

### **Information on approval as an implementing organisation in the South-North component**

Besides the general prerequisites for approval as a weltwärts implementing organisation, a number of criteria have to be met by organisations wishing to participate specifically in the South-North component.

Applications must hence be accompanied by a detailed written pedagogical concept that covers the aspects shown below.

In evaluating applications for approval as a weltwärts implementing organisation in the South-North component, particular emphasis is given to the implementation of the criteria stipulated in the South-North concept in regard to partner organisations, places of assignment and volunteers, as well as to the fulfilment of the formal prerequisites. Special attention is paid to the degree of development orientation of the volunteer service.

The applications are processed according to a thematic evaluation system. The individual thematic sections contain test questions and are weighted differently depending on the requirements placed on a development-oriented volunteer service as opposed to other incoming programmes.

#### Evaluation

A maximum of 176 points can be awarded. Applicants must be awarded at least 110 points to participate in the South-North component. In addition, they must be awarded at least 25 per cent of the maximum points possible in each thematic section to ensure that adequate consideration has been given to the individual thematic blocks.

Provided an applicant succeeds in gaining the minimum required number of points, the number of approved placements is determined according to the total number of points awarded. An exception applies to organisations whose applications gained more than 110 but fewer than 130 points. They may accept a maximum of four volunteers. These organisations will be given detailed feedback on their concept, allowing them to improve it in preparation for the next cycle and hence increase the number of volunteers they can accept.

The thematic evaluation system is described on the next page.

## Evaluation system for approval as an implementing organisation in the South-North component

### General prerequisites

This section serves to evaluate whether the organisation meets the following prerequisites:

- Does the sending partner organisation (sending organisation) have fixed contact persons for the volunteers?
- Is there a fixed contact person in the place of assignment to supervise the volunteers?
- Are language courses offered in the country of origin as well as German courses for volunteers once in Germany?
- Does the host organisation have fixed contact persons for the volunteers?
- Do the volunteers have a mentor who does not work at their place of assignment?
- Are 25 seminar days (including the seminar on civic education) foreseen?

### Thematic section: Host organisations (15 points)

This section primarily serves to verify the capacity of the applicant to run their programme. Here, the evaluation focuses on, inter alia, the applicant's personnel and financial resources and prior experience in working with incoming or domestic voluntary schemes. To avoid putting organisations that are very small or have little experience with incoming or domestic voluntary schemes at too much of a disadvantage, this thematic section is only moderately weighted.

### Thematic section: Places of assignment (30 points)

The selection and preparation of suitable places of assignment are instrumental in ensuring the assignment is a success and the volunteers are satisfied. The concept should detail the (intended) selection and preparation process as well as the support given to the places of assignment, along with any organisation-specific criteria to be met by the places of assignment. In this regard, the concept should reflect the character of a development volunteer service. The preliminary selection of places of assignment reflects how the host organisation(s) in question plan to implement the respective concept(s).

### Thematic section: Partner organisations (40 points)

The South-North component is designed to help strengthen and expand partnerships and ensure that the partners' perspective is taken into broad account. For this reason, cooperation with partner organisations is heavily weighted.

Consideration is given here to the involvement of partner organisations in the programme component. Can partner organisations provide input when designing the concept of the South-North component? Does the concept reflect the partner organisations' perspective? Do the partner organisations take responsibility for executing the tasks set out in the concept, or is it evident that the host organisation assists them in gradually taking on more responsibility?

### Thematic section: Specific and pedagogical support (65 points)

The development character of the volunteer assignment can be ensured in particular by the provision of specific and pedagogical support. This explains the heavy weighting of this thematic section (65 points). All aspects relating to the design of the seminars in Germany and the preparatory and returnee seminars in the countries of origin are evaluated. The selection and application process, too, is examined. Finally, the extent to which volunteers can interact with each other and whether they can be integrated in local social structures is verified, along with any options to continue to contribute upon their return.

### Thematic section: Development context (26 points)

This section examines aspects that are not explicitly tied to the assignments themselves. Instead, consideration is given to whether the assignment is part of a wider development context and whether the assignment is designed to contribute towards the overarching objectives of the South-North component. The maximum achievable number of points is 26.

