

The New Zealand High Commission Fund



PURPOSE OF THE FUND

The New Zealand High Commission Fund (HEF) supports small scale, short-term community projects that contribute to wider community well-being. The projects must be in line with the purpose of Aotearoa New Zealand's International Development Cooperation programme which is to develop shared prosperity and stability.

PRIORITY OUTCOME AREAS

To apply for this funding round, your application should focus on one of these three outcome areas:

- Women's empowerment, including the elimination of gender based violence
- Youth empowerment and economic development
- Climate adaptation and resilience

ELIGIBILITY

To access the HEF you must meet the following criteria:

1. Your organisation must be a registered non-governmental organisation (NGOs), school, local government agency, local small business association and women or marginalised peoples' and entrepreneurship groups with a focus on community development from one of the following countries: Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
2. Funding can be requested up to a maximum of NZ\$50,000 (or local currency equivalent) for a single project.
3. The recommended length of an individual project is one year. However, longer-term projects (up to 3 years) will also be considered for funding.

WHAT WILL NOT BE FUNDED

The following projects are **not** eligible for support through the HEF:

- Political, religious and/or evangelical activities. *Please note that faith-based groups can apply for funding where the proposed project is consistent with the HEF's purpose.*
- Site visits
- Construction projects
- Unsolicited donations
- Individual student scholarships
- International airfares/overseas conference attendance

- On-going (recurrent) funding of recipients' operational/organisational costs such as wages and salaries, office items and communications

DEVELOPING YOUR APPLICATION

We particularly welcome project applications that deliver impact through one or more of the following areas:

- provide skills and resources to improve livelihoods
- involve and benefit as many people as possible
- promote the advancement and participation of women
- sustainable development
- strengthen capacity and/or resilience
- create jobs
- meet the needs of the most marginalised and vulnerable members of the community
- target rural areas or other areas with poor services and infrastructure
- consider environmental and conservation concerns

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

There is always high demand for HEF funding, so we encourage you to ensure that:

- You have read the criteria thoroughly before developing your application, as shortlisting will only consider projects that align with the HEF's priorities and criteria
- Your application is completed fully, as incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Your application is on the NZHC HEF application form.
- You submit your application before the closing date.

Given the high volume of applications that the NZHC receives, only the applicants that make it through the assessment phase will be notified. We expect to be in a position to give feedback to successful applications in early February 2025.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications for the HEF 2024/2025 round will open from **11 November 2024**.

Applications will close on **6 December 2024**. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

All applications and enquiries should be sent to the HEF mailbox at: PRE-HEF@mfat.govt.nz