





Photo credit - UNHCR

The Kakuma Kalobeyei Challenge Fund (KKCF) is a program of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), implemented with Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund, Turkana County Government, and UNHCR. The five-year program is designed to support private sector investment and unlock the economic potential of refugees and their hosts, in Kenya's Turkana County.

The KKCF Private Sector Window is open to businesses in any sector, with the following priority sectors:

 Renewable Energy

 Agribusiness

 Financial Services

COMPETITIVE BUSINESS CHALLENGE Private Sector Window

The Private Sector Window will support established companies in implementing commercially viable and sustainable businesses that have the potential to raise incomes, provide goods and services, create jobs and/or improve living standards in both the camp and host community.

Private Sector Window targets companies currently present in Kakuma and those willing to set up businesses in Kakuma and Kalobeyei areas.

Open for Applications – 10 November to 22 December 2020

We are now inviting grant applications from established companies for enterprise projects that directly benefit both the refugees and host communities in Kakuma and Kalobeyei areas. Applicants must have experience delivering sustainable solutions that benefit the lives of low-income communities in hard to reach areas across Africa.

All proposed projects should be commercially viable and sustainable and have the potential to raise incomes, provide goods and services, create jobs, and improve living standards for families living in these areas – both refugee and host communities.

Funding

Private sector companies can apply for a range of grants depending on the need with a minimum grant request of US \$250,000 and a maximum of US \$750,000.

A minimum of US \$100,000 will be considered for women- and/or youth-led businesses.

Payments will be performance based, where disbursements are based on mutually agreed milestones that must be achieved. Technical support will be available for successful applicants to maximise their project's sustainability and development impact.

Private Sector Competition Window

Purpose: Improve the lives of people living in Kakuma and Kalobeyei areas

Funding: US \$250,000 to US \$750,000

Who can apply: For profit companies with at least two years of accounts. Must be registered and operating in Kenya if awarded grant.

Eligibility criteria:

Grants are available to small and medium-sized companies that are commercially active or have a strategic plan to enter the Kakuma and Kalobeyei area. Applicants must meet eligibility criteria including:

- Request a grant within the stipulated range.
- Legally registered as a for-profit company (e.g. corporation, LLC, etc.) or a branch/subsidiary of an international for-profit company, and physically established in Kenya at the time of awarding of a grant by AECF.
- Have been in operation for a minimum of two years, with the ability to produce two years of audited accounts [parent company, if recently established as a branch/subsidiary in Kenya].

Women and youth-owned/led businesses are highly encouraged to apply.



Photo credit - UNHCR

Selection criteria:


Each applicant will be evaluated and scored against the following criteria:

- Geographic focus areas of Kakuma and Kalobeyei and how the project intends to benefit either host or refugee communities, or both.
- Capacity of the project to deliver and sustain social impact, particularly on refugees and women and youth.
- Strength of the project's commercial viability and sustainability.
- Demonstrated potential to attract further commercial funding, beyond the grant provided by KKCF, if needed.
- Demonstrated capacity of the applicant's management team to implement the proposed business/project.
- Demonstrated understanding of the forced displacement development context, gender issues and culture of Kakuma refugee camp and host community.
- For the full-term sheet, please go to www.kkcfke.org/competitions



Photo credit - UNHCR

Competitive Business Challenge Process

 **1** Concept Note Submission

 **2** Concept Note Shortlisting

 **3** Business Plan Development & Due Diligence

 **4** Business Plan Shortlisting

 **5** Grant Award

 **6** Contracting

How to apply

To apply for a grant, please go to www.kkcfke.org/competitions
All applicants must submit their application through AECF's online platform.

The application window closes at midnight EAT on Tuesday 22 December 2020.

If you need further clarification regarding the application process and requirements, please email info@kkcfke.org.

Terms and conditions apply