



MFA FORUM BANGLADESH - CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The MFA Forum is a not-for-profit, participation-based open network that has been working in Bangladesh since 2005. The Forum combines the efforts of brands and retailers, trade unions, NGOs and multi-lateral institutions in the textile and garment sector and promotes initiatives that strengthen the sustainability and the responsible competitiveness of the industry (www.mfa-forum.net).

In Bangladesh, the Forum is focusing on the most critical non-compliance issues of the Bangladesh Textile and Garment Industry: Freedom of Association/Collective Bargaining, Wages, and Decent Work¹. The MFA Forum therefore invites project proposals that -

- (1) explicitly address at least one of these critical issues (Freedom of Association & Collective Bargaining / Wages / Decent Work)
- (2) clearly outline how progress towards the implementation of Freedom of Association & Collective Bargaining / Wages / Decent Work will be measured
- (3) integrate local actors in the implementation process
- (4) promote multi-stakeholder/cross-sectoral participation and empowerment
- (5) outline how the project could become self-sustainable after the initial project phase
- (6) have a budget that does not exceed 50 000 US Dollars
- (7) demonstrate progress within 6 months

In your brief project description (max. 4 pages), please explicitly address the points above. The MFA Forum is looking for specific, solution oriented activities that work towards an improved implementation of Freedom of Association & Collective Bargaining / Wages / Decent Work over an initial time period of 6 months. Please note that all proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by a multi-stakeholder group.

Please submit your proposal, along with a detailed budget, to the MFA Forum's Secretariat (dorothee@accountability21.net) **before June 11, 2010**. Below, please find a template for the project proposal. The Executive Committee of the MFA Forum will decide over the proposals on June 23, and a decision over funding will be communicated in the first week of July. The project implementation should start no later than September 2010.

¹ Decent work is captured in four strategic objectives: fundamental principles and rights at work and international labour standards; employment and income opportunities; social protection and social security; and social dialogue and tripartism. These objectives hold for all workers. <http://www.ilo.org>

TEMPLATE FOR PROJECT PROPOSAL

1. Project overview and objectives

- a. What kind of activities are you proposing in order to work towards an improved implementation of Freedom of Association/Collective Bargaining / Wages / Decent Work?
- b. What are you hoping to achieve in the initial project phase of 6 months?

2. Project methodology

- a. Who will be involved in the implementation of the project; what is the timeline of activities?
- b. What is the detailed budget proposal for the suggested activities?
- c. How will you ensure the sustainability of activities?

3. Project evaluation

- a. What are your key performance indicators to measure progress?
- b. How will you collect these indicators?