**World Connect - Offline Grant Application**

**Grant Application Step 1 – Basics**

**Instructions:** Before you begin, please make sure that you have read through our Eligibility and Grant Guidelines carefully at the following link: <https://worldconnect.global/grant-application/guidelines>

**Project Title:**

*Please create a title that best describes your project*

**Country:**

**Region/Province/County/State:**

*Indicate what applies best to your country context*

**District/Department/Subcounty/LGA**:

*Indicate what applies best to your country context*

**Nearest Town/Ward/Sector**:

*Indicate what applies best to your country context*

**Name of Community/Village:**

*World Connect defines community as a limited geographic area, at or below the lowest administrative division, where households and individuals share local institutions and services such as schools, health facilities, water access points, markets or trade spaces, places of worship, etc., where they share traditional leaders, local representatives and/or civil servants, and where they generally share the experience of local shocks and stresses, be it economic, social, political, or environmental.*

**Please provide a description of the community as it relates to this project. Focus on characteristics such as the number of people and households, distance to the nearest market or trading centers, and primary sources of local employment/income. Please also describe the local context for access to schools and health facilities, and tell us about any marginalized or stigmatized populations locally.** (500 word limit)

**Language/s spoken locally:**

**Locate the community on Google Maps (as best you can) and share the GPS coordinates:**

**Grant Application Step 2 – Team**

**Instructions:** In Step 2 below, we ask for you to profile the Project Team, which will be comprised of a local Community Organization, an individual Local Leader, and an Established Field Partner. Please pay careful attention to the definitions we provide below for each member of the Project Team.

1. **Established Field Partner**

*The role of the Established Field Partner is to identify and support trusted and credible local development actors, to share skills and experiences, to organize and deliver trainings, and to be a bridge for communication and reporting between the community and World Connect. We encourage Established Field Partners to see their role as an opportunity to champion and amplify the leadership and voices of women in the community and other marginalized groups, such as persons living with disability, ethnic or religious minorities, LGBTQ+ community members, or people who are otherwise stigmatized or excluded locally. The Established Field Partner will lead alongside a Local Leader, facilitating inclusive decision-making and participation in the community.*

*The role of an Established Field Partner is expected to be voluntary and for the benefit of the project and wider community, not for her or his own financial self-interest.*

**Are you affiliated with one of World Connect’s Established Field Partners?**

☐ Young African Leaders Initiative Mandela Washington Fellows (YALI-MWF)

☐ Young African Leaders Initiative Regional Leadership Center (YALI-RLC)

☐ CorpsAfrica Volunteer (CAV)

☐ Global Health Corps (GHC)

☐ LEAP Africa (LEAP)

☐ Teach for All Network Partners (TFA)

☐ Young Leaders of the American Initiative (YLAI)

☐ Flame Tree Initiative (FTI)

☐ Peace Corps Volunteer (PCV)

☐ Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV)

☐ Segal Social Impact Incubator (SFF - SII)

☐ Other, authorized by World Connect staff

**First Name**:

**Middle Name**:

**Last Name**:

**Date of Birth**:

*\*Must match information exactly as shown on a government-issued ID*

**Gender**: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-binary ☐ Prefer not to say

**Local** **Address**:

**Email**:

**Phone**:

**Highest Level of Education:**

**Please describe the Established Field Partner’s relationship to the community. In other words, how did you come to know this community specifically, and why will you be trusted to play a leading or important role on the proposed project?** (250 word limit)

**Do you lead or are you the founder of an active civil society organization, association, social enterprise, or other entity that is formalized in the country?** *Please name and describe your affiliations below, and indicate whether they are relevant to this proposed project. Include links to websites or social media.*

☐ Yes ☐ No(250 word limit)

**Please describe any other relevant experience, skills, or certifications.** (250 word limit)

**Have you ever received a cash grant or other financial award from an international organization?** *If yes, please provide the name of the organization, the grant amount, the year it was received, and contact information for us to request a reference.* ☐ Yes ☐ No (250 word limit)

**How long have you been living and/or working in the primary project site?**

**When do you expect to no longer be living and/or working in the primary project site?**

1. **Local Leader**

*The Local Leader must be a country national who was born in, is living in, or is otherwise deeply familiar with the primary project site. The Local Leader should be someone who is trusted and credible in the partner community, because she or he will be responsible for leading the project side-by-side with, or even out front of, the Established Field Partner. The Local Leader should not be an employee of or working at the direction of the Established Field Partner. We prioritize working with women as Local Leaders, though it is not required. We also encourage the consideration of individuals from marginalized groups for the role of Local Leader, such as persons living with disability, ethnic or religious minorities, LGBTQ+ community members, or people who are otherwise stigmatized or excluded locally.*

*The role of a Local Leader is expected to be voluntary and for the benefit of the project and wider community, not for her or his own financial self-interest.*

**First Name**:

**Middle** **Name**:

**Last Name**:

**Date of Birth**:

**Gender**: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-binary ☐ Prefer not to say

**Local** **Address**:

**Email**:

**Phone**:

**Highest Level of Education:**

**Please describe the Local Leader’s relationship to the community. In other words, how did you come to know this community specifically, and why will you be trusted to play a leading or important role on the proposed project?** (250 word limit)

**Do you lead or are you the founder of an active civil society organization, association, social enterprise, or other entity that is formalized in the country?** *Please name and describe your affiliations below, and indicate whether they are relevant to this proposed project. Include links to websites or social media.* ☐ Yes ☐ No(250 word limit)

**Please describe any other relevant experience, skills, or certifications.** (250 word limit)

**Have you ever received a cash grant or other financial award from an international organization?** *If yes, please provide the name of the organization, the grant amount, the year it was received, and contact information for us to request a reference.* ☐ Yes ☐ No (250 word limit)

1. **Community Organization**

*World Connect defines Community Organization broadly as a local committee, association, cooperative or group, formal or informal, based in or working deeply in the primary project site. We prioritize partnerships with women-led, grassroots organizations, though we work with many types of organizations with many diverse forms of leadership. What is most important is the depth of the Community Organization’s relationship to the community, and its ability to be a widely trusted voice and convener in the community for this project.*

**Name of Community Organization:**

**Where specifically is the Community Organization based?**

**Community Organization’s website or website where we can learn more about your work (if available):**

**What year was the Community Organization founded and what is its origin story?** (250 word limit)

**What are the Community Organization’s current programs/activities?** (250 word limit)

**Please describe the Community Organization’s relationship to the community. In other words, how did it come to know this community specifically, and why will you be trusted to play a leading or important role on the proposed project?** (250 word limit)

**Is the Community Organization legally registered?** *If yes, please list the type of registration and the registration number. If no, please explain why registration is not necessary.* ☐ Yes ☐ No(250 word limit)

**Is the Community Organization comprised of or run by:** *select all that apply*

☐ **employees/staff (salaried or stipend)**

☐ **volunteers (unpaid)**

☐ **members (fees or dues paying)**

☐ **all of the above**

☐ **none of the above**

*Please describe.* (100 word limit)

**Please select the previous year’s revenues and expenditures in USD for the Community Organization.**

**Revenues:** *select only one*

☐ **Under $5,000**

☐ **$5,000 - $50,000**

☐ **$50,000 - $250,000**

☐ **$250,000+**

**Expenditures:** *select only one*

☐ **Under $5,000**

☐ **$5,000 - $50,000**

☐ **$50,000 - $250,000**

☐ **$250,000+**

*Please describe the Community Organization’s sources of revenue. Please describe the organization's primary expenditures.* (250 word limit)

**Do women hold 50% or more of leadership positions within the Community Organization?** *Please describe the number and types of leadership positions held by women.* ☐ Yes ☐ No (250 word limit)

**How are the leaders of the Community Organization held accountable for their decisions and management?**  *For example, some organizations will have a Board of Directors or Trustees. Others might have regular elections for leaders. Please describe how leaders are held accountable in this Community Organization.* (250 word limit)

**Has the Community Organization ever received a grant from an international organization?** *If yes, please provide the name of the organization, type of assistance received (cash or technical), the grant amount, and contact information for us to request a reference.* ☐ Yes ☐ No (250 word limit)

**Does the Community Organization have a bank account with more than one authorized signatory?** *If yes, is the account able to receive international wire transfers? If no, please describe how the organization manages its finances.* ☐ Yes ☐ No (250 word limit)

**Is the Community Organization affiliated with the government at any level?** *If yes, please describe the affiliation, with particular attention to the way the organization engages or collaborates with local or municipal government.* ☐ Yes ☐ No*(250 word limit)*

**Grant Application Step 3 - Design**

**Instructions:** *Before answering the questions below, we expect the Project Team to have done wide-ranging community outreach and engagement to ensure that the project is prioritized by, and is clearly an idea of, the community. This requires more than just speaking to traditional leaders to get their approval. We are eager to learn about the different ways that this project is, and will be, participatory and locally-owned. We strongly encourage you to center the perspectives of marginalised groups in your community outreach and engagement, including women, persons living with disability, ethnic or religious minorities, LGBTQ+ community members, or people who are otherwise stigmatized or excluded locally.*

**When will this project start (month, year) and what is its estimated duration in months?** (25 word limit)

**Please describe the project using the below prompts. Be specific, and please try to avoid jargon. We need to clearly understand what you intend to accomplish with a grant from World Connect.** (500 word limit)

☐ Briefly describe the project you and the community have chosen to implement

☐ What are the major activities that will take place under the proposed project?

☐ What will the majority of the grant funding be spent on?

**When was this project determined as a priority by the community? Who was involved in determining this project as a priority by the community? What community engagement strategies were used to determine this project as a priority by the community?** (250 word limit)

**What will be the impact of this project on the community? Focus your answer more on the big picture, what will it change in the community and/or for those directly impacted by the project.** (500 word limit)

**Please describe a typical day in the lives of the people who will be most directly impacted by this project. Please focus on their lives now, before the project is implemented.** (250 word limit)

**Describe the roles and responsibilities of each of the key actors in the project. You should write about the following:**

* *The design of the project*
* *The day-to-day implementation of the project*
* *The financial management of the project*

**Established Field Partner** (250 word limit)**:**

**Local Leader** (250 word limit):

**Community Organization** (250 word limit)**:**

**Community Members** (250 word limit)**:**

**How does the community, particularly women, define success for this project? Please list their three most important success indicators. Describe how each of these indicators will be measured and by whom.** (250 word limit)

**Grant Application Step 4 - Sustainability**

**Instructions:** *Sustainability is a critical consideration from the outset of every project. It should be planned carefully and in transparent conversation with local and community stakeholders. The below questions are meant to guide a Project Team through important considerations for the sustainability of local development efforts.*

**How does the project build upon the efforts of the local community and/or other locally-led groups, such as neighborhood associations, women’s groups, health workers, local government, etc., which are not the listed Community Organization partner on this application?** (250 word limit)

**What are your sustainability strategies for this project? For example, five years from now, what will remain, who will be responsible for what remains, and what ongoing costs do you foresee?** (250 word limit)

**What impacts, positive or negative, do you expect your project to have on the environment? What plans have you agreed on to mitigate any potential negative impacts on the environment as you implement the project?** *Please consider whatever is most relevant to the community, such as forests, soil quality, air quality, freshwater ecosystems like rivers, springs and wetlands, wildlife, marine life, etc.* (250 word limit)

**How and when will the community mobilize its contribution (cash and in-kind) for the project? How will the community contribution be documented, and how will it be celebrated in the community?** *As a reminder, every World Connect project requires at least 25% community contribution, including at least 10% community cash contribution to the total cost of the project.* (250 word limit)

**Is there anything else we should know that will help us make a decision about partnering on this proposed project?** (250 word limit)