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Planning

ASEAN-UK SAGE (Supporting the Advancement of Girls' Education) - EME

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

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Scope

Reference

PROJ 12986

Description

The ASEAN-UK Supporting the Advancement of Girls' Education (ASEAN-UK SAGE) programme is a six-year Business Case funded by the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) through the UK Mission to ASEAN. Delivered in two phases, the UK Mission to ASEAN is now seeking eligible organisation(s) to deliver a three-year Phase 2.

Phase 2 will run for three UK financial years, from April 2026 to March 2029, with a total budget of £9,000,000. It will be delivered by a lead organisation under an agreement with the UK Mission to ASEAN, supported by downstream partners as needed.

The focus of ASEAN-UK SAGE is to support inclusive and equitable quality education for children across Southeast Asia Region in close collaboration with ASEAN secretariat,

especially for girls and the most marginalised, contributing to regional integration and narrowing of development disparities between ASEAN Member States (AMS) .

The emphasis in Phase 2 will be on the use of evidence to improve learning outcomes and inclusion, especially for priority countries in the region.

Total value (estimated)

- £6,000,000 excluding VAT
- £6,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 4 years, 9 months

Description of possible extension:

Optional extension of upto 2 years, and £3m value, subject to budget availability and Business Case addendum

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- BN - Brunei
- KH - Cambodia
- ID - Indonesia
- LA - Laos
- MY - Malaysia
- MM - Myanmar (Burma)
- PH - Philippines
- SG - Singapore
- TH - Thailand
- VN - Vietnam

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Employers Liability Insurance: £5m

Professional Indemnity Insurance: £10m

Public Liability Insurance: £10m

Technical ability conditions of participation

Technical Expertise: Proven track record in designing and delivering education and

foundational learning programmes, including use of evidence-based approaches and capacity to adapt and scale interventions with governments.

Regional Knowledge: Demonstrated experience working with and in ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN Member States, particularly in priority countries, and ability to mobilise quickly with established networks or partnerships.

Programme Management Capacity: Proven track record and ability to manage a regional or multi-country programme, including fund management, governance, risk management, MEL, and coordination with regional bodies and governments.

Deployment Model: Evidence of operational presence or ability to establish presence in ASEAN, supported by clear plans for cost-effective delivery and local engagement.

Compliance and Safeguarding: Robust safeguarding policies and risk management frameworks.

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

26 January 2026

Enquiry deadline

23 February 2026, 11:59pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

23 February 2026, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

www.fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 May 2026

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

Budget Volatility & VfM: ODA cuts could affect procurement process, programme scope

and delivery.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

Expected to include:

Conditions to Participate/proceed to Tender stage = weighted technical questions, evaluated

Tender Stage = Top 5 (and ties) qualify for tender stage

Optional Final Negotiation Stage = FCDO reserve the right to include final negotiation stage

Reduced tendering period

Yes

Qualifying planned procurement notice - minimum 10 days

Contracting authority

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXRR-8771-PHVX

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