

United Nations Capital Development Fund

Request for Applications for

**Innovative digital solutions for addressing women livelihoods in Bangladesh through
Ready Made-Garment (RMG) sector sustainability**

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Document

1. Can a company incorporated in a country other than Bangladesh apply?

Yes, a company may be registered in any country but is required to have operations and target clients in Bangladesh for their proposal in line with the RfA focus.

2. What are the eligibility criteria for entities applying?

- The applicant/ lead applicant must be a registered entity
- The applicant can be based anywhere globally, but the project implementation and solution must focus on RMG sector digitalization in Bangladesh.
- If the applicant does not have regulatory approval to pilot the proposed solution in Bangladesh, the applicant must partner with a regulated institution in the country to deliver the solution.
- Joint applications between market players in Bangladesh are encouraged if the proposed solution will expand RMG sectors digitalization with a particular focus to benefit women.
- Applications from consortiums of organizations must show that the partnership was established prior to this call for applications or due to this call for application with a letter of intent.
- The lead applicant and their consortium partner must be registered entities with at least one year of operations and must have statutory accounts and audited financial statements for at least one operating year.
- Applicants may apply only once under this RFA, whether independently or in a consortium.
- Applicants must have an existing solution having tested a proof of concept that is ready to undergo pilot testing for a duration of 9 months.
- The proposed solution must be implemented within a project duration of 9 months after the signature of the PBA and terminating not later than December 2022.
- Applicants must contribute at least 30 per cent of the project's cash costs (costs may include technical infrastructure, resources, and operations).
- Applicants shall not have been the subject of bankruptcy, liquidation, judicial settlement, safeguarding, cessation of activity or any other similar situation resulting from a similar procedure.

- Applicants and any of their staff or member of their board of directors shall not be included in the United Nations financial sanctions lists, particularly in the fight against the financing of terrorism and against attacks on international peace and security .
- Applicants must not be involved in any of the following activities :
- Manufacture, sale or distribution of controversial weapons or their components, including cluster bombs, anti-personnel mines, biological or chemical weapons or nuclear weapons
 - Manufacture, sale or distribution of armaments and/or weapons or their components, including military supplies and equipment
 - Replica weapons marketed to children
 - Manufacture, sale or distribution of tobacco or tobacco products
 - Involvement in the manufacture, sale and distribution of pornography
 - Manufacture, sale or distribution of substances subject to international bans or phase-outs, and wildlife or products regulated under the CITES
 - Gambling including casinos, betting etc. (excluding lotteries with charitable objectives)
 - Violation of human rights or complicity in human rights violations
 - Use or toleration of forced or compulsory labor
 - Use or toleration of child labor
 - Applicants shall have fulfilled all the obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or obligations relating to the payment of taxes in accordance with legal provisions in force in the country of incorporation

Further information on the eligibility criteria can be found in the RfA document at this link: <https://www.uncdf.org/Download/AdminFileWithFilename?id=16306&cultureId=127&filename=rfa-rmg-bangladeshpdf>

3. Our Bangladesh entity has less than 1 year of operations but we have an overseas entity registered in another country. Can we apply?

Yes, you can apply under the overseas registered entity if that entity has been in operations for more than 1 year. Of course, the solution you are applying for should be targeting ready-made garment workers in Bangladesh.

This document will be updated on a continuous basis with additional questions and answers.

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