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GRANTS OPPORTUNITY GUIDELINES

THE MEKONG NETWORK TO COUNTER TRANSNATIONAL CRIME (MNET-CTC) IS DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THE EVIDENCE BASIS ON ORGANIZED CRIME IN THE MEKONG, STRENGTHEN LOCAL CAPACITY AND BUILD A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE OF STAKEHOLDERS RESPONDING TO THIS THREAT.

This grant opportunity is part of MNET-CTC. The grant opportunity follows the requirements of GI-TOC's Resilience Fund and Australia's Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024 (CGRPs).



THE GRANT OPPORTUNITY OPENS: 1 NOVEMBER 2025 – 30 NOVEMBER 2025

We publish the grant guidelines on the GI-TOC website.



YOU COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A PRE-APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

You complete the pre-application form within the grant opportunity open window period and address all of the eligibility and assessment criteria on the pre-application form.



WE ASSESS ALL SUBMITTED PRE-APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRES

We assess the pre-application questionnaires against eligibility criteria and notify you if you are not eligible. We assess your eligible application against the assessment criteria to ensure overall alignment with the MNET-CTC program and compare it to other applications, if applicable.



WE INVITE HIGH-SCORING PRE-APPLICANTS TO SUBMIT A FULL APPLICATION

We invite the highest scoring applicants to submit a full application, which includes a full proposal, budget and requires accompanying documentation.



WE ASSESS ALL SUBMITTED FULL APPLICATIONS

We assess the full applications with accompanying documentation against the full set of assessment criteria with overall consideration of value with relevant money and compare it to other applications.



GRANT DECISIONS ARE MADE

The evaluation committee decides which applications are successful.



WE NOTIFY YOU OF THE OUTCOME

We advise you of the outcome of your application. We may not notify unsuccessful applicants until grant agreements have been executed with successful applicants.



WE ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT

We will enter into a grant agreement with you if you have been successful. The type of grant agreement is based on the nature of the grant and will be proportional to the risks involved.



DELIVERY OF GRANT

You undertake the grant activity as set out in your grant agreement. We manage the grant by working with you, monitoring your progress and making payments.



EVALUATION OF THE MNET-CTC GRANT OPPORTUNITY

We evaluate your specific grant activity and its contributions to the MNET-CTC programme as a whole. We base this on information you provide to us and that we collect from various sources.

Introduction

The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC) in partnership with the Australian Government is establishing the Mekong Network to Counter Transnational Crime (MNET-CTC), a multiyear programme running until June 2028, which is designed around three key criminal markets, drug trafficking, financial crime and child sexual exploitation, and seeks to enhance local capacity to deal with these multifaceted threats.

MNET-CTC recognizes the transformative effects of data and analysis and seeks to strengthen the evidence basis on transnational organized crime trends as well as raise awareness on the impacts of illicit markets in the Mekong. As a civil society network, MNET-CTC will create avenues for sharing this knowledge with local and regional counterparts, government actors and the private sector as it aims to build a regional community of practice that collaboratively works to strengthen resilience to these crimes.

The Resilience Fund is the grant-making mechanism of the GI-TOC. It was launched to provide technical and financial support to civil society actors responding to organized crime globally. The Resilience Fund was created with a bold vision: to place trust in local actors, recognize civil society as a front-line defender against organized crime, and shift the global narrative from one of vulnerability to one of strength and agency.

The Resilience Fund has as a mission to identify, enable and protect community actors and their efforts in parts of the world that are most affected by criminal governance. By enhancing their capacities through grants, capacity-building opportunities, and networking, we promote sustainable and peaceful responses to organized crime.

Specifically, the Resilience Fund is for individuals and organizations that have already conducted important work in responding to organized crime and building community resilience. This Resilience Fund grant – the MNET-CTC Resilience Fund – to incubate grass-rooted ideas, activities and actors that have a close connection to their communities and that are working in preventing and responding to organized crime in the Mekong region.

The MNET-CTC Resilience Fund opportunity will run over one year from 15 February 2026 to 15 February 2027.

These guidelines contain information for the MNET-CTC Resilience Fund grants opportunity.

You must read these guidelines before filling out an application.

This document sets out:

- the purpose of the grant program/grant opportunity;
- the eligibility and assessment criteria;
- how grant applications are considered and selected;
- how grantees are notified and receive grant payments;
- how grantees will be monitored and evaluated; and
- responsibilities and expectations in relation to the opportunity.

This grant opportunity and process will be administered by the GI-TOC.

We administer the program according to the GI-TOC's Resilience Fund Guidelines and the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024 (CGRPs).¹

ABOUT THE GRANT PROGRAM

The Challenge

The Mekong region is subject to pervasive vulnerabilities as a result of organized crime. The threats have permeated democratic institutions, the economy and society and are spreading regionally and globally. The lack of institutional and civil society capacity, skills and specialist capability hinder effective responses to organized crime in the Mekong. This is further compounded by a lack of trust between governments and civil society. A critical knowledge and analytical gap urgently needs to be addressed, underpinned by strengthened safe collaboration.

The Response

In 2025, the GI-TOC established the Mekong Network to Counter Transnational Crime (MNET-CTC) dedicated to enhancing local capacity, collating and producing analysis and information and building local and regional networks and partnerships that develop resilience and galvanize responses to organized crime and subsequently raise awareness of the Mekong through inclusion in global debates.

The objective of the program is:

- Key stakeholders from different levels of society in the Mekong subregion have the evidence, capacity

¹ [Federal Register of Legislation - Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024](#)

and relationships to influence and inform policy and practice in countering transnational crime.

The intended outcomes of the program are:

- Improved capacity among Mekong partners to gather information and evidence to better counter transnational crime, including representative organisations focused on women's rights, disability equity and other equity groups;
- Greater understanding of transnational crime dynamics among Mekong governments, civil society and the media;
- Growing culture of inclusive information sharing and cooperation among Mekong regional partners and multi-stakeholder networks; and
- Increased policy advocacy and representation of Mekong stakeholder views, especially women, at national, regional and multilateral forums.

The Call

The GI-TOC seeks organizations and actors locally embedded in communities and networks affected by, and at risk of, criminality in the Mekong. For example, this may include (but is not limited to) non-profit and non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, media organizations and journalists, women and youth collectives, faith-based organizations, and regional associations with programmatic overlaps to organized crime issues.

The GI-TOC calls upon these organizations to propose novel and innovative projects to respond to, and prevent, crime. Through this MNET-CTC Resilience Fund grant opportunity, the GI-TOC intends to enhance local capacity and bolster resilience of organizations aligned with MNET-CTC's objectives. The grantees will be expected to embrace their connections and community resources to target responses and maximize impact. The GI-TOC invites proposals featuring creative responses to issues with links to organized crime, which may include, investigations, capacity building and trainings, youth prevention programs, early warning systems, projects expanding economic and educational opportunities, reintegration and resocializations programs, awareness raising activities, and/or advocacy raising activities, among other ideas.

GRANT AMOUNT AND GRANT PERIOD

Grants available

The period of performance for the grant opportunities will run from 15 February 2026 to 15 February 2027.

- It is anticipated that most grants will be between AUD 10 000 - AUD 30 000, depending on the scope of the grant activity and its complexity. Funding ceilings should consider the length and complexity of proposed activities.
- MNET-CTC will aim to proportionally allocate funding amongst the four Mekong countries (Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam) as much as practicable. MNET-CTC may also allocate funding to Myanmar-focused programming.

We encourage our applicants to seek funding from other sources to contribute to their projects and outline what funding sources will fund what segments of your proposed project. There is no maximum or minimum amount of funding required from other sources to be eligible to apply.

Grant period

The maximum grant period is one year (12 months). Grant applications may also propose programs with shorter periods of performance.

You must complete your grant/project, at latest, by 15 February 2027. Following the grant/project period, an evaluation period will commence.

This grant is for a non-ongoing program and the grant will terminate at the end of the grant period.

The GI-TOC may release a second grant opportunity under the MNET-CTC program with a 2027 period of performance. However, the GI-TOC cannot provide a guarantee of additional funding.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

We cannot consider your application if you do not satisfy all the eligibility criteria.

Who is eligible to apply for a grant

To be eligible organizations and/or individuals must:

- Be a legal entity, or hold a legal identification document, with the capacity to enter into a legally binding agreement or contract;
- Demonstrate prior interest and/or experience implementing activities directly addressing issues related to organized crime in the Mekong, such as illicit drug markets, financial crime, child sexual exploitation and/or cross-cutting drivers and enablers illicit economies; and
- Speak English and/or at least one regional language.

Who is not eligible to apply for a grant

You are not eligible to apply if you are:

- an organisation, or your project partner is an organisation, included on the National Redress Scheme's website on the list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme' (www.nationalredress.gov.au);
- any organisations or individuals appearing on the Asian Development Bank's Sanction List, World Bank Listing of Ineligible Firms and Individuals, Australian National Security Listed Terrorist Organisations, or DFAT's Consolidated List;
- a state, territory or government agency or body; and
- organisations and/or individuals with majority programming implemented in countries outside the Mekong region.

WHAT THE GRANT MONEY CAN BE USED FOR

Eligible grant activities

To be eligible for an MNET-CTC Resilience Fund grant, applicants must propose activities clearly linking their organization's work and mission to preventing or responding to organized crime. Activities should propose innovative grassroots responses that test and trial new ideas and approaches to one of the following focus areas: drug trafficking, financial crime and child sexual exploitation and/or can also relate to strengthening resilience to cross-cutting drivers and enablers of organized crime. Proposals should include well-formulated activities that may include:

- Researching, monitoring, documenting, reporting, investigating, mapping, data storytelling, and/or fact-finding on organized crime issues to increase knowledge-base and/or institutional transparency and accountability;
- Networking events, trainings and/or capacity development sessions for target beneficiaries to synergize thematic engagement on organized crime;
- Targeted policy and advocacy campaigns, including mobilisation efforts, to increase civil society participation, victim participation and marginalised persons' perspectives in national and international decision-making processes;
- Crime prevention activities with at risk communities, including workshops, social events, trainings, youth groups, (re)integration programs and marginalised persons' initiatives to reenforce positive social roles and participation in legal markets; and
- Awareness raising and developing due diligence, risk mitigation and early warning systems to bolster the resilience of communities to identify and withstand criminality.

All successful applicants may be expected to attend kick-off and reflection sessions. The GI-TOC will monitor the performance and finances of the applicant, as necessary, to ensure project completion.

Eligible locations

Your grant can include activities at different locations, as long as they are all in one or more of the Mekong countries of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and/or Vietnam. Grant activities may also include regional programming in multiple Mekong countries. Proposals with programmatic activities covering Myanmar² will also be considered.

Proposals aiming to implement programming with communities in areas of vulnerability, such as those identified as hotspots, are particularly welcome, as are proposals with activities in difficult to reach locations, including rural areas, special economic zones, and/or border regions. The Resilience Fund prioritises activity implementation in highly affected areas.

What the grant money cannot be used for

You cannot use the grant for the following activities:

- purchase of land;
- major capital assets;
- the covering of retrospective costs;
- major construction/capital works; and
- travel to countries outside the Mekong region.

THE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Your proposal will be assessed according to the following criteria.

The amount of detail and supporting evidence you provide in your application should be relative to the size, complexity and grant amount requested. The application form includes relevant sections and requests for supporting documentation to address each of the following criterion.

We will only award funding to applications that score highly against all assessment criteria. In addition to assessing your application against the criteria below, we also consider general value-for-money principles and geographic distribution across Mekong countries.

The assessment criteria are:

1) Economic Criterion (15% weight)

- a. Cost consciousness – extent to which applicant's financial application offers a flexible and cost-effective option

² Myanmar engagement is to be consistent with Australian Government policy and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, should operating context allow.

2) Efficiency Criterion (20% weight)

- a. Evidence-based decision making – extent to which monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) systems ensure decisions are based on evidence and lessons learned based on proposed MEL elements (10% weight)
- b. Proportionality – extent to which applicant's capacity can balance implementation risks with outcomes based on the proposed project's complexity and institutional resilience (10% weight)

3) Effectiveness Criterion (50% weight)

- a. Performance and risk management – extent to which the applicant is embedded within local communities and networks located in areas at risk, or affected by, criminality to ensure maximum support for beneficiaries (15% weight)
- b. Results focus – extent to which the applicant's mission and proposed activities proposed results-based linkages to themes of drug trafficking, financial crime and child sexual exploitation and/or cross-cutting drivers and enablers of criminality in the Mekong (15% weight)
- c. Experimentation and innovation – extent to which applicant's proposal offer creativity and innovation solutions to pressing organized crime issues (20% weight)

4) Ethics Criterion (15% weight)

- a. Accountability and transparency – extent to which governance and accountability structures are adequate to the level of risk based on relevant policies, frameworks and compliance systems

HOW TO APPLY

Before applying, you must read and understand these guidelines.

To apply you must:

- 1) **First stage:** Complete the pre-application questionnaire
 - o Addressing all eligibility criteria and assessment criteria
- 2) **Second stage:** If invited, complete the full proposal application and activity-based budget
 - o Addressing all assessment criteria
 - o Attach all supporting documentation, as applicable

Submit your pre-application to tyler.esch@globalinitiative.net and CC Kristina.Amerhauser@globalinitiative.net by November 30, 2025, 23:59 CEST.

If you find an error in your application after submitting it, you should contact us immediately by emailing tyler.esch@globalinitiative.net and CC Kristina.Amerhauser@globalinitiative.net.

You should keep a copy of your application and any supporting documents.

We will acknowledge that we have received your application within three working days.

If you need further guidance about the application process or if you are unable to submit an application online us at tyler.esch@globalinitiative.net and CC Kristina.Amerhauser@globalinitiative.net

We will accept only one application per applicant. If an applicant submits more than one application for the same activity, only the latest application will be considered.

Attachments to the application

We require you to submit the following documents with your application:

First stage:

- pre-application questionnaire;

Second stage:

- a completed proposal;
- a preliminary budget; and
- legal registration (for organisations) or an identification document (for individuals), a founding document may be used for organisation that have not yet achieved registered status.

Applicants who advance to the second stage will be required to submit evidence of financial and programmatic performance as well as risk mitigation as part of the assessment. The GI-TOC requires documentation that is proportional to the capacity and needs of the applicant organization to perform a partnership assessment. As such, no comprehensive list of supporting documentation can be established as documentation is commensurate with the applicant's organizational development. We will assess value for money criteria based upon documents submitted.

- **evidence of financial performance**, e.g. audited financial statements, revenue statements, accounting and procurement practices/policies, or other documentation, as proportionate and applicable;
- **evidence of past performance**, e.g. contact details of references, third party evaluation(s), examples of previous work, resumes of key personnel, or other documentation, as proportionate and applicable; and
- **evidence of risk management plans and policies**, e.g. Child Protection Policy (for organisation) or Signed Code of Ethics (for individuals), Preventing Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment Policy (PSEAH), fraud prevention, and/or monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning policies, or other documentation, as proportionate and applicable.
- **Proof of insurance**
- **Consortium agreement and letters of support (for consortium)**

Joint (consortia) applications

We recognise that some organisations may want to join together as a group to deliver a grant activity.

In these circumstances, you must appoint a 'lead organisation'. Only the lead organisation can submit the application form and enter into a grant agreement. The application must identify all other members of the proposed group and include a letter of support from each of the partners.

Each letter of support should include:

- details of the partner organisation;
- an overview of how the partner organisation will work with the lead organisation and any other partner organisations in the group to successfully complete the grant activity;
- an outline of the relevant experience and/or expertise the partner organisation will bring to the group;
- the roles/responsibilities of the partner organisation and the resources they will contribute (if any); and

- details of a nominated management level contact officer.

You must have a formal arrangement in place with all parties prior to execution of the grant agreement.

Timing of grant opportunity processes

You must submit an application between the published opening and closing dates. We will not accept late applications.

If you are successful, we expect you will be able to commence your grant activity in February 2026.

Table 1: Expected timing for this grant opportunity

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME
Duration of grant opportunity	15 February 2026 to 15 February 2027
Opening and closing dates	1 November 2025 – 30 November 2025
Assessment of applications	3 weeks
Approval of outcomes of selection process	1 week
Earliest start date of grant activity	15 February 2026
Latest end date of grant activity or agreement	15 February 2027

Questions during the application process

If you have any questions during the application period, contact Tyler Esch, Grants and Resilience Officer, tyler.esch@globalinitiative.net and CC Kristina Amerhauser, Senior Analyst, Kristina.Amerhauser@globalinitiative.net

THE GRANT SELECTION PROCESS

Assessment of grant applications

We first review your application against the eligibility criteria during the pre-application stage.

Only eligible applications will move to the next stage. We consider eligible applications through a targeted or restricted competitive grant process.

If eligible, we will then ask you to fill out the full application which we will assess against the assessment criteria (see Section 6) and against other applications. We consider your application on its merits, based on:

- how well it meets the criteria;
- how it compares to other applications; and
- whether it provides value with relevant money.

The assessment will take place through a two staged selection process. The first stage is the pre-application assessment. The second stage is the full application assessment.

During pre-application questionnaire assessment, applications will be benchmarked against eligibility criteria. All applications failing to meet eligibility criteria will not advance. Then passing applications will then be assessed for against a select assessment criteria. High ranking applicants will be invited to complete full proposals and submit accompanying documentation.

During the full application assessment, the GI-TOC will assess full application packages, including full proposal, activity-based budget and accompanying documentation, against both the assessment criteria and a comparative assessment against other applications. The assessment committee will review the full application package and provide an initial assessment against the assessment criteria. Applications failing to reach a sufficient threshold on the assessment criteria will be discarded. The total weights of applicant criteria will be ranked against all submitted applications with the highest-ranking applications shortlisted for approval by the final evaluation committee.

When assessing the extent to which the application represents value with relevant money, we will have regard to the assessment criteria listed in section 6.

Who will assess applications

An assessment committee will assess each application on its merits. The assessment committee is comprised of GI-TOC staff serving the Observatory of Illicit Economies in Asia-Pacific (APA-Obs) and the Resilience Fund in a range of programmatic and functional roles. The assessment committee will review each proposal, budget and all accompanying documentation and provide a score based on the assessment criteria.

The assessment committee presents to DFAT a synopsis of applicants' proposals it seeks to approve. Following DFAT's sign off, applications are advanced to the GI-TOC's grants committee for final approval. The grants committee is comprised of senior GI-TOC leadership at the global level responsible for overall programmatic direction and management of the Resilience Fund. GI-TOC's grants committee will issue the final decision.

Each committee member is expected to perform their duties in accordance with the CGRPs. They are required to declare any conflicts of interest.

The assessment committee may seek additional information about you, your application, project partners and related entities. The assessment committee may also consider information about you or your application that is available through the normal course of business.

Who will approve grants

The GI-TOC grants management committee decides which grants to approve taking into account the recommendations of the assessment committee, the donor (the Australian Government) and the availability of grant funds for the purposes of the grant program. The committee may request modifications or updates to an applicant's submitted application package.

The GI-TOC grants 'management committee's decision is final in all matters, including:

- the approval of the grant; and

- the grant funding amount to be awarded.

There is no appeal mechanism for decisions to approve or not approve a grant.

The GI-TOC's grant committee will not approve funding if they reasonably consider the program funding available will not accommodate the funding offer, and/or the application does not represent value with money. The GI-TOC reserves the right to offer less funding than that sought by the applicant.

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION OUTCOMES

We will advise you of the outcome of your application in writing. If you are successful, we will advise you of any specific conditions attached to the grant.

If you are unsuccessful, you can submit a new application for the same grant (or a similar grant) in any future grant opportunities under the program. You should include new or more information to address any weaknesses that may have prevented your previous application from being successful.

Feedback on your application

If you are unsuccessful, you may ask for feedback within two weeks of being advised of the outcome. We will give written feedback within one month of your request.

SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

The grant agreement

You must enter into a legally binding grant agreement with the GI-TOC.

Each grant agreement has general terms and conditions that cannot be changed.

We must execute a grant agreement with you before we can make any payments. We are not responsible for any of your expenditure until a grant agreement is executed. If you choose to start your grant activities before

you have an executed grant agreement, you do so at your own risk. You must not start any activities until a grant agreement is executed.

Your grant agreement may have specific conditions determined by the assessment process or other considerations made by the assessment committee. We will identify these in the agreement. The GI-TOC may recover grant funds if there is a breach of the grant agreement.

You may request changes to the grant agreement. However, changes cannot be guaranteed and we will review any requested changes to ensure they do not impact the grant as approved by the Grants Committee.

Specific legislation, policies and industry standards

You are required to comply with all relevant local laws and regulations. In addition, you may be asked to demonstrate compliance with the following legislation/policies/industry standards to maintain your eligibility for the grant:

- Child protection;
- Preventing sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment; and
- Gender equality, disability, and social inclusion.

To be eligible for a grant, you must declare in your application that you comply with these requirements. You may need to declare you can continue to meet these requirements in your grant agreement with the GI-TOC.

How we pay the grant

The grant agreement will state the:

- maximum grant amount to be paid.

We will not exceed the maximum grant amount under any circumstances. If you incur extra costs, you must meet them yourself.

Progress payments: We will make payments according to an agreed schedule set out in the grant agreement. Payments are subject to satisfactory progress on the grant activity.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRANTS

If requested, grant recipient details, including recipient name and project title, may use pseudonyms for security reasons, or other justifiable reasons.

HOW WE MONITOR GRANT ACTIVITY

Keeping us informed

You should let us know if anything is likely to affect your grant activity or organisation.

We need to know of any key changes to your organisation or its business activities, particularly if they affect your ability to complete your grant, to carry on business and/or to pay debts due.

You must also inform us of any changes to your:

- name
- addresses
- nominated contact details
- bank account details
- business structure

If you become aware of a breach of terms and conditions under the grant agreement, you must contact us immediately.

You must notify us of events relating to your grant and provide an opportunity for the GI-TOC field coordinator, the Resilience and grants officer or other GI-TOC staff to attend. We may also request the participation of a DFAT representative.

Reporting

You must submit reports in line with the grant agreement. We will provide sample templates for these reports as appendices in the grant agreement. We will remind you of your reporting obligations before a report is due.

We will expect you to report on:

- progress against agreed grant activity milestones and outcomes; and
- contributions of participants directly related to the grant activity

The amount of detail you provide in your reports should be relative to the size, complexity and grant amount.

We will monitor progress by assessing reports you submit and may conduct site visits or request records to confirm details of your reports if necessary. Occasionally we may need to re-examine claims, seek further information or request an independent audit of claims and payments.

Progress reports

Progress reports must:

- include evidence of your progress towards completion of agreed activities and outcomes, frequently containing through participant lists, social media engagement metrics, or other relevant datasets; and
- be submitted by the report due date (you can submit reports ahead of time if you have completed relevant activities).

We will only make grant payments when we receive satisfactory progress reports.

You must discuss any reporting delays with us as soon as you become aware of them.

Ad-hoc reports

We may ask you for ad-hoc reports on your grant. This may be to provide an update on progress, or any significant delays or difficulties in completing the grant activity.

Final report

When you complete the grant activity, you must submit a final report.

Final reports must:

- identify if and how outcomes have been achieved;
- include the agreed evidence as specified in the grant agreement;

- identify the total eligible expenditure incurred;
- lessons learned and programmatic reflection;
- unlocked raw database of MEL data;
- be submitted within 30 days of completion in the format provided in the grant agreement.

Grant agreement variations

We recognise that unexpected events may affect your progress. In these circumstances, you can request a variation to your grant agreement. You can request a variation by contacting the GI-TOC with proposed variations.

You should not assume that a variation request will be successful. We will consider your request based on provisions in the grant agreement and the likely impact on achieving outcomes.

Compliance visits

We may visit you during or at the completion of your grant activity to review your compliance with the grant agreement. We will provide you with reasonable notice of any compliance visit. We may also conduct other monitoring and verification of activities such as reporting and testing, site visits, phone calls, validation checks, scans of photos, videos and social media activity, and other reviews.

Record keeping

We may also inspect the records you are required to keep under the grant agreement. This may include, records related to activity programming, personnel management, finance records, audits, performance evaluations or other records. GI-TOC can support applicants with record keeping requirement, if requested.

Evaluation

We will evaluate the grant program to measure how well the outcomes and objectives have been achieved. We may use information from your application and reports for this purpose. We may also distribute surveys, request interviews or ask you for more information to help us understand how the grant impacted you and to evaluate how effective the program was in achieving its outcomes.

We may contact you up to one year after you finish your grant for more information to assist with this evaluation.

Acknowledgement

The program logo should be used on all materials related to grants under the program. Whenever the logo is used, the publication must also acknowledge:

This activity has been supported by Mekong Network to Counter Transnational Crime (MNET-CTC), a programme implemented in partnership by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC) and the Australian government.

If you make a public statement about MNET-CTC funded activities, we require you to acknowledge the grant by using the following:

'This activity is supported by Mekong Network to Counter Transnational Crime (MNET-CTC), a programme implemented in partnership by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC) and the Australian government.'

The GI-TOC reserves the right to change these acknowledgements as needed.

PROBITY

The GI-TOC will make sure that the grant opportunity process is fair, is conducted according to the published grant opportunity guidelines, incorporates appropriate safeguards against fraud and corruption, unlawful activities and other inappropriate conduct and is consistent with the CGRPs.

Enquiries and feedback

The GI-TOC's grievance procedure [see <https://gi-ops.net/working-with-us/grievance-procedure/>] applies to complaints about this grant opportunity. All complaints about a grant process must be provided in writing.

Any feedback you have about grant decisions for this grant opportunity should be sent to Ana Castro, Resilience Fund Manager, Ana.Castro@globalinitiative.net.

Conflict of interest

Any conflicts of interest, or perceived conflicts of interest can affect the performance of the grant opportunity or program. There may be a conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest, if GI-TOC staff, or advisor and/or you or any of your personnel, including sub-contractors.

Privacy

We treat your personal information according to the Privacy Act 1988 and the Australian Privacy Principles. This includes letting you know:

- what personal information we collect
- why we collect your personal information
- who we give your personal information to.

Your personal information can only be disclosed to someone else for the primary purpose for which it was collected, unless an exemption applies.

The Australian Government may also use and disclose information about grant applicants and grant recipients under this grant opportunity in any other Australian Government business or function.

As part of your application, you declare your ability to comply with the Privacy Act 1988 and the Australian Privacy Principles and your intention to impose the same privacy obligations on officers, employees, agents and subcontractors that you engage to assist with the activity, in respect of personal information you collect, use, store, or disclose in connection with the activity. Accordingly, you must not do anything, which if done by the DFAT would breach an Australian Privacy Principle as defined in the Act.

Confidential information

Other than information available in the public domain, you agree not to disclose to any person, other than us, any confidential information relating to the grant application and/or agreement, without our prior written approval. The obligation will not be breached where you are required by law, Parliament or a stock exchange to

disclose the relevant information or where the relevant information is publicly available (other than through breach of a confidentiality or non-disclosure obligation).

We may at any time, require you to arrange for you; or your employees, agents or subcontractors to give a written undertaking relating to nondisclosure of our confidential information in a form we consider acceptable.

We will keep any information in connection with the grant agreement confidential to the extent that it meets all of the three conditions below:

- you clearly identify the information as confidential and explain why we should treat it as confidential
- the information is commercially sensitive
- revealing the information would cause unreasonable harm to you or someone else.

We will not be in breach of any confidentiality agreement if the information is disclosed to:

- The grants committee and other Commonwealth employees and contractors to help us manage the program effectively, including for an integrity purpose;
- GI-TOC staff so we can research, assess, monitor and analyse our programs and activities;
- Is disclosed by a Party to its Personnel or advisers solely in order to comply with obligations, or to exercise rights, under this Agreement;
- Is disclosed to a Party's internal management personnel, solely to enable effective management or auditing of activities related to this Agreement;
- Is disclosed by DFAT, to the responsible Minister, a House or a Committee of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia;
- Is shared by DFAT within DFAT, or with another Commonwealth agency, State or Territory Government or Partner Government, where this serves the Commonwealth's legitimate interests, the State's or Territory's legitimate interests or the Partner Government's legitimate interests;
- Is authorised or required by Law to be disclosed or required in connection with legal proceedings; or
- Is in the public domain otherwise than due to a breach of this Agreement.

The grant agreement may also include any specific requirements about special categories of information collected, created or held under the grant agreement.

Freedom of information

Under the MNET-CTC program, GI-TOC submits information to the Australian Government.

All documents in the possession of the Australian Government, including those about this grant opportunity, are subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (FOI Act).

The purpose of the FOI Act is to give members of the public rights of access to information held by the Australian Government and its entities. Under the FOI Act, members of the public can seek access to documents held by the Australian Government. This right of access is limited only by the exceptions and exemptions necessary to protect essential public interests and private and business affairs of persons in respect of whom the information relates.

The GI-TOC welcomes discussion about applicants privacy needs.