

Subsidy for the promotion of the production of sustainable biomass in developing countries

Would you like to carry out sustainable biomass projects in a developing (ODA) country, as an entrepreneur, non-governmental organisation, knowledge institution or local authority? Then you might be eligible for subsidy from the Global Sustainable Biomass Fund. This leaflet contains further information.

What is the Global Sustainable Biomass Fund?

The Global Sustainable Biomass Fund supports developing countries by promoting the production of sustainable biomass for energy purposes, with the aim of gaining access to the local or international energy market. The fund aims at a number of focus countries: Indonesia, Vietnam, Colombia, Nicaragua, Mali, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Mozambique and South Africa. These countries have therefore priority over projects in other ODA countries.

The Global Sustainable Biomass Fund fits within the larger goal of the Netherlands, to contribute to the realisation of the eight so-called Millennium Goals of the United Nations. The fund chiefly aims at goal 1: banning extreme poverty and hunger and goal 7: realising a sustainable everyday environment.

Which projects are eligible for subsidy?

In order to be eligible for subsidy, projects must result in the promotion of sustainable biomass production for energy purposes. The certification of sustainable biomass for energy uses in the developing countries themselves, and the capacity for them to access the local or international market of sustainable biomass for energy uses, are important aspects in this respect. The entire chain of sustainable biomass for energy uses in the developing countries is concerned. Indirect effects of biomass production, such as shifts in land use or effects on food prices, are also important sustainability criteria. Monitoring these effects and supporting the creation of policies in this area are necessary in order to create the framework within which sustainable biomass chains can develop themselves.

Who may apply for a subsidy?

Applicants for subsidy from the Global Sustainable Biomass Fund may come from any country. They can be enterprises, non-governmental organisations (NGO's), knowledge institutions or local authorities. Each proposal must actively involve at least



one relevant partner from the project country (an ODA country). If you are unsure whether your project is eligible for support from the Global Sustainable Biomass Fund, you have the possibility to ask for advice first. With a 'Quick Scan' you may take a quick test, without obligations, in which a number of questions must be answered about the intended project. After doing this, a project advisor from SenterNovem will discuss the results of the Quick Scan with you.

How much subsidy is available?

The available budget from the Global Sustainable Biomass Fund is 12.5 million euros. This amount is split over two tenders. The term for the first and second period will be announced on our website (www.senternovem.nl/globalsustainablebiomass). The maximum subsidy for each project is 1 million euros. The maximum amount of subsidy which enterprises can receive is 50%, for all other parties it is 75%. This also applies to parties within a consortium.

Which criteria must my project fulfil?

Each application is assessed on the basis of a number of criteria. First, a check is done whether or not the threshold criteria for subsidy eligibility are fulfilled. Proposals that fulfil these criteria are then assessed on the basis of the so-called ranking criteria. The projects that score best are subsidised, until the budget is exhausted.

More information is available on our website (also in Dutch and French)

www.senternovem.nl/globalsustainablebiomass

A manual may also be downloaded from there.

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