

THE FOUNDATION

for Civil Society GRANTS SERVICES



The Foundation for Civil Society is a Tanzanian non-profit company funded by a group of like-minded development partners, and governed by an independent Board and Council. The Foundation was registered in September 2002 and started operations in January 2003. The office is located in Dar es Salaam.

Vision

To become a sustainable model of excellence that contributes to the development of a vibrant, effective and innovative civil society sector that enables citizens to engage in the democratic process, promote human rights and contribute to poverty reduction and a better quality of life for all Tanzanians.

Mission

To provide grants and other capacity building support to civil society organisations in Tanzania to enable economically disadvantaged and vulnerable citizens to:

- Access information and understand policies, laws and their rights
- Engage effectively in policy formulation and monitoring on poverty reduction
- Contribute to social development and to constructively hold the government and private sectors to account.

Values

The Foundation is committed to the following values:

- Fairness
- Integrity
- Respect to all
- Quality
- Learning

Aim

The Foundation aims to establish an intermediary support

mechanism for civil society organisations in Tanzania which will enable effective engagement in poverty reduction efforts as set out in the Government policies: Tanzania Development Vision 2025 and the National Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty (NSGRP)- MKUKUTA and MKUZA for Zanzibar.

What we support (thematic area)

The Foundation for Civil Society will support applications for a wide variety of activities that are relevance to the poor and vulnerable, and fall clearly into one of the following thematic areas:

• Policy

The Foundation supports projects and organisations that enable communities to participate in formulating, implementing, monitoring and evaluation of policies.

• Governance

The Foundation supports organisations that would like to ensure that public and private institutions adhere to the rules of good governance such as respect for human rights, rule of law, effective participation, transparency and accountability to the citizens.

• Safety Nets

The Foundation supports organisations that play a part in providing the most vulnerable members within mechanisms through which their concerns can be voiced, and through which they can be protected from risk. As a result of support in this area, the Foundation would like to see the vulnerable people increasingly participate in the development process at all levels.

• Advocacy Strengthening

The Foundation supports organizations that create linkages and learning among civil society organizations; strengthens consortia and networks to rally around specific issues, develop skills and understanding about policy, good governance and democratic participation.

The Foundation for Civil Society provides the following types of grants:

• Strategic Grants (SG)

Strategic Grants Programme of up to TZS 100,000,000 per year, to maximum duration of 3 years is aimed at well-established civil society organizations with a proven and demonstrable track record in poverty reduction. The programme is open with no deadline submission dates and with a greater degree of flexibility in supporting organisational aims. Strategic Grants call for a demonstration of outcome and long-term impact on the development of organization's infrastructure and capacity, initiating and delivering new, well designed projects or introducing new and more effective ways of working in the CSO, NGO and community sector.

• Medium Grants (MG)

Medium Grants programme of up to TZS 35 million per year, to maximum duration of 3 years is aimed at organizations with some experience of managing grants to enable them to continue building their organizational and grant management experiences by delivering projects with a high impact potential. Medium grants holders are expected to have higher capacity than rolling small grants holders. An agreed level of assistance in the form of technical support will also be available, in particular for 1st time MG grant holders. The programme is offered through three rounds per year with deadline submission dates of February 1, June 1, and October 1.

• Rolling Small Grants (RSG)

Rolling Small Grants of up to TZS 5 million for maximum duration of one year is aimed at providing opportunity to mainly small organizations to learn about the management, culture and expectations of funders in relation to managing a grant from a robust grant making organization. RSG programme provides a valuable opportunity for organizations to develop their experience and understanding of project design, accountable and transparent management of funds, open delivery of services and managing reporting of progress and achievements, which are principal outcomes of the programme.

• Registration Development Grants.

This is a flat rate grant programme of TZS 200,000 targeting at existing small-unregistered organisations who wish to formalize as an NGO. The purpose of this grants program is to support existing and active unregistered groups to comply with existing Foundation grants eligibility policy and register in line with NGO Act. These grants will be considered a seeding development grant for active but informally constituted embryonic groups.

Who can apply for a grant

We welcome applications from every part of the country. Civil society organisations can apply for a grant from the Foundation if they are:

- Non-governmental organisation (NGO)
- Community-based organisation (CBO)
- Professional association
- Trade union
- Media organization
- Faith base organisation
- Cooperative

And if:

- The organisation is registered in Mainland Tanzania and/or Zanzibar
- Have been established for charitable (not-for-private-profit) purposes
- Have a constitution or memorandum of association, or a legally recognized set of rules that explain your organisation's aims, and how you operate
- Organisation has a bank account operated by more than 1 signatory
- Have been established for at least 1 year

Branches of larger organisations

An organisation that is a branch of a larger organisation (national) may apply only if it demonstrates that it functions independently from its headquarters.

Consortia or Groups of organisations

The Foundation is encouraging organisations to work together to address common issues. When two or more independent organisations apply for a grant to work together, we treat them as a consortium or a group of organisations.



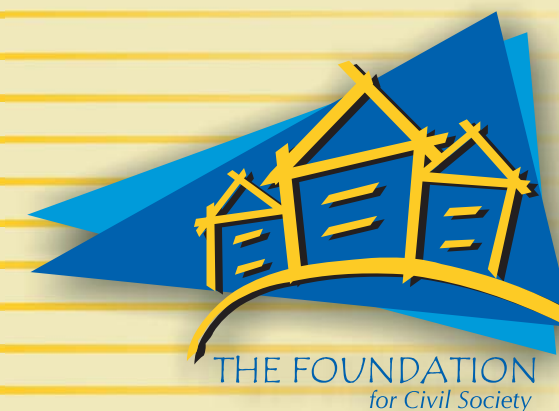
| Type of Grant | Maximum Amount per Year | Maximum Duration of Grants | Deadlines of submission | Notification of decision to applicants sent in | If approved, funds released in |
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| Strategic Grants | TZS 100 million | 3 years | Open | 16 weeks | 24 weeks |
| Medium Grants | TZS 35 million | 3 years | February 1 st June 1 st October 1 st | 8 weeks | 16 weeks |
| Rolling Small Grants | TZS 5 million | 1 years | April 1 st July 1 st September 1 st November 1 st | 8 weeks | 16 weeks |
| Registration Development Grants | TZS 200 thousand | Once | Open | 8 weeks | 16 weeks |

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The Foundation also provides a range of development services. These include:

- 1. Tailor Made Training** - Training designed to enhance capacity of CSOs on various areas like policy analysis, financial management, organisation development, fundraising and advocacy. The Foundation normally establishes capacity needs from the CSOs before coming up with a proposal for capacity development.
- 2. Grants Management Training to New Grant Holders** - After a CSO is awarded grant from the Foundation, a training is organised to give capacity to the new grantees on how to manage their projects. The training covers areas from project cycle, financial management, reporting, monitoring and evaluation.

- 3. Public Policy Dialogues** - The Foundation supports public policy dialogues in the regions which provide platforms for CSOs, local government officials, vulnerable groups and the general public to deliberate on major policies and reforms and to create business-like relationships between CSOs, citizens and their leaders.
- 4. Networking and CSOs Exhibitions** - Networking is another area in which the Foundation creates opportunity for CSOs in the regions and districts to learn, share and appreciate the notion of working together. The Foundation organises the "Annual Civil Society Forum" and "Civil Society Exhibitions" which provide civil society organisations with opportunities to meet and exchange experiences as well as advocating on various policy issues.



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