



Project Information Document/ Identification/Concept Stage (PID)

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BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Project ID	Parent Project ID (if any)	Environmental and Social Risk Classification	Project Name
P178583		Low	Global Development Awards Competition, FY22-FY24
Region	Country	Date PID Prepared	Estimated Date of Approval
OTHER	World	28-Mar-2022	
Financing Instrument	Borrower(s)	Implementing Agency	
Investment Project Financing	Global Development Network	Global Development Network	

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PROJECT FINANCING DATA (US\$, Millions)

SUMMARY

Total Project Cost	2.35
Total Financing	2.35
Financing Gap	0.00

DETAILS

Non-World Bank Group Financing

Trust Funds	2.35
Japan Policy and Human Resources Development Fund	2.35

B. Introduction and Context

Country Context

GDN’s mission is to improve development outcomes and livelihoods through high-quality, policy- oriented research in the social sciences, produced in developing countries and connected globally.[1] In GDN’s strategy, research is seen not only as a producer of knowledge, but also to equip development actors with critical skills, analysis and evidence for high impact activities. This points to the need to build bridges between research and operations, and opportunities for researchers and implementers to collaborate impactfully, drawing on each other’s knowledge. The Awards Competition, with its combination of research- and implementation-focused awards, and its nature as a “grant+” program that enables awardees to



implement their project, is an ideal ground to advance these objectives, and those of the donor of the Awards Competition: the Government of Japan and its ODA agenda.

GDN empowers researchers and development organizations in developing countries to become active participants in the local, regional and global development environment. With this experience, Awards' winners are given the chance to become leaders in their fields, promoting excellence, innovation, and political awareness, through the implementation of their ideas and their belonging to a growing network of 100+ projects awarded under this initiative.

Sectoral and Institutional Context

The Awards Competition is a successful and useful initiative conducted annually to promote developing country experiences in implementing high-quality research and highly innovative development projects. The Awards Competition is an integral part of GDN's strategy which aims to foster the use of research for development and the achievement of concrete development outcomes based on the promotion of developing country knowledge and innovative initiatives. As GDN's longest-running project with 21 years of continuous implementation, thanks to a strong GDN-Japan partnership, the Awards has provided over 4 million US dollars' worth of awards to more than 200 projects. Awardees have stated that the award has helped them in their personal and professional advancement, and some of them came to occupy prominent positions in their respective governments (i.e., Deputy Governor of the Central Bank, Minister of Education, Minister of Environment).

At the celebratory event of the 20 years of the Awards Competition held online as part of the 2021 GDN Conference and attended by representatives of the Ministry of Finance, Government of Japan, and the PHRD team at the World Bank, this long-term development was emphasized by Saime Saavedra, winner of the 2002 edition of the ORD category and currently Director of Education Global Practice at the World Bank stating "Opportunity is precisely the word that symbolizes what GDN is all about - opportunities for researchers in the developing world to open new paths in their careers and opportunities to strengthen research capacity in low- and middle-income countries". Furthermore, the long-lasting impact on marginalized communities took even special consideration during the current environment as demonstrated by Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka, winner of the 2013 edition of the MIDP category stating "Through this award, we were able to help these communities organize themselves better. They kept going, they're continuing to have a positive impact. People have better health and hygiene and this has become more important during the COVID-19 pandemic."

The Awards Competition covers several essential features of the global development agenda and in particular to Japan's Global Issues and ODA moving forward as it did for the 2021 edition with the proposals addressing projects tackling Quality infrastructure, Disaster risk reduction, Health and medical care, Climate change, Environment and Trade. First and foremost, it showcases research and development projects from low- and middle-income countries with high-impact potential, by reaching out directly to Southern researchers and marginalized groups (taking into consideration women's vulnerabilities as well) in developing



countries, who would not otherwise benefit from such global support. Secondly, it offers high visibility to these actors, because of the program’s reputation and its integration with other GDN activities, such as the GDN Global Development Conference, GDN’s mentoring program, the Awards network and tailored M&E support, and promotes their career advancement. Thirdly, it supports high-quality research and high-impact, innovative development projects, therefore promoting result-oriented activities that are directly relevant to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), by way of knowledge products and concrete grassroots action. Finally, it promotes collaboration between researchers and implementers (in a planned way, from the 2022 edition) with the objective of increasing the capacity provided to NGOs by researchers to understand, measure, speak about, and work on impact while pushing for evidence-based decision-making and evaluation.

Drawing on its 21 years of existence, the Awards have accumulated a strong network of researchers and development practitioners, as well as important experience in organizing the Awards Competition. Its 20-year impact is documented through a ‘Development Impact Report’ and a collection of Impact stories from previous winners, developed by a team of independent consultants. This was an update of previous achievement reports, which have shown how the program has benefited researchers and development practitioners over the years. In particular, it was shown that consistent improvements had been made to increase the Award Competition’s appeal to researchers from all social science fields with the themes intentionally designed to attract research different social science disciplines and multidisciplinary themes were introduced. What is also important to note is that regions, perceived to fall behind in terms of quality research in development like Africa, reported to have benefited tremendously from interacting and networking with other regions and countries through the Awards Competition network. The Awards Competition has also been useful for several awardees in terms of contributions to their career advancement, and receiving job offers and promotions. For some, the Awards have been a springboard to illustrious career moves in both academia and development.

In 2021, following the interest of past winners to expand the reach of the Awards beyond the remit of single awards which proposed the creation of a network of excellence spanning research and implementation, GDN unveiled the Global Development Awards Platform. This initiative takes the form of an interactive map that shows the location of all past awardees. It features search filters, allowing users to quickly find types of awardees based on location and award category, among other parameters. The platform facilitates networking and future collaboration, in line with the demand from past winners consulted in Delhi (2017) to ‘activate the pool of expertise represented by past winners in our global network’.

Relationship to CPF

The Project activities are aligned with the activities of the World Bank to develop human resources in developing member countries of the World Bank. By supporting researchers and development practitioners that are nationals of the World Bank member countries, the Grant helps to increase and strengthen the domestic capacity to undertake relevant research and development projects (such as analytical work



underpinning countries' PRSPs and contribution to improving the lives of the marginalized communities in the South) that are essential for poverty reduction.

The grant activities are linked to both the provision of technical assistance (TA) to assist eligible countries of the World Bank Group in enhancing their technical and institutional capacities and they complement Bank financed operations, and programs aligned with development objectives of the relevant CAS, PRSP or poverty reduction elements of Sector Strategies.

Furthermore, within the capacity building framework of the Awards Competition, GDN will include training on the ESF framework. Since it will be open to all applicants and not just for the awardees, the Awards will be supporting the dissemination of these guidelines and have an impact beyond the scope of the Project.

C. Project Development Objective(s)

Proposed Development Objective(s)

The development objective of the Global Development Awards Competition Project is to support research capacity development in economics and applied social sciences in the global South, specifically on development activities that are aligned with the World Bank Group and the Government of Japan's development priorities. The aim is to:

- Test innovative social development projects benefiting marginalized groups in the developing world, for scale-up by development partners
- Foster collaboration between Southern development researchers and Southern development implementers to advance the impact of social development projects based on sound evidence
- Identify and nurture talent in the Global South and enhance their visibility and voice.

Key Results

- No. of individuals within the target population who benefited directly from the projects (Target 1,000 of which female 50%)
- No. of manuscripts accepted for publication authored by awardees based on the funded research (Target Value 9)
- No. of articles written on the project published in mainstream media (online and offline) – Target Value 18
- No. of new collaborations related to the funded project that emerged during or after the award implementation – Target Value 18.
- No. of articles mentioning the projects in mainstream media (online and offline) – Target Value 30

Intermediate Indicators

- Ratio of vulnerable and marginalized people, as defined for the project, among beneficiaries of the project Target Value 100%
- No. of dissemination events targeted at policy representatives, including development partners Target Value 15
- No. of visits by development partners to project Target Value 9



- No. of public reports, including press releases, by NGO on project Target Value 18
- Peer-reviewed research articles (at least 1 per award grant), submitted by awardees in the ORD category.

PROPOSED STRATEGIC CHANGES AND JUSTIFICATION FOR 2022-2024 BUDGET INCREASE

The overall lessons learned from the implementation of the Awards Competition justify a number of innovations in the implementation methodology of the project. These are described below.

Connector Grant: GDN is introducing a new sub-grant category, called “Connector grant”, amounting to US\$20,000 per edition. This sub-grant is reserved for winners of the ORD and MIDP Awards of the same edition that decide to work jointly to analyze the conditions and evidence needs for the scale-up of the MIDP projects. The sub-grant will support directly the transition of MIDP winners towards the design and implementation of scale-up projects funded under the largest sub-grants of the Awards Competition, i.e. the Japan Social Development Fund Awards (JSDF) sub-grants (1 per edition). The project funded through the Connector sub-grant would accompany the implementation of the JSDF sub-grants, expanding the evidence work around impact and scale-up pathways to reach the most vulnerable populations. This support complements the existing technical support provided by Technical Advisors paired by GDN with JSDF sub-grantees.

Expected Results/impact:

- Strengthen collaboration between winners of the research (ORD sub-grantees) and implementation (MIDP sub-grantees graduating to JSDF sub-grantees) categories.
- Increase the push for evidence-based decision making and evaluation by mobilizing Southern professional-level research and evaluation in Southern non-profit programming

Adding Technical Advisors (Mentors) to the MIDP winners: GDN currently appoints a Technical Advisor for each JSDF sub-grant, i.e., the scale up funding. We propose to assign a Technical Advisor also at the MIDP sub-grant step, amounting to US\$15,000 per edition for 1 Mentor per each of the 3 sub-grants, to strengthen the quality of implementation and the competition for the scale-up funding.

Expected Results/impact: Stronger monitoring of MIDP projects, and stronger scale-up proposals for the JSDF scale-up funding.

Impact Report: In addition to the Annual M&E Survey of sub-grantees, GDN proposes to produce an Impact Report specific to each edition (in this case, three Impact reports, for editions of 2022, 2023 and 2024). This report will bring into a high-visibility produce Monitoring data and insights on impact amounting to US\$10,000 per edition.

Japanese Award for Outstanding Research on Development (ORD)



- Increased the second prize award from \$10,000 per year to \$20,000 per year (incremental amount for three editions - US\$30,000)
- Increased the third prize award from \$5,000 per year to \$10,000 per year (incremental amount for three editions - US\$15,000)

Rationale: Multiple Scientific and Technical Advisors and Awards Competition Jury members urged to increase the size of the sub-grants, particularly the 2nd and 3rd awards. The proposed amounts makes it possible to implement the submitted projects (designed based on the expectation to receive the 1st prize) without the drastic cuts currently required of 2nd and 3rd prize winners, which often change the nature of the awarded project altogether to fit with a 3rd and a 6th of the original budget, respectively.

Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project (MIDP)

- Increased the first MIDP prize from US\$20,000 per edition to US\$50,000 and second prize sub-grant from US\$5,000 per edition to US\$25,000 per edition (incremental amount for three editions US\$240,000)

Rationale:

- The transaction cost (40%) of the review process as a percentage of the grant amount is relatively high in terms of similar grant-making practices and therefore the proposed increase could be justified.
- As with ORD, feedback from Jury members suggested an adjustment in the sub-grant award amount to strengthen the achievement of sustainable impact.
- For first winners, an increase from US\$20,000 to US\$50,000 and the eligibility to compete for the JSDF sub-grant (amounting to US\$200,000) would likely ensure that is likely to strengthen the fiduciary processes of the winning NGO compared to the current scale-up from US\$20,000 to US\$200,000.

Revamped Training and Capacity building framework: GDN is introducing capacity building activities during the Call dissemination process, open to all prospective applicants. This framework will aim to connect former, prospective and current award recipients. This training budget is of US\$22,500 which is a modest increase of US\$3,000 per edition (\$9,000 for the Project), with the potential to impact the quality of submissions.

Expected Results/impact:

- Improve the quality and quantity of proposals and, accordingly, the quality of projects awarded, including compliance with the World Bank's Environmental and Social Framework (ESF).

Operating Cost: In conjunction with its internal direction, GDN is moving towards full cost recovery, i.e., reporting staff cost as a function of their full-time support to the program to accurately reflect actual time spent on the program. The annual budget (adjusted for inflation at a conservative rate of 0.9% per year) amounting to US\$822,582 for three-edition program budget of US\$2,348,832. It is reminded that the



implementation of 3 editions spans a period of 7 years [1]. It is therefore proposed that the implementation period be built into the overall budget envelope.

[1] Each edition has an overall implementation of 5 years, and given that the three editions happen in consecutive years, the implementation spans over 7 years. Irrespective of the distribution of activities along this period, continuity and sustaining quality control requires a basic staffing of the program over the entire period.

D. Preliminary Description

Activities/Components

Component A: Awards: US\$1,386,000 (US\$462,000 per Edition)

Sub-Component A.1: Project and Research Grants US\$1,215,000 (US\$405,000 per Edition)

- **Japanese Award for Outstanding Research on Development (ORD): US\$180,000 (US\$60,000 per Edition).** The ORD category rewards research proposals from Southern researchers with a high potential for excellence in research and clear policy implications for addressing development issues. Sub-grants are provided to award recipients to carry their promising research proposal to completion, and the research capacity of the award recipients is built through provision of technical mentoring by an expert for the duration of the sub-grant. The program has a multidisciplinary framework, and the sub-grants are given each year in specific thematic areas selected every year in coordination between the World Bank and GDN, in line with the World Bank and the Government of Japan's ODA priorities. In the 2022-2024 editions of the Awards Competition, three prizes will be given each edition to reward outstanding research proposals on development issues.
- **Japanese Award for the Most Innovative Development Project (MIDP): US\$375,000 (US\$125,000 per Edition).** The MIDP awards existing, socially innovative projects that have a high potential for development impact on marginalized and disadvantaged groups in the poorest developing countries. The MIDP category rewards ongoing grassroots projects managed by local NGOs for their innovative approach to solving a particular development issue. The program has a multidisciplinary reach, and the grants are given each year in specific thematic areas, selected every year in coordination between the World Bank and GDN, in line with World Bank and Japan's ODA priorities. In the 2022-2024 editions of the Awards Competition, three award grants will be given every edition to reward the most innovative development projects.
- **Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF) Award: US\$600,000 (US\$200,000 per Edition)** The JSDF award is focused on piloting socially innovative development projects that have potential for development impact and replicability identified through the MIDP Award. In this respect, the logical progression between MIDP and JSDF is now enhanced with the MIDP award focusing on identifying innovative



projects, and the JSDF award piloting the most promising of them. In line with the World Bank’s JSDF Policy Guidelines, the objective of JSDF Award is to support community-driven development and poverty reduction programs that serve to enhance productivity, increase access to social and community services and infrastructure, and improve the living conditions of poor and vulnerable groups in eligible countries[1]. In the 2022-2024 editions of the Awards Competition, one prize amounting to US\$200,000 will be given every edition to pilot innovative development projects within the JSDF framework. This implies that the two 1st prize winners under the MIDP will compete for the prize at each edition, after a first period of implementation of their MIDP sub-grant of at least 12 months.

- **Connector Grant (CG): US\$60,000 (US\$20,000 per Edition):** The Collaborative Grant aims to encourage the development of collaborative projects between ORD and MIDP/JSDF sub-grantees in order to support scale-up efforts with research-based evidence. The sub-grant will support joint efforts towards measuring and analyzing scale-up impact and enhancing the robustness of monitoring and evaluation activities by the award recipients. The Connector sub-grant will be awarded to ORD sub-grantees, based on a project co-developed with the MIDP sub-grantees that secured the JSDF sub-grant.

Sub-Component A.2: Capacity Building/Training: US\$171,000 (US\$57,000 per Edition): This sub-component will finance the following activities:

- **Communications Training: US\$27,000 (US\$9,000 per edition):** Prior to the conference, GDN contracts a consultant to deliver a communications training for the ORD and MIDP finalists. This high-quality capacity building effort aims to strengthen finalists’ presentation skills and ability to make a pitch and summarize their proposal, in view of their presentation at a public panel to a high-level Jury which will be the highlight of the Awards Competition.
- **Capacity Building activities: US\$9,000 (US\$3,000 per edition):** This component will entail the development of online sessions for prospective applicants involving GDN staff and past award sub-grantees ahead of the deadline for submission of applications. These will focus, among other topics, on how to write their proposal towards the criteria set on the respective Call, design of evaluation & monitoring frameworks to better present their projects’ goals, eligibility check for compliance with the WB’s ESF with Q&A sessions around all steps of the Awards Competition.
- **Mentoring Program: US\$135,000 (US\$45,000 per edition):** This component ensures a Mentor (the “Technical and Scientific Advisor” for research project funded under the ORD category or the “Technical Advisor” for development projects funded under the MIDP/JSDF category) for all sub-



grantees of the Awards Competition – 7 in total per edition being 3 for ORD sub-grantees, 3 for MIDP sub-grantees and 1 for the JSDF sub-grantee. GDN defines mentoring as a three-way relationship between the mentor the mentee (the recipient of a GDN grant, a person or a team), and the institution that sponsors the arrangement (in practice, GDN program managers), centered around capacity building and learning. Through the arrangement both the mentor and the mentee engage critically with a given project led by the mentee: they exchange of information on the grant implementation, knowledge on the subject matter and experience of related endeavors, but also aspirations and judgements on things like the ideal outcome and quality issues. This bilateral interaction, centered around mutual critical engagement, is fundamental to the mentoring arrangement, and enables the flow of vetted information to GDN on the progress of the sub-grant implementation.

Deliverables/Outputs

- Project reports submitted every or about six months by sub-grantees. The narrative project reports on grant activities include, successes and challenges, as well as avenues for sustainability of the projects. These reports are reviewed and approved by the Mentor in order to ensure there is a coordinated monitoring of the implementation of the project.
- Financial project reports submitted every six months by grantees. These are developed under the GDN template of the Fund Utilization Statement, allowing for effective administration and management of the grants at GDN.
- Peer-reviewed research articles (at least 1 per award sub-grant), submitted by sub-grantees of the ORD category. These articles are revised by each respective Mentor and are submitted following their recommendation of the most appropriate journal and format to maximize its impact and relevance.
- A final project event for sub-grantees in the JSDF category. This report is reviewed and approved by the Mentor in order to ensure there is a coordinated monitoring of the implementation of the project.
- A final project report for sub-grantees in the Connector Grant to assess the JSDF sub-grant regarding the relevant measurement of the scale-up impact and enhance the robustness of its monitoring and evaluation activities.
- Framework for the capacity-building activities of the Project.

Component B: Program Management and Administration - US\$863,832 (US\$287,944 per edition)[A1] [A2]

Sub-Component B.1: Program Implementation: US\$113,250 (US\$37,750 per edition): Activities include the following:

- Advertising the call for submissions in relevant and related media.
- Using a third-party software for developing, testing and running the online submission platform including the intake of reviews and managing the grant implementation.
- Recruitment of reviewers for the selection of ORD finalists.



- Review by an institution/organization of the shortlisted social development projects for the selection of MIDP finalists.
- Recruitment of reviewers for the selection of the Connector Grant.
- To support the full implementation and management of the sub-grantee's projects.

Sub-Component: B.2 Program Administration - US\$750,582 (US\$250,194 per Edition). Activities include the following:

- **Manage and coordinate all aspects of the Awards Competition** – the launch, internal screening of submissions to check for eligibility and plagiarism, maintaining and monitoring the submissions and review's intake platform, coordination of the review and selection process, program and financial management support to grantees. GDN staff will also coordinate the travel and logistics for attendance at the conference and presentations of finalists of each category and any other individual related to the Awards Competition.
- **Supervise the JSDF grants** – GDN staff manages the JSDF sub-grants in terms of monitoring and financial reporting. Supervision visits to the award recipients will also be made to assess implementation progress and address any challenges faced in the two-year grant period. GDN Staff will monitor the implementation and collaboration emerging from the winners of the Connector Grant between ORD and JSDF winners.

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Deliverables/Outputs:

- Number of submissions received in the ORD and MIDP categories.
- Number of announcements published in print and online media and click through rates for online advertisements.
- Number of internally screened submissions sent to reviewers.
- Individual reviews per criteria submitted by external reviews for the ORD category.
- Reports by reviewers for selection of finalists in the MIDP category.
- Interim narrative reports, final project reports and financial reporting by the award recipients in all categories.
- GDN Staff supervision reports on oversight visits to JSDF award recipients.
- Project completion report (program, technical, monitoring and financial) by JSDF award recipients submitted to the donor.

Component C: Knowledge Dissemination, Monitoring and Evaluation - US\$99,000 (US\$33,000 per edition):

This component covers activities linked to the public stages of the competition between finalists at the GDN annual Global Development Conference, or an event of comparable international visibility in which GDN is a



partner, external communications, auditing mechanisms, and monitoring and evaluation activities, including due diligence and site visits, for the scale-up sub-grants.

Sub-Component C.1: Knowledge Dissemination: US\$30,000 (US\$10,000 per edition): This sub-component entails the establishment (sponsorship) of 2 sessions at the Global Development Conference (or a comparable event) for the finalists of each category to present their proposals to each respective Jury. Furthermore, upon conclusion of their projects or when relevant during their implementation, GDN will ensure the dissemination of findings and results in media, seminars, as well as GDN's various communications activities with the development of audiovisual materials.

Sub-Component C.2 Audits US\$24,000 (US\$8,000 per Edition): To conduct the pre-selection financial due diligence of JSDF applicants by an external auditing consultant. This review aims to determine whether the NGO has the capacity to effectively manage and implement the project activities, if awarded the US\$200,000 sub-grant. This is carried out through a thorough assessment of the NGO's institutional, administrative and financial capacity by performing an internal control (and statutory compliance) assessment as well as performing testing of control mechanism at the organization level. The decision on the assignment of the JSDF sub-grant is made by GDN, based on a detailed scale-up technical and financial proposal, the preselection financial due-diligence, the inputs from MIDP Technical Advisors, and in consultation with the WB team.

Sub-Component C.3 - Monitoring and Evaluation US\$45,000 (US\$15,000 per Edition):

- **Monitoring** - GDN staff manage the JSDF sub-grants in terms of both programs, monitoring and financial reporting. Supervision visits (on-site) to the grantees will also be made to assess implementation progress and address any challenges faced in the two-year grant period with at least one visit at mid-term and one at completion. Additionally, post/during-grant surveys and interviews would be conducted to ensure a wider monitoring of the implementation of the grant.
- **Evaluation** - GDN will recruit a consultant (or a team of consultants) to document and analyze the impact and outcomes of the grantees and to further investigate a number of success stories. This will help strengthen the Awards visibility and support the GDN Awards team to further improve the competition in its next editions. This report will include case studies, success stories, achievement notes and lessons learned.

Deliverables and Outputs

- Presentations of findings and results by award recipients at events (one per award sub-grant).
- Communications report prepared by GDN to include the outreach publications (minimum one per award sub-grant).
- Three audit reports (one per JSDF sub-grant).
- Written feedback provided by mentors to research award recipients on each deliverable.
- Quarterly reports on the supervision of the JSDF sub-grantees and reports from on-site monitoring visits from Technical Advisors (at least three per award sub-grant).



- Production of an edition-based impact report by an external consultant.

Every edition of the Awards Competition observes the following steps:

- Pre-launch - Definition of the theme of the Competition based on Japan's ODA priorities, and in consultation with JICA Ogata Research Institute and the WB, preparation of all application and dissemination materials and plans, revision of outreach lists for the dissemination of the different Calls, and selection of the application platform.
- Dissemination of the Calls - Contracting of external dissemination channels and monitoring (on a rolling basis) of submissions.
- Capacity building activities - Organization of webinars/materials for online dissemination to help prospective applicants involving past sub-grantees. These will focus, among other topics, on how to write their proposal towards the criteria set on the respective Call, design of evaluation & monitoring frameworks to better present their projects' goals, eligibility check for compliance with the WB's ESF with Q&A sessions around all steps of the Awards Competition.
- Eligibility Check stage - GDN staff assesses internally the eligibility of applications for ORD and MIDP categories, as well as that of external reviewers for both categories, based on the eligibility criteria set out in the respective Calls.
- Evaluation stage - [Reviewers] Applications for the role of external reviewers for both the ORD and the MIDP categories is done by a panel of GDN staff. [Awards] MIDP applications are reviewed through multi-step evaluation by an External Reviewer (Desk-based shortlisting, business review and site visits) in close coordination with GDN and includes consultations with the Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) team at the WB, which vets the top 6 proposals against Environmental and Social Standards (ESS). The ORD applications undergo a multi-step peer-review, starting with a panel of junior researchers at the First-Level review which shortlists up to 20 proposals, followed by a panel of senior researchers for the Second-Level review. Applicants are given a chance to develop their proposals between the two levels of review, based on the feedback received. The final ranking is validated by the senior-most academic involved in the selection process. The output of the process is the selection of 3 finalists for each category (ORD and MIDP).
- Pre-conference - Prior to the conference, GDN contracts a consultant to deliver communications training for the ORD and MIDP finalists. This high-quality capacity building effort aims to strengthen finalists' presentation skills and ability to make a pitch and summarize their proposal, in view of their presentation at a public panel (Awards finals) which will be the highlight of the Awards Competition. In parallel, GDN mobilizes world-class experts on the topic, to join a Jury for each category, in consultation with JICA Ogata Research institute.
- Awards finals - Finalists travel to a Global Development Conference to pitch their proposal in a public panel, in front of a high-level Jury. Traditionally, the representative from JICA chairs the ORD/MIDP jury, and the representative from the World Bank acts as a jury member in the MIDP category. The Jury has a final say on how many Awards to give out (up to three) and in what order.



- Administrative obligations and Mentoring (Technical and Scientific Advisor for the ORD category or Technical Advisor for the MIDP category) assignment - GDN issues Award winners a grant, and in coordination with the grantees, identify and contract a Mentor that will support (along with GDN) the implementation of the grants in an external capacity.
- ORD and MIDP Implementation - GDN staff monitors the implementation of the awards in coordination with the Mentors. Throughout the implementation of the projects, both grantees and Technical Advisors submit regular reports. Funds are disbursed based on a double approval by the Mentor and GDN.
- JSDF Competition - After 12 months of implementation of the MIDP sub-grants, the two ex-aequo 1st prize winners (NGOs) compete with each other for the JSDF Award. The JSDF Award is a 4x larger grant that allows the most promising MIDP sub-grantee to scale-up their project. The decision on the assignment of the JSDF sub-grant is made by GDN, based on a detailed scale-up technical and financial proposal, the inputs from MIDP Technical Advisors, and in consultation with the WB team.
- JSDF Implementation - GDN identifies a Technical Advisor for the JSDF winner, and monitors the implementation through the submission of regular reports, as well as with site-visits at key points of the project timeline (beginning, mid-term, end).
- Connector Grant competition and implementation - Once the JSDF winner is selected, ORD sub-grantees from the same edition are invited to co-create with them analytical projects to measure and analyze the scale-up impact and its conditions. Proposals will be assessed by the JSDF Technical Advisor, as well as a senior external consultant, and the decision on the award will be taken by GDN in consultation with the WB team.

[1] Japan Social Development Fund Policy Guidelines, updated April 2016.

[A1] Please revise total to reflect adjusted operating cost based on the cost table.

[A2] Revised

Alignment with the World Bank and Japan's ODA priorities and promotion of this partnership

GDN aims to contribute to the development and foreign policy goals of the World Bank and Government of Japan within its assistance to promote economic and social growth in developing countries, and the promotion of international cooperation by selecting themes for each edition that align with the World Bank and Japan's ODA priorities. This contribution will be further enhanced (and secured) with GDN coordinating in advance with JICA Ogata Research Institution the selection of the themes, before making them public, aiming to provide more time to identify possible jury members for the final stage of the Awards Competition. The introduction of the Connector Grant furthermore aims to aid over the international cooperation aspect given that it is expected for ORD and MIDP/JSDF winners to be from different countries.



Recognition of Japan’s contribution and involvement

GDN invites senior representatives from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to the GDN Conference. The senior most representative from JICA chairs the session where the presentations are made by the MIDP finalists and the senior most representative also acts as a chair for the MIDP Jury. The JICA representative hands out the prizes at the conference on behalf of the Ministry of Finance, Government of Japan.

The JSDF grantees will also promote the visibility and local awareness of JSDF in the grant recipient countries through publications, seminars and workshops funded by JSDF grants and use the logo (usually the Japanese national flag) in publications and banners related to JSDF funded events. All press releases and publicity materials produced by the grantees with respect to the JSDF grants will refer to the funding from the Government of Japan.

The Embassy of Japan, JICA and other agencies suggested by the Embassy of Japan will be systematically invited to the closing events as part of the deliverables for the JSDF grants.

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Environmental and Social Standards Relevance

E. Relevant Standards

ESS Standards		Relevance
ESS 1	Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts	Relevant
ESS 10	Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure	Relevant
ESS 2	Labor and Working Conditions	Relevant
ESS 3	Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management	Not Currently Relevant
ESS 4	Community Health and Safety	Relevant
ESS 5	Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement	Not Currently Relevant
ESS 6	Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources	Not Currently Relevant
ESS 7	Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities	Not Currently Relevant
ESS 8	Cultural Heritage	Not Currently Relevant
ESS 9	Financial Intermediaries	Not Currently Relevant

Legal Operational Policies



Safeguard Policies	Triggered	Explanation (Optional)
Projects on International Waterways OP 7.50	No	
Projects in Disputed Areas OP 7.60	No	

Summary of Screening of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts

The project will fund innovative social initiatives that will benefit marginalized communities that are selected using a robust criteria. The primary activity supported by the project, the award competition, will not have physical footprint to generate any adverse environmental and social risks and impacts. This project will not fund physical infrastructure or develop policies and regulations that may cause adverse impacts to the environment downstream. All proposals for funding will be screened using an exclusion list to ensure that projects that can cause adverse risks and impacts are excluded from funding. The environment and social risks and impacts are assessed to be low.

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