

ICT for SOCIAL GOOD

EMPOWERING PEOPLE THROUGH TECH

GUIDELINES

“ICT for Social Good” is part of a broader framework, “Innovation for Development”, a large feasibility study on innovation within the international development sector promoted by three Italian foundations: Fondazione Cariplo and Compagnia di San Paolo, in collaboration with Fondazione Mission Bambini. By means of current practices, readily-available tools and the ongoing change in the international cooperation sector – the aim is to investigate the digital innovation, not only related to development sector, but also to promote the development of innovative experiments and models.

The Grant “ICT for Social Good” for the local innovators in the developing countries, promoted by this call, is based on the idea that innovation means (re)discover, know and value what already exist locally in terms of innovative approach to the local problems. Therefore, the objectives of the grant are:

- Sustain local innovators in countries from Global South
- Promote examples and stories of local innovation in order to sensitize the operators of the development sector, too often focused on old intervention systems
- Focus on the impact of ICTs and their tools can have for more efficient, open and cheaper solution design and intervention
- Identify, value and award not only the most innovative technologies, not even the prototypes, but realities that can already prove their impact locally thanks to the digital technologies already applied.
- Promote and encourage partnerships between Global South and Global North. We believe that a collaboration between organisations based in different geographical contexts represents an added value that can entail better results due to its cultural exchange

ELIGIBILITY OF THE APPLICANTS

The requirements of the candidates are:

- To be a Non-profit organization or social venture/enterprise that is led by a social purpose and tackle social issues
- To be an association, cooperative, NGO, individual enterprise, consortium at least since 6 months
- To have the endorsement - a statement that assesses the good work made by the candidate - of an authority that can be either internationally (UN agency, development agency, international NGO, etc.) or locally recognised (University, research centre, government, regional institution, etc.).

Each candidate can submit a maximum of two projects South-North partnerships are welcome.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

The projects, based on the use of ICTs, have to fulfill the following requirements:

- Be focused on one or more of the following themes: food security and food sovereignty, water and sanitation, health, education, human rights and activism, inclusive and sustainable development
- Be realised in one or more of the following countries:
 - All the African countries
 - South and Central America
 - Balkans: Albania, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro
 - Asia: India, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Myanmar, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia
- Be active from at least 6 month
- Be able to prove the impact by means of reliable data and documents

EVALUATION CRITERIA OF THE PROJECTS

High qualified and international experts from the ICTs sector will evaluate the projects according to the following criteria:

- Curriculum and previous experiences in the sector of the proponent organisation
- Coherence and efficiency of the solutions with respect to the social problems that is supposed to be tackled
- Number of beneficiaries reached with respect to the project's value and potential beneficiaries
- Social impact achieved during the project's activities
- Show which tools the candidate has in order to collect data and obtain validity
- Clarity and certainty on the grant's use
- Economic, social and environmental sustainability

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

All the documents required above have to be submitted. The applicants have to fulfil this form through the following [link](#).

Deadline of the project's submission: 30th April 12.00 noon CET

The project can be presented in Italian, English, French and Spanish.

THE GRANT

The winner will receive a 12.000€ grant. An official ceremony will be hosted in Italy during the final event of the Innovation for Development framework. Italian entrepreneurial and research realities will be present in order to know the project and, possibly, sustain it.

Fondazione Mission Bambini will offer a special grant named "ICT 4 Children" equals to 10.000€. The grant will be assigned to the project more aligned with the Foundation's mission and focused on children.

SELECTION PROCESS

Six stages:

1. Application call: February - April 2017
2. Analysis of formal eligibility of the proponent organisations and the admission criteria of the projects: May 2017.
3. Pre-evaluation of the coherence of the concept notes and possible follow-up analysis by call or mail: June 2017
4. Valuation of a short-listed projects by the Experts Commission based on the criteria mentioned above :July - August 2017
5. Final notice of the winner: September 2017
6. Award Ceremony: October 2017

COMMISSION OF EXPERTS

The Commission will consist of Italian and international experts specialised in the ICT, development and social innovation sectors. It will be in charge of rectifying the guidelines, set up the evaluation criteria and select the winners.

PROMOTORS

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