

Federal Ministry for Economic  
Co-operation and Development

## 5. Transportation Costs

### Background

This programme supports NGOs and other institutions to cover costs for shipping and transport of goods to developing countries. It is handled by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH, a government-owned agency for international co-operation with operations world-wide. In more than 130 partner countries, GTZ supports about 2,700 development projects and programmes, mainly under commission from the German government.

### Types of Grant

"Übernahme von Transportkosten für Sachspenden in Entwicklungsländer", Titel 68706, Kapitel 2302 (Support of transport costs for forwarding donated equipment or material to developing countries).

### Grant Size

Not specified, however, an NGO will not be granted support more than once per year.

### Own Contribution

A minimum own contribution of 25% is required.

### Funding Priorities

Transport of equipment and material which support the activities of poor and disadvantaged groups to improve their standards of living. Transportation costs will only be supported for shipping to developing countries. The donated equipment should in particular

- generate additional sources of income
- improve the supplies of health care services in a sustainable way
- improve school education with regards to the job market
- improve the quality of craftsmanship and technical oriented vocational training
- enhance the productivity of small artisan and agricultural businesses

However, the donated equipment and material

should not include goods that can be produced by local small-scale businesses.

In exceptional cases, donated medicine can also be shipped. Special guidelines apply: [www.gtz.de/dokumente/de-transportkostenprojekt-arztneimittelspenden.pdf](http://www.gtz.de/dokumente/de-transportkostenprojekt-arztneimittelspenden.pdf).

### Grantmaking Criteria

A written application to GTZ using appropriate forms is necessary. The forms can be downloaded here: [www.gtz.de/dokumente/de-transportkostenprojekt-antrag.pdf](http://www.gtz.de/dokumente/de-transportkostenprojekt-antrag.pdf).

- Only private German organisations or initiatives are eligible
- The local beneficiary of the donated material should be a public or private organisation with charitable status
- The beneficiary must declare the need and predetermined usage of the material or equipment
- The availability of maintenance and support for technical equipment must be guaranteed
- The transported material should not endanger the environment
- All equipment and materials should be declared duty-free by the customs authority in the recipient country.

### Guidelines

Please follow the "Hinweise und Erläuterungen für Zuschüsse von Transportkosten für Sachspenden in Partnerländer der entwicklungspolitischen Zusammenarbeit aus Kapitel 2302 Titel 68706" of the Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung, Dep. 112, from 1 April 2006 (Guidelines on grants for transport costs for forwarding donated material and equipment to development co-operation partner countries). The guidelines are only available in German and can be downloaded here: [www.gtz.de/dokumente/de-transportkostenprojekt-hinweise.pdf](http://www.gtz.de/dokumente/de-transportkostenprojekt-hinweise.pdf).

### Project Duration

Not specified.

### Deadline

No deadline applies.

## Application Forms

These can be ordered directly from GTZ or downloaded here: [www.gtz.de/dokumente/de-transportkostenprojekt-antrag.pdf](http://www.gtz.de/dokumente/de-transportkostenprojekt-antrag.pdf).

## Application and Procedures

Interested NGOs from developing countries should fill in the application form together with a German partner and proceed according to the guidelines. All applications will have to be sent to GTZ (see "Mail Address"). Since the application is a formal procedure, carefully completed forms will be crucial for the approval or failure of the application.

After the GTZ has evaluated the application with regards to technical issues, the BMZ will decide on the grant based on humanitarian considerations.

## Language

German

## Tips

Despite the fact that the budget line regulations are published by the BMZ, applications must be sent to GTZ only. For questions regarding the guidelines or the application form, please contact the relevant GTZ department (see "Contact").

### NAME OF GRANT PROGRAMME

Support of Transport Costs

### NAME

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit mbH

### NAME IN ENGLISH

German Agency for Technical Co-operation

### ACRONYM

GTZ

### DEPARTMENT

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