MNET-CTC collaboration grants

The Mekong Network to Counter Transnational Crime (MNET-CTC) programme is working closely with civil society – NGO representatives, journalists and academics – who are often on the front line and the first ones to respond to organized crime. To strengthen the resilience of communities impacted by crime, MNET-CTC calls upon these organizations to propose collaborative projects that respond to and disrupt illegal drugs, financial crime, and child sexual exploitation.

The collaboration grants offer civil society organizations a unique opportunity to counter crime together – as part of the MNET-CTC community of practice. It is built on the approach that more collaboration between people lead to more resilient community initiatives, and their impact is reinforced when partners have opportunities to learn from one another, develop new skills and connect their experiences across the region.

The collaboration grant projects are designed and implemented by civil society organizations with support and oversight of the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC). This ensures that projects are responsive and adaptive to local communities whilst being able to draw from collective and global best practice.

What an MNET-CTC collaboration grant offers

- Project-based funding to increase resilience to organized crime at the community level
- Capacity support for organizations and their key partners
- Membership in the GI-TOC Resilience Fund Community and broader GI-TOC networks, with access to future learning, collaboration, and funding opportunities where relevant
- Opportunities to participate in additional MNET-CTC workshops, development dialogues and resilience dialogues on an ad hoc basis

Our goal is that

Key stakeholders from different levels of society in the Mekong subregion have the evidence, capacity and relationships to influence and inform policy and practice in countering transnational organized crimes.

Activity details

We are looking for collaborative projects that embrace a community approach to address the localized impacts of organized crime. Proposed activities should respond to one or more of the following three organized crime types and the drivers and enablers of these crime types:

- Illegal drugs
- Financial crime
- Child sexual exploitation

Proposed activities may take any form but should produce results towards our goal. Activities should embrace a resilience approach to organized crime at the community level. This means there should be a clear link between criminality, its harmful impacts at the community level, and the levers that can be employed to withstand, adapt to, and disrupt organized crime systems.

MNET-CTC welcomes applications from organizations across Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar[1], Thailand and Vietnam for innovative projects that require collaboration among two or three organizations. Collaborative proposals among organizations based in different countries across the Mekong will be prioritized.

Target applicants for collaborative grants:

- Community-based organizations
- Non-profit and non-governmental organizations
- Media organizations
- Women and youth organizations
- Faith-based organizations
- Applications from other organizations may be considered – please see grant opportunity guidelines

Collaboration

We encourage organisations to submit joint applications to deliver a grant activity. Strong individual applications that propose other pathways towards collaboration will also be considered, funding permitting.

Joint applications should elect a lead organization to submit the proposal and clearly define and describe the roles of the partners. All implementing organizations should be identified, and each partner should submit a letter of support.

The roles and responsibilities of each partner organisation should be clearly established. The lead organization must be responsible for the submission of the application. The partners also need to agree among themselves on the division of work and how funding will be allocated and transferred across partners.

Available funding and timeframe

- Most grants will be between AUD 30 000 – AUD 65 000
- The implementation period will run from 15 February 2027 to 15 February 2028

Applicants that score highly on the pre-application questionnaire (see below) will be invited to submit a budget request as part of the full application. Applicants should consider the length and complexity of proposed activities when designing the budget request and other applications documents.

[1] Myanmar engagement will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, should operating context allow.

Application process

To apply you must:

1) Complete the pre-application questionnaire.
2) If invited, complete the full proposal application and activity-based budget

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

Applications may be submitted in English or one of the major Mekong languages (Khmer, Lao, Thai or Vietnamese). Applications documents in these languages can be found at MNET-CTC Collaboration Grants webpage.

If you are successful, we expect you will be able to commence your grant activity in February 2027.

Grant opportunity timeline	
Opening solicitation period:	1 November 2026 – 7 December 2026, 2026, 23:59 CET
Assessment period:	8 December 2026 – 15 January 2027
Implementation period:	February 2027 – February 2028

Contact information and submission

We recommend that you read the full grant opportunity guidelines on our website.

If you have any questions, contact: mnet-ctc-resilience@globalinitiative.net

Submit your pre-application to mnet-ctc-resilience@globalinitiative.net by December 7, 2026, 23:59 CET

About MNET-CTC

The Mekong Network to Counter Transnational Crime (MNET-CTC) is a multi-year programme implemented by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC) in partnership with the Australian Government. 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 Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. MNET-CTC creates 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.