

Call for Applications

STRATEGIC FACILITATION FUND

The Myanmar Education Consortium (MEC) is inviting its existing partners, organisations, groups or individuals to apply for the Strategic Facilitation Fund (SFF), a grant which aims to support strategic initiatives that address challenges in education.

Examples of the indicative areas include;

- initiatives that support responses to crises in education
- initiatives that directly promote gender equity, disability and/or social inclusion
- initiatives that support accountability and participation in education planning and delivery



Indicative modalities may include, for example;

- research studies, thematic analysis and learning initiative
- the procurement of technical assistance for strategic policy development or implementation
- training activities that develop the capacity of stakeholders to engage in strategic planning/policy development

FUNDING



Round 1 of the SFF will make maximum amount of 250,000\$ available for each grant that will span a period of up to 12 months. Interested organisations or individuals are required to submit a concept note utilising the template provided, either in English or Myanmar language.

GUIDELINES FOR CONCEPTS



1. The concept demonstrates clear alignment with MEC Strategy for the 2021-2025 period; namely to ensure hard-to-reach children access education services that meet their learning and well-being needs. All children have a right to education, but many children in Myanmar experience barriers to accessing education, including language, gender, disability, remoteness, politics, or income. The MEC strategy is designed to support these children by strengthening education systems to address these barriers and ensure children can adequately, appropriately and safely access education. (OR) The concept demonstrates how the proposed initiative could contribute to continual reviews of the MEC Strategy, through exploration of broader areas of interest. The MEC portfolio focuses on established complementary education systems, as well as other education providers that pursue strategies to enhance the provision of Mother Tongue Based- Multilingual Education.
2. The concept demonstrates how the initiative supports Basic Education and/or seeks to establish a 'proof of concept' for an initiative that contributes to strategic pathways into or out of Basic Education, and may include for example small-scale pilots in Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD), Out-of-School Children (OOSC), Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), Higher Education (HE).
3. The concept demonstrates the capacity and expertise of the applicant to deliver the initiative, with demonstrated knowledge and experience in the respective technical and geographical areas of scope.

HOW TO APPLY



The application process is opened from February 4th 2022, and remains open on an on-going basis thereafter. Interested candidates are requested to send the concept notes to sff@myanmareducationconsortium.org according to the Expression of Interest (EOI) template provided. Concepts will be assessed for suitability on a quarterly basis during the lifetime of the Fund, and successful Concept Note (EOI) applicants will be invited to complete a full proposal within two months of receiving MEC's response. Passing EOI does not guarantee to be awarded from SFF grant. Technical support for full proposal development will be provided by MEC.