STAND (Science, Technology and Action' Nexus for Development) Frequently Asked Questions

I. Details of Support

- Can research colleagues from other countries (i.e. beyond Japan, Philippines or UK) join STAND proposals? Do they need to bring their own funding or can they be funded from the STAND grant? Can stakeholder participation be funded from the STAND grant?
 - Researchers in South East Asian countries on the DAC list (except for the Philippines) can be funded through the UKRI grant. Please consult UKRI webpage for further details.
- 2. Are projects funded 100% of the research cost? Are the collaborators also expected to provide counterpart funding?
 - It is not required to bring in own funds to the project. For UKRI, costs incurred by UK RO's will be covered by UKRI at 80% full Economic Cost (FEC). Costs incurred by partners based in countries on the OECD DAC list of ODA recipients (DAC list), aside from the Philippines, will be covered by UKRI at 100% FEC. For JST, 100% of the research cost is covered. For further details, please check the respective webpages.
 - For the Philippines' grant, all projects must have a minimum 15% counterpart contribution from the Implementing agency, in cash or in-kind of the total project cost.
- 3. Can researchers from Germany submit a proposal to UKRI and collaborate with the Philippine research team?
 - Germany is not one the target countries for this call. The countries supported by UKRI will be the UK and the South East Asian countries on the DAC list. Please contact UKRI for details.
- 4. Can colleagues from the Philippines be funded/covered under UKRI/JST if their application to DOST is declined?
 - The intention is that researchers based in the Philippines are funded by DOST.
 Funding decisions will be made jointly by the three funders based on the recommendations of the expert panel and the funders eligibility and evaluation processes. JST cannot provide funds to research groups in the Philippines.
- 5. Can stakeholder participation be funded from the STAND grant?
 - The funding guidelines of each country must be followed, please confirm with the contact person of the funding organization.
- 6. How can I look for partners? Is there a document or site with all the partners on from the Boracay meeting who are interested in building a proposal?

- Unfortunately, we do not provide the participants list from the Boracay meeting. There is a list of eligible projects for UKRI and JST available on the UKRI webpage for the call. For possible partners from the Philippines, you can get in touch/write the contact persons of the participating councils, PCIEERD, PCAARRD, PCHRD, and NRCP which can be found in their websites.
- 7. Does it mean that there will be a total of 13 projects funded (5 each by UKRI and JST, 3 by DOST)?
 - In total, 5 projects will be funded (jointly funded by JST and UKRI). Among these 5 projects, up to 3 projects can be funded by DOST (as a third funder next to JST and UKRI).

II. Eligibility

- 8. The research group from the Philippines did not participate in a SATREPS, e-ASIA, aXis, GCRF or Newton Fund project. Can they participate in the STAND project?
 - Yes, as long as they previously received funding from DOST, they can participate.
- 9. Can we submit a proposal without a research group from the Philippines, but instead a partner from another South East Asian country?
 - Yes, that is possible.
- 10. Is it possible to apply for researchers in South East Asian countries on the DAC list (except Philippines), who have not participated in any of the SATREPS, e-ASIA, aXis, GCRF, and Newton Fund projects?
 - Yes, it is possible.
- 11. Is it necessary that the applicants from all countries have previous projects or existing project in order to be considered? Can newly formed collaborations be considered for STAND proposal submission?
 - Yes, previous or existing projects from UK and Japan are required, please consult the list of JST and UKRI project that are the target of this call for proposals. For partners from South East Asian countries, the partners that are applying do not need a currently existing collaboration with each other.
 - JST:

https://www.jst.go.jp/inter/sicorp/download/announce_stand/jst_projects_list.pdf UKRI :

https://www.jst.go.jp/inter/sicorp/download/announce_stand/ukri_projects_list.pdf

12. Can more than one country from South East Asia participate?

- Yes, there is no limit on the number of partners or participating countries.
- 13. Is it possible to have multiple universities or research organization involved in the

proposal?

- Yes, that is possible.
- 14. Does it have to be the PI of a currently funded JST or UKRI project that leads this project, or could it be a Co-PI with the support of the PI?
 - For JST and UKRI, applications from Co-Investigators on previously funded projects are also welcome.

15. Is it possible to have DOST-JST only collaboration?

- It is necessary to also include a UK research group supported by UKRI in the collaboration.
- 16. Is it possible to apply if one of the Japan or UK side projects is not on the eligible projects list?
 - If your project is not included on the list of JST-funded projects then it is not possible to apply. If you believe your UKRI-funded project is eligible but does not appear on the UKRI list of projects please get in touch with UKRI to confirm your eligibility.

17. In an earlier presentation from DOST, the eligibility requirements for PH partner indicated that they should have "no existing accountability with DOST and its agencies" please could you elaborate on this?

 Previous PIs or Project Leaders of DOST-funded researches are not eligible to apply if they have pending submissions of technical and financial reports from their previously funded projects.

III. Application Procedure

18. Can a PH Team independently submit a Proposal?

- It is necessary to have a joint proposal that includes a UK and Japan research team in the proposal.
- 19. Just a request for clarification, a single collaborative project will then have to be funded by the 3 countries because the principal investigators from each country will have to submit their respective proposals to their respective funding donors?
 - Proposals should be jointly drafted by the Japan UK South East Asia team and must comply with the proposal preparation guidelines outlined in the call for proposals. The project leader from the Japanese team must submit the proposal, including all Supplementary and Single Copy Documents, legal compliance checklist, and compliance agreement to JST via e-Rad (<u>https://www.e-rad.go.jp/</u>). The project leader from the UK team must submit the proposal via UKRI's Je-S (<u>https://jes.rcuk.ac.uk/</u>). In the case that the project includes a Philippines research team, the project leader from the Philippines must submit the proposal through DOST's DPMIS (https://dpmis.dost.gov.ph). For research teams in other South East Asian countries,

the funding request should be included in the proposal to UKRI.

- 20. Are the CVs from the Co-PIs also necessary when applying for the STAND call?
 - Yes, all CVs are necessary.
- 21. Should the Japanese applicant be a participant/lead partner in one of the JST STAND grants listed on the call website, or are other grants from SATREPS, e-ASIA or aXis also eligible?
 - The Japanese applicant should be a participant of the listed projects on the call website. A project not on the list is not eligible for STAND, even if it received grants from SATREPS, e-ASIA or aXis.

IV. 日本側にて寄せられた FAQ

- 22. STAND の次回公募予定はありますか?
 - 現時点では、次回公募の予定は未定です。
- 23. 現在、フィリピン以外の国を対象とした日本側対象プロジェクトに参加していますが、フィリピン を対象とした STAND への応募は可能ですか?
 - 可能ですが、プロジェクト間の連携促進という観点からはフィリピン以外の国の研究者も含めることが望ましいと考えられますので研究構想時にご検討いただければ幸いです。
- 24. イギリス側の申請システムである Je-S は、イギリス以外の研究者が事前に登録作業が必要な 箇所がありますが、e-Rad については日本側の研究代表者による Web 操作のみで全て完了 しますか?
 - e-Rad については、研究代表者の方がアカウントを持っていることを前提に、日本側研究代表者の Web 操作で全て完了します。