

Criteria for Tzedek Funding

Thank you for considering applying for a grant from Tzedek. We look forward to building a relationship with you.

Letters of Inquiry are reviewed three times a year by Tzedek's Overseas Projects Team (OPT) - usually in February, June and September.

Each project is assessed with the following guidance in mind:

- Make a **positive and sustainable contribution** to the ability of the community to support itself
- Achieve their goals with **modest funding**: No more than £1,500 for an organisation that has not had previous international funding. Projects with a total budget of under £5,000 are favoured.
- **Include beneficiaries in the design**, running and evaluation of the project; and it meets the needs of the community
- Are **local in scale** and may increase the size of their activities gradually as they succeed.
- Make **use of technology and local resources** appropriate to the region and the project, with appropriate safety precautions
- **Develop the skills** of individuals and the community
- Seek to **minimize harm to the environment**, safeguarding resources and capacity for future generations
- Have a **defined endpoint** as Tzedek does not fund running costs for ongoing projects, for example salaries for a school, food for an orphanage

The kind of organisations we fund:

- Work regardless of the race, religion, gender or ability
- Work in poor communities and select beneficiaries according to need
- Have experience of running and learning from previous projects, even if they were small
- Are committed to monitoring and evaluating their work and using the lessons learned in the future
- Have the capacity to form a professional partnership with Tzedek and links to similar groups in the region
- Are non-governmental organizations or community groups and not operating in the UK or internationally
- Do not become dependent on Tzedek for funding

The kind of projects we fund:

- Education and training: literacy and numeracy, training for the purposes of starting a specific livelihood activity; longer term vocational training, informal education, education on environmental issues e.g. deforestation
- Production: agriculture, livestock, small scale manufacturing
- Finance: microfinance loans, co-operatives, helping people access formal financial institutions, kick-start loans
- Building social infrastructure and providing services: health education, housing, water supply, waste schemes, converting to renewable energy sources.