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< About GGP Scheme >

1. What is GGP?

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP) scheme is a part of Official Development Assistance (ODA) of the Government of Japan. Since 1989, the Government of Japan has been offering financial assistance scheme called “Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP)” for development projects designed to meet the diverse basic human needs of the people in more than 100 countries including Bhutan and India.

The GGP scheme of the Government of Japan has acquired an excellent reputation worldwide for providing timely support to the development projects, which directly benefit the local communities at the grassroots level.

The GGP scheme supports projects implemented by non-profit organizations such as NGOs, medical and educational institutions, which are eligible to receive foreign funds under the concerned law of the Royal Government of Bhutan.

2. What are the projects for which assistance is given by the Government of Japan?

The Government of Japan through its GGP scheme currently extends financial assistance to non-profit organizations working for the welfare of disadvantaged and needy sections of the society. Generally GGP scheme mainly target in the area of Primary education and Adult Literacy, Basic Health Care, Poverty Alleviation, Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation, Women’s Empowerment, Child Welfare including support for street children and Elimination of Child Labor, Support for Persons with Disabilities and Preservation of Environment.

3. Who is eligible to apply for assistance?

Kindly refer to page 1 of “**Guideline for GGP Application**” on the following link:

<https://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/jointad/bt/en/index.html>

4. How many projects are supported annually by the Government of Japan through its GGP scheme?

GGP scheme supported one project in Bhutan in the FY2022, however the number is changeable on yearly basis.

5. What basic conditions are required to be fulfilled by an eligible organization?

The basic conditions required to be fulfilled by an eligible organization are as under:

- Applicant body should be legally registered under the relevant registration act.
- A minimum of two years’ experience in the field of activity
- Financial stability

6. Does GGP scheme support projects for higher education, training, and research in Japan?

No. GGP scheme does not provide scholarships, grants, or loans directly to individuals or organizations for education, training, conferences, seminars, or research in Japan and Bhutan.

7. What is the limitation on the number of projects an applicant can apply for?

As a norm, an applicant can apply for a single project at a time.

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8. What is the maximum budget allocated for a project under the GGP scheme?

The maximum budget allocated for an individual project is 10 million Japanese Yen.

For more details, kindly refer to page 3 of “*Guideline for GGP Application*” on the following link: <https://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/jointad/bt/en/index.html>

9. Does the Government of Japan support recurring expenditure against the proposed projects?

No, the Government of Japan through its GGP scheme supports only non-recurring items such as procurement of durable equipment, construction of building etc. and has no provision for recurring cost such as salary/honorarium to staff, rent, food expenses, contingencies, stipend to trainees/students, transport allowances etc.

Please note: - GGP scheme does not support tax which is applied by the Royal Government of Bhutan on various items. TAX on GGP supported items (e.g. Indirect tax expenses on Cements, Mud, Rod etc.) has to be borne by the applicant.

10. Will GGP scheme provide any Food/Travel/Accommodation allowance to the visiting representative of the applicant on the day of Grant signing ceremony?

No, we do not provide any such allowance. Applicants should arrange for their own accommodation on the day of Grant ceremony.

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11. What is the normal time taken for sanction of grant?

Assuming that all requisite documents is available and up-to-date, and that funds are available under the scheme, the processing and final sanction of grant would take approximately twelve months from the day we received your proposals.

12. What is the process of selection, Embassy of Japan follows in choosing the project from the concerned applicant?

The process is as follows:

1. Submission of Application Form
2. Assessment of the Proposal after consulting with the Royal Government of Bhutan
3. Site visit to shortlisted proposals by the Embassy of Japan to Bhutan
4. Further short listing of proposals by the GGP Screening Committee
5. Final Selection of the proposal by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Tokyo
6. Signing of Grant Contract between the recipient organization and the Embassy of Japan.
7. Disbursement of Grant
8. Implementation of Project etc.

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13. How does an applicant apply for assistance?

Applications for getting assistance under GGP scheme have to be made in prescribed formats, which are available in the website of Embassy of Japan, New Delhi on the following link:

<https://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/jointad/bt/en/index.html>

14. Is there any deadline for the submission of the project application?

We do not have any deadline. Applicants can send us their application when they complete the application formalities.

15. To whom do I address my application?

All applications or advance copy of application (Concept Note) will be accepted by post with hardcopy to the Embassy of Japan to Bhutan through Royal Government of Bhutan (Ministry of Finance) officially. Since GGP Unit, Economic Section is located at the Embassy of Japan, New Delhi, the applicant can send the softcopy of the application to the Embassy of Japan through email (jpembjic[at]nd.mofa.go.jp).

The address and contact details of the corresponding GGP office can be referred from Page 13 of “**Guideline for GGP Application**” available on the following link:

<https://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/jointad/bt/en/index.html>

16. What are the mandatory documents that would normally be required to be enclosed with the application?

Kindly refer to page 7-8 of “**Guideline for GGP Application**” on the following link:

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