COMCEC Project Funding Overview

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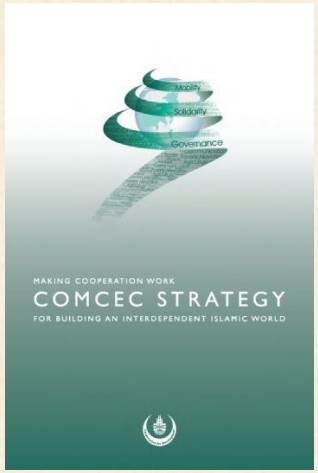

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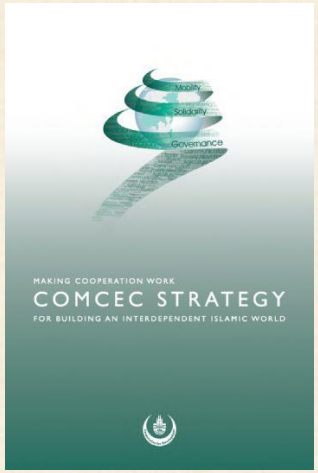

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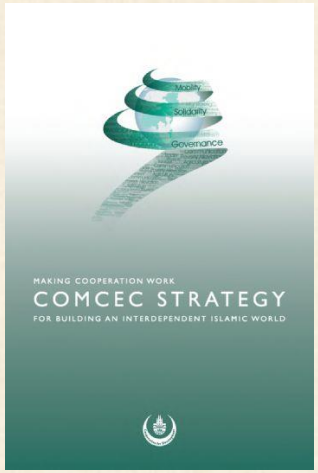

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Project Funding

- Policy Support Instrument
- Financial support for projects of Member Countries and OIC Institutions
- Since 2013

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1. Essentials of the COMCEC Project Funding

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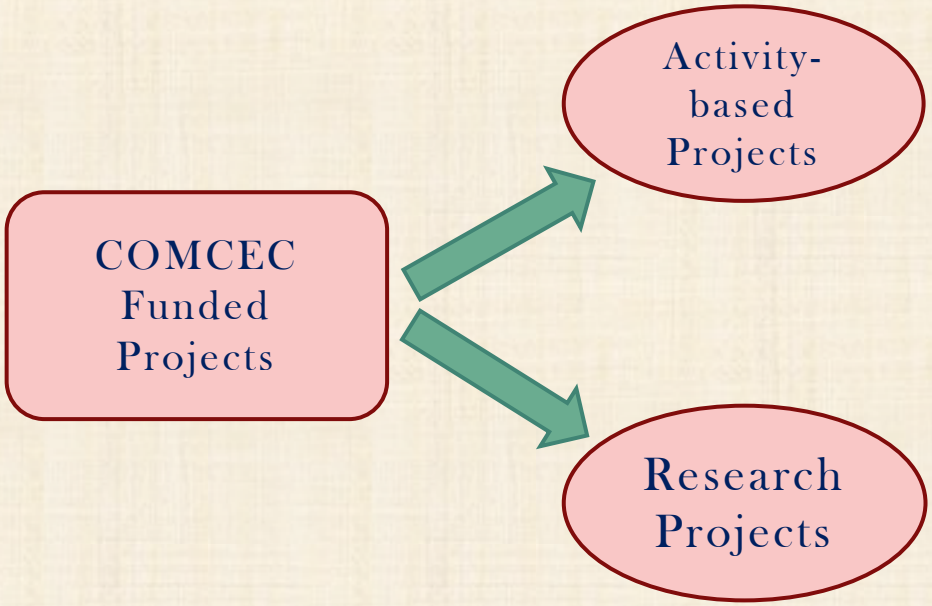

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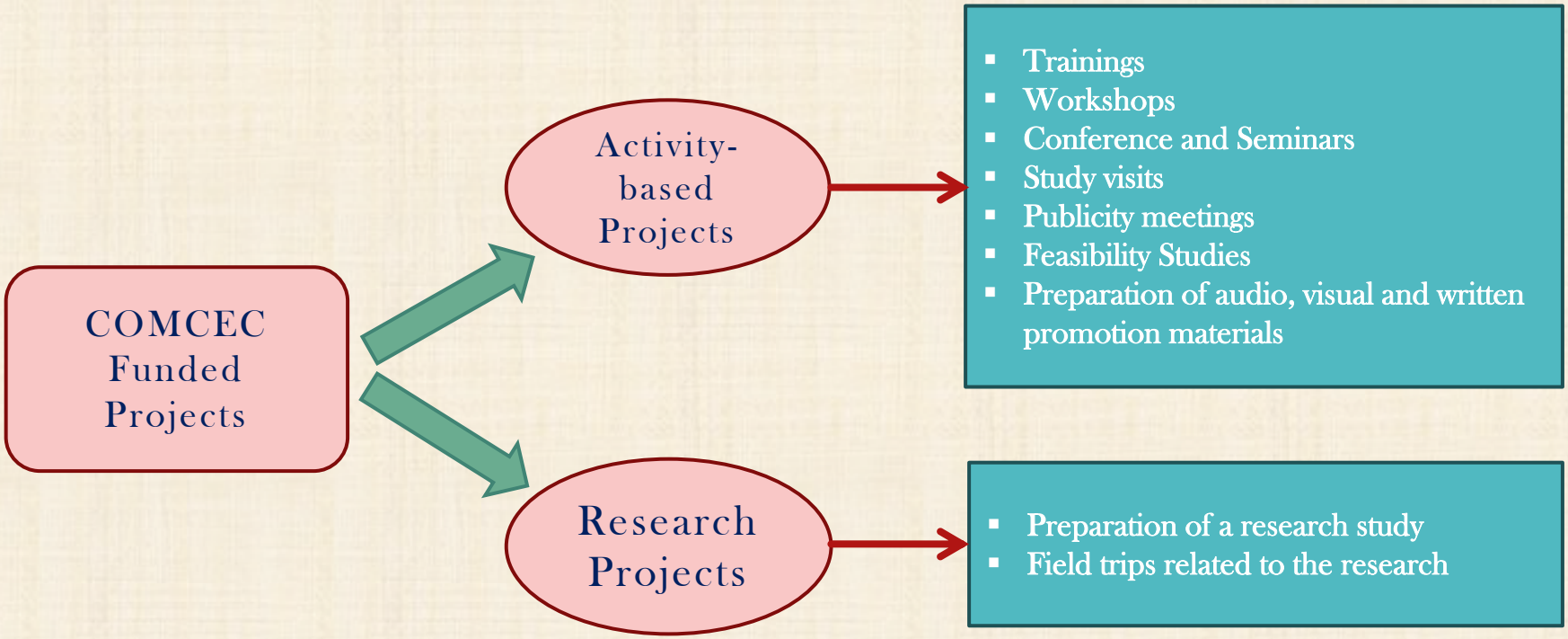

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Project Topics

- Project topics should be in line with:
  - COMCEC Strategy
    - Principles
    - Strategic Objective of the relevant cooperation area
    - Output Areas of the relevant cooperation area
  - Policy Recommendations adopted by the COMCEC Ministerial Session
  - Sectoral Themes published on the COMCEC website www.comcec.org/en/pcm

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Supported Topics in Poverty Alleviation - I

- Creating a regulatory environment for facilitating the transition of informal business to formal sector
- Increasing the employability of long-term unemployed people
- Promoting free and universal health care coverage for vulnerable groups
- Developing specific social safety net programs
- Developing national policy framework for forced migration in compliance with the relevant international regulations
- Enhancing health service capacity for forced migrants
- Increasing job opportunities for forced migrants
- Developing national strategies for reducing malnutrition

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Supported Topics in Poverty Alleviation - II

- Addressing nutritional needs of children under-5, pregnant and lactating women
- Enhancing vulnerable groups' access to education
- Enhancing public awareness on the importance of education in reducing poverty
- Supporting education expenses of vulnerable families' children
- Upgrading education facilities and conditions that are child, disability and gender sensitive
- Enhancing education quality
- Improving vocational education
- Enhancing access to education of vulnerable groups
- Improving education quality
- Vocational education and skills development

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Timeline for the Project Submission

Early September	End of September	October	Mid-December	Mid-December to Mid-January	End of January
• CCO issues a call for project proposals	• POs submit their preliminary proposals to the CCO	• CCO makes preliminary appraisal and declares the short list on COMCEC website	• Short-listed POs submit the final version of project fiche to the CCO	• CCO evaluates the final project proposals	• CCO declares the final list of projects on COMCEC website

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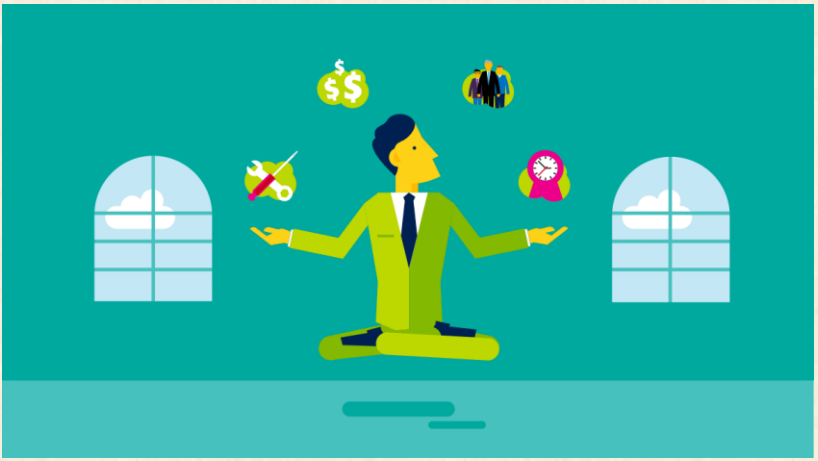

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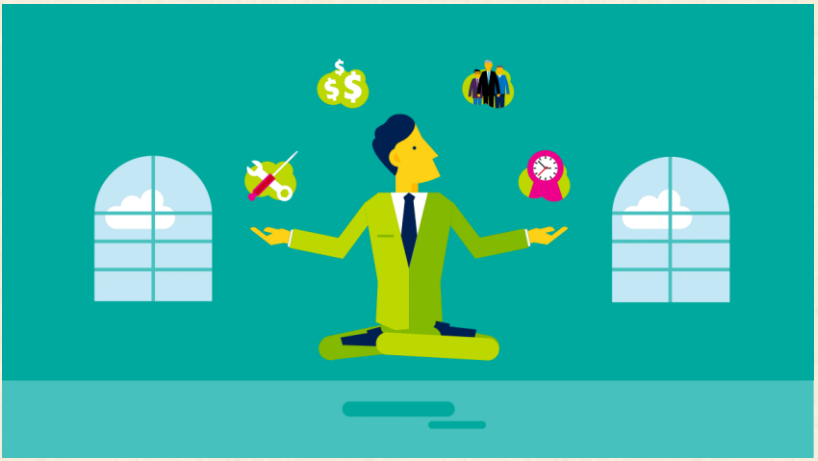

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* Backstopping by CCO and Development Bank of Turkey

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2. Benefits of the COMCEC Project Funding

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3- Joint solutions for common problems (e.g. development of sectoral Guidelines)

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5- Strengthening operational skills on international projects (e.g. communicating partner countries, coordinating relevant stakeholders, handling organizational details, etc.)

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3. How to Prepare for the Project Submission

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COMCEC Project Funding Webpage

1. Check out the COMCEC Project Funding Webpage
   www.comcec.org/en/pcm
   - General Information about the Program
   - Supported Sectoral Themes
   - Frequently Asked Questions
   - Previously Implemented Projects

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Online Project Submission System

2. Visit Online Project Submission System (project.comcec.org) - obtain a username and password

   - Reference materials:
     - Project Submission Guidelines
     - CV Templates
     - ToR Template (for Research Projects)
     - Tutorials for Online Fiche
     - Visibility Manual

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Common Characteristics of Successful Project Proposals

- Sufficient and informative project summary
- Sound project activities and relevant details about them
- Qualified Human Resources in line with Project Submission Guidelines Requirements
- Detailed and well-designed work plan
- Realistic cost estimations in the budget and sufficient explanations for them

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4. Funded Projects

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Funded Projects in the Past Three Years

- 31 projects were implemented in 2014, 2015 and 2016
  - 6 Poverty Alleviation Projects
    - Cameroon
    - Indonesia
    - Iran
    - Suriname
    - SESRIC (2)

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Project Implemented in 2014

Project Title: Enhancing National Capacities of OIC Member Countries in Poverty Statistics

Project Owner: SESRIC

Project Purpose: was to highlight the nature and causes of poverty and to formulate strategies for strengthening capacities in the compilation, production and dissemination of poverty statistics. By that Project aims at contributing to the national statistical systems (NSS) of the OIC countries in terms of poverty alleviation, monitoring of poverty and aid effectiveness.

Activities: Questionnaire design, circulation, and evaluation of the survey results, organization of two meetings in collaboration with the COMCEC Poverty WG with the participation of experts from NSOs in order to draw the outline of the policy-oriented a research paper, drafting and publishing of the research paper on the subject matter.

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Projects Implemented in 2015

Project Title: : Design and Implementation of the Management Information System for SSN's in COMCEC Member States.

Project Owner: Ministry of Social Affairs and Housing of Suriname

Partner Countries: Turkey and Guyana

Project Purpose: was to build capacity to design a Management Information System for the Social Security Net Programs of the governments of Suriname and Guyana in collaboration with Turkey.

Activities: Data collection (including site visits), desk based analysis for collected data, drafting and presenting of the monitoring and evaluation report, dissemination of the final report.

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Projects Implemented in 2015

Project Title: Building Productivity Capacities of Agriculture Small Scale Producers of the Coffee and Cocoa within Cameroon, Nigeria and Benin through the Improvement of Phytosanitary Practices.

Project Owner: Ministry of Finance of Cameroon

Partner Countries: Nigeria and Benin

Project Purpose: was to train coffee/cocoa producers and other chain stakeholders (staff of the Ministries of Agriculture and Rural Development) and to train farm input distributors on good phytosanitary practices in Cameroon, Nigeria and Benin in order to improve their productive capacities.

Activities: Data collection and analyses in Cameroon, study visits to Nigeria and Benin, preparation of the training manuals, organization of the training seminar and awareness on good plant protection for the chain

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Projects Implemented in 2015

Project Title: Improving Statistical Capacities of OIC Member Countries in Poverty Statistics.

Project Owner: SESRIC

Project Purpose: was to conduct a series of short term capacity building and training programmes in poverty statistics based on the statistical capacities and needs identified through the questionnaire circulated under the 2013-SESRIC-028 project and organizing a workshop on poverty statistics with the participation of national and international experts.

Activities: Selection of countries, organization of training programmes, organization of a workshop, evaluations on training programmes and the workshop, analysis on evaluations, drafting of the evaluation report and publication of the evaluation report.

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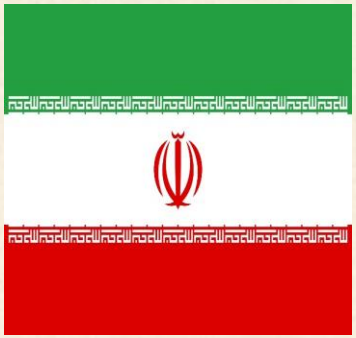

Project Title: The Role of Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) in Poverty Reduction: A Comparative Study among Iran, Malaysia, and Indonesia

Project Owner: Ministry of Cooperative, Labor and Social Welfare of Iran

Partner Countries: Malaysia and Indonesia

Project Purpose: was to identify the best practices for reducing poverty within CBR programs, creating database, raising awareness for policy makers in the COMCEC Member Countries, enhancing the understanding of CBR's managers and workers regarding CBR activities toward alleviating poverty.

Activities: Preparation of terms of reference of the project, review of the existing literature, data collection for a comparative analysis on different CBR programs, seminar/workshop.

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Project Implemented in 2016

Project Title: Developing Local Initiatives for Poverty Alleviation through Community Based Sustainable Livelihood in OIC Member Countries

Project Owner: Ministry of Social Affairs of Indonesia

Partner Countries: Malaysia, Turkey and Bangladesh

Project Purpose: was to develop model of local community-based poverty alleviation for the poor in country border and backward areas.

Activities: Data collection and analyses, study visits, organization of workshop, preparation of the project report

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Poverty Alleviation Projects in 2017

- 14 projects are being funded in 2017
  - 4 Poverty Alleviation Projects:

- Albania (social housing)

- Gambia (women entrepreneurship)

- Indonesia (e-commerce for poor)

- Suriname (childcare)

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