



SADC CHALLENGE FUND TO SUPPORT CAPACITY BUILDING OF WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

- Question: Are regional NGOs allowed to apply?
Answer: **Yes, regional NGOs are eligible to apply.**
- Question: Are women owned profit making companies who support women entrepreneurs eligible to apply?
Answer: **Only 'not for profit' organizations are eligible to apply.**
- Question: How much should I include in the budget?
Answer: **Total budget is based on total project costs and the maximum subsidy amount per project is EUR 20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Euros Only).**
- Question: What is the minimum and maximum subsidy an applicant can apply for?
Answer: **There is no stipulated minimum subsidy amount and the maximum value per subsidy is up to EUR 20,000.**
- Question: Can an organization apply for more than one subsidy for different projects?
Answer: **No, an applicant is eligible to receive one subsidy only.**
- Question: Can you apply for the subsidy if you are not a 'non-profit-organization'?
Answer: **No, the Challenge Fund only targets not-for-profit organisations (NPOs).**
- Question: How do we prepare the budget if we do not have a budget template?
Answer: **Please provide your own budget framework based on the guidance provided in the Description and Terms on the use of funds. It does not need to be detailed, as it is indicative. Please provide the total amount of funds requested and reflect the currency used.**
- Question: What activities should be included in the budget template or what activities are considered eligible?
Answer: **Please refer to the Description and Terms found on the SADC web site for an indication of the activities that can be supported. You have flexibility to go beyond the indicated activities, if these activities empower women**



entrepreneurs working within the seven SADC regional value chains provided in the questionnaire.

9. Question: Can an applicant budget for infrastructure development related to capacity building?
Answer: **No, the subsidy cannot be used for infrastructure development.**
10. Question: Is there consideration for eligibility if registration certificate is less than two years old while the applicant can prove they started working to capacitate women entrepreneurs more than two years ago?
Answer: **No, both the registration certificate and the organisation's operations must be at least two years old. Please provide the necessary documentation as proof.**
11. Question: If national laws require NPOs to be registered under Registry of Society, where there is no 'tax identification number', is an applicant automatically disqualified?
Answer: **If you are registered as an NPO in a SADC Member State that exempts you from tax, you will need to provide proof of that exemption in your application.**
12. Question: Can an applicant add costs towards personnel time dedicated to the project?
Answer: **Personnel costs (e.g. salary subsidies) directly linked to the implementation of the subsidised project may be funded where there is a need.**
13. Question: Is there any specific time period within which the project activities should be implemented?
Answer: **Yes, up to a maximum of 12 months.**
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