

Challenging Inequalities Programme Frequently Asked Questions

Q1 Is there a quota of selected proposals from each country?

A1 A geographical balance between countries will be observed, as well as diversity of the topics/themes covered by the selected CBOs while observing the quality of the selected proposals.

Q2 If there is a project tackling more than one theme? Is it possible? or should we tackle only one theme? For example, since the project should tackle the local level, can we merge or mix activities refugees for example with people with disabilities?

A2 It is possible only as long as the project is consistent and the tackled themes are interconnected with a good rationale.

Q3 Should the project take place in the country where I am registered?

A3 Yes. The proposal should reflect a community-based action to be implemented at the local level.

Q4 Are we required to develop and submit a budget at this stage?

A4 No, the budget is required after the first stage of pre-selection. The budget of the proposal must be consistent with the allocation stated in the call and must be realistic and cost efficient relative to the proposed activities.

Q5 Should I find a partner or I can submit the proposal on my own?

A5 Both options are acceptable.

Q6 What would be the nationality of the target group?

A6 Beneficiaries from the community-based actions must be from the local/community level in the eight eligible countries.

Q7 Can my proposal be built on a previous proposal that was implemented?

Q8 Can the proposal represent a second phase of an existing project?

A7& 8 Yes, as long as it is consistent in itself and can be considered as a stand-alone proposal.

Q9 What is the definition of the CBOs?

A9 CBOs, or Community-Based Organizations, are non for profit grassroots entities formed and managed by members of a community to address local needs and concerns. They typically operate at the local level and are focused on improving the well-being and development of their communities through various initiatives and projects.

Q10 Can a group of NGOs/CBOs apply or it has to be only 1?

A10 A consortium of partnership may be established between the applicant organization and other partner(s). If the consortium is legally registered as an entity, it is permissible for a group of CBOs to apply together. However, if not, the ALF Secretariat will only contract with a single entity acting as the focal point. This entity can then subcontract other members of the consortium.

Q11 Is co-financing allowed?

A11 Yes, it is allowed but not compulsory.

Q12 Can we submit more than 1 proposal in the framework of this call?

A12 Yes, you may. However, only one proposal per applicant organization can be selected/awarded.

Q13 Are we eligible as an organization working with the Palestinian community in 1948 registered in Haifa?

A13 Eligible CBOs must be registered as legal entities and working at one of the following countries: Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine.

Q14 Would for-profit organisation be eligible to apply?

A14 This program specifically targets non-profit organizations. Therefore, for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply.

Q15 Can we apply for a project in partnership with an organisation from France for example and would the travel cost of the partner to the country of the action be considered eligible?

A15 Eligibility of such cost will depend on the role of the partner in the implementation of the action and the value added from this travel (example: provide training..etc)

Q16 What documents are needed with the application?

A16 At the first stage, only the application form is required.

Q17 Can we implement capacity building addressing issues of Arab world at the regional level?

A17 The community based actions must focus on the needs/challenges identified at the local/national level.

Q18 What are the eligible expenses under the intended project?

A18 Eligible expenses must be necessary for the implementation of the project, are reasonable, justified and comply with the requirements of sound financial management, in particular regarding economy and efficiency.

Q19 If I am not a member in any of ALF National Networks. Would that affect my priority for being selected?)

A19 No, but please note that ALF membership is free of charge and offers many opportunities

Q20 Your colleague mentioned preferably carrying out a 6-month project, because there is capacity building training. I would like to get more details on this.

A20 The implementation of community based actions should take place between August 2024 and February 2025. During the implementation phase, the CBOs will benefit from ongoing **technical assistance**. The technical assistance is a strategic and tailored support system aimed at enhancing the grass root organisation's capabilities, effectiveness, and impact in pursuing its mission and serving its community. It encompasses a wide range of services and expertise provided by experienced professionals in areas such as programme development, capacity building, governance, and resource mobilization. This assistance begins with a thorough needs assessment to identify the grassroots CBO's specific challenges and gaps, enabling the development of a customized plan to address these issues effectively. This empowers the organisation to manage its programmes efficiently, engage in effective implementation, and maintain strong technical performance.

The CBOs will attend an online mid-term guidance seminar with a purpose of making a proactive analysis of the community-based actions to jointly overcome potential difficulties and sharing lessons learnt and promote networking.

Q21 What is the project duration?

A21 The implementation of community based actions should take place between August 2024 and February 2025

Q22 Is an NGO considered as CBO?

A22. A Community-Based Organization (CBO) is a locally operated non-profit focused on a specific community's needs, while a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) is an independent non-profit working across multiple communities or countries to address broader social, environmental, or humanitarian issues.

Q23 We are interested in applying to "Challenging Inequalities Programme" However, we can't see the whole form without entering by question, is there a way to have the full application?

Q24 In order to streamline our application process, we kindly request your assistance in providing us with the online application form in a Word format. This would enable us to fill out the application offline initially, ensuring accuracy and thoroughness, before submitting it online.

A23&24 On ALF's website page where the call is published, you may download a PDF version of the call from the top of the page where it is written:

Read the call in PDF format [here](#). If you scroll down to page 6 of 6 you can preview all the questions of the application form.

Q25 As an association for Integrated and Sustainable Development of rural and forest areas in the Governorate of Beja (ADID) operating mainly in deprived areas, can we apply for your call for projects, especially since in its areas there is no active CBOs.

A25 Yes, you can apply to the call. We advise you to complete all relevant information in order to meet the selection criteria mentioned in the call.

Q26 How can I join the program as a member of a women's association?

A26 Please note that the program is specifically aimed at local community-based organizations and organized civil society groups registered as legal entities and working at the following countries: Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine. You may apply for the program through your association rather than as an individual.

Q27 We are an association in the rural world in the Guelmim-Bab Sahara province in Morocco, which includes 250 members who depend for their livelihood on subsistence agriculture and working in their fields in the oasis. However, due to the scarcity of water, we were able, despite the financial constraints, to provide a well, a pump, and a tank. However, we need channels to deliver water to more than 200 fields. Plastic channels.

A27 As an organisation you are eligible to apply to the current open call, however, kindly note that procurement of equipment, assets, spare parts, and construction activities are not eligible costs under this program.

Q28 I am writing from the Spanish network as we had a question regarding this call because it says the following: Registered as legal entities and working at the following countries: Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria,

Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine. Do the entities registered in Spain BUT working in those places count as eligible, or is it for organizations based in those countries only.

A28 No, applicant organisations have to be registered in the eligible countries.
