

Iraq call for grant applications Tailor-Made Training Plus OKP-IRA-40005

Joint proposal

Country	Iraq
Priority themes	Water
Aim of the project	Strengthening the capacity of (education) professionals working on water management and water for agriculture
Call number	OKP-IRA-40005
Maximum available funding for this call, excluding co-funding	EUR 400,000
Maximum funding per Tailor-Made Training Plus, excluding co-funding	EUR 400,000
Co-funding Note: At least 50% of the required co-funding must come from local funding in the partner country	20 % of the budget that is applied for
Final date TMT+	The training should be finished before 31 March 2022

Time schedule

Closing date for submission of grant applications	May 6 2020, 11.00 A.M CET
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1. Introduction: The Orange Knowledge Programme

Nuffic's Orange Knowledge Programme (OKP) is a 5 year global development programme, aimed to 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 its staff, by specifically targeting its capacity needs.

More information about the Orange Knowledge Programme such as the basic principles and the policy framework can be found of the Nuffic website: www.nuffic.nl/en/global-development/orange-knowledge-programme.

The Orange Knowledge Grant Obligations and Conditions can be found among the downloads 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.

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 to. The ToC can be found [here](#).

This document describes the procedure for submitting an Orange Knowledge Programme grant application for 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 CPI 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 country in question in Annex 3.

The proposed project must contribute to the following objective:

- contribute to ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all (SDG 6) and to increased employment opportunities for Iraqi youth (SDG 8)

The proposed project must contribute to the following long-term impact:

- Water efficiency in agriculture is increased;

The following medium-term impact will contribute to this:

- I. Partnerships between persons and organisations are inclusive and sustainable (SDG 17);
- II. Organisations key to (sectoral) inclusive development of partner countries are strengthened by inflow of enhanced workforce.

This will be achieved by the following outcome:

- B. Enhanced knowledge and skills of individuals and organisations (in partner countries and in the NL) in line with Iraqi 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

Agriculture is one of the identified priorities for Iraqi – Dutch relationships. Iraq faces a water crisis: the supply of water is at risk due to population growth, economic development, the building of dams in Turkey and in Iran and reduced precipitation due to climate change. The water demand, in particular for agriculture responsible for 75% of the water use, has to be reduced in order to become sustainable.

Given challenges in the Iraqi agricultural and water management education sector due to years of instability and relative isolation there is a high demand for well-trained technical experts, managers and (education) professionals with up-to-date knowledge and practical

skills, including all aspects related to access, availability and sustainable water for climate smart agriculture (CSA). Professionals also often lack relevant labour market experience.

Consequently, priority theme for Orange Knowledge Programme is Food and Nutrition Security (FNS) and CSA. The OKP can provide support by strengthening TVET and higher education organisations with the aim of improving skills, competences and knowledge of professionals working in the water management sector and on water efficiency in agriculture.

OKP Tailor-made Training Plus (TMT+) projects are group trainings for Iraqi professionals employed by national and/or local organisations such as secondary or higher vocational or academic education institutions, universities, technical institutes, TVET institutions, private sector, commissions or NGOs who share a joint need for skills and knowledge development.

This is the last of three TMT+ calls for group training projects on FNS and CSA in Iraq. The previous TMT+ calls emphasised technological innovations, new farming techniques, resilience of market systems, value chain and knowledge base in CSA. Together, these group training calls are part of a complementary approach to address the capacity needs and gaps as identified in the CPI and should be interpreted as such.

Based on a prioritisation of capacity gaps in the CPI, and in support of ongoing partnerships within the agricultural and horticulture sector, proposals submitted in response to this call should address the following areas:

- Increasing water productivity, for example improvement of the water transfer coefficient, soil-less culture in greenhouses;
- Developing water saving techniques;
- Preventing losses in the domestic, industrial and agricultural use of water;
- Reuse of water from domestic, industry and agricultural use;
- Improving water quality;
- Reducing the salinity levels in the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, especially in their lower reaches.

The TMT+ project may incorporate a variety of capacity building instruments such as short courses, internships, study visits as well as a series of activities. These training modalities should have a link to the above-mentioned areas of intervention.

The proposed group training project should focus on and consider the following:

- Connect water sector employers with the TVET sector to meet the labour demand for skilled workers;
- Encourage innovations in water management and CSA and test new sustainable techniques;
- Stimulate creativity and innovation in the water sector especially to youth or young farmers to boost the agriculture sector's image;
- Align with national policies and with other already existing initiatives, among others the EU and UNESCO supported TVET reform programme and projects funded by Nuffic and/or the Dutch Embassy;
- Align with the Iraq Horticulture Development Programme focused on enhancing food security through improving the resilience of the horticulture sector and training on agri-tech for small farmers programme. These programmes are facilitated by the Dutch Embassy;

- Align with the OKP institutional collaboration project following from the call 'Strengthen education and training programmes for climate smart agriculture and efficient water management meeting labour market needs';
- Ensure participation from women and people from areas liberated from ISIS.

Proposals can target areas that the Dutch government has marked as unsuitable for travel. Should this be the case, applicants are invited to organise capacity building training activities in other areas such as Erbil.

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.

Iraq is considered to be Upper Middle Income Country (UMIC) according to OECD's DAC list. This means that an application for this call must include a co-funding amount of 20% of the budget that is applied for. At least 50% of the required co-funding must come from local funding in the partner country.

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 the call number in your e-mail.

3. General information for applicants for Tailor-Made Training Plus

Orange Knowledge Tailor-Made Training Plus supports organisations in developing countries by training a selected group of staff. They can also be used to train professionals who have a common training need, but who are not staff members of the same organisation. For TMT+ a minimum of six participants from the requesting organisation is considered adequate to embed the knowledge gained from the training in the 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 at 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;
- stronger emphasis on involvement of a local/regional consortium partner with whom the requesting organisation ideally maintains a relationship after 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 Courses grants extends to Dutch institutions providing secondary and higher vocational and academic education or other types of 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 Courses grant, an application must relate to running 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 3.0). The Orange Knowledge Grant Obligations and Conditions can be found among the downloads 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 downloads under the link to this call. Make sure you have all the information required for your application complete and ready before submitting.

[Submit your joint proposal in Delta through this link](#)

5. Required documents

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

- I. TMT+ Joint Proposal Form Orange Knowledge Programme
- II. TMT+ Budget Form Orange Knowledge Programme
- III. TMT+ COCA Form Orange Knowledge Programme
- IV. 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, so you're 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.