

Outline document on the funding of accompanying measures as part of the weltwärts programme

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1. Accompanying measures for the programme – background and objectives

Accompanying measures are intended to improve the quality of the weltwärts programme and to promote partnership-based cooperation between the organisations actively involved in the weltwärts programme in Germany and their civil society partners in the weltwärts partner countries. In particular, they include measures to promote networking and collaboration between and training of the active weltwärts stakeholders in the area of education and mentoring for volunteers in the North-South and South-North programme components. A further aim is to encourage the target group of the weltwärts programme to participate in all its diversity.

2. Funding priorities

Applications can be submitted for the following thematic priorities in particular:

- (1) Training for mentors and representatives of sending/host organisations and places of assignment on education and mentoring for volunteers on the weltwärts programme (this does not include further vocational training)
- (2) Collaboration and networking both among the weltwärts stakeholders in Germany and among those in the partner country, particularly with the aim of strengthening dialogue and the spirit of partnership between the sending/host and/or partner organisations and their places of assignment
- (3) Improvement of the quality of the two programme components, North-South and South-North (e.g. with regard to volunteer preparation)
- (4) Promotion of measures to increase the focus on inclusion and diversity in the weltwärts programme. In particular, this includes measures that work towards equal participation and reaching the target group within the weltwärts programme in all its diversity, towards identifying and dismantling structural and institutional barriers, and increasing skills in the area of inclusion and diversity within the weltwärts programme.
- (5) The promotion of projects by and for former volunteers from the Global South for the purpose of boosting engagement in connection with development policy after their return.

3. Funding criteria

The eligibility of the measures is assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- Needs-oriented: Named weltwärts stakeholders, such as partner organisations and places of assignment, are demonstrably involved in the development of the idea and the implementation and have confirmed their need for the measure.
- Target-group-oriented: The measure is targeted at weltwärts stakeholders such as programme coordinators in the sending or host organisations,

- managers of places of assignment,
 - persons responsible for supervising the volunteers' work,
 - volunteers' mentors,
 - team members who deliver seminars for the volunteers on the programme and
 - former volunteers from the Global South after their return.
- **Effective:** The measure is a suitable means of achieving the objectives of the funding priority areas.
- **Efficient:** The cost and effort involved in achieving the intended results/objectives are reasonable. The funding applied for is proportionate to the number of weltwärts volunteers who are directly or indirectly reached by the measure.
- **Long-term:** The measure has a relevant impact in terms of the aims of the programme beyond the end of the funding period. The application describes how the results are to be incorporated into future activities and made available to other organisations.
- **Relevant in terms of development policy:** The measure helps achieve the development goals of the weltwärts programme, particularly in the context of Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

4. Submission of applications

- All organisations actively involved in the weltwärts programme, plus any alliances they form (e.g. consortia or associations), and all associations of returnee volunteers that have been recognised as being not for profit are eligible to apply, provided they are based in Germany.
- In keeping with the aim of promoting networking in Germany and the partner country, applications submitted in cooperation with other weltwärts stakeholders are very much welcome.
- The application deadlines are 1 January and 1 June each year.
- A maximum of two revision cycles is provided for between submission of the application and approval. Applicants are recommended to seek advice from Engagement Global (weltwärts coordination unit) to improve the chance of their application being successful.

5. Funding volume and period

- The amount of funding per applicant is a maximum of 50,000 euros per application cycle.
- Applicants may only submit one application per cycle. However, it is possible to combine several measures in one application.
- Projects must not run for longer than 24 months.
- The funding provided by the BMZ will cover a maximum of 75% of the total eligible expenditure.
- Administrative and infrastructural costs that are not directly related to the measures are not eligible for funding.
- The maximum funding volume, number of applications per cycle, project term and share of funding provided by the BMZ can only be exceeded in exceptional cases in which the measure is particularly relevant for the programme as a whole and only if the need for additional funding is proven.

Before applying, please note the information in ***“Guidelines on applying for accompanying measures”*** and/or seek advice from Engagement Global (weltwärts coordination unit) by phone.

6. On-lending of funding

In the course of **projects by and for former volunteers from the Global South for the purpose of boosting engagement in connection with development policy after their return (funding priority 5)**, the grant recipient may lend funding on to project partners in the partner country in order to fulfil the purpose of the grant. The funding must be used for measures as part of the project in question and whose implementation has been agreed on in the on-lending agreement. A project agreement to this effect must be concluded in the form of a contract under private law in order to ensure that the requirements contractually agreed to with Engagement Global are met. The measures agreed to in the on-lending agreement must also be made mandatory for the grant recipients to whom the funding is being lent on. The project shall still be managed by the grant recipient. On-lending to private individuals is not permitted.