

FAQs

1. What is the deadline to apply?

The close of call for applications is September 15 2016.

2. Who can apply?

Anyone that is eligible to be a World Bank [Vendor \(click on the link to learn more\)](#)

A Vendor is defined either as a Business Entity under the following criteria:

- A business or organization that has been incorporated, registered as a company (corporation, company/limited, partnership), or any business entity legally recognized in a country to contract for the provision of goods and/or services. Organizations registered as "not-for profit" (e.g. universities, hospitals) or state owned are also considered businesses.
- A Sole Proprietor/ Independent Contractor engaged in a business as either a 'self-employed individual' (an individual in business for himself or herself and is self-employed), or as a "sole proprietor' (an individual in business for himself or herself and who is the only owner of the unincorporated trade or business).

3. Do I need to apply to become a vendor today?

No, you only need to apply to become a vendor once your proposal is selected. However, please make sure that you are eligible to become a vendor before applying to the Challenge Fund.

4. When do I apply to become a vendor?

Only once your proposal is reviewed and you have received confirmation that you have been selected should you start your vendor application process.

5. I'm a consultant at the World Bank, can I apply for the Challenge Fund?

Unfortunately, no: short term consulting contacts (STCs), are ineligible to be World Bank Group Vendors as there is a conflict of interest.

6. Can UN agencies apply?

Yes, you may apply.

7. May I apply multiple times?

Applicants may apply for multiple challenges, but please submit a separate proposal for each challenge.

8. Is there a restriction on how many times I can be listed as a partner?

No, you can be listed as a partner in multiple proposals.

9. How long is the implementation period?

9 - 12 months, depending on the size and scope of your project.

10. What do the columns on the Proposed Budget section of the proposal template indicate?

- GFDRR Funding: Are you currently receiving any GFDRR funding (other than the requested amount for the Challenge Fund?)
- In-kind Funding: Are you receiving contributions of goods or services from other sources for this project?
- Other Funding: Are you receiving cash grants from other sources for this project?
- Requested Funding: How much are you requesting from the Challenge Fund (total amount)?
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11. Do I have to complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) form on e-consultant, as well as the proposal document?

Yes, please complete the EOI criteria form, and upload your proposal document as an attachment to the form.

12. What are the Challenge Fund selection numbers on econsultant2?

1226472 - Challenge Fund Challenge 1: Hazard Scenario Dataset

1226473 - Challenge Fund Challenge 2: Global Open Exposure Data Repository Framework

1226474 - Challenge Fund Challenge 3: Open Vulnerability Function Dataset

1226475 - Challenge Fund Challenge 4: Understanding User Needs

13. Do I need to attach a detailed financial budget along with my proposal?

No - at this point we just need you to complete the financial budget table on the proposal document.

14. Does GFDRR allow for overhead/administration/management fee?

Yes – but the maximum percentage that can be accepted is up to 10%.

15. I'm having problems accessing econsultant, what should I do?

The first thing you need to do is register this problem by emailing corporate procurement via econsultant. If you are unable to do this, please send an email to the following address (it might be helpful to also attach a screen shot of your page to the email):

wbgeconsultant@worldbank.org

16. Can I just submit my application via email instead of econsultant?

No, unfortunately – econsultant is how we will be awarding the contract for the winning proposals. If you check the eligibility requirements on the website, you will see that becoming a World Bank vendor is a necessary requirement.

17. Can we apply as part of a consortium?

Yes – we encourage the formation of consortium to tackle the challenges presented.

18. What are the requirements needed for applying?

Requirements are listed on the proposal template and on the [Challenge Fund webpage](#).

19. How many projects will be selected in total?

Four – one for each Challenge Area.

20. I work for an NGO; can I apply?

Yes – as long as you meet the World Bank [vendor eligibility criteria](#), you can apply.

21. I'm from a developing country that is not a DFID priority country, can I apply?

Yes – as noted above, anyone can apply as long you meet the WB vendor eligibility criteria.

22. Are the two pilot countries included in the five countries that will be scaled regionally?

No. Proposers must demonstrate how their project(s) can be piloted locally in two countries and scaled regionally in up to five countries to demonstrate the potential to be applied at a global scale.

23. Where will be the projects be piloted?

The first pilot country of choice is Tanzania.

For the second pilot country, we have identified a high preference for the following countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burma, India, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Pakistan and Tajikistan.

24. Can I apply as an individual?

No – as World Bank procurement rules dictate, you must apply as a firm, which has been in operation for a minimum of one year.