

## AECID publishes its annual call for grants for the realization of development cooperation projects



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The Spanish Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AECID) today publishes its annual call for grants for the realization of development cooperation projects, including those of Education for Development and Global Citizenship in Spain.

On this occasion, the call will prioritize attention to the most vulnerable populations, which are seeing their situation aggravated due to the impact of COVID-19. The purpose of the grants is to respond to the COVID-19 crisis and mitigate their impact on the most vulnerable countries and population groups. This premise aligns with the Plan of Action of the Fifth Master Plan of Spanish Cooperation 2018-2021.

This call is part of the Strategy of Joint Response of Spanish Cooperation to the COVID-19 Crisis approved by the Council of Ministers of 21 July 2020, which prioritizes three objectives: Saving Lives and Strengthening Public Health Systems; Protect and recover the rights and livelihoods of the most vulnerable; and Preserve and transform socio-economic systems, recover the productive fabric and strengthen democratic governance.

### BASIC DATA

Awareness raising of citizens, one of the essential pillars of Education for Development and Global Citizenship work, is particularly relevant in the context of the COVID-19 crisis. Proposals for the creation of teaching materials, the organization of information campaigns and informative interventions in specific population groups aimed at explaining the profound impacts and global nature of the COVID-19 crisis will be taken into account.

As for priority geographical areas, the geographical contexts of previous calls are maintained: Bolivia, Cape Verde, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, The Philippines, Guatemala, Equatorial Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Jordan, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Palestine, Paraguay, Peru, Saharan Population, Republic. Senegal and Tunisia.

The call for projects is mainly aimed at those medium-sized NGOs who, through experience and implementation in partner countries, do a great deal of work in development cooperation and contribute significantly to education for development and global citizenship in Spain.

The total of the grants granted in this call will not exceed EUR 25 million, an increase of EUR 3 million from the 2019 call.

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

This call, together with the call for Humanitarian Action Actions and the call for recently approved Innovation Actions for Development, is in addition to the set of initiatives that AECID implements around the world to contribute to the fight against poverty and for sustainable development, and which are currently aimed at alleviating the consequences of the global pandemic on the most vulnerable populations.

The calls for grants from the AECID are based on both the General Budgets of the State and the collection of the social interest fund to which taxpayers can voluntarily contribute, selecting the "social purposes" box in their IRPF declaration and, for the first time this year, will also have funds from corporation tax.