

Malaysia-UK PACT -clarification questions *(updated 25 July 2025)*

Post-event communication

Q. How do organisations end up on the UK PACT roster for quotations for shorter term work?

A. Organisations interested in being listed in the roster can submit a query through the website (www.ukpact.co.uk), or email us at expertdeployments@ukpact.co.uk. Our Request for Quotations for short-term work will also be open to those not included yet in the roster. We will announce all funding opportunities on the UK PACT website.

Scope and focus of the CfP

Q. For the Regulatory Framework for the Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), can we submit a proposal that combines regulatory framework for BESS with a primary focus on advancing energy access for off grid communities?

A. Yes, as long as the Regulatory Framework that is being proposed can be applied to on-grid, which is the main focus. Please notice that this grant does not include CAPEX costs for rural electrification.

Q. The Forest Carbon Offset (FCO) short assignment is also related to carbon markets but this is financed through the green finance window. Is there any specific reason for this?

A. The support for FCO is categorised as 'financing green' under green finance, specifically financing Nature-based Solutions.

Q. Can more information be provided on the FCO short term opportunity? Can an organisation apply to multiple opportunities? (either within the green finance and carbon market windows or across them)

A. Yes, applicants can submit multiple proposals. We expect each proposal to be addressing one intervention area. However, the FCO will be delivered as an expert deployment separate from this Call for Proposal.

Q. How many projects do you aim to fund per call?

A. The Call for Proposal will be for 5 Green Finance projects/ED's and 1 carbon market project

Q. Does preparing the industry for a domestic emissions trading system include conducting feasibility studies for potential projects, as well as identifying and mapping potential carbon credit opportunities within the sector?

A. The support aims primarily to provide basic understanding as well as tailored support for industry players on the DETS mechanism from other country experience, including how the auction process works. We do not yet envision the need to support feasibility studies of potential projects.

Q. Can multiple partners from outside Malaysia, (eg: from UK and Eastern Europe) apply as a consortia.

A. Yes, consortia can include multiple partners from outside Malaysia.

Q. What is the scoring matrix?

A. The scoring criteria is detailed within the Terms of Reference for the Call for Proposals.

Q. Can an idea to develop a measurement and verification platform for BESS be in line with the current project objectives? Would it be possible to get initial feedback on the idea before we develop the full proposal?

A. Yes, your idea to develop a measurement and verification platform for BESS projects aligns well with the Malaysia-UK PACT 2025 Pillar 1 focus on enabling clean energy investments and improving energy storage frameworks. The UK PACT team does not provide early feedback on individual ideas. You're encouraged to ensure strong alignment with the call's objectives.

Q. Should the current proposal submission only address Pillar 1? Do we need to include a timeline or activities related to Pillar 2 at this stage? Should current proposals also reference or reflect support for Pillar 2 activities in the write-up, even though Pillar 2 are addressed in a separate proposal call? Should the focus strictly be on content, objectives, and activities of the submission on Pillar 1 only?

A. The current Malaysia-UK PACT 2025 Call for Proposals is focused exclusively on Pillar 1: Green Finance and Carbon Markets, which aims to unlock quality climate and nature finance through initiatives such as clean energy investments, voluntary carbon markets, and support for mechanisms like the Malaysia Forest Fund and Domestic Emissions Trading Scheme (DETS). There are multiple projects within Pillar 1 and individual proposals can be submitted

for each. Pillar 2, which will be addressed in a separate call in 2026, will focus on implementation support for carbon markets, including regulatory development and offset protocols. Therefore, your current proposal should strictly address Pillar 1 objectives and activities, without including timelines or plans for Pillar 2. However, you may briefly reference how your work could align with future Pillar 2 efforts if it adds strategic value, but the core content should remain focused on Pillar 1.

Project Timeline and Funding Period

Q. Referring to the scope of the current call (assumed to be limited to Pillar 1), is it correct to interpret that:

- A) The current proposal is expected to cover a 6-month period (Oct 2025 – Mar 2026) corresponding to FY2025/26,
- B) The indicative budget allocation of £320,000 is for this 6-month duration, and
- C) A separate proposal call will be issued next year for Phase 2, which spans from Apr 2026 – Dec 2026?

A. The current call is for projects that are expected to cover a 15-month period from October 2025 to Dec 2026. A ceiling budget of £320,000 is allocated for this Financial Year (up to March 2026). For the remaining duration of the project in Pillar 1, an indicative budget ceiling of £540,000 has been allocated (subject to final approvals) for the next Financial Year (up to December 2026). Proposals are encouraged to front load high impact outputs into the first 6 months of implementation. Project duration and budgets for Pillar 2 will be announced at a later call for proposals.

Q. Is Phase 1 (current call) focused on supporting industry players and sectors to prepare for DETS participation, while Phase 2 (DETS implementation support package) aims to focus on supporting the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES)?

A. Pillar 1 (the current call) is focused on supporting industry players and high-emitting sectors to prepare for participation in the Domestic Emissions Trading Scheme (DETS). This includes capacity-building and technical assistance to improve readiness and compliance. Pillar 2 (planned for 2026) will shift focus to supporting the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES) and a new regulatory entity with the implementation of DETS, including regulatory development, institutional setup, and offset protocols. The support packages for both Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 on carbon markets should be

delivered as NRES as the primary or secondary counterpart.

Application Process and Requirement

Q. What are the timelines and starting time for Sector 1, Green Finance?

A. The call for proposals for sector 1 was launched on launched on July 10 . The deadline for submissions will be early August, co-creation and due diligence with successful implementing partners will commence in September, with projects expected to go live in October 2025.

Q. Are the timelines the same for Calls for Proposals for all Sector 1 projects?

A. At present, yes. If there are any changes to timelines, this will be communicated.

Q. When is the last date for proposal submission?

A. The current deadline for submission is on 5 August 2025.

Q. Is the 100-word limit bio for the whole consortium or each key member of the team (when answering the knowledge, skills and experience)?

A. The 100-word limit is for each key member of the team

Eligibility Criteria

Q. Are organisations that are not registered in Malaysia eligible to apply as lead applicants?

A. Yes, organisations that are not registered in Malaysia are eligible to apply as lead applicants, however we expect applicants to have experience of the Malaysian context and encourage consortia that include a Malaysian organisation.

Q. Could you please confirm UN agencies' eligibility for the call for proposal?

A. Yes, UN agencies are eligible to apply. We do expect that applicants will have solid footing on the ground to effectively engage relevant stakeholders or partner with those having a Malaysia footprint.

Q. Can MCMA be part of the consortium for Carbon Market projects?

A. No - in all our engagements with MCMA we have engaged with them as a counterpart, so they are expected to be recipients of technical assistance support, not implementers.

Q. Does the main applicant need to be Malaysian based institution. For example, can a

foreign university based in Malaysia but registered outside Malaysia be the lead applicant.

A. Organisations that are not registered in Malaysia are eligible to apply as lead applicants. We expect applicants to have experience of the Malaysian context and encourage consortia that include a Malaysian organisation

Q. Please can you explain again how govt agencies (in this case UK) can be involved?

A. Interventions presented today are expected to be delivered primarily by implementing partners/experts. If bid submissions identify a specific role for UK Gov agencies to support e.g. through sharing of experience/lessons learnt, the consortia/organisation delivering the project/ED will be expected to own the output and liaise with the relevant UK Govt agency to collaborate on outputs directly.

Q. Must the consortium involve UK consulting company as well?

A. There is no requirement that a proposal involve a UK based organisation

Q. Are private sector firms eligible for the grants if it is for-profit as well?

A. For-profit firms are eligible to apply, but the grant itself must be delivered with no profit included in the budget

Q. Can a local Malaysian consultant be part of the consortia. If yes, should the consultancy fee be included in the budget under the category 'Senior expert/day (8 hours) – expert who provides key consultancy and analytical work for the research/study'?

A. Yes, we encourage local consultants to be part of the consortia. The consultancy fee can be categorised under the budget for Senior Expert.

Finance requirements

Q. Under financing strategies for grid expansion, can we use the funds to perform a pilot study through a PPP model to expand grid access to interconnect oil palm mills and promote clean distributed generation (electricity generation)?

A. Yes, if this is only a [small] portion of the project, since most of the intervention is expected to be linked to policy recommendations/regulation and designing financing vehicles for grid expansion.

Q. The phase 2 of carbon markets window (ETS implementation support package) will there a separate call for that one, or organisation should also apply through this call?

A. We will announce further details on this later in the year.

Q. As the project runs over two financial years, does this mean the total grant value possible will be GBP 640,000?

A. We can confirm that FY25/26 will be GBP 320k. Funding for future years is to be confirmed.

Q. What is the likelihood of budget for FY 26/27 being cut given announcements about UK Gov cutting their overall aid budget?

A. We will have more certainty for future budgets this Autumn, until then, programming for 25/26 will continue as presented today.

Q. Are the projects paid based on working days? Or a lumpsum payment for the agreed outputs?

A. Grantees will be reimbursed based on working days.

Q. Is the total grant of 320K sharing across 2 sectors or 320K per sector?

A. Each intervention will be allocated up to £320k