

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, RESTRICTIONS AND ASSESSMENT CRITERIA OF PROVICTIMIS

A1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

PVF supports initiatives that aim at restoring or giving greater autonomy to the most vulnerable groups or segments of the population.

Priority is given to projects targeting communities or population groups who are victims of exceptional circumstances (extreme exploitation, chronic consequences of armed conflicts, natural or industrial disasters, etc.).

To be eligible, the organization and/or project should fulfill the following criteria:

- Meet the overall mission and values of the Foundation;
- Meet its **geographical focus** and **program areas**;
- Offer a potential systemic effect;
- Be set up by a national or an international NGO having recognized expertise and a proven track record, and bearing direct responsibility;
- Spark little interest from donors owing to the particulars of the project/programme;
- Have a prior history of international funding;
- PVF supports a variety of time-bound projects: operational costs, general / core costs, technical assistance, capital costs, including construction, renovation, or equipment, etc. In exceptional cases and only when positive medium / long-term perspectives are deemed likely, covering existing deficits, seed granting, and loans may be considered

For international organizations with an annual budget exceeding 10 million Euros: only projects / programs for which a strong institutional commitment can be demonstrated are eligible. The most convincing evidence of such commitment is if having failed to raise the required funds, the grant-seeker has used its contingency fund to finance the project for over 24 months and can provide undisputable evidence of the project / program's quality;

A2. RESTRICTIONS

PVF DOES NOT FINANCE (non-exhaustive list):

- Emergency relief activities in the wake of a disaster (natural or man-made);
- Projects related to disaster situations with broad media coverage;
- Organizations with no history of prior international donor funding, unless the project is carried out in partnership with a more experienced organization;
- Activities entirely and permanently dependent on international funding, at a disproportionate cost in relation to the context;
- Projects with partisan political objectives;
- Religious activities or programs serving specific religious groups or denominations. However, faith-based organizations may submit inquiries if the project falls within our guidelines and is intended for non-denominational segments of the population;
- General fund-raising drives or events;
- Tuition assistance, scholarships or fellowships;
- Personal projects (e.g. film, photography or video projects, research, books, etc.)

A3. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

All of the following criteria may not underpin every project, but they reflect PVF's overall approach in making funding decisions and building partnerships, in accordance with its mission, program areas, and guiding principles. As the Foundation seeks to distribute its support as fairly as possible among its various program areas and geographical focuses, **internal considerations** that are not made public may also influence the outcome of an application, even if it is apparently fully in line with PVF's priorities and the above assessment criteria.

Furthermore, our funds being limited in relation to the large number of worthwhile inquiries we receive, full project applications selected for Board submission will be in **open competition** for final approval. Regardless of the number of exchanges or the length of a project review phase, the PVF Secretariat is therefore **never** in a position to guarantee a positive outcome.

During the project proposal review, PVF will pay special attention to the following aspects:

The Applying Organization:

- The operator's expertise of both the geographical context and the proposed field of activities;
- The operator's capacity to provide an exhaustive but concise overview (including financial) of its overall work and to describe how the proposed project fits within this larger framework, as PVF is always more interested in understanding the "big picture" rather than having a "segmented/piecemeal vision";
- In relation to the saying (by Boileau), "well thought-out ideas are those that are explained clearly", the operator's capacity to formulate its project and budget coherently and precisely.

The Project:

- The local rooting of the project, among which the degree of involvement of local partners in project drafting and implementation;
- Women's role in the project, especially their inclusion in decision-making and project management;
- The extent to which the project addresses the root causes of the problem;
- The long-term impact of the project, which should propose lasting solutions by strengthening local resources and making a significant, measurable change in terms of usefulness and social relevance;
- Its leverage potential;
- Its replicability;
- Its sustainability.

The **Budget**:

- The budget's coherence and appropriateness with both the proposed activities and the context;
- Mobilization of support from several sources.

The **Evaluation**:

- Prospects for evaluating the results, based on the quality of indicators and the reliability of means of verification.