

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS COMPETITION

Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project (MIDP) 2022



The Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project is a competitive grant program under the umbrella of the **Global Development Awards Competition (GDAC)**, administered by GDN, funded under the Policy and Human Resources Development Fund (PHRD) trust fund managed by the World Bank, and generously supported by the Ministry of Finance, Government of Japan. The award program invites non-profit NGOs and CSOs to submit project proposals supporting (in particular) improved service delivery, and innovative approaches that may be scaled-up through a grant. The Award targets projects currently at the stage of implementation, and which have a high potential for impact targeting exceptionally marginalized and disadvantaged groups located in developing countries - per the World Bank's recognition as low and middle income countries.

The winning projects will receive grants worth **US\$ 125,000**. The awards will be given to organizations whose projects embody an innovative approach to an important development need and hold the greatest promise for:

1. responding directly to the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable, underserved groups to improve their lives aiming at rapid results for improved livelihood;

2. supporting initiatives that lead to developing sustainable outcomes through the scaling-up of the project.

The two first prize winners under each theme will receive a grant of **US\$ 50,000 each**. The second prize will receive a grant of **US\$ 20,000**. Additionally, awardees will be paired with a Technical Advisor throughout the entire implementation of the grant.

Finalists will be invited to join a communications training in preparation of a pitch of their project in front of a high-level Jury, which will decide which research proposal to award, at a physical event in March/April 2023 (details to be defined) and projects are expected to start in May 2023.

The last date for submission is 14 November 2022

(Indian Standard Time 6:00 PM).

JAPAN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (JSDF) AWARD

The JSDF award focuses on piloting socially innovative development projects that have been identified as having the potential for development impact and replicability through the MIDP Award. The objective of JSDF Award is to support community-driven development and poverty reduction programs that serve to enhance productivity, increase access to social and community services and infrastructure, and improve the living conditions of poor and vulnerable groups in eligible countries.

The two first prize winners will compete for the JSDF award after a minimum of 12 months implementation of their MIDP grant. GDN will review the suitability of the proposals for a much larger grant of **up to US\$ 200,000** within the framework of the World Bank-administered [Japan Social Development Fund \(JSDF\)](#).

CONNECTOR GRANT

The 2022 edition will introduce the Connector Grant which aims to stimulate international cooperation through the development of collaborative projects to support scale-up efforts with research-based evidence. The Connector grant will be awarded to ORD grantees, based on a project developed in collaboration with the MIDP grantees who received the JSDF grant. This grant will support the award recipients' collaborative efforts towards measuring and analyzing scale-up impact, as well as to enhance the robustness of their M&E activities.

IMPORTANT DATES (TENTATIVE)

- Deadline for submissions: **14 November 2022**
- Announcement of Eligibility screening results: **21 November 2022**

- Announcement of Desk review results (1st shortlisted applications):
15 December 2022
- Announcement of Business review results (2nd shortlisted applications):
30 December 2022
- Site visits to 2nd shortlisted applications: **2 January until 27 January 2023**
- Announcement of finalists: **17 February 2023**
- Announcement of winners: **March/April 2023**

Finalists are expected to be available for the Communications Training and the physical event for the presentation of their projects to the jury in March/April. The date will be announced in late 2022.

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