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Cynllun Grantiau Cymru ac Affrica Llywodraeth Cymru



Welsh Government's Wales and Africa Grant Scheme

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# WALES AND AFRICA COVID ADAPTATION ROUND 2020-21

## Context

The ongoing global effects on the COVID-19 outbreak are being felt differently worldwide. As Wales' flagship grant programme for the Wales and Africa initiative, the Wales and Africa Small Grants Scheme will fund groups to work with their African Partners to adopt new ways of working as a partnership and to alleviate impacts currently being experienced by African partners.

This funding is not for "business as usual" projects. This is an additional round of funding for 2020-21. The next round of Wales Africa funding will be in the Spring of 2021.

This grant round has been designed for the circumstances we find ourselves operating in, the application form has been simplified and if there are any clarifications required, you will be contacted.

## Grants Available

Grant are available from £3,000 up to £15,000. If you have a request which falls outside of this grant range, please speak to a team member before completing your request for funding. You can contact WCVA at [walesafricagrants@wcva.cymru](mailto:walesafricagrants@wcva.cymru).

There is **£100,000** available for this COVID-19 response grant round.

Projects delivered in partnership between Welsh groups (with African partners) are welcomed. Any partnership or collaborative application should be submitted by one lead partner, who, if successful will manage the project and hold the grant agreement with WCVA.

### Timescale & Process for awards

Grant allocations should be spent by January 2022, although it is anticipated that most of the grant allocations will be for immediate activity.

### Process for awards

Stage	Date	Detail
Open for requests	02 February 2021	The process for funding requests is live on the WCVA website. All requests to be made on the downloadable application form and returned to walesafricagrants@wcva.cymru
Requests checked for eligibility	Ongoing from submission	Requests for funding will be reviewed by the WCVA Grant Funds Team and sent as soon as identified as eligible to the Welsh Government Panel for their consideration. If there are points for clarification, WCVA will contact you, this may delay the decision making on your request.
Panel meeting	16 February 2021	Formal approval of those requests which will be funded
Applicants informed	18 February 2021	Grant Offer letters sent to successful requests
Grant payments processed	24 February 2021	Grant payments processed by WCVA Finance Team for payment into group's accounts 3-5 working days later
<b>Cycle Repeats until the funding allocation has been met</b>		

This cycle will continue until the funding allocation has been met. There are no deadlines, applications will be awarded by the panel on a weekly basis. As previously stated, there is £100,000 available for award in this round and it is anticipated that there will be a high level of demand.

Groups are encouraged to submit their requests for funding as soon as possible. If, after submission, any further clarification of your request is required, the WCVA or Welsh Government team will be in touch.

It must be emphasised that this is a grant funding round in response to a global crisis, requests for funding will need to strongly demonstrate how they will help the partnership adapt to delivering in new ways and build resilience to help ensure activity will continue. The panel will formally award grants once a week. All panel decisions are final and cannot be appealed. If your request is not determined to demonstrate a strong impact in response to an urgent situation, it may be put on hold by the panel to consider at a later date. Once the funding allocation has been met, all applicants will be notified.

**POINTS TO NOTE BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR REQUEST FOR FUNDING:**

- No international travel will be funded
- Requests which are deemed to be responding to the most vital needs in an urgent manner will be prioritised
- No Climate Change or Environment activities will be funded without clear short-term impact on livelihoods
- Activities should be conducted with an existing African Partner. No new partnerships will be funded
- Activities should be based on a clear need identified with an African Partner
- Groups are aware of, and following, local Covid-19 prevention advice
- Activities have a clear way of measuring and recording the impact they will have
- Activities should aim to address gender, disability, and social inclusion – where possible this should be described in the purpose of request
- Activities must do no harm. They should avoid face to face communication by using mobile and SMS where possible
- No funds will be paid into an individual's bank account – along with your request for funding, proof of account in the group's name should be submitted
- The governing document of your group or organisation should also be submitted with your request for funding

## **GRANT AIMS FOR THE COVID ADAPTATION ROUND OF THE WALES AFRICA GRANT SCHEME**

- ASSIST AFRICAN PARTNERS IN ADAPTATION TO THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19**
- ENCOURAGE STRINGENT HEALTH & SAFETY PRACTICES**
- DIGITAL ADAPTATION TO PARTNERSHIP WORKING**
- MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOLLOWING THEMES OF THE WALES AFRICA GRANTS SCHEME**
  - Health
  - Sustainable Livelihoods
  - Lifelong Learning

The following are some examples of the activities that may be undertaken in immediate response to COVID-19 in your African partner's nation. These are examples of the types of activities in immediate response to COVID-19:

### **COMBATTING THE SPREAD OF COVID 19**

Community engagement and awareness raising

Activities may include:

- Raising awareness of the COVID-19 pandemic, viral symptoms, the importance of handwashing and social distancing
- Combating misinformation about virus transmission, prevention and treatment methods
- Raising awareness of how and when to contact essential health and emergency services
- Housing families to support quarantine and social isolation efforts

Public Health England has published resources for a COVID-19 awareness campaign [here](#).

The WHO has technical guidance on risk communication and community engagement [here](#). Applicants may want to find relevant national resources in targeted formats and languages for various population groups.

## **HEALTH**

Health system support

Activities may include:

- Supporting testing, contact tracing and monitoring and quarantine efforts
- Clinical intervention to support case management
- Maintaining essential health services including redistributing health resources and optimizing service delivery and referrals
- Building and expanding essential health infrastructure including building or repurposing existing infrastructure for new hospitals or crisis hubs and procuring medical infrastructure
- Procuring essential medicines and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The WHO has a technical guide to critical preparedness, readiness and response actions for COVID-19 depending on pandemic stage [here](#).

## **MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT**

Activities may include:

- Supporting mental health and psychosocial wellbeing efforts for the general population
- Combating social stigmatisation of individuals infected by COVID-19
- Supporting grief management efforts for individuals who have lost loved ones
- Supporting trauma and fatigue for healthcare workers treating COVID-19 patients

Continuing essential mental health support for individuals with urgent mental health conditions and/or neurological complaints. The WHO has released a brief guide to mental health and psychosocial considerations during the COVID-19 outbreak [here](#).

## **WASH (including handwashing related activities)**

Activities may include:

- Setting up hand-washing stations and distributing hygiene products in areas with limited access to running water
- Raising awareness of good hand-washing and broader sanitation and hygiene practices
- Setting up access to running water in homes and shelters
- Supporting waste management efforts including sanitation of common use latrines and plumbing.

The WHO has published a technical brief on water, sanitation, hygiene and waste management for the COVID-19 virus [here](#).

## **NUTRITION AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS**

Food distribution and nutrition support

Activities may include:

- Supporting food production and supply chains
- Essential food distribution and food security management
- Raising awareness of breastfeeding advice during the COVID-19 outbreak
- Nutrition support for school-aged children who were previously receiving school meals
- Fairtrade activities

Supporting management of malnutrition issues and healthy diets during periods of social distancing, lockdown and quarantine. The United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN) has published a resource list on food systems and nutrition responses [here](#).

## **INCOME SUPPORT**

Activities may include:

- Upskilling and retraining workers to find alternative sources of income
- Supporting individuals to plan for income loss and manage available savings
- Supporting business owners to adapt their business to online or remote working
- Helping individuals navigate access to business relief funding and other forms of support where available. Broader guidance on approaches to community-based savings groups during COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

## **LIFELONG LEARNING**

Activities may include:

- Supporting home-based or distance learning

[This](#) resource on programme design principles for distance learning may be useful.

## SAFEGUARDING

- Requirement for strengthened Safeguarding practice by including identified, trained Safeguarding Focal Points within each grant recipient as a condition of grant approval
- The conditions for accepting a small grant under the scheme has been amended to include a requirement that each agency or group in receipt of a grant needs to:
- Demonstrate that they have an approved Safeguarding Policy (please send with application)
- All representatives within the grant recipient are aware of and have had induction/training in the policy and its requirements
- Designate a representative as the Safeguarding Focal Point responsible for receiving safeguarding concerns, reporting onwards under the agreed procedure, liaising with WCVA and responding appropriately to concerns. This designated person will be required to undertake mandatory safeguarding online training with WCVA

The duties of that person are outlined in a Terms of Reference which will be sent with grant offer letter, if bid is approved.

In summary, that person is responsible for:

- Receiving and recording reports of Safeguarding concern
- Reporting that concern to the appropriate officer of WCVA
- Liaising with WCVA on the basis of WCVA criteria to ensure appropriate response and follow up
  
- The safeguarding focal point is required to have undertaken Safeguarding Training which includes:
  - an explanation of the risks and indicators of safeguarding concerns
  - an explanation of the criteria of a reportable Safeguarding concern
  - an explanation of the considerations and procedure involved in making a report
  - an explanation of the criteria and process to be applied by the grant recipient and WCVA in responding to a reported safeguarding concern

## **FURTHER SOURCES OF SUPPORT**

For general queries on the request process please email [walesafricagrants@wcva.cymru](mailto:walesafricagrants@wcva.cymru) or call 0300 111 0124

For support on the development of your request please contact [enquiries@hubcymruafrica.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hubcymruafrica.org.uk)