



G20 Coral Research
& Development
Accelerator
Platform

**Corals can still have
a future**

– if we act now.

Coral Local Innovation Program (CLIP) 2026

Proposal Submission Deadline – March 10th 2026 (6PM UTC)



Welcome to the Coral Local Innovation program (CLIP) Webinar

Please submit questions through Zoom questions or chat; if we do not get to all questions today, we will update the FAQ with the outstanding ones.

We will answer questions at the end of the presentation.

Please read the call documents carefully before developing your submission – it is critical to address the objectives of the call and ensure that you meet the criteria!

We will post this recording online to be shared with those who could not attend.

Please send any further queries to pcn@kaust.edu.sa

Full proposal documents are available at:

<https://cordap.org/clip-award/>

Timeline and deadlines

Call Timeline	
Call Opens	26 th January 2026
Informational Webinar (Registration link)	12 th February 2026 12:00 UTC
Proposal Submission Deadline	10 th March 18:00 UTC
Anticipated Notification Date	Aug/Sept 2025
Call Documentation	CORDAP website
Proposal Submission Portal Link	myCORDAP

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Welcome to the Coral Local Innovation program (CLIP) Webinar

- CLIP Webinar Presentation Outline (Duration: 30 minutes + Q&A 20 Minutes)
- 1. General Introduction about CORDAP
 - What is CORDAP?
 - Mission and vision
- 2. Aims and Objectives of CORDAP & Overview of Activities
 - Core objectives of CORDAP
 - Current initiatives and global impact
- 3. About the Coral Local Innovation Program (CLIP)
 - Purpose and importance of CLIP
 - Target audience and eligibility
- 4. Key Funding Policies of CLIP
 - Key guidelines and funding policies
 - Compliance and reporting requirements
- 5. Application Process
 - Step-by-step guide to the application process
 - Important deadlines and evaluation criteria
- 6. myCORDAP Online Proposal Submission Walkthrough
- 7. Conclusion & Q&A, Open floor for questions through chat





The Coral Research & Development Accelerator Platform (CORDAP)

Launched in 2020 by the G20, is the only international organization fully dedicated to funding global research and development for tropical and cold-water coral restoration and conservation.

We believe research and development can shift the boundaries of what is possible, ensuring that our ambitions for the future of corals aren't limited by the technology.





The vision

CORDAP's vision is thriving corals and reefs, fully protected in perpetuity, for the benefit of nature, communities and humanity.



The mission

CORDAP will unite the world to accelerate global coral research and development to provide the technologies and innovations needed to safeguard the future of corals and reefs in a deteriorating ocean, to preserve the benefits they provide for the environment and humanity.





Focused on R&D

We are the only international organization fully dedicated to funding coral conservation and restoration R&D.



Transdisciplinary collaborations

We will integrate the abilities of the world's best scientific minds in collaborative projects to develop effective solutions for coral conservation practitioners.



Committed to scalability

CORDAP-funded projects will deliver innovative coral restoration solutions suitable for large-scale intervention.



Accessible by everyone

Our open-source platform will allow any organization to advance and use its technologies.

CORDAP at a glance

Since 2021, CORDAP collaborated with 666 institutions from 115 countries and territories

- Projects
- Governance
- Workshops
- Partners

 **45** Projects funded

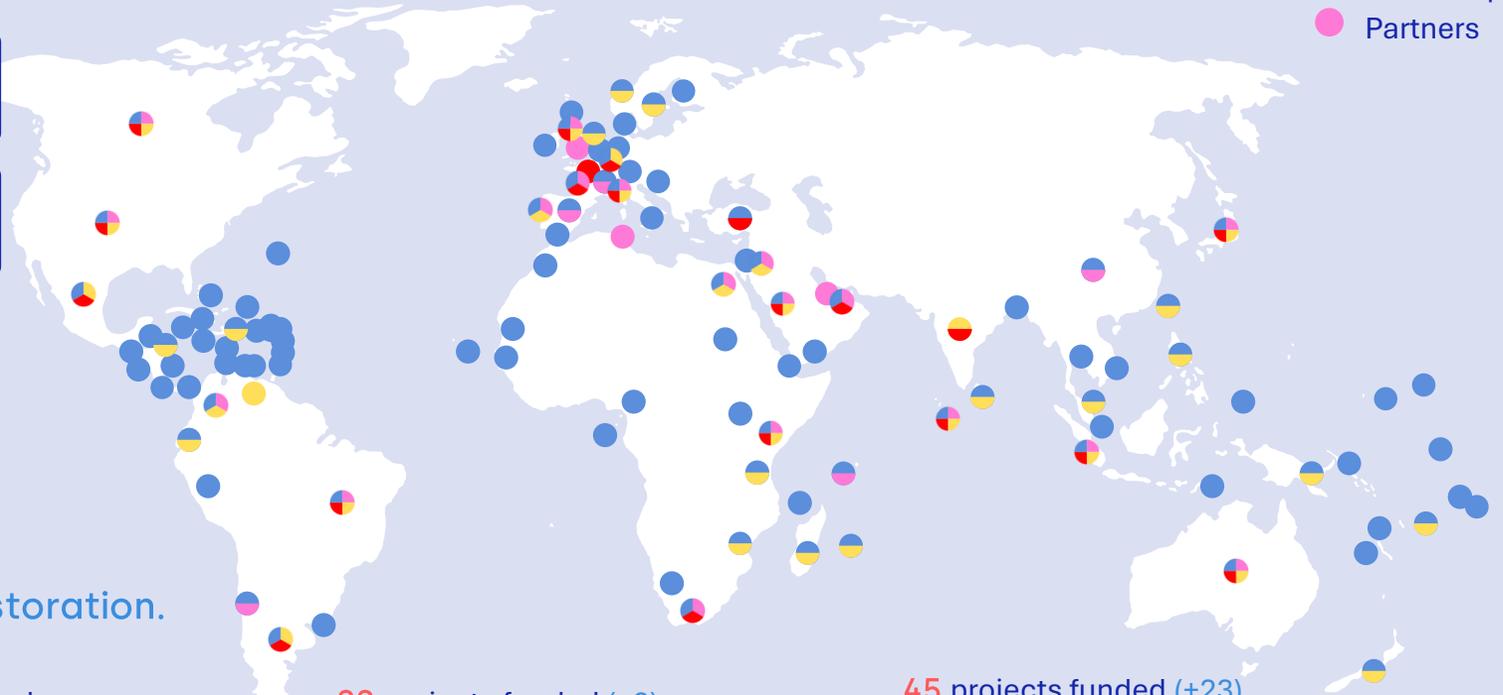
 **7** Scoping studies

 **2000+** Researchers and research teams

 **6** Technology roadmaps

>US\$ 38m

Committed for coral research and restoration.



35 countries involved
57 institutions involved

14 project funded
564 researchers supported
3 scoping workshops
1 roadmap published
65 countries involved (+30)
379 institutions involved (+322)

22 projects funded (+8)
1270 researchers supported (+706)
6 scoping workshops (+3)
4 roadmaps published (+3)
88 countries involved (+23)
477 institutions involved (+98)

45 projects funded (+23)
2067 researchers supported (+797)
7 scoping workshops (+1)
6 roadmaps published (+2)
115 countries involved (+27)
666 institutions involved (+185)



2022



2023



2024



2025

Our scope

Develop and share novel scientific tools.

Deliver novel science and technology to conserve and restore corals and reefs.

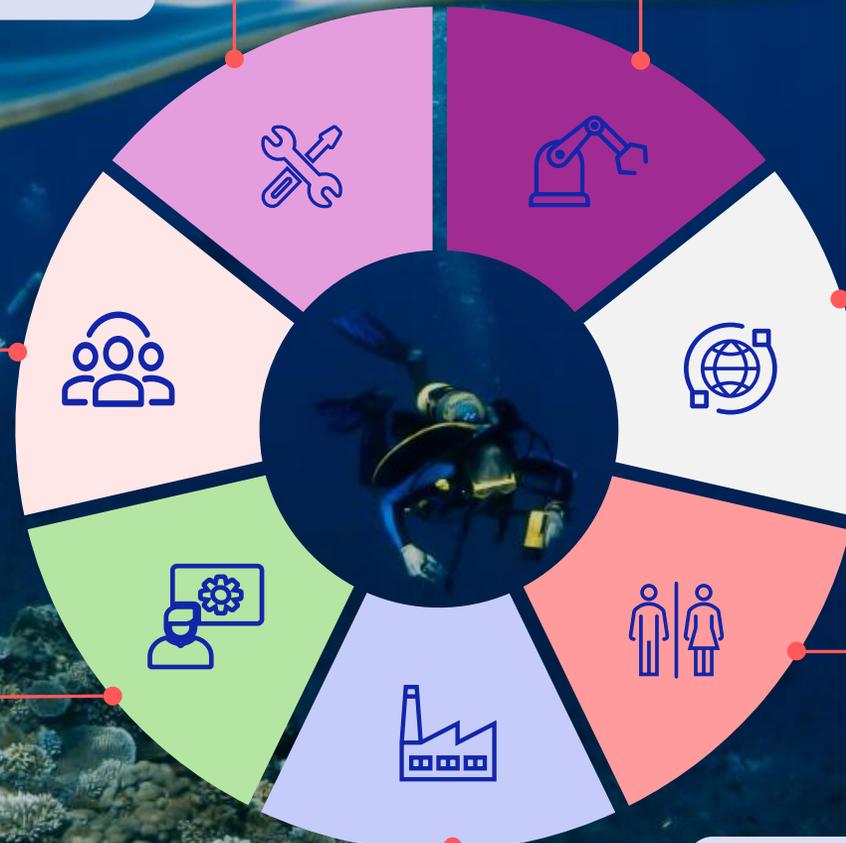
Connect existing national, regional, and international R&D programs.

Support a gender-balanced transdisciplinary global community of scientists, technologists and innovators to achieve goals.

Engage the R&D capacity of the private sector with the goals.

Facilitate access to information and research facilities.

Provide advanced R&D training to scientists from developing and least developed countries.



How CORDAP operates

Through a dedicated foundation, all donations and contributions will go directly to coral and reef restoration R&D activities



CORDAP supports scientific projects

selecting through global, targeted calls for proposals and reviewed by an international Scientific and Advisory Committee.



Our projects are open to scientists

from all nations of the world.



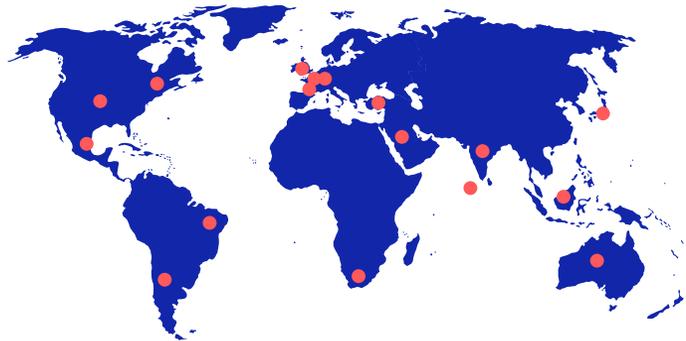
Saudi Arabia and King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) fund and support

all aspects of CORDAP's administration costs.

CORDAP's Governance and Partnerships

Initiative Governing Committee

The IGC is comprised of G20 Member states, other countries and international agencies.



Chair of CORDAP IGC and CORDAP Foundation
Dr. Osama Faqeeha



Vice-Chair of CORDAP IGC and CORDAP Foundation
Ms. Jennifer Koss



Executive Director and CORDAP Foundation CEO
Prof. Carlos Duarte

Scientific Advisory Committee

A multidisciplinary, diverse group of 22 members from 14 different countries. Supports the IGC.



Advisory to the IGC



Supporting Partners



CORDAP Programs



Scoping studies

Actionable workshops and roadmaps to guide future activities and investments on coral R&D.



Coral Accelerator Program (CAP)

\$1.5m per project for up to 3 years to drive coral innovation.



Coral Local Innovation Program (CLIP)

\$100k grant per coral project in low middle income countries.



Coral Challenges Fund

Funds R&D challenges for breakthrough coral reef solutions.



Entrepreneurship Program

Turning innovations into scalable coral restoration businesses.



The Coral Academy

Train at least 1,500 practitioners to actively manage >7,500 km² of coral reefs.



Awareness Creation

Mobilizing communities to champion coral conservation.

Research and Development

Scaling

Enable and Amplify

Cross-cutting themes

Gender balance, Open access, Trans-disciplinary (scientist, innovators and technologists), Promotion of LMICs.

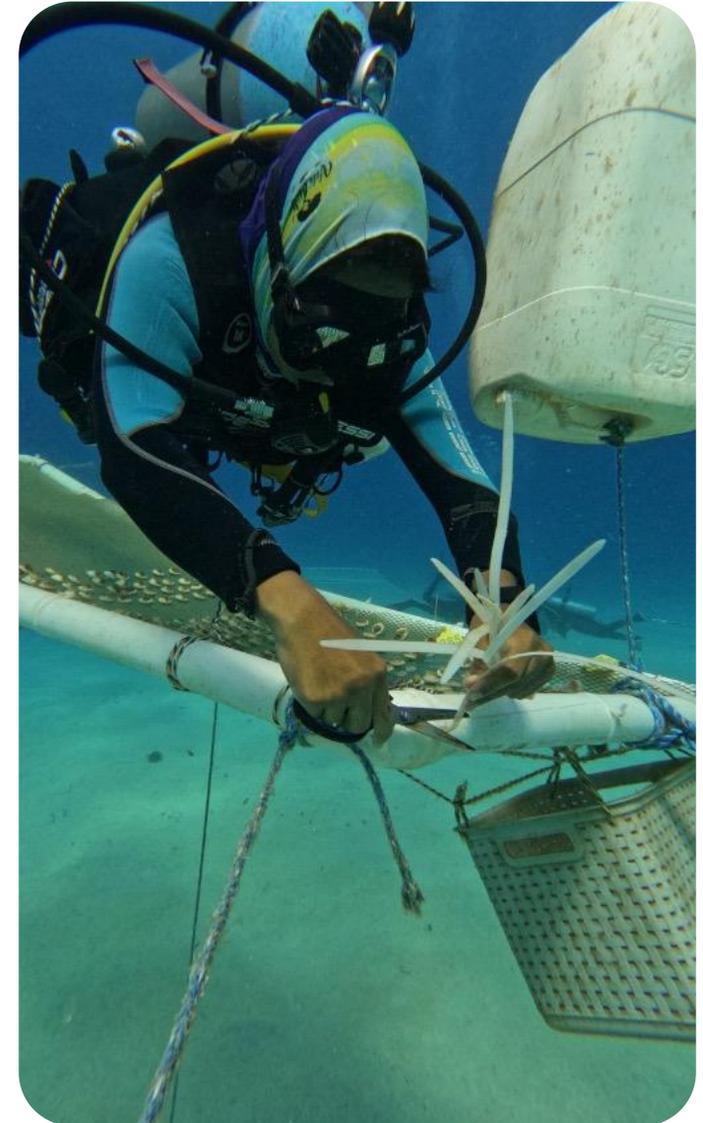
CORDAP's Coral Local Innovation Program (CLIP): Overview and Objectives

CLIP Overview

- Purpose: Supports innovative R&D projects for affordable coral conservation and restoration solutions in developing countries.
- Focus: Scalable, replicable solutions or significant R&D capacity building.
- Project Scope: Ranges from novel ideas to proof-of-concept development and testing.
- Funding: Grants up to USD \$100,000 for up to two years.
- Eligibility: Applicants from Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) (OECD classified).

Objectives

- Develop coral innovation research and capacity in LMICs.
- Promote local technology and innovative approaches for coral conservation.
- Strengthen local scientists, researchers, and organizations in R&D activities.
- Address critical knowledge gaps in coral conservation and restoration.
- This program is also designed to enhance the integration of researchers from Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) into CORDAP initiatives.



Important:

This call is specifically designed to fund researchers and teams from LMICs.

Use the OECD list →

<https://www.oecd.org/content/dam/oecd/en/topics/policy-sub-issues/oda-eligibility-and-conditions/DAC-List-of-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2024-25-flows.pdf>

Note that “upper middle income” countries are eligible.

LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES	LOW INCOME COUNTRIES (per capita GNI ≤ \$1,045 in 2020)	LOWER MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES (per capita GNI \$1,046-\$4,095 in 2020)	UPPER MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES (per capita GNI \$4,096-\$12,695 in 2020)
Afghanistan (L) Angola (LM) Bangladesh (LM) Benin (LM) Bhutan ¹ (LM) Burkina Faso (L) Burundi (L) Cambodia (LM) Central African Republic (L) Chad (L) Comoros (LM) Democratic Republic of the Congo (L) Djibouti (LM) Eritrea (L) Ethiopia (L) Gambia (L) Guinea (L) Guinea-Bissau (L) Haiti (LM) Kiribati (LM) Lao People's Democratic Republic (LM) Lesotho (LM) Liberia (L) Madagascar (L) Malawi (L) Mali (L) Mauritania (LM) Mozambique (L) Myanmar (LM) Nepal (LM) Niger (L) Rwanda (L) Sao Tome and Principe ¹ (LM) Senegal (LM) Sierra Leone (L) Solomon Islands ¹ (LM) Somalia (L) South Sudan (L) Sudan (L) Tanzania (LM) Timor-Leste (LM) Togo (L) Tuvalu (UM) Uganda (L) Yemen (L) Zambia (LM)	Democratic People's Republic of Korea Syrian Arab Republic	Algeria Belize Bolivia Cabo Verde Cameroon Congo Côte d'Ivoire Egypt El Salvador Eswatini Ghana Honduras India Indonesia Iran Kenya Kyrgyzstan Micronesia Mongolia Morocco Nicaragua Nigeria Pakistan Papua New Guinea Philippines Samoa Sri Lanka Tajikistan Tokelau* Tunisia Ukraine Uzbekistan Vanuatu Viet Nam West Bank and Gaza Strip Zimbabwe	Albania Argentina Armenia Azerbaijan Belarus Bosnia and Herzegovina Botswana Brazil China (People's Republic of) Colombia Costa Rica Cuba Dominica Dominican Republic Ecuador Equatorial Guinea Fiji Gabon Georgia Grenada Guatemala Guyana Iraq Jamaica Jordan Kazakhstan Kosovo Lebanon Libya Malaysia Maldives Marshall Islands Mauritius Mexico Moldova Montenegro Montserrat* Namibia Nauru ² (H) Niue* North Macedonia Palau Panama Paraguay Peru Saint Helena* Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Serbia South Africa Suriname Thailand Tonga Turkey Turkmenistan Venezuela ³ Wallis and Futuna*

(1) General Assembly resolution A/73/L.40/Rev.1 adopted on 13 December 2018 decided that Bhutan will graduate five years after the adoption of the resolution, i.e. on 13 December 2023, and that São Tomé and Príncipe and Solomon Islands will graduate six years after the adoption of the resolution, i.e. on 13 December 2024.

(2) Nauru exceeded the high-income threshold in 2019 and 2020. In accordance with the DAC rules for revision of this List, if it remains a high income country until 2022, it will be proposed for graduation from the List in the 2023 review.

(3) Venezuela has been temporarily unclassified by the World Bank in July 2021 pending release of revised national accounts statistics. Estimated placement on the List.

*Countries and territories not classified in World Bank income groups. Estimated placement on the List.

Note: L, LM, UM and H shown after country names refer to the latest World Bank income classifications of: LDCs and any high-income countries that have not yet met the criteria for graduation. For the World Bank's current 2021 fiscal year, low-income (L) economies are defined as those with a GNI per capita, calculated using the World Bank Atlas method, of USD 1,045 or less in 2020; lower middle-income (LM) economies are those with a GNI per capita between USD 1,046 and USD 4,095; upper middle-income (UM) economies are those with a GNI per capita between USD 4,096 and USD 12,695; high-income (H) economies are those with a GNI per capita of USD 12,696 or more. The countries and territories within the classifications of 'Low Income Countries', 'Lower Middle Income Countries and Territories', and 'Upper Middle Income Countries and Territories' exclude those that are not LDCs.

CORDAP CLIP 2026 – Coral Local Innovation Program

The Small Grants Program/CLIP aims to advance coral innovation research, strengthen local capacity for conservation and restoration, promote technology development, and address key knowledge gaps in LMIC countries.

Based on the recommendation by SAC and approval by the IGC, the second CLIP call is being launched by the CORDAP PCN with the following features:

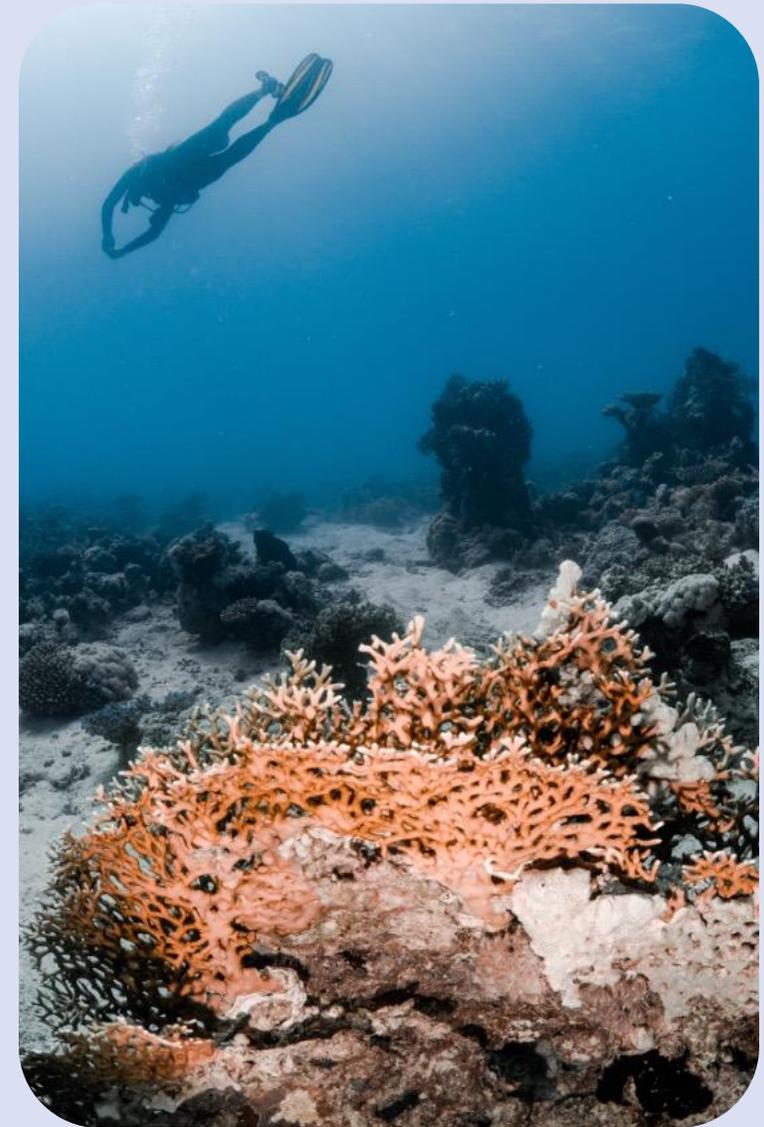
- Up to US\$100K and up to 2 Years (Max Call Budget \$1.5M)
- LMIC only Applicants
- Remit: R&D Areas covered by the CAP Program
- 1 Application per PI. Teams also eligible to apply
- Individuals from high income countries to be listed as unfunded collaborators
- CAP co-applicants/grantees can apply but need strong justification
- Standard LMIC indirect rate will apply (20%)
- All types of organizations are eligible- Applicant organizations must have been in existence for at least 2 full years at the time of CLIP 2026 submission deadline. Organizations are requested to provide 2 years accounts.

Call docs/ Timeline/Review

- Call Document/Timeline/Eligibility/Review Process for this program are all available on <https://cordap.org/clip-award/>
- The *myCORDAP* online submission portal is the only available portal for proposal submission.

CORDAP CLIP 2026– Key Dates

1. Launched on March 3rd – CALL NOW OPEN
2. Call webinar – Feb. 12th - 12 pm UTC
3. Proposal submission deadline: March 10th 6pm UTC
4. Anticipated funding notifications – July/Aug 2026
5. Award activation or Project start - From October 1st onwards



CORDAP CLIP – Project Types and Priority Areas

Call will support a wide range of project types:

- Novel R&D projects
- Improving or scaling up existing interventions
- Translational R&D
- Fundamental science to support implementation of interventions
- Capacity development+local innovation and implementation

CORDAP has also been organizing a range of workshops with wide participation on specific topics that require further investigation before targeted investment.

Priority Areas

1. Preservation and conservation of corals
2. Intervention planning, risk, and monitoring
3. Limiting mortality of early life stage corals
4. Methods to blend natural and artificial reef recovery
5. Developing country R&D methods
6. R&D capacity development
7. Assisted evolution of corals
8. Coral aquaculture
9. Cold-water corals

CLIP Eligibility

Individual application or partnership led :

- Partnerships are encouraged but not mandatory, and single-applicant proposals are eligible. Projects can involve multiple LMICs.).
- Each proposal must comprise of Lead applicant which **MUST** be or based from a low- or middle-income country (based on most current OECD list).
- All organization types are eligible (not-for-profit, for-profit, Gov, NGO, multilateral groups, etc.)-
- **Applicants receiving funding must have the authority and independence to run the project within their organization.**
- See the FAQ document for further eligibility details, but briefly:
 - An individual can only be Lead Applicant on one proposal and participate in up to a maximum of one additional proposal as Co-Applicant.
 - An organization can only be the lead institution on up to two proposals but can be a participating organization on multiple proposals.
 - If a for-profit organization wishes to submit as an applicant, then they must be willing to co-invest to the point that they are not making a profit.
 - CORDAP is unable to make grants directly to individuals.
 - There is no upper limit to the number of organizations in an application.

CORDAP Funding Policies

Intellectual property (IP)

- CORDAP does not seek to own any of the IP resulting from its funded activities. Ownership vests as agreed by the organizations collaborating on the project.
- Owners of IP resulting from CORDAP-funded activities must provide a **free license for all commercial and non-commercial coral conservation and/or restoration use**, including free license to any background IP upon which the project relies.
- CORDAP-funded developments and technologies should be made available and accessible at an *affordable* price to all coral conservation and restoration projects.

Open-access

- Publications, and underlying data, will be immediately, freely, and openly accessible to all.
- There should be no barriers to the re-use and dissemination of CORDAP-funded publications.
- CORDAP will pay necessary reasonable open-access publication fees (include in budget.).
- Data and software should be “Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, & Reusable (FAIR).”
- We are working on a web-based means of showcasing our funded protocols, technologies, and solutions (“Coral Solutions Hub”).



What's in a proposal submission form?

A proposal is a statement of your project objectives, methodology, intended users, and estimated budget.

The narrative (4-page max.) will include an outline of:

- Background: What is the problem you are trying to solve and why is this important?
- How is it done today? What are the current limitations and what is new in your approach?
- Strategy and work plan, including risks to success, who will do what, milestones, and estimated timeline
- Expected outcomes: How will you know if the project is successful?
- Impact and pathway-to-impact: Who will use the outcomes and how will they use them? How scalable are your results and can they be transferred to other regions? Will they be affordable?
- Outline the intellectual property (IP) situation with the project: Does it rely on background IP? Is this background IP available and will it, and project IP, satisfy CORDAP IP policies?

Budget information is required for all proposals.

The budget excel sheet is to be filled and uploaded on the myCORDAP portal

A justification towards budgetary allocations is to be provided in the relevant text box on online portal

CLIP – Proposal Budget

The Lead Applicant/Lead Organization will receive the CORDAP funds for the entire consortium and has the responsibility of distributing the payments received from the granting authority to the co-applicants.

Indirect costs: The maximum total cost for indirect costs cannot be more than:

- 20% of the direct research costs for the applicant based in a low- or middle-income country

The following budget items are eligible costs but not eligible for *indirect costs* calculation: Equipment and capital expenditures over \$5K, rental costs, student tuition fees, scholarships and fellowships, and external services.

It is important to note that CORDAP is a charitable entity, funded by voluntary contributions, and does not have the financial capacity to match the indirect cost rates that national science funders may pay to their awardees.

Cost-sharing: Leveraging CORDAP funding with cash and/or in-kind contributions to the project are very much encouraged but not mandatory. You can elaborate on this in the Budget Justification section.

*Please refer to our call document for additional details about eligible and ineligible costs

Proposal Budget: Budget Template

CORDAP- Coral Local Innovation Program 2025 - Budget Template

Fill in required cells in green

Project Title :					
Lead Applicant:					
Lead Applicant Organization:					
Start Date:					

Project Total (Note: This table will autofill from the individual budget tables below)

Fill in only those tables you require for number of applicants. If you require more tables contact us.

	Months 1-6	Months 7-12	Months 13-18	Months 19-24	Total
Project Direct Costs					
Personnel	0	0	0	0	0
Material and Consumables	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Travel	0	0	0	0	0
Other Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Equipment (over \$5,000)	0	0	0	0	0
Rental Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Student tuition fee, Scholarships	0	0	0	0	0
External Services	0	0	0	0	0
Total Indirect Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Project Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Complete cells in green shading, and the rest will autofill.

Lead Applicant:	Country:				
	Months 1-6	Months 7-12	Months 13-18	Months 19-24	Total
Project Direct Costs (USD)					
Personnel*	0	0	0	0	0
Material and Consumables*	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment (less than \$5,000 unit cost)*	0	0	0	0	0
Travel*	0	0	0	0	0
Other Costs*	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Equipment (over \$5,000 unit cost)**	0	0	0	0	0
Rental Costs**	0	0	0	0	0
Student tuition fee, Scholarships etc.**	0	0	0	0	0
External Services**	0	0	0	0	0
Indirect Cost Rate (Overhead) %	0				
Total Indirect Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

Co-Applicant:	Country:				
	Months 1-6	Months 7-12	Months 13-18	Months 19-24	Total
Project Direct Costs					
Personell*	0	0	0	0	0
Material and Consumables*	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment (less than \$5,000 unit cost)*	0	0	0	0	0
Travel*	0	0	0	0	0
Other Costs*	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Equipment (over \$5,000 unit cost)**	0	0	0	0	0
Rental Costs**	0	0	0	0	0
Student tuition fee, Scholarships etc.**	0	0	0	0	0
External Services**	0	0	0	0	0
Indirect Cost Rate (Overhead) %	0				
Total Indirect Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

Fill in one table for each applicant/co-applicant requesting funding.

Note: The annual value of the Award must not exceed 50% of the Lead Organizations' annual income



CAP – Proposal Budget

Budgets must be prepared using the supplied budget template: Excel file, with summary form-filled information.

Requested costs must be related to research and integrated educational activities directly related to the project.

There is a budget guidance sheet in the Excel file.

Equipment: It is expected that participating organizations will already be equipped to pursue their current research. Purchase of equipment essential for the proposed project is eligible. (renting is encouraged where cost-effective.)

Capital Equipment (assets/equipment over US\$5K): Not eligible for indirect cost calculation

- The proposed maximum allowable cost for any single unit of equipment is US\$10,000.
- Sharing/Asset Ownership/plans after the award for large equipment requests.
- Salary for personnel shall not exceed 40% of the total requested budget

Note: the type of equipment/materials requested, and their use, will be taken into account, for example laboratory equipment used simply to aid research vs. equipment and materials used to build novel prototypes.

Budget justification: Explain why items are essential in relation to the aims and methodology of the project as well as meeting the goals of the project. You should not merely restate the proposed expenditure. Detail provided should be commensurate with the amount of the requested line item. At application stage you are trying to demonstrate to the Review Panel that your costs are reasonable, necessary, and provide good value for the funding requested without the requirement of a lot of detail.

NOTE: The review panel will assess the submitted budget as part of the evaluation criteria.

CLIP – Reporting and Payment Schedule

- Many organizations, particularly in developing countries, may not have the resources to take on much of the project costs in advance.
 - This is reflected in the payment made upon signing the award contract.
 - **Upfront additional funding:** Applicants needing more funds upfront can request it in their budget with a strong justification.
- Payments are lump-sum payments annually upon receipt of an annual report.
- Any unspent funds must be returned to CORDAP at the end of the project.
- Brief interim updates/highlights are required at regular intervals (quarterly).

The payment schedule is outlined here

	Reporting Deliverable	1 Year Project	Up to 2 years
Upon agreement signing/before project start date		Up to 50% of Project total	Up to 40% of Project total
6 Months	Progress and Financial Reports	40% of Project total	Up to 20% of Project total
12 Months/ End of Year 1	Final Progress and Financial Reports (1 Year Projects); Progress and Financial Reports (2 Year Projects)	Financial Reconciliation – Payment of remainder of project funds spent.	20% of Project Total
18 Months	Progress and Financial Reports	NA	
24 Months/ End of Year 2	Final Progress and Financial Reports	NA	Financial Reconciliation – Payment of remainder of project funds spent.

Note: The annual value of the Award must not exceed 50% of the Lead Organizations' annual income

Proposal Evaluation Criteria and Process

This is a one-stage submission and review process - The submission and review process proposed is one stage but hybrid process. There is only one submission stage, with all proposals receiving individual reviews from panel members.

All proposals received will be checked for compliance with the Funding Call criteria, policies, terms and conditions.

All applications will undergo international peer review by an expert panel

All proposals will be evaluated against the criteria below:

- Qualifications and track record of the applicant teams and applicant diversity
- Innovation or novelty of the idea
- Potential of the project to make step changes and be transformative in its field
- Targeted impact and pathway and timing to impact
- Alignment with nominated R&D investment themes or areas
- Management and coordination of the project
- Cost-effectiveness of the proposed project
- Broader impact and breadth of socioeconomic applicability

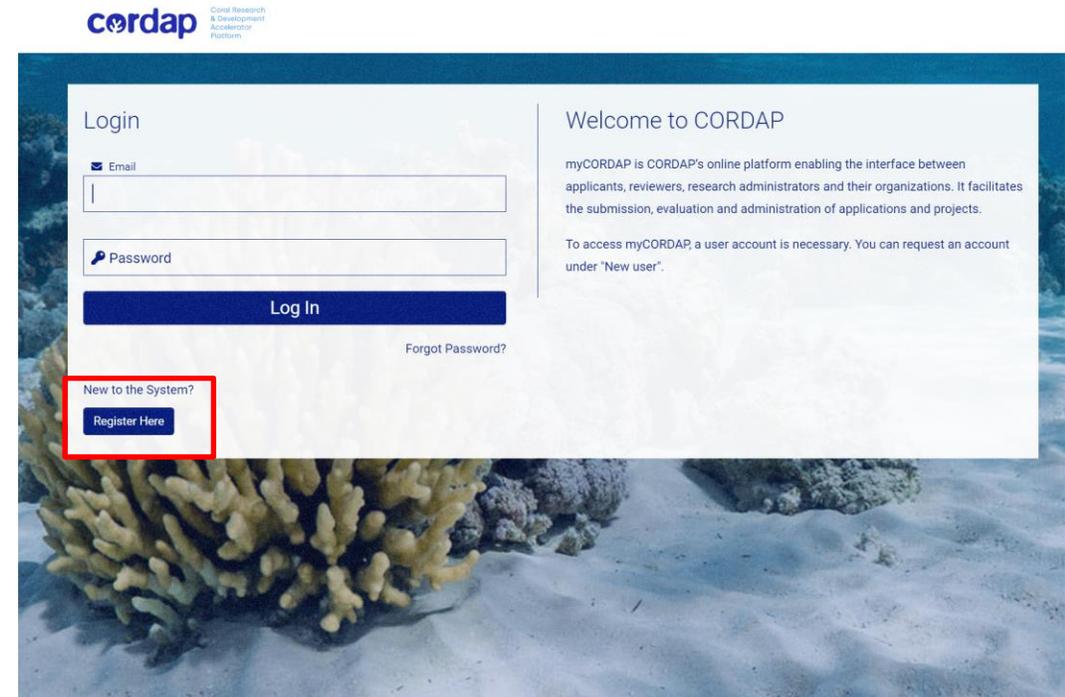
CORDAP will seek to fund a balanced and complementary portfolio of projects across the project type and priority areas to ensure a broad impact.

Review Criteria:

Review Criteria	Examples of the types of evidence we would expect to see.
Potential of the project to make significant changes, be transformational in its field.	An outline of where the field is now, and what transformation or change will this project deliver. Use metrics/measures of success to describe the level of impact.
Ability of the Applicant(s) to deliver the goals of the proposed project.	Relevant expertise and skills linked to project needs. Inclusion of stakeholders/end users/ affected community(ies) in the project development and activities.
Innovation or novelty of the idea	Why is this a new idea, how is it done today. Is it new globally or just in your location. Detail of how this is predominantly an R&D project with scalable and replicable outcomes.
Targeted impact and pathway and timing to impact	What else needs to occur before this R&D can create its full impact – what external aspects may affect it. Describe how the outcomes of the project could be scaled up. What could limit its ability to be scaled up. Reference to relevant part of CORDAP Technology Roadmap(s) where applicable.
Management, coordination, and cost effectiveness of the project	Clear project plan with well-defined milestones and accountability structure Are the requested resources and funds well justified and relevant. How will success be measured?
Analysis of project risks, and site selection process outlined	Outline of why the proposed deployment site and its local conditions are appropriate for this project. What are the risks and how can they be mitigated.
Broader impact and socioeconomic applicability.	Additional benefits or added value that this project will deliver.

How do I apply?

- All applications are made through our online submission system – *myCORDAP*
- Only the Lead Applicant needs to register and complete the submission.
- There is a submission help document on the website, “**CLIP 2025 Submission Assistance**,” which will guide you through each stage of registration and submission.



At the submission stage, there are only two documents you need to complete offline and upload:

- Proposal Submission Form Template
- Proposal Budget Template

The rest of the information is filled in directly on the *myCORDAP* system.

You can save a draft application, leave/log off, and return to complete at any time.

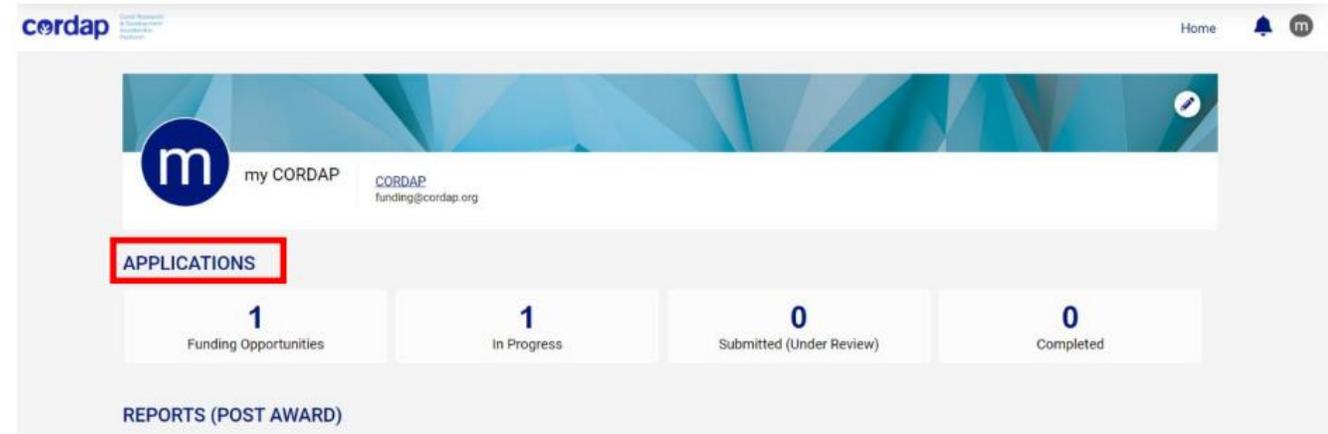
A “validate” function will check whether or not you have completed the required sections.

You can delete an application and start a new one.

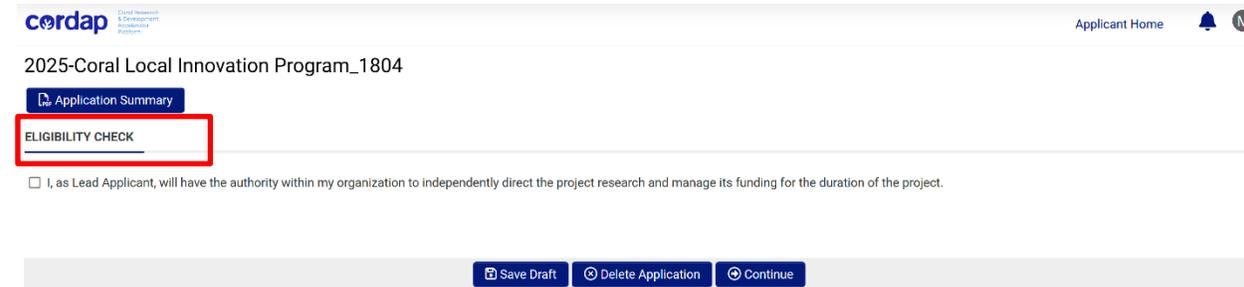
Online submission of a proposal

Once you have registered, you will be directed to your applicant dashboard:

You will see “Funding opportunities” here.



Before starting the application, you will be asked an eligibility question – ensuring you have the authority within your organization to independently manage the proposed project.



Online submission of a proposal

Logs ▾

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Invitations

Application Instructions

Coral Local Innovation Program - CLIP Application

- Please complete the questions in each of the tabs below.
 - * represents a required field
 - Use the **NEXT** button in the bottom right corner of the screen to advance to the next tab.
 - Use **Save Draft** button to save your answers.
 - Use the **Submit** button only once you have completed all tabs.
- Some of information is copied directly from your organization and user profiles and will appear in a read-only state within this form. If the information displayed is not current, please update your organization and user profiles prior to completing and submitting this form.
- You can preview your application by clicking on the **Application Summary** button.
- The **Lead Applicant** should be the Primary Contact.

PDF Application Summary

CONTACT INFORMATION PROJECT INFORMATION TEAM SUMMARY BUDGET & JUSTIFICATION UPLOAD PROPOSAL PDF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY STATEMENT OF INTENT >

Online submission of a proposal – 7 Sections to complete

- **Contact Information**
 - This information will be pulled in from your registration.
- **Project Information**
 - Project Title
 - Abstract: The abstract should summarize the significance (need) of the work, the hypothesis and major objectives of the project, the procedures to be followed to accomplish the objectives, what solutions will the project provide and what will be specific outcomes and the potential impact of the work.
- **Team Summary** - Add co-applicant details here (co-applicant level only, or team lead/investigator level), more than one applicant can be entered from each participating organization if deemed at this level.

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Application Summary

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Online submission of a proposal – 7 Sections to complete

- **Budget & Justification**
 - Add high-level budget detail online, plus the budget justification.
 - Upload completed Excel file here.
 - Justification: Explain why items are essential in relation to the aims and methodology of the project as well as meeting the goals of the project.
 - You should not merely restate the proposed expenditures.
 - Details provided should be commensurate with the amount of the requested line item.
 - At the application stage you are trying to demonstrate to the Panel that your costs are reasonable, necessary, and provide good value for the funding requested without the requirement of a lot of detail.
- **Upload Proposal PDF:** Upload completed submission template here as a single file.
- Upload the Statement of Intent (**SOI**) document

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Budget Summary

* Amount Requested

Total amount requested will auto fill from the budget summary table after clicking on Save Draft button.

* Upload Full Proposal Budget (Using the template in the call for proposals, upload your proposal budget as a single XLS file, inclusive of Co-Applicant budget worksheets).

Drop files here or [browse files](#)

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* Justification (Please provide justification for the budget requested, please note that there is a 700 word limit).

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And finally - you can **Submit** when your application is complete.

What makes a good proposal?

- Innovative with high potential for impact or transformative advances
- The solution is broadly applicable – not specific to your location or circumstances
- Demonstrated knowledge of the field - why is your idea better?
- All the required expertise for the project is covered
- Clearly states the problem, solution, approach, objectives, and work plan (if features multiple parts, bring ideas together to form a single coherent proposal)
- For translational/development projects – know what else is needed!
- Ambitious yet realistic – time frame/resources
- Good management of the project – address the risks!!

If I want to apply, what should I do first?

- Develop your ideas – think about how the outputs of a successful project would be used; are users/stakeholders involved in developing the project?
- Read the [CORDAP Strategic document](#) and the outputs of [Scoping studies](#)
- If there is more than one applicant – put the team together
- Are the ideas scalable and transferrable? Explore the risks.
- Develop a first draft ASAP – don't leave it until the last minute! **Submit on Time**
- All documentation/updates will be available at cordap.org/clip-award/
- Further queries can be sent to pcn@kaust.edu.sa
- **Follow the instructions and stick to the submission guidelines**

Awardees: CLIP 2025

Lead PI	Lead Organization	Lead PI Country	Proposal Title	Awarded Budget
Nur Abu	Muhammadiyah University of Sorong	Indonesia	Quantifying Water Quality and Microbial Drivers of Marine Heatwave on Coral Reef Resilience to Inform Restoration in Raja Ampat.	\$99,707
Fatma Lestari	Disaster Risk Reduction Center	Indonesia	Seabug, An Unmanned Lot Vessel Using Nature Based Solutions to Improve Water Quality for Reef Ecosystems in Indonesia.	\$99,860
Ana Castrillon-Cifuentes	Fundación para la investigación y conservación biological marina - ECOMARES	Colombia	Harnessing resilience for the future: unraveling the mechanisms behind temperature tolerance in Eastern Tropical Pacific corals for strategic reef restoration and adaptive management	\$99,968
Margarita Brandt	Universidad San Francisco de Quito	Ecuador	Smart Revival: AI and Acoustic Technologies for Monitoring and Enhancing Coral Restoration in the Galápagos	\$99,999
Suryo Kusumo	Yayasan Karang Lestari Indonesia	Indonesia	Low-cost ex-situ and in-situ approaches to enhance growth and adaptation of Large Polyp Stony (LPS) corals in Indonesia	\$77,841
Robin Philippo	Tropical Research and Conservation Centre Borneo	Malaysia	Restoring Blast-Damaged Sloping Reefs with Community-Driven, Low-Cost 3D Printed Solutions	\$99,900
Pedro Pereira	Projeto Conservação Recifal (PCR)	Brazil	REPAIR Coral: Integrated Probiotic Ecological Restoration Network for Marginal Coral Reefs	\$99,320
Andreina Valdez Trinidad	FUNDEMAR	Dominican Republic	Coral-RESIST: Coral Recruit Enhanced Survivorship through Innovative and Sustainable Technology	\$96,600
Ni Kadek Dita Cahyani	Universitas Diponegoro	Indonesia	JALAKARANG “Jejaring Analisis Larva dan Karang” as a transforming Coral Spawning Monitoring through eDNA and Citizen Science	\$98,230
Maria Fernanda Maya	BLUE INDIGO FOUNDATION	Colombia	Coral Recovery in the Face of Crisis: Locally Led biological innovation for reef resilience	\$99,967
Chun Hong Tan	Universiti Malaysia Terengganu	Malaysia	Larval-Highway: A Scalable Larval Collection with Targeted Settlement System for Reef Rehabilitation	\$99,244
Makamas Sutthacheep	Research and Academic Service Center (RASC), Ramkhamhaeng University (RU), Thailand	Thailand	Development of Integrated Active Coral Restoration Using High-Stress Tolerant Corals and Enhancement of Carbon-Neutral Tourism in Ko Samui, Gulf of Thailand	\$89,370
Selvin Joseph	Pondicherry University	India	Coral Resilience Strategy A Microbiome and Symbiotic Adaptations Across a Thermal Stress Gradient in Indian Oceans	\$98,100
Rahul Mehrotra	Aow Thai Marine Ecology Center (ATMEC), Love Wildlife Foundation	Thailand	Mapping Connectivity of Coral Reefs in the Gulf of Thailand	\$18,241
Total budget				\$1,276,296

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Our focus

Priority funding areas

Assisted
evolution

Aquaculture /
Automation

Preserve and conserve
existing corals



Limit early
life mortality



Intervention planning,
risk, and monitoring

Blended artificial
and natural reefs

R&D capacity
development

LMIC or Developing
country R&D methods



Reef associated
organisms

Consortium Agreement - NOTE: Not required at this stage – information for your organization



CORDAP makes the Award to the Lead Institution only.

Successful applicant organizations are required to sign a legally binding Consortium Agreement (amongst themselves) before funds are disbursed.

The Consortium Agreement sets the framework for a successful project implementation and is a private agreement between the participants to set out the rights and obligations amongst themselves. (It does NOT involve CORDAP.)

The Consortium Agreement details:

- Project implementation and division of tasks, internal organization, and management of the Consortium,
- Project budget and distribution of funding,
- Rules on rights and obligations related to background and results, as well as liability,
- IP management, exploitation and dissemination of results, and boilerplate provisions; duration, termination, communication, applicable law, and settlement of internal disputes, etc. must be addressed in the agreement.
- A CORDAP template Consortium Agreement for applicants to modify for their team has been made available.