

Portuguese Institute for Development Support (IPAD)

## 2. NGDO Co-financing Line in Favour of Developing Countries (PVD)

### Background

The Portuguese Institute for Development Support (IPAD), created in 2003, is the result of a merger between the Portuguese Cooperation Institute (ICP) and the Portuguese Agency for Development Assistance (APAD) and assumes the role of the central agency for development co-operation. It is responsible for co-ordinating Portugal's highly decentralised aid programme spread over 15 different ministries, plus universities, other public institutions and 308 municipal governments. It combines co-ordinating and programming functions with financial planning, monitoring and evaluation. It promotes projects proposed by other public institutions and ensures co-operation with non-government organisations (NGOs), as well as co-financing.

IPAD aims at improving the effectiveness of Portuguese intervention, guaranteeing a greater visibility of co-operation policy and the achievement of the international commitments made by the Portuguese State.

### Types of Grant

Co-financing of development projects and programmes of Portuguese non-government development organisations (NGDOs) in co-operation with local civil society organisations

### Grant Size

Not specified

### Own Contribution

IPAD can provide up to 75% of the total project or programme costs.

### Funding Priorities

All projects should be targeted at the overall goal of poverty reduction and should have positive effects on the living conditions of the local populations. With co-operation with NGOs, IPAD aims to enhance the capacities of local civil society to foster an environment supportive of poor people's own efforts to improve their quality of life. According to the document 'A Strategic Vision for Portuguese Development Cooperation', the guiding principles of Portuguese co-operation are:

- commitment to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);
- reinforcement of human security;
- promoting the Portuguese language;
- promoting sustainable economic development; and
- contributing to active international development discussions.

According to the same document, the priorities are:

- Portuguese-speaking countries (Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Timor Leste);
- good governance, participation and democracy;
- sustainable development and the fight against poverty (through education, health, rural development, the environment and sustainable management of natural resources, economic growth); and
- development education.

### Grant-making Criteria

The guidelines specify that Portuguese NGDOs must fulfill the following criteria to be eligible for funding from IPAD:

- the legal status of an NGO, according to Law 66/1998;
- non-profit-making objectives;
- a registered address in Portugal;
- aims of co-operation for development, development education and/or humanitarian aid and relief; and
- three years of experience as an NGO.

There are also some criteria related to the formal aspects of the proposal. In addition, the proposed project must be relevant, sustainable, cost-effective and display a good methodology, and the NGDO and local partners must have the necessary operational and financial capacity.

## Guidelines

The following guidelines can be obtained from IPAD. They apply to all Portuguese NGOs applying for grants for development projects from IPAD:

- Eligibility criteria;
- Co-financing procedure implementing rules;
- Guidelines for presentation of the project/programme co-operation proposals;
- Guidelines for presentation of project/programme reports;
- Background conclusion sheet (analysis criteria).

## Project Duration

Two to three years

## Deadline

In 2006, NGOs had to apply for grants from IPAD by 31 May.

## Application Forms

NGOs must follow the IPAD guidelines for presentation of the project/programme co-operation proposals.

## Application and Procedures

NGOs submit project proposals in response to calls for proposals organised by IPAD, normally on an annual basis. These calls for proposals are published on the website and communicated by an official letter to each NGO. Once the call for proposals is closed, IPAD checks that the proposals satisfy the eligibility criteria laid down in the call for proposals, organises meetings with some applicants to clarify the proposal's terms and proceeds to analyse the documents received. After this analysis, the final results are communicated to each NGO. For further information on this process, please contact the IPAD Civil Society Division by email at [concurso.ongd@ipad.mne.gov.pt](mailto:concurso.ongd@ipad.mne.gov.pt).

## Language

Portuguese

## Tips

The Portuguese Platform of NGOs – based in Lisbon – serves as an umbrella organisation for around 50 Portuguese NGOs and can provide support for applicants.

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### NAME OF GRANT PROGRAMME

NGDO co-financing line in favour of developing countries (PVD)

### NAME

Instituto Português de Apoio ao Desenvolvimento

### NAME IN ENGLISH

Portuguese Institute for Development Support

### ACRONYM

IPAD

### DEPARTMENT

Civil Society & Humanitarian Aid Department (SCAE)

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## COUNTRY INDEX

### PARTNER COUNTRIES

Angola

Cape Verde

Guinea-Bissau

Mozambique

Sao Tome and Principe

East Timor

### OTHER COUNTRIES

All developing countries as defined by the DAC.