

COMCEC Project Funding at a Glance



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COMCEC Project Funding

- A financing mechanism introduced by COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO) in 2013
- Enables member countries and OIC Institutions to transform their ideas into projects with concrete activities, budget and timeline
- Enhances solidarity among OIC Member Countries by bringing at least 3 member countries together
- Up to \$225.000 grants for Member Countries and \$75.000 for OIC Institutions

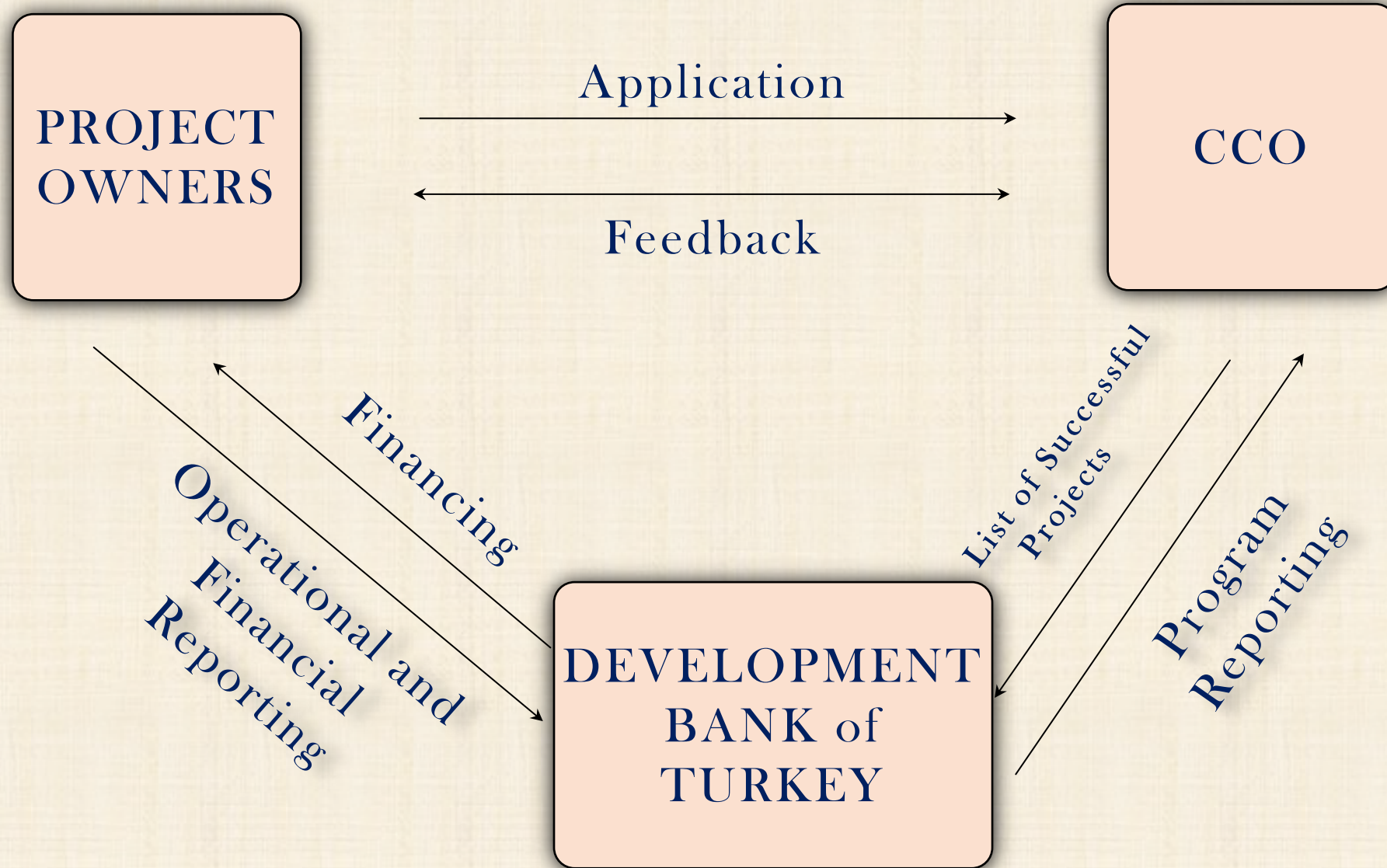
Main Characteristics

- Funding is based on **GRANTS** (No re-payment)
- Simple rules and procedures (unlike credit agreements)
- Clearly defined financial framework
- Backstopping by the **CCO** and the **Development Bank of Turkey**
- Member driven mechanism
- Payment after reporting to the **Bank**

Purpose and Function of the COMCEC Project Funding

- Operationalization of the COMCEC Strategy
- Enhancing multilateral cooperation
- Increasing institutional and human capacity
- Improving joint solutions for common problems
- Strengthening operational skills on international projects
- Supporting the policy environment for the policy recommendations adopted by the COMCEC Ministerial Sessions

Actors and Roles



Basic Rules

- Membership to the relevant working group
- At least 3 Member Countries (1 project owner + 2 partners)
- Project design according to the Program Implementation Guidelines
- Project topics should be in line with:
 - Principles of the COMCEC Strategy
 - Strategic Objective of the relevant cooperation area
 - Output Areas of the relevant cooperation area
 - Sectoral Themes stated in the Program Implementation Guidelines
 - Policy Recommendations adopted by the COMCEC Ministerial Session

The Link Between Working Groups and COMCEC Project Funding

- COMCEC Project Funding provides an operational instrument to realize policy recommendations produced in the Working Groups and adopted in the COMCEC Ministerial Session
- Sectoral themes in the Project Funding Mechanism are determined by considering themes and policy advices of the Working Groups
- Only Working Group members can submit a project proposal
- Regular and active participation to the relevant Working Group is one of the criteria for evaluation of project proposals

Agriculture Topics Supported by the COMCEC Project Funding

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Supported Themes

Frequently Asked Questions

Submit Your Project Here

Project Management Information System

Documents

2016 Projects Being Implemented



2015 Projects Implemented - Second (Call)



Projects in 2014



Project Publications in 2014



Sectoral Themes Supported by the COMCEC Project Funding



The COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO) provides financial support to the projects in 6 different cooperation areas as agriculture, finance, poverty alleviation, transport and communication, tourism and trade. The CCO determined sectoral themes under each cooperation area by considering outputs of the Working Groups as well as policy recommendations adopted by the COMCEC Ministerial Sessions. In order to be eligible for COMCEC Project Funding, projects should be designed with respect to one of these sectoral themes, which are listed in below.

Agriculture



- Increasing the analysis capacity on the causes and levels of on-farm food losses for key crops and foods
- Developing agricultural extension and training services regarding on-farm food losses
- Enhancing the capacity of farmers on agricultural water management for preventing food losses
- Establishing/developing national postharvest losses reduction coordination committees for identifying and sharing postharvest losses data on strategic commodities
- Mobilizing agricultural finance providers for addressing investment needs in postharvest losses
- Developing agricultural extension, training and outreach research activities for reducing postharvest losses
- Developing legislative framework and road map for reducing food waste
- Promoting food banks and food distribution networks
- Conducting cohesive initiatives and campaigns for increasing public awareness on food waste
- Increasing the statistical capacity of the OIC member countries on food waste
- Establishing/developing agricultural market institutions
- Establishing agricultural market information systems
- Promoting market oriented agricultural extension and consultation services

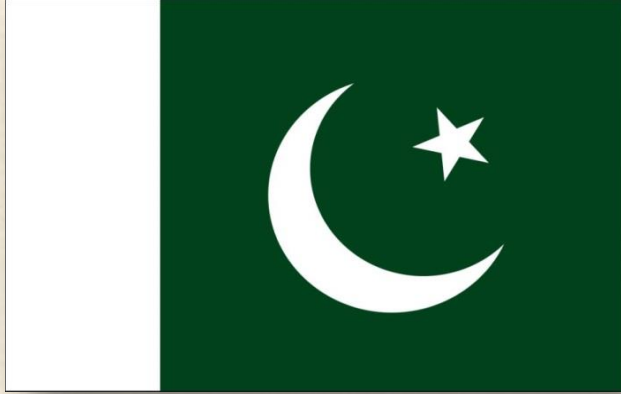
Major Steps of the COMCEC Project Funding Process

<u>Description</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
✓ CCO issues a call for project proposals	Early September
✓ POs submit their preliminary proposals to the CCO	End of September
✓ CCO makes <u>preliminary</u> appraisal and declares the short list on COMCEC website	October
✓ POs submit the <u>final</u> version of project fiche to the CCO	Mid-December
✓ CCO evaluates the final project proposals	Mid-December to Mid-January
✓ CCO declares the final list of projects on COMCEC website	End of January

Project Proposals in the Past Three Years

- 209 project proposals submitted by Member Countries and OIC Institutions during three-year period
- 31 projects were implemented in 2014, 2015 and 2016
 - 8 Agriculture projects

Projects Implemented in 2014



Project Title: Pakistan Bioremediation Model for wastewater treatment and capacity building program among OIC countries

Project Owner: Pakistan

Partner Countries: Afghanistan, United Arab Emirates, Bangladesh and Turkey



Project Purpose: The objective of the project is to build capacity for effective biological wastewater treatment & management for a healthier environment and sustainable living conditions.

Activities: Official study visits to the partner countries, an international workshop. Publishing a final report on biological wastewater treatment concept

Projects Implemented in 2015



Project Title: Improving the Income of Small and Medium Scale Farmers in OIC Member Countries through Integrated Farming System

Project Owner: Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia

Partner Countries: Sudan, Islamic Republic of the Gambia and Egypt



Project Purpose: The objective of the project is to improve income of small-medium scale farmers through integrated farming system and enhancing capacity of extension workers and farmers.

Activities: Data collection (including site visits) and desk-based analysis for a comparative analysis on integrated farming system. Organizing a training program (training of the trainers). Writing and publication of a comparative analysis report.

Projects Implemented in 2015 (cont'd)



Project Title: Project for Support to the Agricultural Training Centers

Project Owner: Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of Chad

Partner Countries: Turkey and Burkina Faso

Project Purpose: The objective of the project was to build capacity of young rural farmers in terms of agriculture and social welfare by studying current agricultural training centers analytically and enhancing the capacity of trainers in these centers.

Activities: Study visits to two partner countries, Organizing three-day workshop, writing comparative and analytical report.



Projects Implemented in 2015 (cont'd)



Project Title: The establishment of database, network connection and web pages of smallholders/family farmer's agricultural cooperatives between COMCEC member states

Project Owner: Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey

Partner Countries: 19 Selected OIC Countries



Project Purpose: Objective of the project is to make identification of system requirements for a trade information system to be established among member countries' agriculture cooperatives.

Activities: Organization of a workshop, technical visits to agricultural cooperatives in Turkey. Writing and publication of a report summarizing all project activities.

Projects Implemented in 2015 (cont'd)



Project Title: Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for Greenhouse Vegetable Crops; Principles for Tropical Climate Areas

Project Owner: Ministry of Agriculture, Husbandry and Fisheries of Suriname

Partner Countries: Turkey and Guyana



Project Purpose: The objective of the project is to increase the quality and effectiveness of the public services to support and train farmers in growing crops in a responsible way taking the tropical climate into account.

Activities: Field visits, training program, preparation and publication a report based on desk-based analysis, field visits.

Projects Implemented in 2016



Project Title: Rural Household Empowerment on Management of Production, Supply and Market Access

Project Owner: Ministry of Agriculture of Islamic Republic of Iran

Partner Countries: Azerbaijan and Turkey

Project Purpose: The objective of the project is to increase market access capacities of small-holder farmers producing Good Agricultural Products (GAP)

Activities: Study tour to the partner countries, organizing a two-week training workshop (training of the trainers), field practice related to the training program, Preparation of analytical report on opportunities, threats and requirements of GAP production



Projects Implemented in 2016 (cont'd)



Project Title: Establishment of Database, Network Connection and Web Pages of Smallholders/Family Farmer's Agricultural Cooperatives between OIC Member States

Project Owner: Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey

Partner Countries: 25 Selected OIC Countries

Project Purpose: The objective of the project is to build a portal in order to provide a platform to increase trade and cooperation among member countries especially in trade of agri-food products produced by small scale farmers.

Activities: Designing a portal, utilization of the portal by the member countries, promotion of the portal in an international workshop.



Projects Implemented in 2016 (cont'd)



Project Title: Improving Small Ruminates Productivity by using different technologies as silage, feed block and hydroponic in Palestine, Jordan and Tunisia.

Project Owner: Ministry of Agriculture of Palestine

Partner Countries: Jordan and Tunisia

Project Purpose: The objective of the project is to improve small ruminates productivity through applying new technology in alternative feeding systems.

Activities: Establishment of hydroponic, feed block and silage unit, organizing a seven day-training course in Jordan (training of the trainers), preparing a project report including findings of the training program.



Project Proposals in the Fourth Call

- 57 project proposals have been submitted by 20 OIC member countries and 2 OIC institutions
- 33 projects were short listed
- 15 projects will be funded in 2017
 - 3 Agriculture projects
 - Gambia (reducing post-harvest losses)
 - Indonesia (reducing post-harvest losses)
 - Uganda (quality standards for agricultural products)

Our Expectations from Focal Points

- Inform all relevant national institutions about COMCEC Project Funding
- Start to think about new project ideas and potential partner countries before project submission process starts
- Utilize working group meetings to find project ideas and potential partners for next year
- Try to find relevant project personnel from other countries whenever necessary
- Feel free to reach CCO for consulting about project ideas and other issues

How to Prepare for the Project Submission

- Must be a focal point or through the focal point
- Own a username and password
- Check the reference materials on the PCM webpage
- Think about the topics supported by the COMCEC Project Funding (please see the Program Implementation Guidelines)
- Conceptualize your project
- Start searching for project personnel
- Fill out the online project fiche

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 Program Implementation Guidelines Requirements
- Detailed and well-designed work plan
- Realistic cost estimations in the budget and sufficient explanations for them
- Project Owner's cooperation and communication with CCO
- Active participation to the relevant Working Group

Online Project Management Information System



The screenshot shows the COMCEC website interface. At the top, there are language options (EN, FR, TR) and a search bar. The main header features the COMCEC logo and the text "Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation". Below the header is a navigation menu with items like "COMCEC", "Cooperation Areas", "Programs & Projects", "Working Groups", "PCM", "Documents", "Archive", "Members", and "Contact Us". The main content area includes a large banner for "COMCEC ProjectFunding" with the text "The Fourth Project Proposal Call for the COMCEC Project Cycle Management (PCM)". To the right of the banner is a "PCM COMCEC Project Funding" button, which is circled in red. Below the banner is a table of announcements and a list of events.

Announcement	Date	Venue
The 8th Meeting of the Tourism Working Group: "Muslim Friendly Tourism (MFT) Developing and Marketing MFT Products and Services in the OIC Member States". Click for the Draft Agenda and Draft Programme .	September 1st, 2016	Ankara/Turkey
The 8th Meeting of the Trade Working Group: "Improving the Cross Border Cooperation among the OIC Member States for Facilitating Trade". Click for the Draft Agenda .	October 8th, 2016	Ankara/Turkey

Direct Access: project.comcec.org

Please use COMCEC main page and click on Project Funding Button




Online Project Management Information System (cont'd)

Please access the Online Project Submission System via using specified usernames and passwords



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