How is an application processed?

- The office of the Partnership Project Fund will acknowledge receipt of your application, assign it a project number and possibly ask for further information.
- If the approval body accepts the project you will receive a letter of approval.
- Project adjustments and changes in cost estimates must be coordinated with Bread for the World.
- We might want to pass on details about projects receiving funding from Bread for the World to third parties. The aim would be to establish contacts for cooperation and exchange of information between the partnership groups working in development cooperation.

Applications can be made by all partnership groups belonging to a member church of the Protestant Agency for Diakonia und Development. The list of members is found at www.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/ueber-uns/ein-werk-der-kirchen/mitglieder.html.

Learning from one another

Through the project activity, the two partnership groups embark on a learning curve on development policy. They will reflect on this when describing the development-related aspects of the project and how it connects with existing development-related partnership activity. Relevant questions are, “Given that we will learn a lot through the project, at what point will this influence our development-policy activities in Germany? How will changes be carried out?”

Contact

Experience shows that it makes sense to approach us at an early stage of planning your project. Just give us a call or send an email (details below).

Your contact persons for the Partnership Project Fund at Bread for the World are Andrea Schirmer-Müller and Jasmin Bergemann.

Address your application to the Partnership Project Fund to:

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Wisdom lives in more than one house
(African proverb)

Bread for the World is the globally active relief and development agency of the Protestant Churches in Germany. In more than 90 countries all across the globe we empower the poor and marginalised to improve their living conditions. Key issues of our work are food security, the promotion of health and education, the access to water, the strengthening of democracy, respecting human rights, keeping peace and the integrity of creation.

Partnership Project Fund

Through the Partnership Project Fund (PPF), Bread for the World supports church-based partnership groups in Germany in their project activity with partners in countries of the Global South. This entails offering advice on projects, running training sessions and providing funding.
The Partnership Project Fund

- underlines the importance of partnership groups within church development cooperation,
- fosters opportunities of partnership groups to work to reduce poverty through development projects,
- strengthens the ongoing, binding commitment of partnership groups in development cooperation,
- supports cooperation, participation and transparency in project activity,
- deepens dialogue between partners,
- encourages networking and coordinating of project activities between different actors in church-based development work (Protestant and Free Churches, Bread for the World – Protestant Development Service, mission agencies, other partnership initiatives and action groups).

Which projects receive funding?

We fund small development projects devised in dialogue between German church partnership groups and their partners in the Global South. Examples are:

- **Education**: skill training, capacity development etc.;
- **Poverty Reduction**: income-generating projects, micro-credit systems etc.;
- **Health**: awareness raising and prevention
e.g. on HIV & AIDS and hygiene etc.;
- **Civil society**: campaigns on human rights and gender justice etc.;
- **Infrastructure**: training centres, water supply etc.;
- **Rural development**: ecological agriculture, livestock farming etc.;
- **Environment/climate**: afforestation, solar energy etc.

Criteria

- Reaching the project goals should be possible within a period of **two years**.
- The whole project volume should not exceed **EUR 40,000**.
- Bread for the World generally provides grants of up to **EUR 10,000**.
- You may apply for a one-off grant to cover a **project trip** costing at most EUR 500.
- The church partners in Germany are responsible for accompanying the projects and for the accounting. Legally speaking, they are the **legal entity** to which Bread for the World is related.
- The accounts/financial records will be checked by an **external auditor in the project country**. Contacts may be provided to registered auditing firms (chartered accountants) by PPF.

Steps to take before applying

**The following steps will contribute to the project:**

The specific feature of a partnership project is that there is joint planning from the very start by the partners in the Global South and the Global North according to the motto “Wisdom lives in more than one house”.

This approach will contribute to the success of the project because both partners reflect on their motivation and discuss their different expectations in advance. Project activity is promising when there is agreement on the stakeholders’ respective roles and decision-making processes are transparent.

**Basic question on the project activity:**

- Who will benefit from this project?
- Was the target group involved in decision-making and planning from the start?
- Are there similar projects and experiences in the project region?
- Is the project tied into church or community structures in the project country?
- Have you considered the relevant economic, ecological, social, cultural and religious aspects?
- Who else could give financial support to the project?
- Has the partner in the project country the potential to continue the project autonomously after the two-year period has elapsed – if necessary?

The project success essentially depends on its planning:

- What challenges are recognisable and what should be changed?
- What is the project goal, what intermediate steps are needed?
- What solutions are possible with regard to issues relevant to development policy, such as gender equality, sustainability etc.?
- How must the project agreement be phrased when it is drafted together with the partners?

How to apply

The criteria and special **application documents** for projects can be downloaded from the website [www.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/ppf](http://www.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/ppf) or sent on request. The following can advise your German partner on your application: Bread for the World, the programme officers of Church Development Service (KED) and the respective Mission and Ecumenical officers of the member churches of the registered association Protestant Agency for Diaconia und Development.

The application documents for the Partnership Project Fund should be submitted to Bread for the World **two months before the start of the project**. Please send them by post and by email. Project applications are decided by the responsible committee of Bread for the World. Applicants are advised to apply for additional subsidies from other sources as well.