

Sub-Sahara Africa call for grant applications Tailor-Made Training Plus OKP-SSA-50002

Joint proposal

Country	Burundi, Ethiopia, Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger
Priority themes	Other (Health)
Aim of the project	Health Systems Strengthening through education and training – In relation to COVID-19
Call number	OKP-SSA-50002
Maximum available funding for this call, excluding co-funding	EUR 1,200,000
Maximum funding per Tailor-Made Training Plus, excluding co-funding	EUR 300,000
Co-funding	Encouraged
Final date TMT+	The training should be finished before 31 March 2022

Time schedule

Closing date for submission of grant applications	1 February 2021, 11.00 A.M CET
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1. Introduction: The Orange Knowledge Programme

Nuffic's Orange Knowledge Programme is a 5 year global development programme, aimed at strengthening professionals and organisations through education and training. It contributes to the goals of the Netherlands' [development cooperation policy](#), in which education plays a significant role.

The programme offers funding in 54 countries for individual scholarships, tailor-made trainings and institutional partnerships between Dutch and foreign education institutions in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and higher education. It focuses on the priority themes of the Dutch government (Water, Food and Nutrition Security, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, and Security and Rule of Law) and aims throughout the programme for inclusion, employability and environmental sustainability.

Nuffic is programme manager, in close collaboration with the programme's funder, the Netherlands' Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Running from mid-2017 to mid-2022, it will offer at least 51,000 people the chance to change their future through education.

The Orange Knowledge Programme Tailor-Made Plus Training is meant to improve the overall functioning of organisations by training a selected group of staff. A Tailor-Made Training can solve knowledge and skills challenges of organisations' staff, by specifically targeting their capacity needs.

More information about the Orange Knowledge Programme such as the basic principles and the policy framework can be found on the Nuffic website:

<https://www.nuffic.nl/en/subjects/orange-knowledge-programme>.

The Orange Knowledge Grant Obligations and Conditions for group trainings, which are binding for Tailor-Made Training Plus, can be found among the 'Guidelines and formats' under the link to this call.

The Orange Knowledge Programme focuses on sustainable strengthening of capacity within local priority themes relevant to Dutch development cooperation which are outlined in the Country Plans of Implementation (CPI). Click [here](#) for the CPI's per country.

For this thematic call Nuffic developed a [context document](#) instead of a CPI. In all documents related to this call, when reference is made to CPI, the context document is meant.

The Theory of Change (ToC) of the Orange Knowledge Programme describes the interlinkages between capacity building and sustainable inclusive development to which each approved initiative under the Orange Knowledge Programme contributes. The ToC can be found [here](#).

This document describes the procedure for submitting an Orange Knowledge Programme grant application for a Tailor-Made Training Plus.

2. Information specific for this call

2.1 Long-term impact

The Theory of Change (ToC) of the Orange Knowledge Programme presents the expected medium and long-term impact and outcomes of the programme. Each impact and outcome is quantified by a number of indicators which are described in the Orange Knowledge Programme Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and relates to the M&E Framework of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

All projects must contribute to achieving these impact and outcomes. The grant application and, if the application is selected, subsequent reporting must give insight into how the project will contribute/contributes to achieving impact and outcomes.

The [context document](#) gives all details about the impact, outcomes and indicators of the ToC of the Orange Knowledge Programme and of the contribution to the thematic ToC(s) specific to the call. More information on the specific capacity needs of the selected countries can be found in the individual [Country Plans of Implementation](#) or the [Country Focus document](#).

The proposed projects must contribute to the following objective:

- Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages (SDG 3)

(Note: this objective is not part of the OKP Monitoring and Evaluation Framework. When filling out the Logframe, indicate 'Other - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages' under 'Priority theme')

This will be achieved by developing the capacity, knowledge and quality of individuals as well as organisations both in the field of Technical and Vocational Education and Training and Higher Education (TVET/HE) and in other fields related to the priority themes in the [OKP partner countries](#).

Based on the analysis of needs and the consultations with the stakeholders, the projects have to contribute to the following thematic long-term impact(s):

- Better public and private health care in particular in relation to COVID-19 and other (future) disease outbreaks

(Note: this long term impact is not part of the OKP Monitoring and Evaluation framework. When filling out the Logframe, indicate Other - Better public and private health care in particular in relation to COVID-19 and other (future) disease outbreaks. If proposals also focus on other OKP priority themes, please include the matching long term impacts to the logframe.)

The following medium-term impacts will contribute to this:

- (I) education system (TVET/HE) is of good quality, relevant and accessible (SDG 4)¹;
- (II) Partnerships between persons and organisations are inclusive and sustainable (SDG 17);

¹ If your proposal targets knowledge institutions, please keep this medium term impact. If not, please delete

(III) Organisations key to (sectoral) inclusive development of partner countries are strengthened by inflow of enhanced workforce.

This will be achieved by the following outcomes:

- A. TVET/HE organisations (in the selected partner countries and in the NL) perform their core tasks better, firmly embedded in their environment, in line with country/regional specific labour market needs and aiming at inclusiveness²;
- B. Enhanced knowledge and skills of individuals and organisations (in partner countries and in the NL) in line with country/regional specific labour market needs and aiming at inclusiveness.

In the Orange Knowledge Programme format for a grant application the consortium partners will be asked to select relevant indicators to measure the achievement during and after project implementation at medium-term and long-term-level.

2.2 Context of the call

On COVID-19: all organisations working on proposals for TMT+ are requested to explicitly take into account the possible consequences of COVID-19 on the project implementation, in questions 1.3.4, 2.1.1, 2.1.4 and 2.2.3 of the joint proposal. In particular, describe in these questions the strategies you have chosen to cope with the travel limitation.

On cohesion: One guiding principle of the Orange Knowledge Programme is cohesion: in the alignment with other Dutch centralised or decentralised development programmes and in the optimal integration of the available four OKP instruments (Institutional Collaboration Projects, Tailor Made Trainings, Scholarships, alumni activities). Please take this guiding principle into account when developing your proposal and elaborate on it in question 1.1.7 of the joint proposal.

The current COVID-19 crisis has shown how a virus can have a disruptive impact on a global level. Many countries struggle to respond to a global pandemic of this size. Countries already coping with weak health systems have been severely affected, not only on a health system level but also on a socio-economic level due to the measures taken to contain the virus.

COVID-19 has hit Africa hard. The pandemic was confirmed to have spread to Africa in February 2020. It is believed that there is widespread under-reporting in many African countries with less developed healthcare systems.

Experts worried about COVID-19 spreading to Africa, because many of the healthcare systems on the continent are inadequate, especially in remote areas. The biggest challenges are the lack of equipment, lack of funding, insufficient training of healthcare workers, and inefficient data transmission. It was feared that the pandemic could be difficult to keep under control in Africa, and could cause huge economic problems if it spread widely.

The spread of COVID-19 on the continent increased rapidly; at the start of July 2020, cases in Africa had exceeded half a million. Since August, the number of infections has decreased, but started rising again in October.

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With millions of cases globally, the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed vulnerabilities in countries with the strongest existing healthcare systems, while countries with weaker economies and healthcare infrastructure face an especially hard challenge as the virus spreads. The spread of COVID-19 has reiterated the critical importance of building strong primary health care systems able to withstand acute events while continuing to provide the services required to meet most people's needs.

The overall objective of this call is to contribute to Health Systems Strengthening through education and training, in particular in relation to COVID-19 and other (future) disease outbreaks. As outlined above, the COVID-19 pandemic exposes weaknesses in human resources capacities in the Health sector. In other disease outbreaks like for instance Ebola, the greatest impact on health was not caused by the disease itself, but by the disruption of the health system (and society at large).

Nuffic encourages current and new implementers, knowledge institutions and training organisations, including NGO's, to develop joint proposals that contribute to capacity development in the health sector. Specifically, this call aims to fund initiatives that focus on both capacity development for health care professionals as strengthening health systems in general. Cooperation with existing OKP institutional collaboration projects and tailor-made trainings in the respective countries is strongly encouraged.

The scope of this call is rather open to allow for a wide range of initiatives that contribute to Health System Strengthening in particular in relation to COVID-19 and other (future) disease outbreaks. The following examples illustrate (but are not limited to) the type of interventions that will be considered:

Interventions focused on Capacity Development and training for community health care workers:

- Strengthening health workforce: Development of offline and online skills training for health care workers to inform communities about the virus, prevention and access to treatment;
- Strengthening service delivery: Establishment of Tele-medicine (doctor-at-a-distance) and call centre solutions, that are set up together with local Ministries of Health to support existing networks of community health workers in rural villages.

Interventions focused on Health system strengthening:

- Strengthening the health workforce: Training for biomedical technicians on how to use and maintain medical equipment;
- Strengthening health leadership and governance: Training related to local health governance: e.g. training health administrators on mapping and analysing the spread of diseases; using geographic information systems; financial management and planning in health; involving health professionals in health policy making;
- Strengthening health governance: Capacity building for medical professionals, preparing them better for task-shifting;
 - Strengthening health service delivery: Integrate outbreak response into broader primary health care capacity building.

2.3 Co-funding

Co-funding is one of the key principles underpinning the programme. It contributes to reciprocity and increases ownership of the collaboration. Co-funding may involve public, private and/or own funds.

Burundi, Ethiopia, Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger are considered to be LDC according to OECD's DAC list. This means that an application for this call does not require a minimum of co-funding, but partners are encouraged to include co-funding. Integration of co-funding in the breakdown of budgets will be one of the assessment criteria in the selection of applications.

A contribution from public funds is defined as: a contribution in cash or in kind to which is directly or indirectly paid for from state resources. State resources comprise all funds from the public sector, including funds from local levels of government (decentralised, federal, regional or other) and, in certain circumstances, funds from private bodies.

Public funds from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands (including embassies) do not count as co-funding, but can be added to the project.

Private funds are considered to be all funds – in cash or in kind – that are not state resources.

2.4 Questions about the call?

If you have a question about this call you can send an e-mail in English to tmt@nuffic.nl. Mention in your e-mail the call number.

3. Specific characteristics of Tailor-Made Training Plus

Orange Knowledge Tailor-Made Training Plus (TMT+) supports organisations by training a selected group of staff. Tailor-Made Training Plus can also be used to train professionals who have a common training need, but who are not staff members of the same organisation. An organisation from a partner country and a Dutch training provider must jointly formulate a training proposal. The joint proposal must be submitted by a Dutch training provider, potentially on behalf of their consortia.

The Tailor-Made Training Plus consists of at least a tailor-made training that fits the priority themes and focus areas for the country of the requesting organisation as specified on the first page of this call document. The following elements apply to TMT+:

- stronger emphasis on the sustainable embedding of the results within the organisations (in comparison with regular TMT);
- stronger emphasis on involvement of a local/regional consortium partner with whom the requesting organisation ideally maintains a relationship after TMT+ (in comparison with regular TMT);
- room for innovative approaches such as living labs, blended learning, study visits or short internships.
- possibility to include investments of a maximum of 10% of the OKP subsidy amount in the budget. The added value of the investment should be clearly demonstrated in the

proposal.

The Tailor-Made Training Plus has a maximum duration of 24 months. Please note the training should be finished before 31 March 2022.

3.1 Eligibility

Grant applicants

Eligibility for OKP Group Training grants extends to Dutch institutions providing secondary and higher vocational and academic education or other types of Dutch organisations that provide educational training courses and that also contribute to strengthening of the priority themes in the countries on the Country List. These institutions must deliver the training themselves; intermediary organisations are not eligible. The institutions must have sufficient organisational and financial capacity to run a training course. This can be demonstrated using a COCA that is assessed as positive by Nuffic. The organisations must also have demonstrable experience in providing the desired training course.

Group training target group

To be eligible for an OKP Group Training grant, an application must propose a training course for candidates who meet the following criteria:

The candidates work for one of the following types of national and/or local organisations: ministries, secondary or higher vocational or academic education institutions, universities, private sector, commissions or NGOs. The candidates may not work for:

- a bilateral or multilateral organisation;
- a non-governmental organisation that is internationally active and is focused on representing social interests, such as development cooperation, nature and environmental protection, health or human rights.

The candidates must have the nationality of or be resident and working in one of the OKP countries for which grant applications for providing the type of group training courses concerned can be awarded (see the Country List Annex).

The candidates must be in a position to apply the acquired knowledge and skills in practice.

Please consult further requirements in the publication of the policy framework in [the Staatscourant](#) and in subsequent amendments.

3.2 Grant Obligations and Conditions

By submitting a grant application the applicant agrees with the Grant Obligations and Conditions for Group Training (version 4.0). The Orange Knowledge Grant Obligations and Conditions for group training can be found among the 'Guidelines and formats' under the link to this call.

3.3 Assessment

Assessment of the joint proposals will be done by Nuffic in consultation with the Dutch embassies and consulates. For a detailed explanation please refer to the Grant Application Assessment Explanation which can be found among the guidelines and formats under the link to this call.

4. Submit your proposal online

All TMT proposals have to be submitted via our web application Delta. We have prepared a TMT+ Delta User Manual to guide you through the application process. The Delta User Manual can be found among the 'Guidelines and formats' under the link to this call. Make sure you have all the information required for your application complete and ready before submitting.

WARNING: Please be aware that not all browsers work well with Delta. To be sure, it is preferable to make use of Edge or Google Chrome. Safari is known for not working well.

[Submit your joint proposal in Delta https://delta.nuffic.nl/Application/Apply/277](https://delta.nuffic.nl/Application/Apply/277)

5. Required documents

An application needs to contain the following documents to be complete. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

1. TMT+ Joint Proposal Form Orange Knowledge Programme
2. TMT+ Budget Form Orange Knowledge Programme
3. TMT+ COCA Form Orange Knowledge Programme
4. CVs of all proposed resource persons (there is no prescribed format)

Please note that a COCA check doesn't have to be applied for simultaneously with an application for a TMT+. A COCA can be applied for at any time. We advise you to apply for a COCA check before applying for a joint proposal, to make sure that your COCA is not a reason for rejection.

We welcome you to send COCA applications any time to okp@nuffic.nl referring to COCA.