project within the development context of the selected competition sub-theme.*
- *What will be the principal outcome of the proposed project?*
- *Briefly list the specific interventions that the proposal is requesting funding for.*

*Max 2500 characters with spaces*

### How did you hear about the Competition?

*Choose as many options as necessary*

University/Institution notice board		Facebook	
Conferences		Twitter	
Friend/ colleague		Google	
GDN email		LinkedIn	
GDN website		SSRN	
GDNews (GDN Newsletter)		EPW	
Newspapers		Devex	
Journals		Devnet	
Newsletters (Other than GDN's)		Other sources – please specify	

### Excluded activities

*Does the project you are currently submitting include any of the following activities?*

Activities that cause involuntary resettlement or cause adverse negative impact on income generating activities/livelihood resources.	
Activities which will involve any kind of forceful evictions of people.	
Activities/processes which will involve use of highly toxic and/or banned chemicals, including pesticides	
Activities that involve child workers and/or forced labor, including activities that cause or lead to child abuse, child labor exploitation or human trafficking; No child under the age of 14 should work on the construction, rehabilitation or maintenance of a subproject. Children between ages 14-18 will not be employed or engaged in connection with the project in a manner that is likely to be hazardous or interfere with the child's education or be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development.	
Involve development of new settlements or expansion of existing settlements in critical habitats, protected areas or areas proposed for certain levels of national protection (e.g., reserved forests), including cutting of trees for commercial activities.	
Entail the purchase or use of illegal/illicit drugs, military equipment or other potentially dangerous materials and equipment, including chain saws, pesticides; insecticides; herbicides; asbestos (including asbestos-containing	

materials); or other investments detrimental to livelihoods including cultural resources.	
Processes/technologies that will discharge highly polluted processed water, emit toxic fumes and noxious odor exceeding the national emission standards or the World Bank Group Environment, Health and Safety Guidelines (EHSg)	
Activities that will produce wastewater that will not be possible and viable for on-site treatment.	
Activities which involve works related to religious and political infrastructure	
Activities which involve the purchase of equipment for government agencies;	

## **Organization Information**

Registration Number (or equivalent)	
Date of registration	
Country of Registration	
Non-profit status	<i>Please upload an official document demonstrating your non-profit status (Statutes, certificates of incorporation...etc)</i>
Proof of ability to receive funds from abroad	<i>Please upload proof of your ability to receive funds from abroad</i>

### **Indicate the regions your organizations focuses on**

*Choose as many options as necessary*

East Asia & Pacific		Europe & Central Asia	
Latin America & Caribbean		Middle East & North Africa	
North America		South Asia	
Sub-Saharan Africa			

### **Indicate the themes your organizations focuses on**

*Choose as many options as necessary*

Agriculture and the Environment		Child and Youth Well-Being	
Democracy and Governance		Economics and Finance	
Education and Training		Employment and Income Generation	

Health Programs		Infrastructure and Urbanization	
Other			

## **Proposal Information**

### **Objective, activities and measurable results**

#### Guiding questions

- Describe the overall goal(s) of the project.
- Describe the project activities and methods to implement them. Feel free to outline a list of activities to reach the expected results.
- Highlight the innovative features of the approach.
- Detail the clear and measurable results having a direct impact on improving individuals' or communities' well-being and/or livelihoods. Feel free to outline a list of indicators to measure the achievement of expected results.
- What monitoring and evaluation methods are in place to assess progress and achievements?

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### **Innovative aspect of the project**

#### Guiding questions

- How is the project different from other existing approaches?
- Why and how is your organization best positioned to implement this project? (What are your strengths compared to others doing this work?)
- How does the approach come from a bottom-up partnership engaging local organizations, community associations or local governments?
- How does it embed participatory design elements alongside targeted beneficiaries?

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### **Community Impact**

#### Guiding questions

- What development issue is this project addressing?
- How is this project connected to the theme of the competition?
- How will the project benefit the community and what are the expected outcomes and impacts?
- How will this project empower the community?
- Will there be any capacity building activities as part of the project - if yes, please describe them?

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### **Environmental Impact**

#### Guiding questions

- What are the main expected impacts of your project on the environment?
- What risks, linked to the exploitation or impact on the environment, do you identify? For each risk identified, please explain your mitigation strategy.

- Is the project team aware of the [\[WB Environmental and Social Framework's \(ESF\)\]](#) the project will need to comply with?

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### Scope for replication and scaling up

#### Guiding questions

- Does the project have potential for replication in other countries / regions / sectors / cultures?
- What are the implications and costs of replicating / scaling up the project?
- Does the project have potential to have a large-scale development impact?

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### Cost effectiveness

#### Guiding questions

- What are the measurable outcomes in comparison to the cost of the project?
- Has the project cost more or less than what was initially planned? Compare the project's progress to date against its initial costing schedule. What has been the total cost of the project to date?
- Are the project's outputs and outcome to date achieved in the most cost-effective way? Could they have been achieved with lower associated costs?

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### Sustainability

#### Guiding questions

- Is the development impact of the project sustainable in the long run?
- Does the organization have the capacity to sustain the results of the project?
- Has the project generated local ownership? Or is there a plan to transfer ownership?

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### Ownership and management of the project

#### Guiding questions

- Does the project utilize participatory approaches for implementation, monitoring or evaluation?
- To what extent will the beneficiary be able to sustain the benefits arising from the project activities by themselves, once the project has been completed?

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## **Budget**

This section comprises **two** budgets:

- 1) the annual budget of the current project
- 2) the proposal to use the Award for the project

Current Annual Project Budget	<i>Please upload the current annual budget of the project</i>
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Please provide a budget for the proposed project taking into consideration that all expected costs including data collection, travel and equipment must be included. Please note that participation in conferences will not be funded through the proposed funding.

Note: Budget should be planned according to the 1st prize of USD 50,000. The 2nd prize winners will be requested to revise their budget and adapt to the prize money of USD 25,000.

Item	Details	Cost (US \$)	Cost (US \$)
<b>Personnel</b>			
International Professionals			
National Professionals			
Consultants			
Administrative Personnel			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<b>Total Personnel</b>			<b>\$</b>
<b>Travel</b>			
<i>Item 1 (please specify)</i>			
<i>Item 2 (please specify)</i>			
<i>Item 3 (please specify)</i>			
<i>Item 4 (please specify)</i>			
<b>Total Travel</b>			<b>\$</b>
<b>Contractual Services</b>			<b>\$</b>
<i>Item 1 (please specify)</i>			
<i>Item 2 (please specify)</i>			
<i>Item 3 (please specify)</i>			
<i>Item 4 (please specify)</i>			
<b>Total Contractual Services</b>			<b>\$</b>

<b>Meetings and Training</b>			
Fellowships			
Seminars, workshops, training			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<b>Total Meetings and Training</b>			<b>\$</b>
<b>Supplies</b>			
<i>Item 1 (please specify)</i>			
<i>Item 2 (please specify)</i>			
<i>Item 3 (please specify)</i>			
<i>Item 4 (please specify)</i>			
<b>Total Supplies</b>			<b>\$</b>
<b>Equipment</b>			
IT Equipment			
Transport Equipment			
Other Acquisitions			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<b>Total Equipment</b>			<b>\$</b>
<b>Other Costs</b>			
Rental			
Institutional Overheads			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<i>Others (please specify)</i>			
<b>Total Other Costs</b>			<b>\$</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>			<b>\$</b>

<b>Budget narrative</b>
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Provide a brief narrative to explain the budget proposed for the project

Guiding questions

- Link the use of funds to the research project as it is structured with the timeline.
- Please explain the choices you made in building the budget, and the rationale for the proposed allocation of funds.

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**Are you receiving any other sources of funding and support for the proposed project?**

List here the sources and amount of funding received or applied of the action or part of the action for its functioning during the same financial year as well as any other funding received or applied for the same action.

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## **Timeline**

Please provide a timeline for the proposed project providing a description for the task, the initial and final month to complete it and to which milestone it corresponds to (ideally linking it to the steps of the project described throughout the application). Please download the template from the portal and upload it filled.

#	Activities	Outputs/Deliverables/Milestones	Initial Month	Final Month
1				
2				
...				

## **Details of the Project Team**

For each team member, the following information is required

First name		Last name	
Designation		Telephone	
Organization		Fax	
Address			
Country of Residence		Country of Citizenship	
Date of Birth		Gender	
E-mail			

Role in the research and key responsibilities	
CV	Upload CV