



COVID-19 Resilience Response Facility

FAQs

1) What is the RESEMBID COVID-19 Resilience Response Facility?

This facility is a direct response to the unprecedented and devastating impact of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) on societies, public health systems and economies across the OCTs. It is made possible through the generous support and solidarity of the European Union under the 11th European Development Fund's Resilience, Sustainable Energy, and Marine Biodiversity Programme for Caribbean Overseas Countries and Territories (RESEMBID).

RESEMBID is implemented by Expertise France, in collaboration with the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) of the World Bank.

2) What is the total budget available under The Facility?

Up to a maximum of €10 million, to be deployed across the 12 participating Caribbean OCTs.

3) Where does this €10 million come from?

These monies are an earmarking drawn from regular €23 million technical assistance budget of the RESEMBID Programme.

4) What is the difference between this €10 million facility, and the balance of the €23 million regular RESEMBID technical assistance budget?

Funds available under the RESEMBID COVID-19 Resilience Response Facility will be deployed as direct grants under a fast-track expedited procedure. This exceptional procedure has been authorised to maximise the speed, responsiveness and flexibility of the Facility to support OCT needs specifically in the context of the COVID-19 crisis.

5) Will this affect the total amount of technical assistance support that my country or territory will receive under the regular RESEMBID Programme?

No. All amounts originally earmarked within the RESEMBID budget will remain available to the OCTs. Should a country or territory opt to avail of the RESEMBID COVID-19 Resilience Facility, adjustments will be made to the activities originally proposed where necessary. Each OCT decides how it wishes best to avail of the RESEMBID Programme.



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6) What types of activities/initiatives/items can be supported under The Facility?

To be determined by each country or territory, within the guidelines provided, including equipment and supplies closely linked to COVID-19 induced requirements. Generally, the intent is to be as flexible as possible so as to respond to actual needs.

7) Will grant proposals submitted under The Facility take precedence over the regular/original RESEMBID proposals submitted by local stakeholders?

The order of priority of grant proposals will be determined by each OCT.

8) What is the procedure for submitting grant proposals under The Facility?

Please refer to flowchart in Illustration 1.

9) What is the deadline for submission of grant proposals under The Facility?

In keeping with the principles of maximum responsiveness and flexibility, the RESEMBID team will accept requests on a rolling basis.

10) Is there a standard template for the submission of grant proposals?

Yes. An official Concept Note template must be used and is available for applicants from the RESEMBID team.

11) Whom should proposals be submitted to?

Grant proposals must be submitted through the designated Government RESEMBID focal point in each OCT. Please refer to Illustration 1 for details on the grant proposal process.

12) Whom should I contact if I am uncertain about whether or not my proposed activity meets the minimum criteria for support under The Facility?

The RESEMBID Programme Managers will be pleased to provide guidance and support readily. Please convey your query initially via email, with follow-up discussions by teleconference (or telephone) as needed.

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