**Announcement of Emergency Grants to Enhance SAI Resilience through ICT Solutions**

The General Auditing Bureau of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has established the Saudi Fund for Improved SAI Performance (Saudi FSIP) over 2020-22. The Saudi FISP has been established to provide financial support to SAIs to develop and implement SAI-led strategic plans. During 2020-21, the Saudi FISP was piloted for the benefit of SAIs in developing countries within the Asia region, which were developing their Strategic Plan with IDI support.

Nevertheless, as the Covid-19 pandemic emergency came and had a fundamental impact on SAI operations globally the Saudi FISP responded by offering immediate funding to SAIs to enhance their resilience through improved ICT solutions. Many SAIs have implemented home working and need to find remote solutions to conducting their audit work, communicating internally and with external stakeholders, and training staff. For many SAIs this requires significant investment in ICT hardware and software, internal networks, internet connectivity, and training on the use of digital tools and platforms.

**This is the third round in which the Saudi FISP is inviting proposals from developing country SAIs from all INTOSAI regions to enhance their resilience through improved ICT solutions and training.**

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**Grant Purpose:** To provide short-term support through ICT solutions and training to enable continuity of SAI’s operations impacted by Covid-19.

**Eligibility Criteria:** The funds will be available for SAIs in all INTOSAI regions. Priority will be given to those SAIs operating in the most challenging contexts. The Saudi GCA will approve the grants and prioritize funding according to the DAC list of ODA recipients.

**Submission**: the IDI Global Foundations Unit will support SAIs with the application. Please fill out the template and submit to the emails intosai.donor.cooperation@idi.no, marcela.mora@idi.no and caterina.raschetti@idi.no. Proposals will be considered in monthly batches, using a cut-off date of the 15th of each month. The first batch of proposals to be considered will be those received by 15th August 2022.

**Proposal Template**

*(See guidance instructions at end of template)*

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| **Name of SAI:**  | **Name of Proposal:**  |
| **Amount being applied for: USD**  |
| **Country:** | **Approximate Timeline** | **Start Date:** |
| **Name of Auditor General:** | **End Date:** |

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| **Problem Statement:** |
| **Impact on Operations:** |
| **Proposed Solutions:** |
| **ICT Solutions and Training required:** |
| **Results Expected:** |
| **Key Indicators:** |

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| **Name of SAI Contact for this Proposal: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Position / Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Date of Submission (dd/mm/year): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

**Guidance**

1. **Name of proposal**: should indicate the support that is being sought and be linked to the solution being proposed. E.g. laptops for remote working to enable continued SAI operations; internet connectivity packages to enable access to government finance systems and SAI electronic audit papers; licenses and training on use of integrated file storage and communication systems to facilitate internal and external communications.
2. **Timeline**: length of the project implementation. This should not be longer than 1 year.
3. **Problem Statement**: Explain briefly what issue you are seeking to address in no more than 2-3 sentences. Consider what part of the SAI’s mandate it is unable to achieve and ask yourself ‘Why’ multiple times to try to get to the root issue that the SAI wants to address. This root issue would form the problem statement.
4. **Impact on Operations:**
	1. Why is this an issue
	2. What is this affecting / hindering / preventing internal and external outputs and / or outcomes
	3. How is it affecting areas identified in “b” e.g. is it causing a delay in finalizing the audit or audit reports, are we unable to produce quality reports or conduct a specific type of audit or are we unable to conduct required audits or unable to hire or train relevant staff
5. **Proposed Solution:** Explain how the SAI plans to address the problem identified in #2 (should be very brief), as well as explaining the project being proposed as follows
	1. Main components (if more than 1)
	2. Main activities under each component
	3. Main outputs
6. **Results Expected:** What the SAI expects to happen to its operations due to the implementation of this project. Results should be within the control of the SAI and should not depend on the actions of other organisations. Results should also be measurable.
7. **Key Indicators to be used to measure success of the project**: This is what output or outcome will be used to show the results that the project will achieve. Indicators should be easily measured. Recommend measuring these indicators before the start of the project as well so as to get a benchmark if possible.