DONOR INTELLIGENCE

QFFD: funding and application reference

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Scope: Qatar Fund for Development

Evidence: Official donor references reviewed 2026-11-19

https://salientone.eu/humanitarian/donors/qatar/

Funding perspective

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QFFD is Qatar's development fund, financing grants, concessional loans, guarantees and investments. Its public route is an online Expression of Interest, reviewed on a rolling basis and limited to listed countries and themes. A minimum USD 1.5 million project, at least 50 per cent co-funding and evidence against the published criteria are explicit conditions. The EOI is a screening step; onboarding and a full proposal follow only if it is approved.

Funding routes and access

Expression of interest. Access: Account on the QFFD EOI portal; listed country and theme only. Purpose: Screening of a proposed project or programme against QFFD priorities.

Partner onboarding. Access: Invited after EOI approval. Purpose: Compliance and due-diligence checks before a full proposal.

Full proposal. Access: Onboarded partners, through the portal. Purpose: Detailed proposal and budget for a funding decision.

Global priorities

QFFD is the State of Qatar's international development provider, working on human development, poverty alleviation, health, education, economic development, humanitarian aid and climate resilience under Qatar National Vision 2030 and the 2030 Agenda.

Funding is provided through grants, concessional loans, guarantees and investments, with partnerships across multilateral agencies, governments, the private sector, civil society and NGOs.

Country and theme fit. EOI themes and countries follow QFFD's strategic priorities and pledge cycles. Countries listed but marked restricted have no eligible theme for the current cycle or are handled outside the EOI platform.

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Eligibility and partner access

Duly constituted organisations from multilateral, governmental, civil society and private business sectors may submit. Individuals are not eligible.

The minimum eligible project size is USD 1.5 million. At least 50 per cent co-funding from own or external sources is required, and infrastructure projects do not qualify for grant funding.

EOIs are accepted only for the countries and themes listed for each country; the options are updated regularly.

Application process

Create an account. Register on the EOI portal and complete the online data-entry mask in English, with budgets in USD, for one or more eligible countries and themes.

EOI review. EOIs are reviewed on a rolling basis and evaluated against the published criteria. Status is tracked in the portal as under review, information required, approved or rejected.

After approval. Approved EOIs proceed to partner onboarding, including compliance and due-diligence checks, then to the full proposal stage in the portal.

Documents and attachments

EOI form. The portal's online data-entry mask is the first submission. Field instructions and the country/theme list define the evidence required at that stage.

Registration and due diligence. Legal registration, organisational capacity and compliance evidence are checked at partner onboarding, after an EOI is approved.

Budget. Budgets are in USD with a detailed breakdown and at least 50 per cent co-funding identified from own or external sources.

Full proposal. The full proposal is a later stage, managed through the portal for approved and onboarded partners.

Funding cycles and timing

Rolling review. The EOI route is rolling rather than a fixed annual call. Country and theme options are updated regularly with QFFD's pledge cycles.

Response standard. If no response is received within three months of submission, the EOI is considered rejected. Approval leads to onboarding and a full proposal; no shorter service standard is published.

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Programme design and donor methods

EOIs are assessed against needs, alignment with QFFD strategies and pledge priorities, objectives and expected outcomes, intervention approach, innovation, scalability, target population and geography, sustainability, organisational capacity, risks, budget and finance.

Screening, not award. The EOI is a screening step. Onboarding, due diligence and the full proposal are separate stages, and an approved EOI is not yet a grant.

Assessment and scoring

The published evaluation list is the EOI criteria. No weights or scoring grid are published; the minimum project size, 50 per cent co-funding and country/theme eligibility operate as pass/fail conditions.

Rejections are not explained, and a three-month non-response is treated as rejection. The portal does not publish an award probability.

Financing and delivery conditions

Instruments. QFFD uses grants, concessional loans, guarantees and development investments, with flexible and project-based funding and core contributions.

Co-funding and size. At least 50 per cent co-funding and a USD 1.5 million minimum apply at EOI stage; infrastructure is not eligible for grant funding.

What this means for applicants

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Country and theme fit comes first. A strong proposal for an unlisted or restricted country will not be considered. Check the current country/theme list and pledge cycle before investing in drafting.

The EOI is a screening document. Write for the published criteria and the 50 per cent co-funding requirement, not as a full proposal. Onboarding and the full proposal are where detailed design and evidence belong.

Scope and applicability

The QFFD EOI portal is a partner-screening route, not an open call. Country and theme availability and pledge cycles determine whether a submission is eligible; publication of the portal does not establish a current funding opportunity.

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Sources and evidence notes

QFFD expression of interest

Reference edition 2026-11-19

Reviewed 19 November 2026. Eligibility, minimum size, co-funding, country/theme rules, review criteria and the three-month response rule.

Used for: Funding routes and access; Global priorities; Eligibility and partner access; Application process; Documents and attachments; Funding cycles and timing; Programme design and donor methods; Assessment and scoring; Financing and delivery conditions; What this means for applicants

https://www.qatarfund.org.qa/expression-of-interest/

QFFD about the fund

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Reviewed 19 November 2026. Mandate, strategic objectives and financing instruments.

Used for: Global priorities; Financing and delivery conditions

https://www.qatarfund.org.qa/about-us/

QFFD EOI portal

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Official submission portal linked from the EOI page; access is by account.

https://www.collaborateqffd.qa

Salient One analysis is editorial interpretation of the official references. Current calls, amendments and signed agreements determine binding requirements. A donor strategy or historical procedure does not establish an open funding opportunity.