



# Small Charities Challenge Fund

A new fund for small charities across the UK involved in international development

## About the fund

The Small Charities Challenge Fund is the first fund from the Department for International Development (DFID) tailored to the needs of small, grassroots British charities doing outstanding humanitarian and development work. With their expertise and dedication, these small charities are a crucial part of the UK's offer on international development. This fund will help them to scale up and increase the reach and effectiveness of the work they already do to help the world's poorest and most marginalised people. Grants of up to £50,000 will be available for projects lasting up to 2 years.

## Who can apply?

For an organisation to be eligible for the Small Charities Challenge Fund, it must:

- be a UK registered, non-profit organisation, from any sector
- have an annual income of no more than £250,000



Celebrations in Mwachundi, Malawi  
Photograph: Water Works, a Nottinghamshire based, UK registered charity

## What is the nature of the projects that we will fund?

Organisations must demonstrate their work:

- aims to reach the most vulnerable or marginalised
- benefits any of the lowest 50 countries on the Human Development Index or countries that DFID considers to have high or moderate fragility
- contributes towards the Global Goals [www.globalgoals.org](http://www.globalgoals.org)
- considers DFID's wider strategic objectives
- supports the goals of UK Aid Direct

## How to apply

Applications for funding must be completed and submitted online through the UK Aid Direct website: [ukaiddirect.org](http://ukaiddirect.org)

Applicants will need to:

- read the guidance
- register to apply
- complete an eligibility assessment
- complete a full application



Mamite used to practice FGM until training programmes and seed funding helped her to break the family tradition, Ethiopia  
Photograph: Disability and Development Partners (DDP), a Norwich-based UK registered charity



## Timings

We accept applications at any time and all applications will be reviewed on a 6-monthly basis.

For further information, email: [ukaiddirect@manniondaniels.com](mailto:ukaiddirect@manniondaniels.com)

## Assessment

Applications will be assessed on:

- a good understanding and analysis of the need and context
- the strength and relevance of the proposed approach
- the approach to working with other stakeholders
- the proposed results and impact
- the approach to monitoring and evaluation, value for money and sustainability
- the budget and approach to risk

[www.ukaiddirect.org](http://www.ukaiddirect.org)  
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