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From: Petra Kavunenko
Sent: 21 May 2010 2:14 PM
To: Wally Cook
Subject: RE: Australian Development Research Rewards [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
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Thanks Wally – this one we didn't have.

From: Wally Cook
Sent: 21 May 2010 2:12 PM
To: Petra Kavunenko
Cc: Debbie Muirhead
Subject: FW: Australian Development Research Rewards [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Petra

Debbie has just told me that you found a copy of the emails that I just forwarded to you. Not to worry. Anyway below is the email relating to the post's comments on Fry's application which I understand you do have on file.

Cheers

Wally

Wally Cook

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From: James Donald
Sent: 25 November 2008 2:43 PM
To: Melissa Davies
Cc: Natalie Mckelleher; Jose Perreira; Darian Clark
Subject: FW: Australian Development Research Rewards [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Melissa,

Please see Post's comments on the attached ADRA proposal. As you'll see, we're supporting the proposal in principal. However proposal would need to demonstrate further its links to GoET policy and planning.

With thanks,

James

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From: Jose.Perreira s.47F
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Hi James,

the following are comments from David Ablett (Education Program Coordinator) regarding ADRA proposal

thanks

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To Jose.Perreira s.47F

23/11/2008 06:53 PM

cc Natalie.Mckelleher s.47F

Subject Australian Development Research Rewards [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Jose

I have read the proposal and offer you the following comments based on the questions you have given me:

1. Does the Research Proposal link to any activities in your program area?

The research question does relate to the EESD Program objectives - The proposal suggests that cultural industries will be identified so that curriculum can be developed to support a 'creative industries' institution that can provide relevant support and effort to generate graduates with employable skills. The notion of building national identity is also an important outcome from this initiative. We have had discussions with the identified provider and can confirm their credibility as a provider of training to support the emergence of creative industries. The program approach of finding existing resources and conducting an audit of capacity is a necessary and an important starting point. To also identify economic opportunities is also necessary as any future training should be linked to this. Should this proposal be supported then i think it is important that it be linked to the MoE more formally and be part of building up the Polytechnic approach that has been promoted by the MoE.

2. Do you believe the findings of the research proposal will provide knowledge that your program area would find useful?

Very much so. The approach proposed would provide a detailed sectoral analysis of the creative industries throughout TL and would provide the necessary basis from which future learning materials and preparation for work become relevant and meaningful. It would be possible I would suggest for the Emerging Priorities Fund to assist this proposal downstream. Once the sectoral information and opportunities are examined and learning materials developed the EPF could assist with learning materials and with supporting learners into employment or self employment. It is difficult to do this in this industry without sectoral data and evidence. Gathering of this material informs future teacher training and learning materials development for this sector of the economy.

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3. Does this proposal engage with the right in-country partners?

We have had some initial dialogue with the organisations involved and feel very confident of their capacity to deliver this program. I would suggest that AusAID ensure that they also link in with the Government of Timor Leste - particularly through the MoE as this program area will no doubt be included in future discussion on the establishment of the Polytechnic system.

4. Are you aware of any risks associated with this project if it were to go ahead?

I do not think there are any risks in this proposal. There is considerable evidence that creative and cultural industries support countries in many ways and these are clearly identified in the submission. In this industry normal TVET and employment risks are often mitigated by the involvement of committed agencies and individuals and that the many individuals that engage in cultural and creative work are often motivated by reasons other than purely economic concerns.

5. To what extent would you like to remain engaged with the research project if it was funded and it went ahead?

We would be very willing to assist the research. We have undertaken similar research to support our program activities in Hospitality and in Building and Construction in which we have undertaken major sectoral analysis which informs future work in areas of learning materials development, teacher training, job placement for on job training and to identify job opportunities for timorese citizens.

6. Do you have any other general comments?

It is very difficult for projects to gain funding in these sectors as many donors do not value these industries in terms of their contribution to the economic development of a nation. And they are often overlooked because their focus is not specific enough in terms of employment outcome or immediate national development priority. There are many economic development success stories that have been driven with the involvement of the creative industries - Australia being one in fact. In the context of Timor Leste this proposal has not only the objective to build skills formation to promote productive employment but also to serve as an important national identity building program.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you require further details or input

Best Wishes

David Ablett

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