

The CLEAN TECHNICAL FACILITY



CLEAN Helpdesk, your free technical assistance service



What is the CLEAN Helpdesk?

The CLEAN Helpdesk is a Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)-funded technical assistance (TA) facility, designed to support UK government officials on climate, environment, and nature (CEN) issues. It provides rapid, on-demand technical assistance to improve CEN mainstreaming across ODA eligible initiatives. Gender equity, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI) is mainstreamed across all our work.

The CLEAN Helpdesk was established in response to the UK's commitment to align all ODA with the Paris Agreement and ensure there is no harm to nature from bilateral aid. As the previous Foreign Secretary said in the [Kew Lecture](#), there is no pathway to countries' development aspirations without climate resilience, action on the nature crisis and access to clean energy, and no pathway to a sustainable future without development that leaves no one behind.

The CLEAN Helpdesk is managed by the Research and Evidence Division (RED) providing support to FCDO and other government departments (OGDs).



What kind of support can I access?

The CLEAN Helpdesk aims to increase the capacity of UK government officials to mainstream climate, environment and nature (CEN) considerations into their policy and programmes. This is done by providing the following services:

- **Programme or portfolio review** to assess potential **International Climate Finance (ICF)** and **ICF indicators**.
- Support to **develop and review concept notes and business cases**. This focuses on economic appraisal support to business cases, as well as the incorporation of climate, environment and nature considerations and data.
- **Cross-sectoral technical assistance** in the form of identifying the **linkages between climate, environment and nature and other thematic areas** (eg: health, education, social protection) to inform policy and programming.
- Support **Paris Alignment and nature-proofing** compliance (PrOF rule 5) by undertaking the following:
 - Conducting **Climate Risk and Adaptation Assessments**.
 - **Shadow Carbon Pricing**.
 - Applying HMG's policy on **aligning UK international support for the clean energy transition**.
 - **Nature-proofing** in programmes and policies.
 - Identifying appropriate ICF indicators.
- Analysis to support teams engaging with **national-level climate and environment policy and plans**.
- **Advice on GEDSI integration** and responsive monitoring in CEN programming.

Submit a technical assistance request [HERE](#)



Visit the CLEAN online [Resource Library](#)
for examples of work undertaken
<https://www.clean-helpdesk.org/knowledge-hub>



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How does this support work?

The CLEAN Helpdesk offers up to **20 days of expert support**. Any additional support above 20 days will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

The CLEAN Helpdesk team will review your request and consult with you to develop a terms of reference that would then be matched to a suitable expert from the CLEAN Helpdesk's Roster of Experts, or refer you to another UK-funded technical facility where relevant.



Who is eligible to access this support?

Any UK Government official is able to make a climate, environment and nature request as long as it is ODA-eligible.

Requests related to ODA spending will be prioritised, but if your request does not relate to ODA spending or concerns a non-ODA country, please [contact us](#) to discuss the options.



How do I contact the CLEAN Helpdesk for support?

Visit the [CLEAN Helpdesk website](#) to access existing CEN resources, make a request for technical assistance (TA), or contact a Helpdesk officer to ask another question.

Follow the prompts to [Request for Technical Assistance](#); or go direct to the [Nature Facility](#) for nature requests from FCDO staff.



CLEAN technical assistance that has been provided:

The CLEAN Helpdesk supports International Climate Finance (ICF) programming across sectors and has produced several reports, which can be found in the information note [here](#).



Thematic areas of expertise



Agriculture, Land-use, and Forestry



Biodiversity, Conservation and Ecosystem Restoration



Blue Economy



Conflict, Security and Justice



Education



Health Services



Humanitarian and Social Protection



International Climate Finance



Infrastructure and Urban Development



Gender Equity, Disability and Social Inclusion

Nature requests from FCDO can be submitted to the [Nature Facility](#).



Not sure if we can offer the expert support you need? The CLEAN Helpdesk also provides a referral service to other TA facilities. If your request does not fall within the scope of the CLEAN Helpdesk, we can help to signpost to other appropriate TA facilities where available.