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## ASA NGO global

Does your institution pursue social, ecological and economical sustainability goals? Would you like to offer young people dedicated to fair and sustainable development an opportunity to participate in a specific project, gaining insight into your work and exchange experiences? Would you like to strengthen your cooperation with one of your partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe? You have until mid-August or September to submit your project idea to the ASA NGO global programme component.

The ASA Programme is development policy exchange and scholarship programme for students and young people with vocational training from Germany and countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and South-Eastern Europe. It is an offer by Engagement Global gGmbH on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

To learn more about the ASA Programme please read our [“The ASA Program at a Glance”](#). In the following paragraphs we would like to acquaint you with the specific features of ASA global. Join in and make your project part of the ASA Programme.

## The offer: ASA NGO global

The ASA Programme can draw on many years of experience in working with governmental and non-governmental organisations. In mostly interdisciplinary teams, the participants make a professional contribution to a specific project that meets the needs of the partner institution and provides the basis for shared dialogue and mutual learning.

### Partner institutions

ASA NGO global is aimed at non-governmental organisations (NGOs), foundations, grassroots initiatives and implementing organisations of German development cooperation with international projects which are active in Germany.

You will work with your partner institution(s) from a selected country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe to develop your project<sup>1</sup>.

### Participants

Eligible to participate are students, people with a Bachelor's degree or young professionals who have completed vocational training between the age of 21 and 30.

The participants go through the project phases in an international team. This consists of:

- one to two participants who live mainly in Germany and
- one or two participants from the partner country in question.

The participants then return as change agents and multipliers, organise campaigns, give lectures, write project-related Bachelor's and Master's theses and thus contribute their experiences and inspiring ideas to teaching and research.

### Project duration

Participants will spend a total of six months between mid-April and December working on sustainable development topics in your project:

- initially three months with your organisation in Germany,
- followed by three months at your partner institution in the partner country.

### Project activities

The participants will make a contribution to the project objectives, for example in the form of public relations work, the organisation of workshops and campaigns or the development of a product. This will give the participants an in-depth insight into global connections and development policy issues and enable them to analyse different perspectives on global structures.

### Examples of projects

- Using upcycling effectively: Promoting sustainable waste management, Ghana.
- Developing workshops on gender (in)equality, Brazil.
- Promoting sustainable mobility: Reducing CO2 emissions through the development and distribution of e-bikes, Namibia.

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<sup>1</sup> The exact list of project countries can be found here: <https://asa.engagement-global.de/projektlaender.html>

Would you like to find out more about ASA NGO global? In the [ASA Project Finder](#), you will find all projects from this year; simply filter by the programme component ASA NGO global.

### Seminars

In addition to their project activities, the participants will take part in preparatory and follow-up seminars organised by Engagement Global.

## Contribution of the ASA Programme

- Upon request, we advise you on how to develop and elaborate your project proposal.
- We advertise the programme to applicants in Germany.
- We manage their application process, and select committed young participants for your project through a tried and tested process.
- We support the learning and preparation process of participants through seminars and tutorials.
- We support the participants with a scholarship for living and travel expenses as well as insurance coverage for the stay abroad.
- We will cover the accommodation costs for all participants in the seminars as well as the travel costs for participants from the partner countries.
- Together with you as partner organisation we support the participants from the partner countries to obtain a visa for a 90-day stay in Germany.

## Your contribution

- You develop jointly with your partner institution the project proposal. We will be happy to offer our support.
- You will support the recruitment and selection of applicants in Germany. After pre-selection by the ASA Programme, you will select the participants from Germany yourself.
- You support the participants with travel formalities if necessary (for example with visa application).
- You will help the participants from the partner country travel to Germany (flight booking and visa application), provide them with accommodation, help them with challenges regarding the language during their stay and co-finance their stay in Germany (see “Supplement to funding in the global format of the ASA Programme 2025”).
- You support the participants professionally and organisationally in the preparation, implementation and follow-up of their project phase. You also provide the required material resources. The ASA Programme cannot provide any assistance for this.
- Your partner institution(s) will be responsible for recruiting and selecting applicants in the partner country. Participants must have English language skills at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), as the seminar language is English.

## Funding

Engagement Global will pay the following directly to the participants from Germany:

- A six-month bursary totalling 4,872.00 euros<sup>2</sup> to support living expenses in Germany and the partner country.
- A one-off travel allowance of 500.00 euros (Europe) or 1,000.00 euros (worldwide)<sup>3</sup>.
- Accommodation costs during the mandatory seminars.

Engagement Global will provide the following for the participants from the partner countries:

- A three-month bursary of 1,683.00 euros to support living expenses in Germany.
- A three-month bursary of between 750.00 and no more than 1,200.00 euros in the partner country.
- A maximum accommodation allowance of 1,080.00 euros in Germany.
- Accommodation and travel costs for the mandatory seminars.

For details on funding, please refer to the "[Supplement on funding in the global format of the ASA Programme 2025](#)".

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<sup>2</sup> The basic financial assistance to support German students according to the Vocational Training Assistance Act (BAföG for short). Fixed amounts for living expenses and meals amounting to 452.00 euros per month and for accommodation amounting to 360.00 euros per month. A total of 812.00 euros per month. In some project countries, a country-specific supplement is also paid in accordance with the Bafög Foreign Allowance Ordinance.

<sup>3</sup> According to the Vocational Training Assistance Act (BAföG for short) foreign allowance §4.

## ASA Programme calendar

- ✓ **August 15, 2024:** Submission deadline for project proposals from partner institutions that have already implemented an ASA project.
- ✓ **September 15, 2024:** Submission deadline for project proposals from new partner institutions.
- ✓ **October, 2024:** Project selection by the ASA Programme
- ✓ **December 15, 2024:** Deadline for nomination of participants from the partner countries
- ✓ **December, 2024:** Publication of selected projects on the ASA website
- ✓ **Until January 20, 2025:** Interested and eligible young professionals and students from Germany can apply
- ✓ **February 2025:** Selection of participants from Germany
- ✓ **April to June 2025:** Preparatory seminars for all participants
- ✓ **Mid-April to July 2025:** Three-month project phase in Germany
- ✓ **July 2025 to and December 2025:** Three-month project phase in a partner country
- ✓ **February/March 2026:** Follow-up seminar for all participants.

## Contact

Do you have any questions or would you like to submit your project proposal? Then please contact us at [asa-akquise@engagement-global.de](mailto:asa-akquise@engagement-global.de).

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