



ASA NGO basic

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? You can propose your project within the programme component ASA NGO basis until mid-August or mid-September.

The ASA Programme is an exchange and scholarship building programme on development policy 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 basic. Join in and make your project part of the ASA Programme.

ASA NGO basis offer

The ASA programme can draw on many years of experience in working with governmental and non-governmental organisations. The participants make a professional contribution to a specific project that meets the needs of the partner institution and provides the basis for a joint exchange and mutual learning.

Partner institutions

ASA NGO basic is aimed at non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and state development cooperation institutions from a selected country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe¹.

Participants

Eligible to participate are students, people with a Bachelor's degree or young professionals who have completed vocational training between 21 and 30, and who mainly live in Germany.

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

The project phase in a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe lasts three months and takes place between June and December.

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. The project activities can be carried out in different languages, for example English, French or Spanish.

Examples of projects

- Promoting equitable rural development: Exploring jungle areas with indigenous communities, Indonesia
- Confronting climate change: Conserving natural resources by protecting mangrove forests, Honduras
- Empowering and training young women: Promoting independence and leadership, Uganda.

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

Seminars

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

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

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
- 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 accommodation and travel costs for the obligatory seminars

Your contribution

- You develop the project proposal. We will be happy to offer support.
- You support the participants with travel formalities if necessary (for example with visa application).
- 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.

Financing

Participants from Germany will receive the following from Engagement Global:

- A three-month bursary totalling at least 2436.00 euros² to cover their living expenses in the partner country.
- A one-off travel allowance of 500.00 euros (Europe) or 1,000.00 euros (worldwide)³.

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. 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 1, 2024:** Publication of selected projects on the ASA website
- ✓ **January 20, 2025:** Interested and eligible young professionals and students from Germany can apply
- ✓ **February 2025:** Selection of participants
- ✓ **April to June 2025:** Preparation seminars for the participants
- ✓ **July 2025 to December 2025:** Three-month project phase in a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe.
- ✓ **February/March 2026:** Follow-up seminar for the 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.

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