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Essentials of COMCEC Project Funding

Instruments of COMCEC Strategy

➢ ***Working Groups***

 Regular meetings twice a year

 Research Reports

 Policy Recommendations

➢ ***Project Funding***

 Policy support instrument

 Grant based support for member countries and OIC institutions

 Since 2013

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What is COMCEC Project Funding?

‣ *An **Implementation tool** of the COMCEC Strategy*

‣ *A **member-driven** mechanism (**both in finding a creative project idea and implementing**)*

‣ *A Grant based funding facility under **six cooperation areas** (trade, transport and communication, tourism, agriculture, poverty alleviation, finance)*

‣ *Funding mechanism for **soft projects** (policy research, analytical studies, workshops, seminars, study visits etc.) in its nature*

‣ *Potential Beneficiaries: **(OIC Members States and Institutions)***

‣ *Multilateral perspective : **(at least two other project partners together with the PO)***

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Objectives of COMCEC Project Funding

Supporting implementation of policy recommendations adopted by COMCEC Ministerial Sessions

Enhancing multilateral cooperation and solidarity among Muslim Countries (e.g. collaboration among project partners, exchange of experts...)

Increasing institutional and human capacity (e.g. trainings, workshops, study visits, research reports...)

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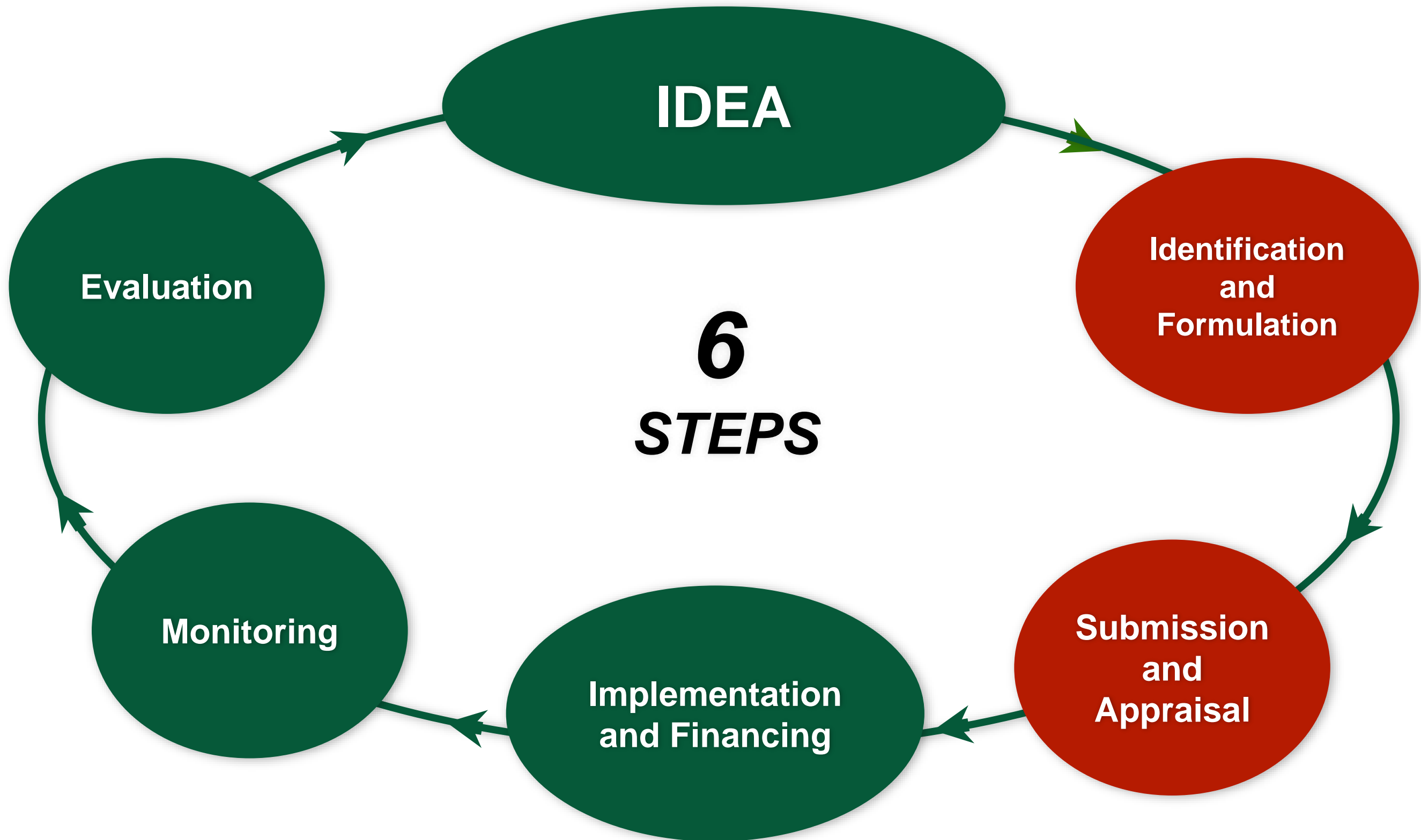
Importance of COMCEC Project Funding

‣ *Result oriented framework*

‣ *Focus on concrete policy actions and tangible results*

‣ *Serving all the three principles of the COMCEC Strategy (enhancing mobility, strengthening solidarity, improving governance)*

‣ *Enhanced engagement with the OIC Community **(via multilateralism)***

‣ *Flexible rules and procedures (for different legal/institutional settings)*

‣ *Multi-year financial framework*

‣ *Analytical reporting and cross-cutting sectoral feedbacks*

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Assessment of feasibility for CPF
Project Selection Criteria (Eligibility)

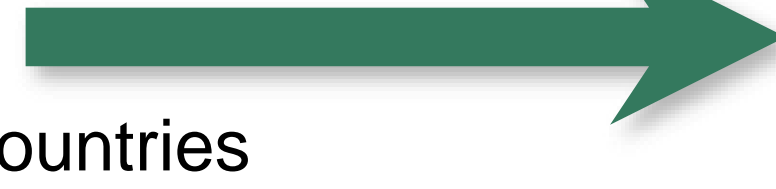Compliance with
Strategy's Principles

→ Enhancing Mobility
Strengthening Solidarity
Improving Governance

Compliance with
Sectoral Themes /
Policy
Recommendations

→ Projects serving to the realization
of COMCEC Ministerial policy
recommendations

Pursuing Multilateral Cooperation
Among
COMCEC Member Countries

→ Projects aiming at addressing at
least three countries' needs
and/or area of interest

Targeting *"Strategic
Objectives"* of the
Strategy

→ *"Increasing the productivity of
agriculture sector and sustaining
the food security "*

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Project Types

➢ **Activity Based**

Trainings

Workshops

Conference and seminars

Study visits

Publicity meetings

Promotional materials

➢ **Research Based**

Research reports

Feasibility studies

Policy documents

Field trips related to research
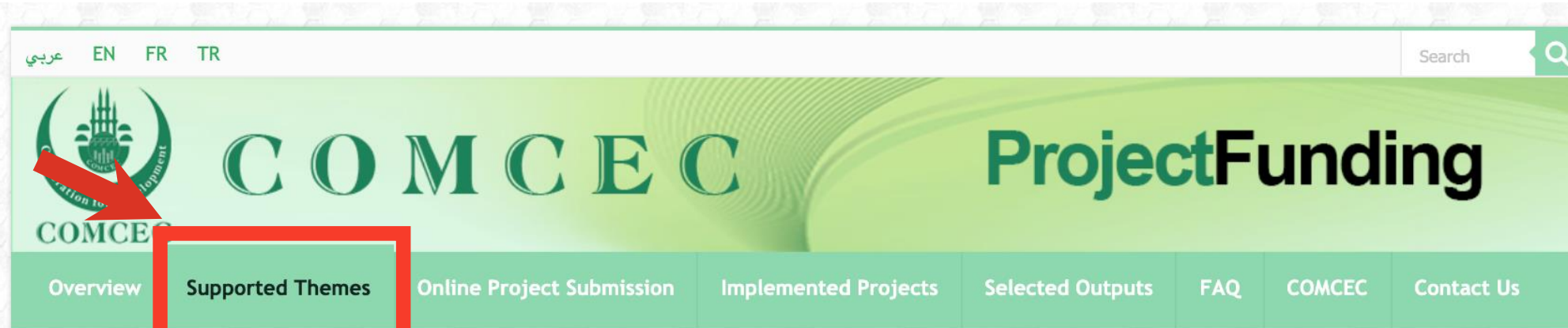
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Supported Themes in Agriculture

Supported Sectoral Themes

➢ Establishing agricultural market information systems

➢ Enhancing capacity for stock monitoring, trend analysis and forecasting

➢ Linking MIS to other market-supporting institutions and risk-management tools

➢ Improving coordination among key stakeholders in agriculture sector

➢ Developing and implementing preferential market access schemes and intra- as well as cross-regional trade agreements for increasing agricultural trade

➢ Using non-tariff measures (NTMs) for a sustained agricultural trade structure among OIC member countries

➢ Developing and increasing economic connectivity to reduce trade costs in agricultural trade markets

➢ Promotion of niche agricultural products and halal certification

➢ Promotion of commercial and non-commercial cooperation among the OIC member countries in the areas related to agricultural trade

➢ Promotion of tariff reductions and bilateral arrangements in key agricultural products

➢ Developing and implementing multilateral trade arrangements (e.g. TPS-OIC)

➢ Enhancing the capacity of member countries in collecting, managing and disseminating agricultural trade data

➢ Increasing the resilience of food systems against food crises

➢ Ensuring food security and nutrition in the OIC member countries

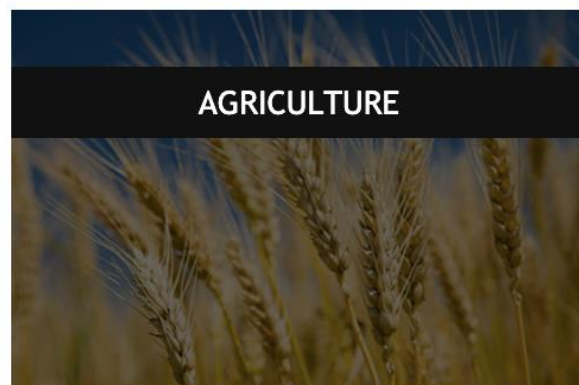➢ Developing livestock production and animal husbandry to foster food security

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Sectoral Themes -->www.comcec.org/pcm

Funded Projects in the Last Five Years

Funded Projects Since 2014
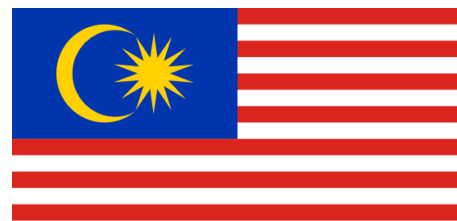
- 393 project proposals submitted by Member Countries and OIC Institutions during five-year period

- 61 projects were implemented between 2014-2018
  - ✓ Agriculture **11**
  - ✓ Finance **6**
  - ✓ Poverty Alleviation **12**
  - ✓ Tourism **13**
  - ✓ Trade **12**
  - ✓ Transport & Communications **6**

For 2019, 22 projects are underway.

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2019 Projects in Agriculture

Capacity building on Warehousing and Storage Management

Project Owner: Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute
Partners: Indonesia, Bangladesh and Turkey
Project Purpose: One of the policy recommendations adopted in the 33rd COMCEC Ministerial Session in the field of agriculture is "Providing need based capacity development support and training to farmers and farmer associations for increasing their access to warehousing and storage capacity". In line with this policy recommendation, the project aims to increase technical knowledge of farmers and farmer associations.

Reduction of Food Loss and Waste in the OIC Countries

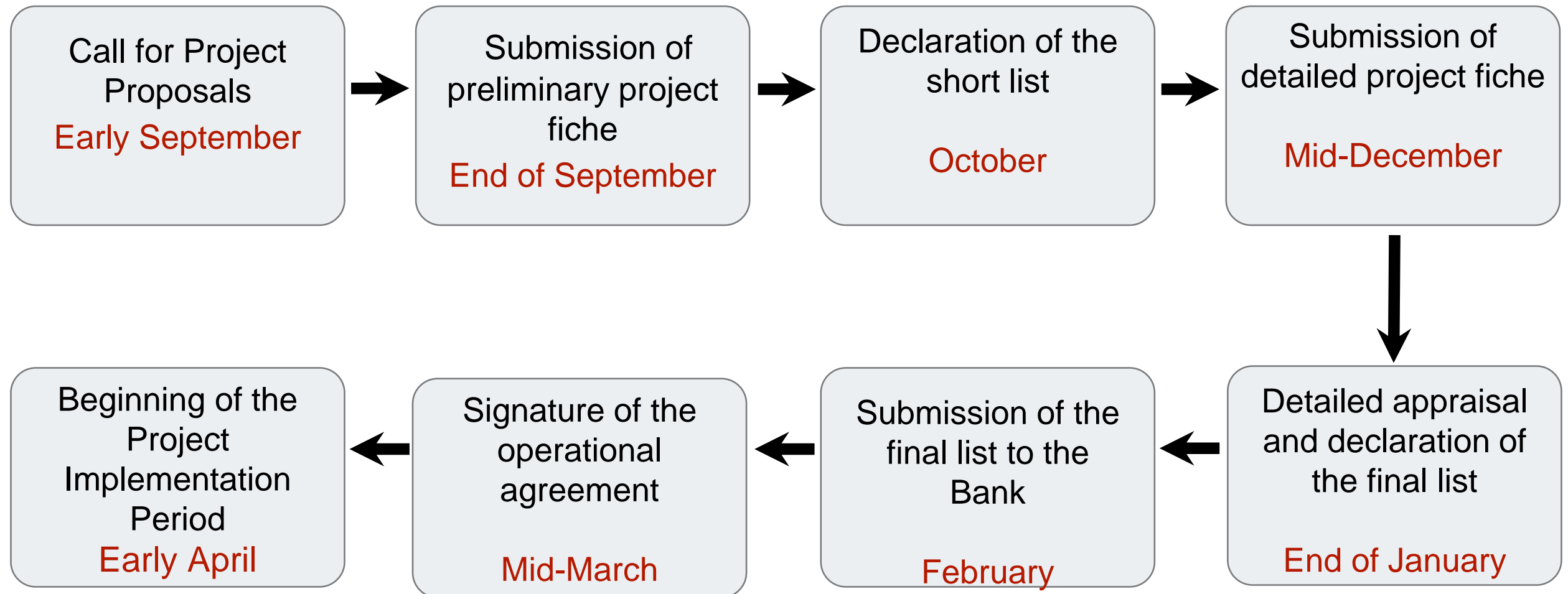**Project Owner**: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
Project Partners: Egypt, Indonesia, Palestine, Morocco, Qatar, Pakistan, Tunisia
Project Purpose: The project aims to strengthen human and institutional capacity and raising awareness on reduction of food loss and waste with a holistic approach.

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How to Submit a Project Proposal

Timeline

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┌─────────────────┐     ┌─────────────────┐     ┌─────────────────┐     ┌─────────────────┐
│ Call for Project│ ──▶ │ Submission of   │ ──▶ │ Declaration of  │ ──▶ │ Submission of   │
│ Proposals       │     │ preliminary     │     │ the short list  │     │ detailed project│
│                 │     │ project fiche   │     │                 │     │ fiche           │
│ Early September │     │ End of September│     │ October         │     │ Mid-December    │
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│ Beginning of the│ ◀── │ Signature of the│ ◀── │ Submission of   │ ◀── │ Detailed        │
│ Project         │     │ operational     │     │ the final list  │     │ appraisal and   │
│ Implementation  │     │ agreement       │     │ to the Bank     │     │ declaration of  │
│ Period          │     │                 │     │                 │     │ the final list  │
│ Early April     │     │ Mid-March       │     │ February        │     │ End of January  │
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➢ *COMCEC Project Funding Webpage -* *www.comcec.org/en/pcm*

General information about the program
Supported sectoral themes
Frequently asked questions
Previously implemented projects

➢ *COMCEC Project Submission Webpage -* *project.comcec.org*

Reference Materials:
Project Preparation and Submission Guidelines
CV templates
ToR template (for Research Projects)
Tutorials for online fiche
Visibility Manual

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