

FINNISH FUND FOR LOCAL COOPERATION GUIDELINES (FLC) 2022 - 2024

The Fund for Local Cooperation (FLC) is a development cooperation instrument managed by the Embassy of Finland in Nairobi. The FLC administration follows the key principles set out in Finland's Development Policy. The FLC processes are guided by a human rights based approach abiding by principles of universality, equality, non-discrimination, participation and inclusion, accountability and transparency. In addition, FLC administration apply the principle of results based management that shifts the attention from inputs, activities and processes to desired results – from what has been done to what change has been accomplished.

The FLC plays a complementary role to Finland's bilateral development co-operation programme in Kenya, with the aim of advancing the empowerment of women and youth. The FLC is further used to achieve the goals of Finland' broader country strategy for Kenya by seeking partnerships in areas of peace and stability including Youth, Peace and Security. The FLC instrument adds value to the Kenya portfolio and creates opportunities to maintain partnerships with civil society organizations (CSOs), which enriches the political and policy dialogue.

Objectives of the Fund

The objective of the fund is to support Finland's development objectives as per the bilateral development cooperation Country Programme, but also the broader Country Strategy for Kenya.

The 2022 – 2024 FLC Programme is therefore streamlined to support targeted projects by CSOs which are complementary to Finland's other activities as per the Country Programme and Country Strategy in the following three areas:

- Realization of Women's and Girls' Rights – Enhancing equity in decision-making in particular at county and ward level, Women's participation in Peace and Security or localization of the National Action Plan on Women Peace and Security
- Promotion of employment and participation in Peace and Security processes for young people – Improving the employability of young TVET graduates; improving media literacy skills for young people to understand how to verify sources of information, to identify misinformation and recognize fake news; and increasing participation of young people in peace building and national cohesion efforts.
- Citizen participation and oversight for accountable governance – strengthening citizen engagement for the benefit of marginalized and vulnerable groups, increase citizen voice in decisions on public resources allocation and implementation and public policy planning and execution

The fund available is specifically for improving media literacy skills for young people to understand how to verify sources of information, to identify misinformation and recognize fake news. Funds for the other focus areas is already fully committed.

Eligible Actors

The fund supports initiatives of local Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations/ Foundations, Community Based Organizations (CBO) or non-profit private entities registered in Kenya. The support is intended for project based support only. FLC is not meant for core funding. The organizations must abide by the relevant local legislations.

The funding can also be granted to a company with a **not-for-profit project**. An example of such an activity would be a corporate social responsibility project not directly linked to the core business of the company, such as vocational training for the benefit of broader community.

Selected project will receive a grant between Euros 50 000 – 100 000. The implementation period is one year.

How to Apply

The FLC application is open throughout the year. All prospective applicants must submit a **full project proposal** (information on the applicant, information on the proposed project) **including project's results framework and detailed budget**.

Proposal assessment criteria;

- Applicant is a FLC eligible organization

- Application includes a project plan with a budget and a results framework. The expected results of the project (outputs, outcomes and impact) are concrete and realistic.
- Alignment with Finland's development policy and the above mentioned priority areas
- Clearly defined project outputs and targeted outcomes supported by adequate indicators and baseline data
- Clear description of risks that could have the greatest impact and management plan
- Realistically planned project activities that contribute to the desired outputs
- Budget supports the achievement of the expected project's outputs, is clear, detailed, and includes all relevant items (unit costs included; salary costs detailed; breakdown of costs per year if the project is covering two calendar years; audit costs).
- Description of the approach: methods to be used, how different social groups and interests would be taken into consideration and sustainability plan
- Previous documented experience and management capabilities of the applicant in the same sector/theme
- Project applies Human Rights Based Approach and takes Cross-Cutting Objectives into consideration
- Adhere to Result Based Management and have a clear Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning plan
- The applicant must have sound financial record, as well as sufficient human resources for the implementation of the project

Attachment 1: Summary table of total financing for the project

(Amount/currency)

Financing requested from the Embassy of Finland

Financing requested from other sources

Funds already available from other sources

Contribution of the organization

Contribution of the target group

To keep the administrative costs low and to build ownership, the partner organizations' overhead costs are not to exceed 8 % (cost to their human resources, office space, equipment and facilities for the project activities). The organizations' own contribution should be clearly stated in the project proposal. The budget should be presented in Kenyan shillings.

Attachment 2: Results framework table

FLC Funding cannot be granted:

- To government ministries or counties
- To unregistered association or organization
- To support the activities of a political party
- For basic research
- For single cultural events
- For charity
- For humanitarian aid
- For scholarship or assistance for applicant's personal use
- For purchasing land
- To a fund
- Finnish beneficiaries

Further information can be requested from:

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