

Annex 5: Cost items eligible for support and how the support levels are computed

1. General support levels per cost category

Cost Category	Description	QASIP Support Level
Expenditure on Manpower (EOM)	Personnel costs (Salaries)	SMEs: 90% LLEs: 80% Int: 70%
Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)	Capital Expenditure for Equipment	60%
Other Operating Expenses (OOE)	Technical Services	60%
	Material Costs	60%
	Travel	60% capped at 5% of total budget
	Indirect Cost	60% capped at 10% of total budget

2. Supportable Costs – Expenditure on Manpower (EOM)

Cost Category	Supportable	Not supported
Expenditure on Manpower (EOM)	<p>Salaries paid to employees (new or existing) working on the proposed technology development project. Basic salary, Housing allowance, Transport allowance, Utility allowance are covered as monthly salary components for employees working on the project.</p> <p>Salary cost is pro-rated to the time the employee works on the project.</p> <p>The grant will support salaries for the different positions based on industry benchmarks for equivalent positions in Qatar.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>1) Salaries of manpower for different skill types will be capped for type of role, experience based on the external market benchmarking data.</p> <p>2) Manpower either hired/to be hired/proposed should have a valid Qatar ID. Manpower can either be on the payroll of the applicant or contracted employee (not on payroll) will be covered under grant for EOM.</p>	<p>Children's Education allowance, Travel allowance, Performance bonus, Gratuity, Pension, Social allowance etc.</p> <p>Cost of employees working outside Qatar, even if they are involved in the project.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>1) Costs quoted beyond the benchmarked data will not be covered.</p> <p>2) Manpower based outside Qatar and on payrolls of the company are not covered.</p>

Comentado [AN1]: So deleted because it says QASIP allows....

3. Supportable Costs – Capital Expenditure Costs (CAPEX)

Cost Category	Supportable	Not supported
Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchase of equipment needed for the R&D project. - The supportable cost for capital expenditure is determined by amortizing the cost of equipment over the life of the project using a straight line depreciation method. - For example, a 2 year project where a piece of equipment was purchased costing QAR100,000 and has a useful life of 5 years. The supportable cost would be $2/5 \times 100,000 = \text{QAR } 40,000$. <p>If the equipment is also used for other purposes, the supportable amount will be pro-rated according to usage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment not directly related to the RDI project. - Equipment purchased prior to the start date of the project.

4. Supportable Costs – Other Operating Expenses (OOE)

Cost Category	Supportable	Not supported
Other Operating Expenses (OOE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cost of raw material, consumables, software licenses (not office software) etc., required for the project - Prototyping services required in the execution of the project - Rental expenses of required equipment for the duration of the project - Quotations should be obtained for items exceeding QAR10,000. - Grant covers % utilization of any item exceeding QAR10,000. For example, if a software subscription is used only 25% of time for the proposed project and the rest of the time outside the project, the supportable cost is 25% of the subscription fee. - Costs incurred to obtain professional and technical services from third parties like companies, laboratories, universities etc. Such services must be directly related to the project and will be supported only if performed in Qatar. Invoices for such services must be provided. They should not exceed 20% of the total project budget. - Travel expenses (where travel expenses are not over 5% of total project budget) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchase of market research reports, hiring of consultants for business strategy, sales and marketing - Services required to meet compliance requirements. - Costs incurred for intellectual property protection and related services - Expenses related to office rental, space lease are not supported.