

TRANSPARENCY FUND

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OPERATION OF THE TRANSPARENCY FUND

- The Transparency Fund receives proposals for financing on a rolling basis.
- Projects are selected according to their technical quality, strategic opportunity, and sectoral/ geographic representation.
- Proposals for financing presented to the Fund:
 - Require either a request and/or no objection from the corresponding national government.
 - Must be aligned with the objectives of the IDB's country and sector strategies.



OBJECTIVE OF THE TRANSPARENCY FUND

To strengthen the institutional capacity of the Bank's borrowing member countries to support the design and implementation of policies, mechanisms, and practices that promote access to information and targeted transparency.

In addition to contributing to the prevention and control of corruption, transparency is a useful tool for promoting greater efficiency and efficacy in the provision of public services in sectors such as health, education, justice, and extractive industries, among others.

AREAS OF STRATEGIC SUPPORT

Financial Integrity: support is targeted at preventing and controlling money laundering activities; strengthening fiscal transparency; and increasing the institutional capacity of Bank member countries to identify solutions, improve legislation, and implement strategies that enhance financial integrity.

Control Systems: the objective in this area is to support countries in strengthening regulatory frameworks; to design and implement innovative control and audit tools; to develop information-sharing systems among control entities; and to create opportunities for South-South dialogue and cooperation.

Natural Resources Governance: the main purpose is to support countries in the development of solutions and action plans to implement transparency standards, including the guidelines of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI); to design systems to facilitate access to information; to provide technical assistance in the review of laws and regulations; and to support knowledge creation and applied research.

Open Government: the overall aim is to (i) conduct assessments for and support countries in the design and implementation of open government policies, strategies and action plans; (ii) help countries to build or strengthen innovative open government solutions; (iii) promote South-South and extra-regional cooperation and Bank-regional policy dialogue, through the generation and dissemination of knowledge and good practices.



ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Initiatives that promote the design and implementation of access-to-information and targeted transparency policies, mechanisms and practices.
- Support in the preparation, execution, and/or evaluation of loan or technical assistance projects, financed by other IDB sources, aimed at promoting transparency.

Targeted transparency policies are those that provide timely access to information through simple mechanisms, at the right time, and in the formats and places that enable citizens, civil society, business and other users to make informed decisions.

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

Proposals for financing may come from public entities, the Bank itself, civil society organizations, and regional and subregional organizations that have legal capacity to receive non-reimbursable technical assistance resources (grants).



INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

The Transparency Fund is managed by the IDB's Institutional Capacity of the State Division, which leads the work of the Bank in supporting countries to enhance public sector management, transparency, and accountability.

The results of projects and activities financed by the Transparency Fund, contact information, videos, operational guidelines, and other relevant documents can be found at the following web page:

www.iadb.org/transparency-fund



HISTORY OF THE TRANSPARENCY FUND

In 2007, the government of Norway and the IDB created the Anticorruption Activities Trust Fund (AAF), a multi-donor trust fund with an initial contribution of approximately US\$5 million.

Since 2007 the AAF received additional contributions from the IDB in 2011 (US\$1 million), Norway in 2012 and 2013 (US\$7.4 million), and from Canada (US\$9.1 million) and MasterCard (US\$ 0.9 million) in 2014.

In 2012, the AAF was re-launched as the Transparency Fund to highlight its pro-integrity focus as a way to prevent corruption.

The Transparency Fund is open to contributions from other donors.



“Increasing transparency and preventing corruption are pillars of the development mission of the IDB.”

*Remarks of IDB President Luis Alberto Moreno during the event
“Transparency and Integrity as Conditions for Sustainable Development,”
held in Washington, DC on December 15, 2011.*



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