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Irish Aid - Vietnam
CIVIL SOCIETY FACILITY
CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES

The Vietnam Civil Society Facility (VCSF) was established at the Embassy of Ireland in Vietnam to provide grant funding to short and medium term interventions which have a demonstrated poverty impact or an influencing or testing value, and which are compatible with the Irish Aid Country Strategy Paper's objectives for the period 2011-2015.

The overall objective of the Civil Society Facility is to strengthen the engagement of civil society organisations in support of specific poverty issues and policy formulation processes. The Civil Society Facility will support competitive proposals that contribute to the following objectives:

> 1) To strengthen the voice of poor communities and community-based organisations in local governance and accountability, oversight of public investment programmes and increased economic integration. Particular attention will be paid to ethnic minority populations;
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> (2) To promote acceptance and empowerment of people with disability by increasing their social and economic integration;
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> (3) To promote the development of the civil society sector in Vietnam through capacity building and networking and collective action in research and advocacy and public education.

Irish Aid is currently inviting concept notes for the 2014 Funding Round.

Applicants are requested to submit a concept note (max 3 pages in length and in the prescribed format) and a completed Irish Aid eligibility checklist to chi.nguyen@dfanet.ie.

The deadline for receipt of concept notes is **12.00 Friday 21 March, 2014.**

Once concept notes have been appraised, short-listed applicants will be invited to submit a full technical proposal. Please note that only technical proposals submitted by invitation will be considered by Irish Aid.

For full details on the application process including Civil Society Facility Guidelines, concept note format and eligibility checklist, appraisal and approval timeline, please visit the Embassy's website www.embassyofireland.vn or http://vcsf.vn