GCRF Specific Terms and Conditions

GAC GCRF 1: ODA Compliance
The GCRF is part of the UK's Official Development Assistance (ODA). Its aim is to support cutting-edge research that addresses challenges faced by developing countries.

The Research Organisation must ensure the research that is undertaken as part of this grant is compliant with ODA rules and regulations as set out by the OECD. In the event that the research is deemed to no longer comply with ODA rules and regulations the Research Councils reserve the right to terminate the grant and recover funds spent on non-ODA compliant activities.

Further information on ODA guidance can be found at:
https://www.ukri.org/files/legacy/international/gcrfodaguidance-pdf/

In addition to the requirements set out in RGC 7.1, any proposed changes to the award that could affect the ODA compliance of the research must be reported to UKRI at the earliest opportunity via the Grant Maintenance facility in Je-S. UKRI will then consider whether such changes are permissible and inform the Research Organisation of their decision.

Changes that should be reported include but are not limited to any proposed changes to the field or other study sites within OECD DAC list country(-ies), country of focus, objectives and the potential graduation of a country of focus from the OECD DAC list.

GAC GCRF 2: ODA Transparency
The UK Government is committed to transparency in reporting ODA spending, through the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) open data standard. In line with this, information about this award will be made available via the IATI registry.

GAC GCRF 3: Starting Procedures
UKRI Terms and Conditions RGC 5 do not apply to this project. This grant has a FIXED start date of (PLEASE ENTER DATE AS PER COUNCIL RELEVANT). The start of the grant may NOT be delayed beyond or precede this date.

Under normal circumstances the start of a grant is when the first member of Directly Incurred staff is in place. In order that grants can commence by (PLEASE ENTER DATE AS PER COUNCIL RELEVANT) UKRI will allow expenditure to start under any Directly Incurred heading. UKRI will not activate a grant should the start of the grant be commenced under any Directly Allocated heading, Estates or Indirects.

GAC GCRF 4: Change of Grant Holder
RGC 7.3 - This award is made on condition that any requests to change the grant holder and/or co-investigator will require UKRI (name of Research Council) prior approval. Requests for such a change are to be submitted via the Grant Maintenance facility in Joint Electronic System (Je-S). UKRI-(name of Research Council) will then consider and inform the Research Organisation of their decision.

GAC GCRF 5: Grant extensions
Notwithstanding grant conditions RGC 6, due to GCRF financial constraints, grant extensions will only be considered under exceptional circumstances (in line with the Equality Act 2010) and will require Research Council agreement on a case-by-case basis. The Research Organisation remains responsible for compliance with the terms of the Equality Act 2010 including any subsequent amendments introduced while work is in progress; and for ensuring that the expectations set out in RGC 3.4 are met.

GAC GCRF 6: Acknowledgment, Naming, Branding and Communications
Irrespective of the administering Research Council, the grant should be referred to exclusively as an 'UKRI Collective Fund' award. The UKRI and GCRF logos should be displayed prominently on all materials (including posters) and websites. Reference to GCRF must be made in any written text such as press releases or published documents.

When referring to your GCRF award, ensure that the Award Title is 'UKRI GCRF [INSERT TITLE]'

For further guidance, please visit:
https://www.ukri.org/about-us/brand-guidelines/brand-essentials/

GAC GCRF 7: Collaboration Agreements
In addition to RGC 12, where the grant is associated with more than one research organisation and/or other project partners, the basis of collaboration between the organisations, including the allocation of resources throughout the project and ownership of intellectual property and rights to exploitation, is expected to be set out in a formal collaboration agreement.

Collaboration agreements with all identified partners must be in place within the (NUMBER, AS RELEVANT) months of the grant start date. The terms of collaboration agreements must not conflict with the UKRI terms and conditions.

GAC GCRF 8: Safeguarding
You must have policies and procedures in place to safeguard research participants, their communities, direct beneficiaries and research staff from all forms of exploitation, violence, abuse or harm as a result of their association with the Project or with Project staff, associated personnel, volunteers or visitors.

You are responsible for ensuring that research is conducted in a way that ensures the health, wellbeing, human rights and dignity of the research participants and their communities and is fair and free from exploitation and abuse. All relevant safeguarding legislation and good practice recommendations must be adhered to. We particularly draw your attention to child protection legislation and the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

GAC GCRF 9: Open Access Publications

The UKRI Policy on Open Access applies to all recipients of ODA grants - https://www.ukri.org/publications/ukri-open-access-policy/.
Where research grants are held by a UK-based research organisation, the UKRI open access block grant can be used to support eligible costs. Where UKRI research grant funding is directly awarded to a non-UK based research organisation, it is permissible for open access costs to be charged to the research grant.

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