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Daey Ouwens Fund

Subsidy for small-scale renewable energy projects in developing countries

>> Focus on energy and climate change

Are you interested in helping to develop sustainable energy projects, such as those involving solar power, wind energy or biomass energy in one of our six focus countries in Sub-Saharan Africa? If so, you might be eligible for a subsidy from the Daey Ouwens Fund. This brochure provides more information.

The focus countries for the 3rd Daey Ouwens Funds tender are:

- Mali
- Oeganda
- Senegal
- Mozambique
- Rwanda
- Tanzania

What is the Daey Ouwens Fund?

The Daey Ouwens Fund aims to provide more people in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) with access to energy by promoting small-scale projects in the area of renewable and job-creating forms of energy supply.

The Daey Ouwens Fund fits into the Netherland's wider goal of contributing towards the achievement of the United Nations' eight *Millennium Development Goals*. The fund focuses particularly on:

- Goal 1 (eradicating extreme poverty and hunger) and
- Goal 7 (creating a sustainable environment).

Daey Ouwens Fund: third tender

In 2009, there were two tenders for the Daey Ouwens Fund. On our website www.daeyouwensfonds.nl you can see examples of some of the projects that received funding. The third tender for the fund

will be opening at the end of September 2010. Applications for grants can be submitted until 17.00 on 18 January 2011.

The main differences with past tenders will be the following:

- implemented in one or more focus countries (Mali, Mozambique, Uganda, Rwanda, Senegal or Tanzania);
- the grant may cover a maximum of 50% of the cost of the project. The minimum grant award remains € 100,000, but the maximum grant has been reduced to € 1,500,000;
- the projects must be scheduled for completion by 30 September 2013.

Which projects are eligible for subsidy?

To be eligible for subsidy, projects must result in access to energy for households, small-scale businesses, schools, medical centres or telecommunication and IT installations. Investments in equipment must be part of a greater whole, in which aspects such as maintenance and management also receive attention.

Projects contributing to the sustainable energy management of a region may also be eligible for subsidy. Examples in this regard include the improvement and expansion of local distribution networks, forestry projects for sustainable biomass (aimed at local energy supply) and technical assistance, for instance, to a local electricity company with regard to renewable energy.

An important part of each project is financial, technical and organisational sustainability. It must also be likely that the projects, even after completion, will be able to continue on a sustainable basis for many years.

Who may apply for subsidies?

Applicants for subsidies from the Daey Ouwens Fund may come from all countries. Applicants may be enterprises, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), knowledge institutions or local authorities. At least one relevant partner from the country where the project is to be carried out must be actively involved in each proposal.

It is possible to request advice beforehand. With a Quick Scan you can – without obligation – carry out a small test in which you answer a number of questions about the intended project.

A project consultant from the Daey Ouwens team will then discuss the Quick Scan results with you.

Criteria

Every application is assessed on a number of criteria. The proposal must first meet the threshold criteria. Proposals that comply with the threshold criteria are then assessed on the basis of what are known as ranking criteria. Projects must achieve a satisfactory score on the ranking criteria in order to be eligible

for a subsidy. The highest scoring projects are then subsidised, until the budget is depleted.

More information

You can find more information on our website www.daeyouwensfonds.nl, as well as a detailed description of the criteria your proposal will need to meet. You will also find the application form on the website.

Kees Daey Ouwens

Prof. Kees Daey Ouwens (1936-2007) left a significant mark on Dutch sustainable energy policy. At the age of nineteen he built the first Dutch solar cell, and soon became a specialist in the area of solar and wind energy, hydropower and biomass. Daey Ouwens worked as an energy expert for Shell, Philips, ECN (the Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands) and the government.

He viewed the transition to a sustainable energy supply, both in the Netherlands and in developing countries, as the main objective of his work, believing that the transition in developing countries could also make a contribution towards combating poverty. He believed that, “If we really dedicate ourselves to achieving this goal, we can achieve it within thirty years”.

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