

A fund for UK-registered small charities and not-for-profit organisations involved in international development

About the fund

The Small Charities Challenge Fund (SCCF) is the first fund from the Department for International Development (DFID) tailored to the needs of small, grassroots British charities doing outstanding humanitarian and development work. With their expertise and dedication, these small charities are a crucial part of the UK's offer on international development. An SCCF grant helps them to scale up and increase the reach and effectiveness of the work they already do to help the world's poorest and most marginalised people. Grants of up to £50,000 are available for projects lasting up to two years.

Who can apply?

For an organisation to be eligible for the Small Charities Challenge Fund, it must:

- Be a UK-registered, non-profit organisation, from any sector
- Have an annual income of no more than £250,000.



Photograph: Learning for Life Ghana, a York-based, UK-registered charity

What type of projects will we fund?

Organisations must demonstrate that their work:

- Aims to reach the most vulnerable or marginalised
- Benefits one of the lowest 50 countries on the Human Development Index (HDI)* or countries that DFID considers to have high or moderate fragility. [See eligible countries here.](#)
- Contributes towards the [Global Goals](#)
- Considers DFID's wider strategic objectives
- Supports the goals of UK Aid Direct.

*excluding Syria, Afghanistan and Somalia

How to apply

Applications for funding must be completed and submitted online through the [UK Aid Direct website](#).

Applicants will need to:

- Read the guidance
- Register to apply
- Complete an eligibility assessment
- Complete a full application.



Timings

We accept applications at any time and all applications will be reviewed on a six-monthly basis. The closing date for the next review of proposals is Thursday 28 March.

For further information, email: ukaiddirect@mansiondaniels.com

Assessment

Applications will be assessed on:

- A good understanding and analysis of the need and context
- Strength and relevance of the proposed approach
- Approach to working with other stakeholders
- Proposed results and impact
- Approach to monitoring and evaluation, value for money and sustainability
- Budget and approach to risk.



Photograph: Mbedza Project Support, a Stafford-based, UK-registered charity.

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