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| Template 01 - [DD/MM/YYYY] |
| Application for a new SSC Project |

[This application should be prepared by the Danish authority with input from the Danish embassy for new projects either not in a framework programme (FP) or not explicitly allocated in an FP (see the SSC Guidelines, Chapter 2.1.1 and 2.1.3). Please provide a brief reply in concise and precise language (in English) to all questions without changing or deleting the predefined categories and questions. The application should reflect the overall objectives of the SSC instrument (see SSC guidelines Chapter 1.2).]

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| **Background information** |

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| **Project title**  |  |
| **Partner country**  |  |
| **Thematic focus**  |  |
| **(Potential) Partner authority(s)** |  |
| **Danish public authority** |  |
| **Danish Embassy** |  |
| **Date** |  |

**1. Demand by the potential partner authority and Existing contacts between Denmark and the POTENTIAL partner authority**

**Please answer the following:**

* What are the preliminary areas of interests for cooperation expressed by potential/proposed partner authority to the Danish embassy or Danish authority - which areas/sectors, what level of detail, and expressed by whom to whom under what circumstances?
* What is the proposed institutional anchoring at the top management level, capacity, and commitment of potential/proposed partner authority (elaborate to the degree known at this stage)?
* Has there been any current or previous direct contact or cooperation between the Danish authority or the Danish embassy and key government authorities in the country or in international/multilateral fora?
* Are there any current or previous cooperation agreements/Memorandum of Understanding (please state time, character, and status of agreement) between Denmark and the potential partner authority?

**2. Local strategies and framework conditions for sustainable development**

**Please answer the following:**

* What are the key development challenges in relevant national strategies within the proposed sector or field of intervention (e.g. national strategy for Sustainable Development Goals, Health Strategy or Climate Strategy/Nationally Determined Contributions)?
* What are the current or previous Danish development engagements in the sector? What are the potential links to cooperation or development engagements by the EU and/or other relevant donors?
* How and why will the cooperation be of mutual benefit to the partner country and Denmark? (See the SSC guidelines Chapter 1.2 and Chapter 2.1.1)

**3. relevant experience and Strategic interest of Denmark**

**Please answer the following:**

* How does the competencies and experiences of the Danish public authority match the expressed demand by the potential/proposed partner authority and key development challenges (elaborate to the degree known at this stage)?
* How would the SSC project link to the Danish public authority’s international strategy and priorities; its existing framework programme with the MFA (if any); other international engagements of the Danish public authority (multilateral agencies etc.); the Danish government’s development cooperation strategy and priorities; the existing bilateral relations and priorities of Denmark in the country?
* What would be the SSC project’s institutional anchoring in the Danish public authority’s top management level, and how is the institutional commitment and capacity of the authority to enter into potential long-term cooperation (potentially around 10 years) with this SSC project demonstrated by the organisation?
* To what extent will other Danish public partners or utility companies be involved?

**4. interest and potential for private sector engagement**

**Please answer the following:**

* What is the level of current involvement or interest of Danish private sector companies in the sector in the potential partner country?
* What are the main constraints for private sector engagement in the country?
* How are Danish private sector technologies and services relevant to the key development challenges as described above?

**5. Expected results of proposed SSC project in relation to the three overall objectives of the SSC Instrument**

**Please answer the following :**

* What are the expected results in relation to:
	1. Strengthened capacity of partner countries to develop, implement, and enforce framework conditions, including, but not limited to sector-specific and multi-sector policies and policy coherence, laws, regulations, strategies, plans, programmes, services and tools;
	2. Strengthened bilateral relations between Denmark and partner countries on sector-related issues, through bilateral agreements, wider cooperation, increased exchanges, and common action in multilateral fora; and
	3. Enhanced engagement of the Danish private sector in partner countries’ inclusive and sustainable social and economic development and green transition in the longer term, by working on improved framework conditions, sharing sector-related knowledge and demand for possible solutions and communicating opportunities for sector-related investments and trade.

**6. Expected start and end date of the Inception Phase**

Please indicate the expected timing of the recruitment of the SSC counsellor and the Inception Phase.