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ASA NGO basic and 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? You can propose your project within the programme components ASA NGO basis and ASA NGO global 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 and ASA global instead.

ASA NGO basis and ASA NGO global offers

Within the ASA Programme the offerings ASA NGO basic and ASA NGO global stand for the cooperation with non-governmental organisations and public development cooperation institutions. The two programme formats basic and global differ in the project phase length, design and the composition of the participating teams. You are invited to propose projects for ASA NGO until 15 August and 15 September 2023 respectively.

In the basic format the participants' main place of residence is Germany. In the global format participants from a partner country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-East Europe and participants from Germany form a team and go through all phases of the programme together. In addition, the project phase in a partner country is preceded by a three-month project phase at an institution in Germany. Accordingly, the project proposal for ASA NGO global is jointly elaborated and submitted by (at least) one partner institution in Germany and (at least) one partner institution in a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-East Europe. A common topic links both phases of the project.

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, 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. Moreover, Engagement Global bears the travel and accommodation expenses incurred in connection to the ASA seminars.
- To ASA NGO global applies: 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 the project proposal (in the global format: jointly with your partner institution). The ASA Programme is happy to offer support.
- You support the participants with travel formalities if necessary (for example with visa application).
- You support the project team 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.

The following additionally applies to ASA NGO global:

Partner institutions in a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe:

You are responsible for acquiring and selecting applicants in your country. Please note that English is the language used in the seminars. Participants need to prove that their English language skills correspond to the B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

Partner institutions in Germany:

You support the acquisition and selection of applicants in Germany. In case of project implementation in presence mode you also assist participants from the partner country with travel formalities (for example booking of flights, visa application), provide accommodation, support communication during their stay and co-fund the stay of participants in Germany (see "Supplement to the funding in the global format of the ASA-Programme in 2024").

Financing

Given the project takes place in presence mode, participants from Germany receive a partial scholarship from the ASA Programme of at least a total of 2.436,00 Euro¹ to cover the living costs in the partner country as well as a travel allowance of 500,00 or 1.000,00 Euro².

Should the project take place digitally due to security issues, the digital collaboration between the participants and you as the partner institution will be rendered possible with a three-month scholarship amounting to 2.436,00 Euro³ on average.

ASA NGO global:

For information on the financing in the global format please refer to the "[Supplement to the funding in the global format of the ASA-Programme in 2024](#)".

¹ According to "Federal Training Assistance Act" (Berufsausbildungsförderungsgesetz: BAföG) financial basis for supporting German students. Flat-rate amounts for living expenses and meals 452,00 Euro per month and for accommodation 360,00 Euro per month. In total, 812,00 Euro per month. In some project countries, a country-specific supplement will be paid additionally according to the BAföG-Auslandszuschlagsverordnung.

² According to "Federal Training Assistance Act" (Berufsausbildungsförderungsgesetz: BAföG), AuslandszuschlagsV §4, cl. 1, a one-time country-specific amount for travel expenses for the trip to the partner country (within Europe 250,00 Euro per way, otherwise 500,00 Euro).

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ASA Programme calendar

- ✓ **August 15, 2023:** Submission deadline for project proposals from partner institutions that have already implemented an ASA NGO basic or ASA NGO global project.
- ✓ **September 15, 2023:** Submission deadline for project proposals from new partner institutions in the ASA NGO basic or ASA NGO global programme formats.
- ✓ **September 30, 2023:** Examination of proposals and project selection by the ASA Programme
- ✓ **December 15, 2023:** Deadline for nomination of participants from the partner countries (global format only)
- ✓ **December 1, 2023 to January 20, 2024:** Publication of selected projects on the ASA website; interested and eligible young professionals and students from Germany can apply
- ✓ **February 2024:** Selection of participants from Germany
- ✓ **April to June 2024:** The participants' seminar phase takes place in Germany.
- ✓ **Mid-April to July 2024:** Three-month project phase in Germany in the global programme format or digitally in case of a digital project implementation
- ✓ **July 2024 to and December 2024:** Three-month project phase in a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-Eastern Europe in both formats, or online in case of a digital project implementation
- ✓ **February/March 2025:** During the RENEw seminars the participants are invited to review the project phase(s), exchange their views about future engagement opportunities and find ways to establish networks.

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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