CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Assessing featured OGP commitments

The Open Government Partnership (OGP) is inviting proposals to assess if and how OGP reforms have changed government policy, practice and services and made a tangible difference in peoples' lives. A total of 5-7 grants of USD 5,000 each will be awarded competitively to journalists, researchers or organizations that meet the criteria for proposals.

Background
Since OGP was launched in 2011 nearly 75 national and 15 subnational governments have made over 2500 individual open government reform commitments. As part of the OGPs knowledge and research agenda, we continue to capture stories of how OGP reforms change government policy, practice and services and impact peoples' lives. In 2016, OGP published 'Early results from OGP initiatives' which assessed the short to medium term outcomes of reforms from 2011-12 National Action Plans in seven countries. They cover transparency, accountability and public participation reforms related to a wide range of public policy issues. Through this call for proposals OGP is now requesting submissions for the **second edition** of this publication.

Main objectives

The project has the following objectives:
- Capture and assess the short and medium term outcomes of OGP reforms, telling a story of whether and how OGP commitments have resulted in positive changes in policy, practice or services for citizens
- Showcase OGP's contributions at a global stage; documenting the role of OGP in catalyzing the reforms, and developing a strong value proposition for the open government movement

Grant details
- A grant of USD 5,000 will be made for each case study.
- Depending on the nature and scope of the case study and the anticipated fieldwork required, small extensions may be considered after the initial selection of the proposals.

Research description

Central research question
What are the changes in policy, practice and services that have come about as a result of the implementation of the OGP commitment and how have these changes benefited citizens?

Scope
The proposed research should assess commitments from a suggested list of 140 commitments from the 2013-2014 OGP National Action Plans (see Annex). The Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) has produced reports analyzing the progress of these 140 OGP commitments. The reports assess whether the commitments made were

relevant to open government principles, ambitious in their potential impact, the degree to which they were implemented and their effect in opening government in the short term. **Through this research, applicants must add value to the IRM assessment of the commitment, by investigating the role of OGP in the success of the reform, and crucially, highlighting the human stories behind the reform in a compelling manner.** Researchers are also welcome to propose OGP commitments not on this list that have made sufficient progress in implementation to allow for an assessment of outcomes.

Deliverables

- The final deliverables will include: written case studies (5 pages maximum per commitment), documented interviews with key stakeholders, and a 'portrait study' of an individual who has benefited from the reform.
- The contracts may be extended after the submission of the first draft for additional derivative outputs, including working with a video production team for capturing the case studies in video format.

Timeline

August 31st	Deadline for submission of proposals
September 11th	Successful applicants notified
September 18th	The assessment committee works with selected applicants to finetune, finalise research approach and project plan, identify and plan outreach to relevant stakeholders
September 18th - December 27th	Research, fieldwork and writing Weekly updates
November 1st	First drafts due
November 6th	Feedback provided on first draft
November 27th	Second drafts due
December 4th	Feedback provided on second draft
December 27th	Final papers due

Process for submission of applications

Proposal submissions should be **no more than 3 pages**, and include a rough budget and a full set of CVs (limit of 2 pages each). Submissions must be in English. The proposal should include:

- **Justification:** Include the specific commitment(s) for your research and explain your selection
- **Methodology:** research methodology, and anticipated data sources.
- **Project plan:** including milestones, consistent with the overall timeline provided above.
- **Research team profile:** Profile of the researcher or research team including qualifications, previous work samples and organizational capacities.
- **Total grant amount requested**: based on number and nature of commitments, researcher time, and costs for any in-country travel.

Researchers are encouraged to read the first edition of the 'Early Results of OGP initiatives' before submitting a proposal. Please note that in making the final selection on the grants to be awarded, the assessment committee will take into account the diversity of open government topics, countries and regions represented. Multi-country studies on a single open government topic are out of the scope of this call.

Selection criteria

Criteria	Weight (points)
A. Justification	
1. Justification of criteria for selection of commitment(s)	5
2. Clarity and rigour of methodological approach	10
3. Primary and secondary data sources to be used	10
B. Research Team Profile	
4. Organizational capacities and relationships at country level to carry out the proposed research	10
5. Qualifications and experience of researcher/research team	5
C. Project Management	
6. Adequacy of planning, quality control and monitoring	5

Who should apply?

Researchers/research teams or journalists with:

- At least 3 years of expertise and experience in the government transparency and accountability field
- Strong track record of publications in academic forums, peer reviewed journals or leading newspapers and new media channels
- Experience in interacting with a wide variety of actors. e.g. policymakers, government officials and civil society actors.
- Capacity to undertake the research (e.g. knowledge networks, country or regional expertise etc.) Researchers/journalists based in or with local presence in the country of the proposed commitments under study are encouraged to apply.

Please submit your proposals by 12 midnight EST August 31st. All questions and proposals should be sent to: mohammad.haider@opengovpartnership.org

Annex: Suggested list of countries and featured commitments

The following list of suggested commitments have been reviewed by the IRM, and have either a starred (potentially transformative and complete) or a 'did it open government' assessment (major or outstanding). The list includes the country, commitment number and title, starred status and year of action plan. Please visit country pages on the OGP website to get more detail on the commitments, the IRM reports and information on participants.

Selected countries: Albania, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Canada, Chile, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Honduras, Ireland, Italy, Macedonia, Mexico, Philippines, Paraguay, Romania, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Spain, South Africa, Tanzania, UK, Uruguay, United States

Albania

4.1 Law on whistleblowers protection (anti-corruption)	☆	2014

Brazil

2.10. Implementation of the Document Management Policy in the Federal Government		2013
3.8. Brazilian Portal for Social Participation		2013
4.2. Expansion of the database of the National Debarment List (CEIS):		2013
2.1. Development of the "Access to Information Library"		2013
2.2. Development of a Database of the Federal Public Administration Purchases Prices		2013
2.9. Improvement of data transparency from the National Consumer Protection Information System (Sindec)		2013
2.11. Disclosure of data from the execution of the Union budget and from Government purchases		2013
2.14. Disclosure of information from government systems in an open data format		2013
2.20. Participatory Audits on the Constructions of Brazilian Host cities for the 2014 FIFA World Cup		2013
3.3. "Brazil Transparent" Program		2013
1.9 Development of tools for increasing transparency and enhancing Land Governance	☆	2013

Bulgaria

| 8. Improvements to access to public information act | ☆ | 2014 |

Canada

5. Open Data Core Commitment		2014
2. Open Data Canada	☆	2014
7. Mandatory Reporting on Extractives	☆	2014
6. Open Science	☆	2014

Chile

1. Implementación del Modelo de Gestión de Transparencia Municipal.	☆	2014
2. Estrategia de Datos Abiertos y Reutilización		2014
4. Portal de Transparencia		2014
11. Implementación y monitoreo de la ley de lobby.	☆	2014
12. Fortalecimiento de la democracia ambiental	☆	2014

Croatia

1. Right to Access Information Legislative Framework		2014
2. Improving the Implementation of the Right of Access to Information Act		2014
3. Proactive Release of Information and Opening Data	☆	2014
4. Fiscal Transparency		2014
5. Improvements of Transparency and Efficiency in Public Administration Work	☆	2014
11. Improving the Consultation Process with the Interested Public in Legislative Procedures	☆	2014

13. Participation in Drafting the New Anti-Corruption Strategy	☆	2014

Denmark

11. Implementation of a new charter for interaction between Volunteer Denmark/Associations Denmark and the public sector		2014

El Salvador

12. Transparencia en la contratación de recursos humanos		2014
17. Política datos abiertos		2014
20. Observatorio de gobierno abierto		2014

Estonia

2.6 Web tool for petitions to parliament		2014
5.2 Registry of citizen centered public services		2014

Finland

4. Promoting participatory budgeting		2013
3. Training will be organised for civil servants in use of clear language and plain language including committing to use of terms already known.		2013
5. Standardizing and clarifying the terms and concepts used in public administration and service production.		2013
1. Opening and publishing new data and changing existing open data into a machine- readable form.		2013
3. Providing tools and training to organizations		2013

Georgia

6A. Development of community centers in Georgia		2014
11. Georgia's OGP forum		2014
15. Political party financial declarations	☆	2014

16. Accessibility of Ministry of Interior's webpage to people with special needs	☆	2014
17. Proactive publishing of surveillance data		2014
18. Public awareness of the electoral process		2014

Ghana

2. Fiscal transparency	☆	2013
13. Policy Portal	☆	2013
4. Human rights and anticorruption	☆	2013

Greece

2.1: Integration of PSI Directive on the re-use of public sector information		2014

Honduras

1. Información pública de calidad para todos y todas		2014
12.Hacia una mejor infraestructura en los centros educativos.	☆	2014

Ireland

Action 1.1 – Establishment of best practice standards for Open Data		2014
Action 1.2 - Establishment of Ireland's Open Data Platform		2014
Action 1.3 – Undertake an audit of key datasets for publication		2014
Action 1.5 – Establishment of an Open Data Ireland Governance Board (ODIGB) and Steering and Implementation Group (SIG) for Open Data Ireland		2014
Action 2.2 – MEASURES TO INCREASE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING ON POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS Action 2.2.1 - Systemic pre-legislative scrutiny of draft bills		2014
Action 2.3 – Hold referenda arising from the recommendations of the Constitutional Convention (Star)	☆	2014

Action 3.1 – Ethics Reform	☆	2014
Action 3.2 – Strengthening Freedom of Information - Implement the Code of Practice for Freedom of Information (FOI).		2014
Action 3.3 – Reform of FOI		2014
Action 3.4 – Regulation of Lobbying	☆	2014
Action 3.5 – Encourage, Protect and Raise Awareness of Whistleblower Duties and Protections	☆	2014
Action 2.2.2 (A) & (B) – Develop and deliver access to environmental information (AIE) training module for public officials		2014

Italy

Action 5 – Follow the Money (SoldiPubblici)	☆	2014

Macedonia

1.8. Establishing of an advisory body to promote cooperation, dialogue and encourage the development of the civil society, composed of representatives of the Government, administrative bodies and civil society organizations	☆	2014
4.1. Adoption of amendments to the Law on Prevention of Corruption in the direction of:	☆	2014
4.2. Implementation of activities to raise awareness of public administration and citizens to report corruption and other unlawful and impermissible actions	☆	2014
5.2. Public procurement	☆	2014

Mexico

1. Tu Gobierno en un solo punto - gob.mx:		2013
2. Regulación clara y transparente:		2013
3. Normas accesibles:		2013
6. Padrón único y abierto de beneficiarios:		2013

15. Consejo para Datos Abiertos:		2013
21. FONDEN transparente - reconstruccion.mx:		2013
22. Petróleo en beneficio de todos:		2013
23. Minería para todos:		2013
4. Registro de detenidos:		2013
5. Base de datos de personas desaparecidas:		2013
11. Fondo emprendedor abierto y participativo:		2013
14. Política Nacional de Datos Abiertos - datos.gob.mx:		2013

Philippines

3. Engage civil society in public audit		2013
6. Strengthen grassroots participation in local planning and budgeting		2013
8. Initiate fiscal transparency in the extractive industry	☆	2013
9. Improve the ease of doing business	☆	2013

Paraguay

1. Ley de Accesso a la Información Pública	☆	2014
2. Política de Datos Abiertos		2014
4. Transparencia y Acceso a la Información de Proyectos Públicos Emblemáticos		2014
5. Seguimiento del Plan de Acción de Gobierno Abierto 2014-2016		2014
6. Canales de Diálogo y Participación Ciudadana		2014

7. Consejos de Desarrollo Municipal	☆	2014

Romania

ENSURING THE FREE ONLINE ACCESS TO NATIONAL LEGISLATION	☆	2014
OPENING DATA COLLECTED FROM THE NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM		2014
INCREASING THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF PUBLISHED OPEN DATA		2014

Serbia

3. Transparent Public Procurement Procedures		2014
8. e-Governmental Portal Awareness and Mobile Application		2014
9. Public Administration Website Harmonization and Amendments to the Law on Free Access to Information of Public Importance	☆	2014

Sierra Leone

5. Single Treasury Account	☆	2014
10. Right to Access Information Law	☆	2014

Spain

1. Transparency Portal		2014
5. Access to and re-use of geographic information		2014
6. Programmes on opening up information and its re-use in the public sector		2014
8. Greater control and transparency in public grants	☆	2014

South Africa

1. Develop and implement an Accountability/Consequences Management Framework for public servants	☆	2013

Tanzania

3.1.To enact a Freedom of Information Act by December 2014.	☆	2014
3.2 To establish an open data system by December 2016.		2014

UK

4. Transparent Social Investment Market		2013
12. Open Contracting		2013
13. Open Contracting Scotland		2013
17. Sciencewise		2013
19. OpenDataCommunities Programme		2013
1. National Information Infrastructure		2013
3. Revised Local Authories Data Transparency Code		2013
6. Cross-Government Anti-Corruption Plan	☆	2013
7. Company Beneficial Ownership Information	☆	2013
14. International Aid Transparency	☆	2013
21. Extractive Transparency	☆	2013

Uruguay

1.2.Gobierno Abierto: un asunto de todos y de todas		2014
2.2.Plan de mejoras en las instancias de participación ciudadana y el vínculo con la ciudadanía a través de las Mesas Interinstitucionales de Políticas Sociales públicas		2014
3.1.Promoción y difusión del Derecho de Acceso a la Información Pública		2014

3.2.e-acceso: Sistema Nacional de Solicitudes de Acceso a la Información Pública		2014
3.3.Respuestas a pedidos de acceso a la información pública		2014
3.4.Junta accesible de par en par		2014
4.1.Datos Abiertos de Gobierno		2014
4.2.Datos Abiertos para el análisis de políticas públicas		2014
4.3.Catastro Abierto	☆	2014
4.4.Publicación de Microdatos de Programas Sociales en formato abierto		2014
4.5.Difusión de Información para el ejercicio de los Derechos de los Usuarios de la Salud		2014
5.1.Observatorio de Compras públicas		2014
5.2.Registro único de proveedores del Estado		2014
5.3.Software Público Nacional		2014
5.5.Transparencia en el Portafolio de Proyectos del Estado		2014
6.7.Infraestructura de Datos Espaciales		2014
7.1.Puntos de Atención Ciudadana	☆	2014
7.2.Integración de la Guía Nacional de Recursos con el Sistema de Información Geográfica		2014
8.2.Sistema Integrado de Gestión de Reclamos Municipales	☆	2014

USA

Promote Innovation Through Collaboration and Harness the Ingenuity of the American Public		2013
Deliver Government Services More Effectively Through Information Technology		2013

Implement the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative	☆	2013
Increase Transparency in Spending	☆	2013