

Call for Partners

Implementing Partner

Project Title:	IKI Medium Grant
Implementing Organization:	Yunus Environment Hub Philanthropy gGmbH
Location:	Kenya
Project Duration:	2 years of program implementation (2023-2025)

1. Background

With the **International Climate Initiative (IKI)**, Germany is fulfilling part of its financial obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement (COP - adopted by the "Act on the Paris Agreement of Paris Agreement of December 12, 2015" of September 28, 2016) and from the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

To achieve the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5° Celsius, all countries in the world must undergo a transformation to CO₂-neutral societies. However, developing countries need massive support from industrialized countries, because they will not be able to provide the necessary financial necessary know-how in the required timeframe on their own. Therefore, IKI provides targeted support for developing and newly industrializing countries to make the transformation to a CO₂-neutral economy and, in particular, to achieve the nationally defined climate Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) anchored in the Paris Agreement and further develop them in an ambitious manner.

The IKI is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Protection (BMWK) in close cooperation with the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) and the Federal Foreign Office (AA).

The **IKI Medium Grants program** supports civil society organizations based in Germany at the time of the project approval, which work together with partner organizations from ODA-eligible implementing countries to strengthen the North-South cooperation for climate change mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity conservation

The IKI Medium Grants are aimed at civil society actors who, at the time of the award, must be able to prove the existence of a permanent establishment, a branch office or another **establishment in Germany (implementing organization)**. Together with **local partners in selected ODA-eligible implementing countries (implementing partners)**, the aim is to strengthen North-South cooperation for climate protection, adaptation to climate change and biodiversity conservation.

2. Implementing Organization

Yunus Environment Hub (YEH) is the global social business network that creates solutions for

the environmental crisis. Co-founded by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Prof. Muhammad Yunus, YEH's vision is to create A World of Three Zeros: Zero Poverty, Zero Unemployment and Zero Net Carbon Emissions. To achieve this vision, we support, design, and implement social business solutions related to any aspect of the current global environmental crisis. A social business is a mission-driven business that is entirely dedicated to solving social or environmental problems. Specifically created for this purpose, a social business generates profits and aims to be financially self-sustaining. 100% of a social business company's profits are reinvested into its declared social mission. More information can be found on www.yunusenvironmenthub.com.

3. Objective of the program

The objectives of the IKI Medium Grants are to **test innovative bottom-up approaches** to fulfilling the Paris Agreement and CBD, which can be taken up by other non-governmental actors, **to strengthen capacities** (of implementing organizations and partners as well as other civil society actors in partner countries as knowledge carriers and implementation partners in the climate field) as well as the **global networking of civil society between the North and South**. The Federal Government will award grants intended to:

- accelerate Net Zero climate pathways by promoting local climate protection measures by and for young people

The projects funded to accelerate Net Zero climate pathways by promoting local climate protection measures by and for young people **address specific obstacles to young people as innovators, knowledge carriers and decision-makers of tomorrow**, and support the decision makers of tomorrow and accompany them on their way to a CO₂-neutral society. They **offer young people a framework for participation, for trying out new approaches, for knowledge transfer and expansion as well as international networking between North and South**.

The participation of young people is a central element in the generation-appropriate design and inclusive implementation of national climate goals. They are already particularly affected by climate change and at the same time hold great potential for climate protection as innovators and knowledge and decision-makers of tomorrow. Promoting social change in the direction of climate neutrality therefore requires activation formats and educational opportunities for young people.

The funding priority is aimed **at project ideas with the goal of imparting knowledge, awareness and networking of young people between the ages of 14 and 24 about climate protection**. Girls and boys are to be promoted equally. In addition, the planning and piloting of local initiatives and measures by the young people themselves or together with them. The content of the project ideas should relate to at least one mitigation sector, i.e., the energy sector or a sector whose relevance is of primary relevance from the largest emission sources and local conditions.

The project design and implementation should be carried out with the participation of and in close cooperation with youth representatives, centres, and organizations. If possible, especially groups of and for girls and young women and groups that contribute to the promotion of gender equality in the context of the implementation of the funding priority

4. Implementing Partner

Required expertise and profile

- Organization is located and registered in Kenya
- Established under non-profit purposes
- Eligible to receive a grant from Germany
- Min. 3 years of experience working with youth target groups designing educational and skills building programs
- Min. 3 years of experience in developing knowledge material for climate protection training
- Exceptional network and outreach capabilities in Kenya
- Experience in program management implementing external funded programs with multiple stakeholders
- Diligent reporting practices
- Capacity to deliver programs in English fluently

5. Timeline & Scope of Collaboration

The implementing partner is expected to closely collaborate with Yunus Environment Hub in the development of the concept note dedicating the required time (at least one hour per week during November) to build a competitive proposal at their own cost.

The deadline to submit a proposal is **December 13th, 2022**. The selection process consists of two stages:

- 1) Interested parties submit a meaningful project outline (ideas competition)
- 2) If selected after a multi-stage review, there would be a request to submit a formal funding application

A project **starting date can be expected from the 4th quarter of 2023** at the earliest.

5.1. Concept note

The project concept serves as a detailed description of the country selection and the initial situation on site, the envisaged project planning and impact logic, the formulation of the target groups, the presentation of target groups, the presentation of measures for the promotion of gender equality and the discrimination, the identification of possible project risks and an explanation of how the project results will be the continuation of the project results (exit strategy).

5.2. Timeline

The implementing partner is expected to assign a designated person to co-develop the proposal with availability at least 2 hours per week during November.

Deadline	Milestone
October	Selection of partner and agreement on a work plan to develop concept note
November	Co-development of concept note
December (1 st to 13 th)	Final revisions and submission of proposal

6. Funding

A grant amount of between EUR 300,000 and a maximum of EUR 800,000 may be awarded per project. The work on projects in the funding program should be completed within a period of 24 to a maximum of 36 months. Follow-up funding is not provided.

Funding is generally provided as share funding. The grant recipients must contribute appropriately to the financing of the purpose to be supported, taking into account their financial strength. The appropriate use of own funds can only be decided on a case-by-case basis. There is no fixed minimum amount for own contribution. Overall, it must be demonstrated that project funding can be secured on the basis of the planned subsidies, own funds and, if applicable, other third-party funds. It must also be confirmed that the project activities are not already supported by financial assistance from a public body in the Federal Republic of Germany.

7. Application

Interested potential partners are requested to submit a brochure or presentation of the organization including mission, vision, strategy, programmatic objectives or pillars, and relevant references (at least 3 project references in training & capacity building for youth and climate protection) to tenders@yunuseh.com by 1st November 2022.