

Guidelines for international project applications



1. Project applications may be submitted throughout the year.



2. Vastenactie supports more than 60 projects each year with a contribution that usually varies between € 1,000 and € 35,000. Higher contributions are possible in special cases with a maximum of € 50,000 per project. Running costs are not eligible for funding.



3. Project applications must be focused on reducing poverty through a socioeconomic approach. While our foundation tends to deprioritise construction projects and favours investing in people by helping them to improve their skills and capabilities, we do support projects where construction forms part of the wider development programme.



4. Another condition is that the project should have visible ties to the Catholic Church; this could be evidenced preferably by a supporting letter from the local Bishop. If this is a problem, please contact us by sending an email to projecten@vastenactie.nl.



5. The project organisation in the country where the project is based must be an independent legal entity and bear legal responsibility, or must be an official ecclesiastical institution (i.e. a diocese, parish, order or congregation).



6. The project activities should be designed to benefit the overall community rather than being geared to individual support. The project should not involve institutional support, operating expenses, support for conferences, study tours, courses, scientific research, or fundraising activities.



7. The project should be focused on helping the organisation to achieve independence. The project structure must be sustainable and its implementation must be feasible. In addition, there must be a clear exit or fading-out strategy in order to prevent dependence. It is also important that the project helps to increase the project organisation's capabilities.



8. We support project partners in project countries for a maximum of three consecutive years. Projects are approved for a period of one year and applications must be resubmitted each year if the project partners intend to continue the project.



9. The project must be consistent with the local and regional context in the country where it is based, while we also strive for gender equality.