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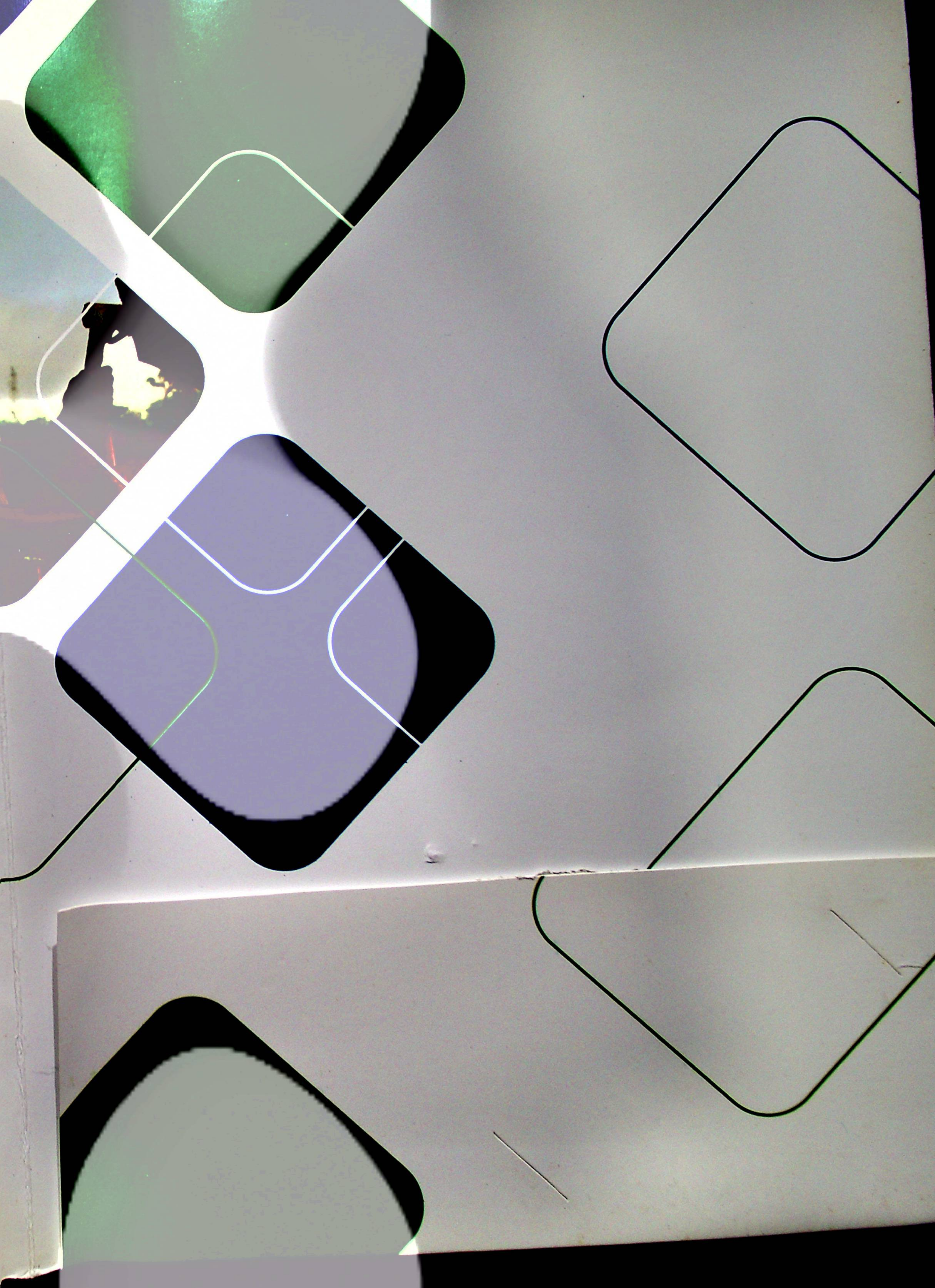
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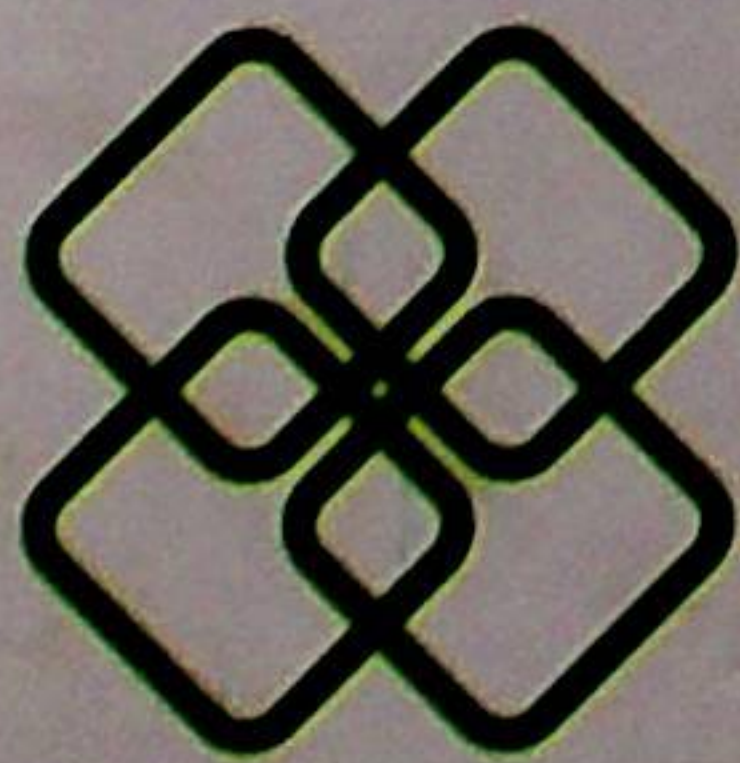
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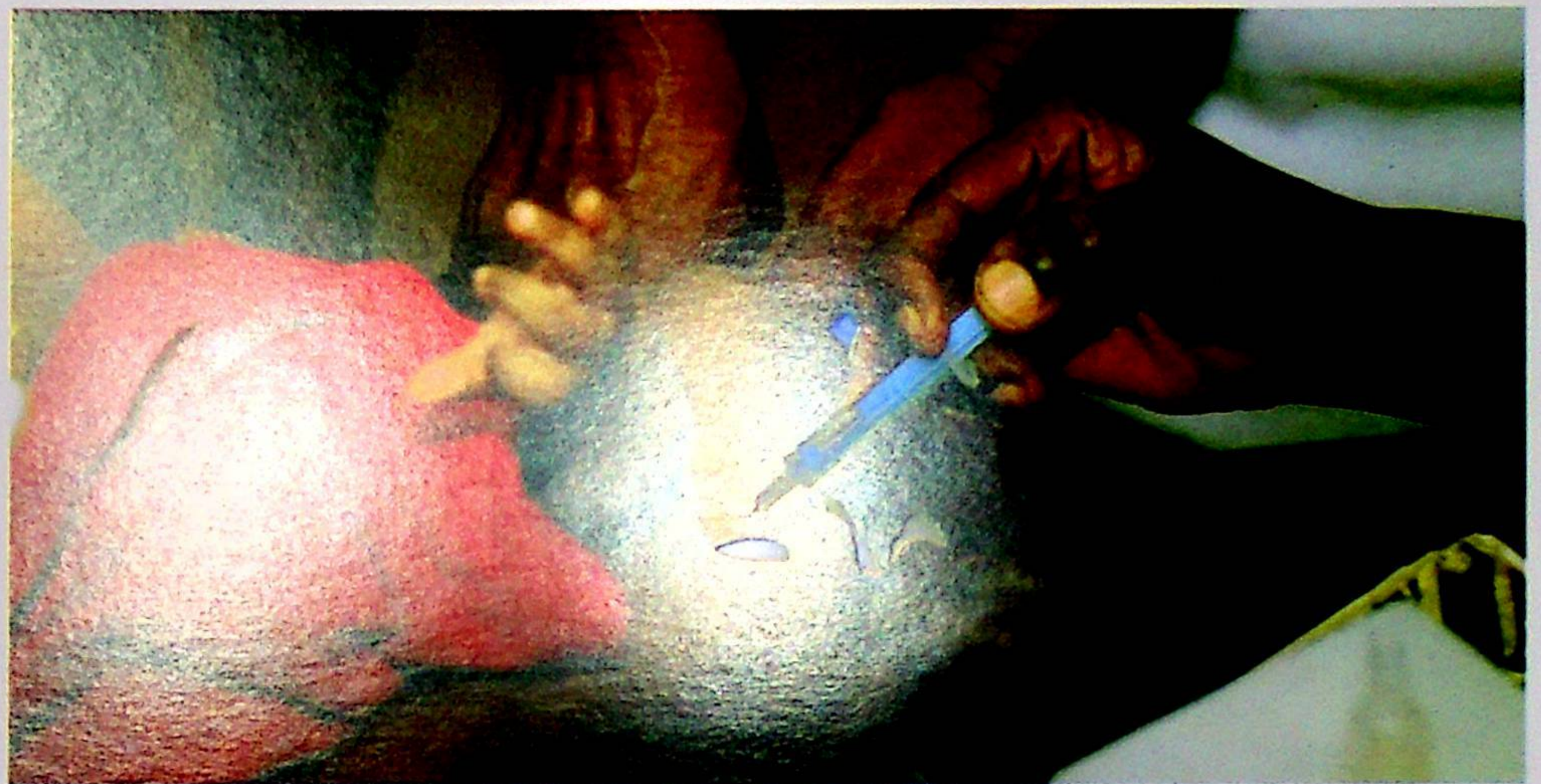
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Policy Development Facility: frequently asked questions



What is the Policy Development Facility?

The Policy Development Facility (PDF) programme is a £9 million technical cooperation fund set up to support economic growth, macroeconomic and public expenditure management in Nigeria. PDF began operations on 1 June 2010 and will run for five years, through to 31 May 2015.

What kind of projects does the PDF support?

PDF provides funds for technical assistance and research projects addressing issues including but not limited to:

- Economic, fiscal, public expenditure, fiduciary risk management
- Growth, trade, poverty and vulnerability
- Social and economic impact of pro-poor policies.

PDF is particularly looking to support projects where the benefits will be sustainable and institutionalised.

What are the criteria for selecting projects?

The main criteria for selecting projects are:

- Eligibility: relevance to policy reform, project ownership, evidence of need
- Project design: clearly specified target group, outcomes and indicators, outputs and activities, risks and assumptions, links between outputs and purpose and sustainability
- Capability: management and monitoring arrangements
- Value for money: realistic costing and good value
- Fit with PDF strategy: links to other PDF projects, DFID portfolio and other donor programmes.

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Criteria for Reviewing Applications¹

Category	Criteria	Description
Eligibility	Compliance with funding categories	Extent to which the proposed project falls into the agreed funding categories.
	Relevance	Extent to which the proposed project fits into a reform context and builds on work already done by the applicant.
Relevance	Project ownership	Extent to which the application demonstrates genuine demand for the project from within the applicant organisation and other relevant stakeholders.
	Evidence of need	Extent to which the policy problem/evidence gap is identified and analysed.
	Design quality and results	Extent to which the target audiences and/or beneficiaries are identified and how they will use the outputs is described.
Design quality and results	Specification of target group	Clarity of planned outcomes and indicators of success.
	Specification of outcomes and indicators	Clarity of planned outputs and main activities.
	Specification of outputs and main activities	Extent to which risks are identified and mitigation measures are explained.
	Risks and assumptions	Riskiness of project.
	Riskiness	Plausibility of output to purpose links, taking into account risks and risk management.
	Links between outputs and purpose	Extent to which measures to ensure sustainability are explained and are plausible.
	Likely sustainability	Extent to which management arrangements and schedules are clearly explained and plausible in the light of DFID's knowledge of the recipient's capability.
Capability	Effectiveness of management	Extent to which monitoring arrangements are clearly explained, plausible and compliant with DFID's own reporting requirements.
	Effectiveness of monitoring	Extent to which cost rates reflect current cost norms.
Value for money	Economy	Extent to which planned outcomes represent good value.
	Cost effectiveness	Extent to which the project links to previous or ongoing PDF projects.
Strategic fit	Coherence	Extent to which the project links to DFID's wider portfolio and to other relevant donor programmes.
	Complementarity	

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¹ All criteria to be rated against a 3-point scale of Good, Satisfactory, Poor; except for Riskiness and Effectiveness of management which should be rated as High, Medium, Low.