



## COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT

### COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION GOOD PRACTICE AWARDS Criteria for the Awards

The following criteria should be considered and adhered to carefully in submissions as they provide the basis for selection.

- **Relevance**

The Good Practice demonstrates a socio-culturally sensitive and economically appropriate response to the context and challenge of education delivery in a specific country.

*Consider how appropriate and suitable your submission is to the context of your country.*

*What specific education issues is your programme addressing and/or has addressed?*

*Does your submission reflect why it is a suitable response to the realities of the social and cultural environment in which it operates?*

- **Measurable Impact and Effect**

The value of the Good Practice is measured through qualitative and quantitative indicators to demonstrate impact and effect.

*Consider what difference your programme has made to the lives of people.*

*Have you provided data that shows the value and benefit of your project?*

*How many persons/students/teachers/schools/orphans etc. has your project positively affected?*

*What do beneficiaries of your project say about your project?*

- **Sustainability**

The Good Practice is or can be projected to have positive impact and effect whether intermittently at intervals, or on a consistent, continuous basis as required over the long-term.

*Consider whether your project will “be here today and gone tomorrow”.*

*Will your project be in operation in 3 – 5 years, for example? If so, how do you know?*

*Is the positive impact of the Good Practice sustainable over a period of time?*

- **Efficiency and Effectiveness**

The Good Practice has demonstrated cost-savings and/or the efficient and effective use of resources in its implementation.

*Consider whether you have identified ways in which this project has saved on costs or has built in efficiencies.*

*Have cost-saving measures been implemented in any way?*

*How creatively and effectively have you used your resources, so as to minimise cost and optimise resources? Can the programme/project be repeated at a lower cost?*

- **Community Participation and Contribution**

The success of the Good Practice is enhanced or enriched through community and civil society participation, ownership or contribution.

*Consider whether there has been any contribution and/or participation by the community where the project is located or that you serve.*

*Are your stakeholders involved in making specific contributions to your project?*

- **Replication**

Given similar conditions and circumstances, the Good Practice has the potential to be replicated in the Education systems of other Commonwealth countries.

*Consider whether any aspect of your project has been copied, replicated or identified for replication by another organization, ministry or country. If not, what issues/elements of your project/programme can be easily replicated in other countries? Does your good practice lend itself to transfer to another country, given your cultural context? Can the essentials of the programme/project be repeated?*

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