



## ASA NGO global

Does your organisation pursue social, environmental and economic sustainability goals? Would you like to give young people who are committed to fair and sustainable development an insight into your work and engage in dialogue with them as part of a specific project? Do you want to strengthen cooperation with one of your partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-East Europe? Then join the ASA Programme 2027!

Through the ASA Programme, your organisation together with one of your partners can implement a six-month project in the area of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with the support of young people. By involving committed and qualified young people from different countries in your international project work, you make a concrete contribution to global sustainable development while benefiting from mutual exchange.

**Who can submit a project?** ASA NGO global is aimed at non-governmental organisations (NGOs), foundations, grassroots initiatives and implementing organisations of German development cooperation active in Germany with international projects in a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-East Europe (partner country)<sup>1</sup>.

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

## Participants for your project

Participants apply to join your project and possess the necessary qualifications to make a valuable contribution. They are students, bachelor's degree graduates or people with vocational training aged between 21 and 30 from Germany, and up to 35 from the partner country. They wish to get involved in development policy and contribute their existing specialist knowledge to your project.

They work through the project phases as part of an international team. In general:

- two ASA participants based in Germany and
- two ASA participants based in partner country.

## Project activities

During the six-month project phase, participants contribute to your organisation's objectives. Common project tasks include designing workshops and campaigns, providing support with public relations or product development. Projects are diverse and can cover all areas of the SDGs. If you are planning a project targeting children under 18 years old, please contact us in advance.

### Project examples:

- Understand, Preserve, Empower: History and Culture of the Afro-Diaspora Worldwide, Benin.
- Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy: Promoting democracy through a global conference, Mexico.
- Improving working conditions: exploring challenges and opportunities in the banana supply chain, Colombia.

### Project duration: six months

Between April and December, ASA participants will carry out their project:

- First three months at your NGO in Germany,
- then three months with your project partner in the partner country.

You can find all this year's projects in [the 2026 project catalogue!](#)

## Your benefits as a project partner

- **Development** of a new project or **further development** of an existing one.
- Expanding your **global visibility** and international project work through fresh ideas and synergies with participants.
- Contributing to **the promotion of global awareness** among young people who remain committed to sustainable development even after their ASA participation.
- Establishing **long-term partnerships** with project partners and access to the ASA network.
- Positioning as a **forward-looking organisation** and an attractive employer.
- **Support for your project** with new ideas and skills from **committed and qualified young people**.

*“Working with ASA participants always brings fresh perspectives to our work. Especially with new projects, it is very valuable to gain additional viewpoints and to develop new ideas for content and formats together. The structure of the ASA programme also injects a lot of energy and motivation into the team and creates a stronger connection with our partners in the partner country.”*

***Caroline Vernailen, Democracy International***

## Your contribution

- You implement your joint project idea in cooperation with your partner.
- Following our pre-selection, you select the participants from Germany.
- You provide the participants with technical and organisational support during the preparation, implementation and follow-up of the project phase. To this end, you also provide the necessary material resources.
- You assist with travel arrangements for participants from your partner country (flight and visa), provide accommodation, and contribute towards travel and additional accommodation costs during their stay in Germany.
- Your partner abroad is responsible for selecting applicants in their country. Participants must demonstrate a very good command of English<sup>2</sup>, as the seminar language is English.

## Contribution from the ASA Programme

- We advise you on developing your project idea.
- We manage the application process for participants from Germany.
- We support the learning and preparation process of the participants through seminars and tutorials.
- We provide the participants with a scholarship and cover insurance costs for the project phase abroad.
- We organise online briefings for all project partners.
- Together with you, we assist participants from partner countries with the visa application process for a 90-day stay in Germany.

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<sup>2</sup> Proven level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

# Funding

There's no financial or material support for the project partners

## Engagement Global pays the participants from Germany:

- A three-month scholarship of €2,565<sup>3</sup> in Germany
- A three-month scholarship of between €1,506 and a maximum of €2,700 in the partner country (depending on the project location)
- A one-off travel allowance of €300 (Europe) or €800 (worldwide)

## Engagement Global covers the following costs for participants from partner countries:

- A three-month scholarship of €1,425 in Germany
- A three-month accommodation allowance of up to €1,140 in Germany
- A three-month scholarship of between €1,506 and a maximum of €2,700 in the partner country (depending on the project location)
- Travel costs to the ASA seminar

## You cover the following costs for participants from partner countries:

- Flight, visa and local travel costs, as well as additional accommodation costs

For details on funding, please refer to the [Additional financial information global](#)

# ASA Programme calendar

- ✓ **15 September 2026:** Deadline for submitting your project proposal
- ✓ **October 2026:** Project selection
- ✓ **By 15 December 2026:** Selection of participants from the partner countries
- ✓ **1 December 2026 to 20 January 2027:** Young people living in Germany can apply
- ✓ **February 2027:** Selection of participants from Germany
- ✓ **April to June 2027:** Preparatory seminars for all participants
- ✓ **Between mid-April and July 2027:** Three-month project phase in Germany
- ✓ **Between July 2026 and December 2027:** Three-month project phase in the partner country
- ✓ **January/February 2028:** Follow-up seminar for participants from Germany

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<sup>3</sup> According to the German Vocational Training Assistance Act (BAföG in short) the state fund for students in Germany to cover living costs. Fixed amounts for living expenses and meals 475,00 euros per month and for accommodation 380,00 euros per month. A total of 855,00 euros per month.

# Get in touch!

Do you have any questions or would you like to submit your project proposal?  
Then please feel free to contact us at:

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