Overview

2026 Direct Aid Program (DAP) Philippines Call for Proposals

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Donor: Australian Government
Location: Philippines
Deadline: 20 December 2026
Open

Purpose and scope

The 2026–27 round of the Direct Aid Program (DAP) is under DFAT's Community Grants Program (CGP) and is administered by the Australian Embassy in the Philippines. It is a flexible small-grants scheme funded by the Australian Government. The programme country is the Philippines.

The programme focuses on development activities in the Philippines.

Funding

The implementation period is 12 months to 24 months. This period sets the timeframe for project delivery and results under the programme.

The funding is provided through the DAP as grants for approved projects.

Who can apply

The call gives priority to Philippine-managed organisations engaged in local development and duly registered with SEC, CDA, DOLE, or DSWD. Applicants should establish that they meet this profile when considering whether to apply.

If a project involves working with children or has direct or indirect contact with children, the organisation must have a current child protection policy or code of conduct to be eligible. This requirement is conditional on the project's work or contact with children and applies to the organisation submitting the proposal.

Proposals are assessed for ODA eligibility and a clear development focus with direct local-community benefits. Assessment also considers responsiveness to vulnerable or marginalised groups, practical results within the implementation period, sustainability and community commitment, risk and safeguarding management, counterpart contributions and recurring costs, institutional arrangements, reporting, and integration of GEDSI, child protection, PSEAH safeguards and environmentally sound practices.

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Priorities

The call prioritises efforts that give participation to and respond to the needs of disadvantaged women; persons with disabilities; Indigenous peoples; LGBTQIA+ community members; poor farmers and fisherfolk; urban poor communities; and environmentally vulnerable localities. These are the groups and localities whose participation and needs the proposed efforts are expected to address.

Successful projects are expected to commence implementation immediately. Projects should align with one of the DPP's three priority windows. The stated focus areas include climate adaptation and mitigation, disaster resilience, renewable energy access, sustainable agriculture, food security and access to sustainable food systems, and environmental and biodiversity conservation.

Sources

dfatcommunity.smartygrants.com.au - Official call

philippines.embassy.gov.au - Official call

Salient One analysis. Official call documents and amendments govern the funding conditions.