



# UK Aid Direct

## About UK Aid Direct

UK Aid Direct is a challenge fund designed to support the UK's commitment to achieving the [Global Goals](#).

Funded by the UK's Department for International Development (DFID), it's main aim is to support small and medium sized, UK and southern-based civil society organisations (CSOs).

## Latest funding round

[Community Partnership](#) and [Impact grants](#) open for concept note applications on 18 May 2020 and close on 30 June 2020. If you are successful at this stage you will then be invited to submit a full application.

Applicants will need to demonstrate how they address any of the Global Goals, whilst considering the longer term impacts of COVID-19.

Applicant organisations must be registered as a not-for-profit organisation in the UK **OR** registered in one of the [lowest 50 countries](#) in the UN Human Development Index (HDI) **OR** in a country considered by DFID to be of [high or moderate fragility](#).

Projects can be set up in one or more project country, made up of the lowest 50 countries in the UN HDI or in one of DFID's priority countries.

All applicants will need to demonstrate how they are working with national level [implementing partners](#) to create and build partnerships that can drive relevant sustainable development results.

Application guidance will be available on the [UK Aid Direct website](#) and a webinar will follow on 28 May. Please [register in advance](#).



Photograph: Community Partnership grant holders [Balloon Ventures Foundation Ltd](#) are creating secure jobs in Kenya by growing micro enterprises into small and medium enterprises.

## In brief

### About Community Partnership grants

- Organisations must have an average annual income of less than £1 million, for the past three years
- Grants up to £250,000 will be available to projects lasting three years or less.

### About Impact grants

- Organisations must have an average income of less than £10 million, for the past three years
- Grants between £250,001 and £4 million will be available to projects lasting between three and five years.

## How to apply

- [Register](#) on the online application portal
- Complete an eligibility assessment
- Read all the guidance
- Submit a concept note via the portal from 18 May.

Organisations that are successful at concept note stage will be asked to submit a full application.

## Other funds

The [Small Charities Challenge Fund](#) (SCCF) is another UK Aid Direct fund. It is designed to support small UK-registered charities and not-for-profit organisations with an annual income of less than £250,000, involved in international development. SCCF is a rolling fund with applications reviewed on a six-monthly basis. The next review date is 24 September 2020.



Photograph: Impact grant holders [TREE AID](#) are working with cashew farmers in Ghana to increase and diversify incomes. Farmers will acquire skills in agriculture and growing and cultivating trees to improve cashew production.

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