

How does the international ORIO fund work?

ORIO is the facility for infrastructure development. Governments in developing countries join with the business community to set up large infrastructure projects.

Why ORIO? ORIO, financed by the Dutch Minister for Development Cooperation, supports governments in emerging countries to realise major infrastructure projects in cooperation with the international business community. In addition to a shortage of resources, emerging countries often lack sufficient experience to handle large-scale projects involving drinking water, irrigation, wastewater, environmental protection, transport, energy, civil engineering projects, health care or education. ORIO covers part of the financing to enable local government to purchase the goods, knowledge and skills that it needs.

Which projects are eligible? Criteria on which applications for an ORIO grants are assessed include the demand for infrastructure in the applicant country, the sustainability of the plans and the relevance for development. The project will usually include the transfer of knowledge and skills

and training so as to strengthen the sustainability of the infrastructure. Moreover, cooperation between government and companies is intended to extend over a longer period. The government submits the application, although the applications may be initiated by a private company.

Which countries can apply for ORIO?

On the back of this card you will find a list of all the countries that can apply for this funding. ORIO requires most countries to organise International Competitive Bidding. Procurement may be organised in other ways in the other countries. ORIO grant percentages can vary (see reverse).

How do I apply? Read more about ORIO at www.orio.nl. You can also find the application form there. You can also phone ORIO at +31 (0)70 778 81 04 or send an e-mail to orio@info.evd.nl



First Round 2009, deadline for submission of applications is 15 May, 17.00 CET

The following countries can apply for ORIO:

ORIO finances 100% of the budget for the development phase and 50% of the budget for the implementation and operation phases in:

Angola ¹	Ethiopia ¹	Mali ¹	Sao Tomé and Príncipe ¹
Bangladesh ¹	Gambia ¹	Mozambique ¹	Senegal ¹
Benin ¹	Yemen ¹	Niger ¹	Tanzania ¹
Bhutan ¹	Malawi ¹	Uganda ¹	Zambia ¹
Burkina Faso ¹	Maldives ¹	Rwanda ¹	

ORIO finances 100% of the budget for the development phase and 35% of the budget for the implementation and operation phases in:

Bolivia ¹	Ghana ¹	Nicaragua ¹
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ORIO finances 50% of the budget for the development phase and 35% of the budget for the implementation and operation phases in:

Albania	Philippines	Kosovo	Peru
Algeria	Georgia	Macedonia	Serbia ¹
Armenia	Guatemala	Morocco	Surinam
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Indonesia	Mongolia	Thailand
Colombia	Cape Verde	Montenegro ¹	Vietnam
Egypt	Kenya	Pakistan	South Africa ¹

ORIO finances 100% of the budget for the development phase and 80% of the budget for the implementation and operation phases in:

Afghanistan ¹	Democratic Republic of Congo ¹	Sudan ¹
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¹ International Competitive Bidding is compulsory

See www.orio.nl for more information.