



Reproductive Health and the EC's Non-State Actors Programme in 2007

The European Commission provides more than half of the world's development cooperation assistance, through a variety of mechanisms. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) can access these funds under selected programmes, principally the Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development programme. This Fast Facts provides insight into this programme; reviews available data regarding how reproductive health funding was addressed under this programme in 2007; and explains co-funding requirements that would allow NGOs to take full advantage of the NSA programme in the future to increase funding for reproductive health.

The Non-State Actors programme in a nutshell

The "Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development" programme is the European Commission's most important grants programme for NGOs. Its scope is very large and any project can be proposed, provided it is linked to the call for proposals' guidelines.

The programme supports Non-State Actors (NSA) and Local Authorities (LA) in developing countries. The primary objective of this programme is the eradication of poverty in the context of sustainable development, including the pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Other major objectives include good governance and human rights, which are cross-cutting issues to be mainstreamed in interventions in partner countries. This programme primarily targets interventions in the field.

The programme has 3 broad objectives:

1. Promote an inclusive and empowered civil society in developing countries and regions
2. Increase awareness of development issues and promote development education in EU and acceding countries
3. Coordination between stakeholders' networks in Europe, within their organisations and with Community institutions



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EC delegations and officials at EC headquarters in Brussels have the authority to refine these objectives. Reproductive Health is only included as a priority if these officials are convinced that it is crucial development topic.

Budget allocations

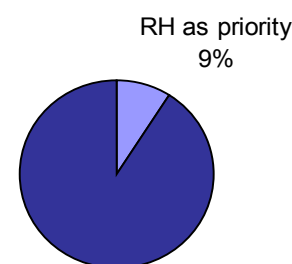
The programmes budget allocations from 2007 to 2010 are summarized in the table below.

Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development		
Period	2007-2010	2007
Total	903 million	207 million
Objective 1	741 million	170 million
Objective 2	126 million	30 million
Objective 3	18 million	4 million

Priority of reproductive health

DSW has analysed all calls for proposals launched under all 3 objectives in 2007. This amounts to 59 calls for proposals and 165,29 million Euro. Out of these 59 calls only 7 mention RH as priority. These calls were launched by EC delegations in the following countries:

- Kenya
- Cambodia
- Mozambique
- Nepal
- Philippines
- Pakistan
- Rwanda



This amounts to 14,98 million Euro, or 9% of the total programme (see graph above).

However, this does not preclude to access funds under other calls for proposals. Particularly, the calls launched at headquarters are very general and can finance every possible development topic.



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Co-funding requirements

The Commission asks applicants to provide co-funding in order to be benefit of an EC grant. European NGOs have to co-fund 25% of the total budget and NGOs from developing countries have to co-fund 10%.

In order to gauge the amounts necessary to capture EC funds, we use 2 scenarios:

1. All funds go to European NGOs.
2. All funds go to developing countries' NGOs.

Scenario 1: All funds go to European NGOs.

- In order to capture all 2008 funds with RH as explicit priority, NGOs need 3,75 million.
- In order to capture all 2008 Non State Actors funds (even those where RH is not a priority), NGOs need 41,32 million.

Scenario 2: All funds go to developing countries' NGOs.

- In order to capture all 2008 funds with RH as explicit priority, NGOs need 3,74 million.
- In order to capture all 2008 Non State Actors funds (even those where RH is not a priority), NGOs need 16,52 million.



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