

GCRF ODA DECISION TREE

IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED 'NO' TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS THE PROPOSAL **DOES NOT** MEET THE CRITERIA FOR ODA AND SHOULD BE REJECTED BY THE DTC.

Will the research directly benefit a country or countries on the OECD DAC list?
 The list can be found at: www.oecd.org/dac/stats/daclist.htm
 Things to consider/note:

- It is fine for research to take place outside of a DAC list country as long as it is primarily relevant to and intended to benefit a country or countries on the list.
- It is also fine for projects to include a comparative element but the primary motivation must be to benefit a DAC list country or countries.
- If a country is due to graduate from the list during the course of the project it still counts as eligible for the purposes of GCRF

IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED 'MAYBE NOT' TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS THE PROPOSAL **MAY NOT MEET THE CRITERIA** FOR ODA.

If the DTC has concerns about a specific proposal they should escalate the query to the ESRC ODA Compliance Remit Team via Henna.Patel@esrc.ac.uk

If necessary the Remit Team will be able to liaise with their contacts in the RCUK GCRF team or with DFID/BEIS/OECD to establish whether the proposal is ODA-compliant

The Team will place proposals in one of three categories:

- Meets the minimum ODA criteria
- Borderline
- Does not meet the minimum ODA criteria

They may also flag this issue for consideration by the panel should the proposal be allowed to progress to review. The initial decision to allow a proposal to progress **does not** exclude the possibility that a panel may later deem a proposal to be non-compliant.

Is the proposal directly and primarily relevant to the development challenges of this country/these countries?
 Things to consider:

- Does the proposal respond to evidence of a clear development need within a DAC list country or countries? Is this clearly evidenced?
- Is addressing this development challenge the main objective of the proposal?
- Does the proposal provide a credible argument for why the activity proposed is appropriate to addressing that need? It is fine for research to benefit other countries, as long as that is secondary. What matters is the primary motivation for the research: the primary purpose of ODA eligible research must be addressing development challenges in eligible countries.

Could the proposal's outcomes promote the economic development and/or welfare of a country or countries from the DAC list?
 Things to consider/note:

- What would the likely impact of the proposal be? Are the key beneficiaries located within an ODA eligible country or countries – government, civil society, communities or national business interests?
- Is the project likely to contribute to the economic development and /or welfare of an ODA eligible country or countries?
- It is fine for research projects to have secondary impacts outside of countries on the DAC list, but it must be clear that the primary motivation for the project is to benefit countries on the list.

IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED 'YES' TO ALL OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS THEN THE DTC SHOULD **CONTINUE TO PROCESS** THE PROPOSAL...