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Welsh Government's Wales and Africa Grant Scheme

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# WALES AND AFRICA COVID ADAPTATION LARGE GRANTS 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 Grants Scheme has secured additional funding for award in 2020-21. There is £250,000 available to fund registered charities/Charitable Incorporated Organisations with an annual income of £100,000 or over, to work with their African Partners to adopt new ways of working as a partnership in adaptation to the impacts of COVID in the longer term, the grants will also fund the Welsh partner organisation to build the capacity and resilience of their organisation.

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 small grants funding will be in the Spring of 2021.

## Grants Available

Grant are available from £75,000 up to £125,000. Applications outside of this range will not be considered by the panel.

There is **£250,000** available for this COVID-19 response grant round.

## Timescale & Process for awards

### Process for awards

Stage	Date	Detail
Open for requests	04 March 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 <a href="mailto:walesafricagrants@wcva.cymru">walesafricagrants@wcva.cymru</a>
Deadline for submissions	11 March	Applications should be submitted by this date.
Panel meeting	18 March 2021	Formal approval of those requests which will be funded
Applicants informed	25 March 2021	Grant Offer letters sent to successful requests

Project end dates should be no later than March 31 2022, final project reporting may be submitted after this date.

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 activity must also deliver an element of capacity building for the Welsh organisation. The panel will formally award grants once a week. All panel decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

**The following three must apply to your organisation to apply for to this funding round:**

- **Be a registered UK Charity or Charitable Incorporated Organisation with an income of £100,000 or over (this can be averaged over the past three years)**
- **Have received a grant from the Welsh Government's Wales Africa Grants Scheme in the past five years**
- **Have a well-established partnership with an African organisation, demonstrable through the request for funding**

## **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
- Activities should be conducted with an existing African Partner. Only organisations that have successfully delivered Welsh Government Wales Africa funded activity may apply
- Formal partnership Agreements should be in place with African partners, this should be submitted alongside your application
- 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
- All applicants should be able to demonstrate how the impact of the activity will be monitored and evaluated. Evaluation costs should be built into your budget

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

- ADAPTATION FOR THE LONG TERM TO PARTNERSHIP WORKING, INCLUDING CAPACITY BUILDING OF THE WELSH PARTNER**
- MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOLLOWING THEMES OF THE WALES AFRICA GRANTS SCHEME**
  - Health
  - Sustainable Livelihoods
  - Lifelong Learning include:

- ASSIST AFRICAN PARTNERS IN ADAPTATION TO THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19**
- ENCOURAGE STRINGENT HEALTH & SAFETY PRACTICES**

The following are some examples of the activities that may be undertaken in response to COVID-19 and your partnership working. These are examples of the types of activities in response to COVID-19, the scale of the activity should be proportionate to level of funding request.

### **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 leads 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:
- Demonstration of 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 Lead 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 the grant offer letter For successful applicants.

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 lead 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)