

E-government Grants

Supporting National E-strategies in Developing Countries



The Development Gateway Foundation supports national strategies to improve governance in critical areas through the use of information and communications technologies in government administration. It provides seed funding and technical assistance to developing countries wishing to:

- Increase transparency and build capacity in government operations
- Enhance the quality and effectiveness of governance
- Identify and complete first-phase projects that can be scaled up by larger donors



Focus on Procurement

The international campaign to increase the effectiveness of aid has highlighted public procurement and financial management as critical areas in need of support and improvement to ensure stronger development results in partner countries. A main focus of this program is to assist procurement reform, although recipient government applications determine what is needed most. All projects are led and managed by the recipient countries, with project management criteria and monitoring milestones set by the program.

Partners

This program was initiated jointly with the government of Italy. It maintains a relationship with the World Bank. Both are represented on the program's steering committee. Additional co-funding donors are encouraged to join.

Win-Win for Countries and Donors

This program grew out of a clear demand from developing countries for more support in the area of e-government, and the need to find a flexible mechanism to deliver such support. Begun in 2004, the program:

- Provides a framework for the rapid deployment of e-government initiatives tied to national strategies for information and communications technologies
- Delivers immediate operational value for partner governments
- Provides donors and recipients with a low-risk test vehicle for larger scale initiatives
- Uses a collaborative approach that enables additional co-funders to join

Projects Completed or Under Way

- E-procurement system in Lebanon
- E-procurement system in Morocco
- E-procurement system in Tunisia
- Inter-ministry intranet and Web presence for Mozambique
- Digital land registry for national land management in Mozambique

Mozambique's GovNet – Mozambique was the first country to implement an e-government project with help from the Development Gateway Foundation. With a comprehensive national strategy for information and communications technologies in place, Mozambique needed partners to help start a nationwide network connecting public administration entities.

Just 10 months after grant funds were disbursed, Mozambique completed the first phase of a new government electronic network. The project connected 500 civil servants in 15 key institutions for the first time, including the ministries of finance and health. It provided them with a common intranet, a unified e-mail system, more cost-effective access to the Internet and a shared Web portal to enable better public access to information.

About the Development Gateway Foundation

The Development Gateway Foundation provides Web-based tools to make aid and development efforts more effective. It offers innovative solutions that increase access to critical information, building local capacity and bringing partners together for positive change. The Development Gateway Foundation is a nonprofit organization with activities around the world. Learn more at www.dgfoundation.org.

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