

Checklist for appraisal of programmes and projects above DKK 10 million¹

The checklist is signed by the appraising desk officer and management of the MFA unit and attached to the grant documents. Comments and reservations, if any, may be added below each issue.

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Programme/Project name: IFU Project Development Programme

Programme/Project period: N/A

Budget: DKK 50 million

Presentation of quality assurance process:

The preparation of the Programme was initiated in 2015 as part of a new business programme that should replace the former Danida Business Partnerships programme. Initial comments from business organisations and NGOs were positive and the Danida Programme Committee meeting held in December 2015 supported the proposed programme which was considered relevant and innovative. The main comments concerned the specific programme modalities to be applied. It was subsequently decided that the proposed programme and the proposed project development facility under the Climate Envelope should be merged into one programme with two windows, respectively a climate project development window and a general project development window.

The programme formulation process was carried out with assistance by external consultants and was completed in April 2016. The Department for Growth and Employment (VBE) has been responsible for the programme formulation and quality assurance process in line with the Ministry's new quality assurance procedures. VBE has conducted the programme formulation in close cooperation with IFU and the external consultants, and the involved parties have met regularly during the formulation process. This quality assurance process was considered most appropriate in this case in order to jointly clarify key issues that needed to be addressed. The programme formulation team has had consultations with relevant external stakeholders including the Government's legal counsel (Kammeradvokaten). All identified key issues have been addressed and resolved during the joint formulation and quality assurance process.

The programme/project complies with Danida policies and Aid Management Guidelines.

Comments:

The programme/project addresses relevant challenges and provides adequate response.

Comments:

Comments from the Danida Programme Committee have been addressed.

Comments:

¹ This format may be used to document the quality assurance process of appropriations above DKK 10 million, where a full appraisal is not undertaken as endorsed by TQS (appropriation from DKK 10 up to 37 million), or the Programme Committee (appropriations above DKK 37).

The programme/project outcome is found to be sustainable and is in line with the national development policies and/or in line with relevant thematic strategies.

Comments:

The results framework, indicators and monitoring framework of the programme/project provide an adequate basis for monitoring results and outcome.

Comments:

The programme/project is found sound budget-wise.

Comments:

The programme/project is found realistic in its time-schedule.

Comments: The funds are expected to be invested in project specific project developments over a period of 3-4 years. The development impact will only occur once the developed bankable investment projects have been successfully implemented, and that could be more than 5 years after the start of project development phase.

Other donors involved in the same programme/project have been consulted, and possible harmonised common procedures for funding and monitoring have been explored.

Comments: N/A

The Danida guidelines on contracts and tender procedures have been followed.

Comments: N/A. IFU will be the executing partner.

The executing partner(s) is/are found to have the capacity to properly manage and report on the funds for the programme/project and lines of management responsibility are clear.

Comments:

Risks involved have been considered and risk management integrated in the programme/project document.

Comments:

In conclusion, the programme/project can be recommended for approval: yes

- Issues related the HRBA/Gender have been considered adequately
- Issues related to Green Growth has been considered if applicable
- Environmental risks are addressed by adequate safeguards when relevant

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