

Local Enterprise Development Window - Frequently Asked Questions

What is Kakuma Kalobeyei Challenge Fund (KKCF)?

KKCF is a five-year Program designed to support private sector investment and unlock the economic potential of refugees and their hosts in Kakuma Kalobeyei refugee hosting area of Kakuma and Kalobeyei. It aims to attract private companies and grow the local entrepreneurship potential to create jobs and improve service provision in the Kakuma/Kalobeyei area. This will be achieved through performance grants awards and technical assistance to private companies, social enterprises and local enterprises that are profitable, commercially active or have a strategic plan to enter the Kakuma and Kalobeyei areas in Turkana County, Kenya.

What are the objectives of KKCF?

The objective of KKCF's Competitive Business Challenge is to attract the private sector to Kakuma Kalobeyei and to expand existing companies/institutions by providing access to funding and capacity building by;

- Attracting new private companies and social enterprises to the Kakuma and Kalobeyei refugee hosting area. This will in turn result in the creation of employment opportunities for refugees and the host community, create more consumption choices, and potentially reduce prices of commodities and consumables.
- Provide opportunities to scale-up the operations of private sector companies and social enterprises already present in the Kakuma and Kalobeyei area.
- Develop and grow refugee and host community owned businesses.
- The Program will enable better economic integration and self-reliance of refugees and host communities in the Kakuma and Kalobeyei area.

For how long will the program run?

5 years (from 2020 to 2024)

How does the Local Enterprise Development window work?

- Applicants fill physical application form explaining their business model and justifying their need for funding.
- Applications go through a rigorous evaluation and those that are shortlisted, proceed to the due diligence phase and further evaluation for final selection.
- Successful applicants receive disbursements of the performance-based grants and technical assistance for business continuity.

What amount of money can I apply for?

You can apply for funding of at least KSh.1,500,000 and a maximum of KSh.5,000,000 for the Local Enterprise Development Window.

What sectors / technologies are eligible for funding?

The LED is open to businesses in any sector.

Is the funding a loan or a grant that I will need to pay back?

Funding is in the form of performance-based grants tied to impact targets. disbursements will be dependent on reaching the agreed milestones.

What is the process and timelines of disbursement of these funds?

All disbursements will be subject to fulfilment of set milestones. Before a disbursement is done, a satisfactory progress report on the business performance will be required

What are the selection criteria for individual under the Local Enterprise Development Window?

KKCF is targeting local small- and micro-enterprises that will create sustainable operations that extend beyond the life of the five-year duration of the program.

To be eligible for funding, businesses must meet the following criteria:

- a) Request a grant within the stipulated range of KSh.1,500,000 to KSh.5,000,000
- b) Enterprise in Turkana County founded and managed by a refugee or resident of Turkana County.
- c) The funded businesses must be established in Kakuma or Kalobeyei area during implementation of the funding.
- d) Established enterprise with a valid single business permit, having operated for no less than six (6) months.
- e) Compliant with the Turkana County Government statutory requirements to maintain a single business permit at the time of award/contracting.
- f) Completes Integrity Due Diligence checks conducted by KKCF.
- g) Businesses not listed on the International Finance Corporation (IFC) Exclusion List, i.e., businesses supporting terrorism, production/trade of weapons, radioactive materials, tobacco, etc.

What are the selection criteria for companies under the Local Enterprise Development Window?

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

- a) Geographic focus on Kakuma, Kalobeyei and the project intends to benefit either host or refugee communities, or both.
- b) Demonstrated market demand of the business' products and/or services amongst refugee and host community populations, with a clear vision to achieve sustainability.
- c) Capacity of the project to deliver and sustain social impact, particularly on refugees and women, and youth.
- d) Demonstrated capacity of the team to implement the proposed business / Project (adequate internal resources/capacity).
- e) Demonstrated understanding of the forced displacement context, gender issues and culture of Kakuma refugee camp and host community.

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Will it be an individual grant or a group revolving business grant?

It will be an individual business grant disbursed based on the set milestones.

Will the business grant be required to be paid back and what will be the interest charged?

This is a grant, and it will not be paid back and hence it will not have any interest.

How can I apply for the grant?

- Visit our website to download the application form and the requirements: <https://kkcfke.org/kkcf-local-enterprise-development-window>.
- Visit our office at KCB building – 1st floor to pick the application form.
- Drop the fully filled application form with its supporting documents to our office at Kakuma town KCB building first floor.
- You can also send the filled application form on email to led@kkcfke.org

When is the application deadline?

The competition will open at 1200 hrs on 14 September 2021 and will remain open until 6pm on 5 November 2021.

How do I know if my application has been received by KKCF?

- Physical applications dropped in our office will be issued with a serialized acknowledgement receipt.
- Complete applications submitted on email, will receive an email acknowledgement.

Whom can I talk to if I require assistance with the business grant application?

- Visit us in our office located at KCB Building, First Floor-Kakuma Town.
- In addition, visit our website; KKCF - Kakuma Kalobeyei Challenge Fund (kkcfke.org) and make an enquiry
- Email us through info@kkcfke.org
- Call our office line +254 794626467

What will happen if I miss some/part of the documents required?

Incomplete application as per document checklist will not be received.

How will I know that my application is successful?

- You will receive an email from KKCF informing you that your application has been selected for funding. You will also be informed on next steps with regards to due diligence.
- Unsuccessful applicants will also be informed via email

If successful, when will I receive funding?

The process of receiving funding involves due diligence, selection, contracting and induction. We anticipate that this process will take at least 3 months after the competition closes.

What if my business cannot absorb the Ksh.1,500,000 that is being offered and I request for less money?

You will not be eligible for the KKCF funding. However, you can consider other financiers.

For more information

www.kkcfke.org

Application details:

All enquiries on application documents,
email: info@kkcfke.org Submissions:

All physical submissions:

KKCF office located on the 1st floor, KCB building, Kakuma Town. All online submissions should be via the e-mail address: led@kkcfke.org

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