

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH GRANTS
on
BUILDING URBAN RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE – GENDER DIMENSIONS

Closing date: 20th July, 2015 at 12 noon, British Summer Time

The International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) invites proposals for original research projects which can contribute to an improved understanding of the gender dimensions of building urban climate resilience.

This funding is for research institutions and individual researchers based in **Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam** to undertake policy-relevant research in a city or cities in these countries that have initiated planning or programmes for climate change adaptation (including, but not limited to, cities that have been involved in ACCCRN).

Background: The Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN, www.acccrn.net) is a Rockefeller Foundation-funded program in cities across India, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Bangladesh and the Philippines, to develop and implement strategies to build urban climate change resilience. IIED, as a partner in the ACCCRN programme, is seeking to support local institutions, researchers, practitioners and other stakeholders to build a significant and influential body of knowledge and evidence of practice in order to develop urban climate resilience in Asian cities. IIED will work with researchers to ensure that the knowledge and evidence is produced and disseminated in various forms including working papers, policy briefs and peer-reviewed journal articles, to reach and inform key stakeholders, at the local, national and international level. The process of creating these outputs is also an opportunity to build the capacity of local researchers and institutions at the local level to design and carry out the relevant research and documentation on urban climate change resilience.

Guidelines: IIED is now seeking to receive proposals for research projects which can contribute to the goal of building understanding of how Asian cities can build climate change resilience. **The focus of this call is on examining the extent to which gender dimensions have been or should be considered in the process of assessing vulnerability, developing city resilience strategies, and implementing resilience-building initiatives at the city level.** The study should use one or more cities in Indonesia, Thailand or Vietnam (including, but not limited to, ACCCRN cities) as the basis for a case study. Indicative topics or themes might include:

- a) exploring the extent to which gender has been or could be integrated into local and national urban planning and development policies and processes in the country;
- b) setting out gendered dimensions of vulnerability in the case-study city;
- c) examining the extent to which gender has been or could have been considered along different steps of the ACCCRN or other climate initiative in the city and provide an analysis of the implications and lessons for building urban climate change resilience.

The research should be framed in such a way that it is of relevance to ACCCRN and other cities seeking to build their resilience to climate change, and should help to build the capacity of local

researchers and institutions in a variety of disciplines. Research proposals that involve collaborations between researchers, practitioners and government agencies are especially encouraged, as are proposals that explicitly include inputs from a gender expert.

Further information:

- We expect to fund between 3-5 projects with budgets in the range of 15,000-20,000 USD per project.
- Successful applicants will be expected to produce a working paper (up to 15,000 words) and a policy briefing paper (2,000 words) to be published in the Asian Cities Climate Resilience series, in English. IIED will provide editorial support in the publication process. Please see [http://pubs.iied.org/search.php?k=accrn&z="+](http://pubs.iied.org/search.php?k=accrn&z=) for examples of past papers in the series.
- IIED will facilitate a process of review of the working papers. Initial drafts of the working papers and briefing papers need to be submitted by **15th February 2016**, with final drafts submitted by **1st April 2016**. It is essential that these deadlines are met, so we urge you to plan the research work carefully to ensure you can work to these dates.
- Wherever possible, project outputs should also be in a form allowing wider dissemination of findings, such as peer-reviewed journal articles, in order to contribute to knowledge around building urban climate resilience.

Submission process: Proposals should be sent to Diane Archer by email (diane.archer@iied.org) not later than **20th July 2015**. Submissions should be in the form of a brief proposal outlining the following:

- Objectives of the research, background information and policy relevance
- Methodology
- Key partners and research team composition
- Timeframe – please note that final working papers and briefing papers must be complete by 1st April 2016.
- Anticipated outputs (type e.g. working paper, policy brief, academic journal paper, other)
- Proposed budget
- Other relevant information

Proposed budget: please provide an indicative budget using the following outline categories as applicable, providing additional detail for each category as appropriate.

Budget line (please include only relevant budget lines)	Unit and quantity	Cost
1. Staff costs 1.1 Staff member (named) 1.2 Staff member (named) 1.3 Other	X days at X USD per day	
2. Research costs 2.1 Training 2.2 Data entry and analysis 2.3 Report writing 2.4 Other e.g. translation	X unit at X cost per unit	
3. Workshop costs 3.1 Facility hire	X unit at X cost per unit	

3.2 Meals		
3.3 Accommodation		
3.4 Other		
4. Travel costs	X unit at X cost per unit	
4.1 Airfare		
4.2 Domestic transport		
4.3 Accommodation		
4.4 Other		
5. Other expenditures	X unit at X cost per unit	
Total planned expenditure		

Please note that disbursements will usually be made as follows: 30% on signing the contract, 40% at an agreed point in the project, and 30% on satisfactory completion of the project. However, there may be room for flexibility in this depending on the type of costs and the lengths of the projects. Disbursements should be made to a registered institution or organisation (e.g. university, NGO) not to personal bank accounts.

Selection process: proposals will be reviewed by a panel on a competitive basis. Applicants will be contacted in August 2015.

For further information please contact Diane Archer at IIED: diane.archer@iied.org