

CALL FOR PROJECTS OF DEVELOPMENT 2021

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1. Object of the call

The Fundación Acción Marianista para el Desarrollo, the Spanish Marianist family NGO was founded on January 22nd of 2010, has the aim of "work for the construction of a fairer world, in peace and sustainable, sensitizing the society of the need for the sharing of goods, and redistributing resources and means through development projects and educational activities".

Since then, we have supported 300 projects in which Marianist Family works in 16 countries. The total amount support with which Fundación Acción Marianista had been able to contribute in their first seven years of collaboration had been ascended to more than €3,000,000.

With the intend to continue working together with others, in the search of social justice that does not lead on inequalities between the equals, we invite all members of the Marianist Family to participate in this call of projects where we will determine where to canalize funds from the Fundación Acción Marianista for the next year 2021.

This document is merely providing guidance to those wishing to apply for any help to the Fundación Acción Marianista. We ask all those involved that fit to as much as possible to these document basis, as in this way we believe that we can improve our work and give wide cohesion to our work, as we have said on many occasions he has two aspects: that of projects in the field, on the one hand, and education and awareness in the area of origin of the funds. We believe both are essential for the construction of a world fairer. Field actions collaborate to improve a living environment to people that the Marianists share life. Activities in Spain we hope to provide their grain of sand to the transformation of the vision of people (and their habits of life and consumption) because on many occasions such acts constitute the origin of the problematics that so negatively impact other people.

The importance for the applicant projects have well what we do (and by those we insist on it in this call for projects) lies in the conviction that a more extensive the information will be, a better knowledge of people, will have, who generously provide us with their funds, and this knowledge is essential for us to build a different world, where higher priority social justice has.

It is not the first time that Acción Marianista sends forms, and guidelines work oriented. We have again close intention to make an exhaustive follow-up and to be faithful to this call for projects, convinced that this will improve our cooperation.



Another reason for the elaboration of this call in writing paper is that all we can adapt into a well-known procedure.

In addition, this better understanding of the functioning of the project will enable in parallel access to another type of funds in Spain from well public or private institutions. In these two areas the needs of information, order and systematization level is higher, so it is essential to take this way of working methodology to obtain access to this other type of funding.

We are pleased to be able to improve in the future this call for projects of development, thanks to your contributions, ideas and shades that you would like to contribute.

2. Assessment of projects

Each project will receive a score assigned by the Committee's assessment that will take into account the following points:

2.1. The project assessment criteria.

Each project will have a rating assigned by the Committee of Assessment in each of the following sections:

2.1.1. **Sectorials.** As indicated in the statutes of Fundación Acción Marianista, their contributions shall be addressed on a priority basis to support projects of nature education, health or socio-educational promotion, also contemplating financing infrastructures aimed at suitable nature projects.

2.1.2. **Grant.** The financial funds available for the Fundación Acción Marianista are approximately €300,000 per 2021. You will be valued positively if the requested amount will not represent more than the 80% of the total amount budget of the project. The rest can be provided by other means of financing, but what will be especially valued will be coming from the project itself. Also referred to, as an option, that the contribution of the local authority does not have to be exclusively monetary but can provide added valued (In terms of work of the target population, a terrain or land for an infrastructure or construction...)

Acción Marianista financial commitment with each project it is estimated and it cannot be confirmed its total contribution until mid of the year corresponding to each call for projects.

2.1.3. **Sustainability.** It will be positively valued that the projects presented have **alternative routes** and/or complementary **financial funds**, either at the time of the presentation of the project or is working to make these ways



existing in the future. These funding alternatives may come from the project itself, local government or other international funding institutions.

- 2.1.4. It will be positively valued those projects that have more than one year **duration**, in the spirit that these are activities for an extended period of time and not actions bounded within a short space of time. For projects whose time horizon exceeds the four or five years, we will work in designing strategies for autonomy of the project that avoid an over-reliance on support of Acción Marianista.
- 2.1.5. It will be also very valued the **active participation** of the project target population, either individually or collectively, and especially if it is across any network or local institution. You will be valued positively the involvement of the community in the implementation of the project, whether as workers, in voluntary work, decision-making or the co-financing of activities.
- 2.1.6. Likewise will be positively valued projects that include a **gender aspect** in accordance with the general objective of the project.

There is also a commitment by Acción Marianista to those projects that are aimed at resolving the situations of injustice in the most vulnerable of the contexts where it intervenes.

- 2.1.7. **Coherence of the intervention.** It will assess the degree of relationship between the problem to intervene, the beneficiary population of the same, the intended objective and the resources needed to carry it out.
- 2.1.8. **Geographic.** We believe that social inequality is present in all countries where we have a presence. Therefore, we don't put any priority in this geographical sense. However be taken into consideration the correct explanation of the social reality of the people next to them that we are working on projects. The reason is to be able to explain to donors and in the activities of awareness-raising and education for development that break with the geographical stereotypes who have in their imagination, and outsiders found on many occasions to a few hundred meters from totally opposite situations materially.
- 2.1.9. **Formulation.** Quality (fitness form eased, clarity, concreteness, information provided, explanatory annexes) of the proposed project and the application form will also be pointed out for evaluation.

2.1.10. Given the exceptional circumstances that we are experiencing derived from COVID-19, which generate uncertainties both in the execution of the projects on the ground, and in the raising of funds for the call, we ask for a special effort in the presentation of the budgets. The committee will assess for this call the greatest possible detail of the project expenses, both by items and by the temporary execution periods. Not only the table of the form will be valued, but also the accompanying explanations.



2.2 Criteria for assessment of the local partner

- 2.2.1 **Experience** with the Fundación Acción Marianista. Positive evaluation in relation to reactivity, achievements of the commitments and to the adequacy of the requests.
- 2.2.2 If the entity has received previous funding from Acción Marianista, must be **aware** of their obligations of justification and sending back information.
- 2.2.3 An advantage is the possibility of welcoming **volunteers** from Spain that can help the entity over a period of approximately one month (between June to September) or during 6 up to 12 months (at any time of the year)
- 2.2.4 Link with the **Marianist Family**. In principle all the projects supported by the Foundation have been executed by members of the Marianist family.
- 2.2.5 An advantage is also physical participation in events that held in Spain, always a member from the local team project visit Spain (Such as technical meetings with financiers, presentation events, testimonials speeches...)

3. Procedure

- 3.1. **Calendar:** To be an open call involving many countries, call upon all responsibility for compliance with the dates to facilitate the work of each other.

The period of admission of applicants will be at any time of the year, until 20th september, taking into account the following calendar dates:

20th september: last day of receipt calls for projects.

It is important that the local team project will have a focal point person to contact with agility in case of further doubts about the project presented in the Call for Projects, during these two weeks of assessment

8 november: assessment team presents in meeting with Acción Marianista Coordination team the proposal to the Acción Marianista Board.

15 November: approval by the Acción Marianista Board of final resolution of the call for projects 2019.

20 November: communication to all applicants for the resolution

20 December: if any reformulation of projects is required, target deadline is to deliver it again.



3.2 Assessment team

The assessment team will be composed by a group of between four and six people, where Acción Marianista management members will participate, Acción Marianista volunteers and people from the Acción Marianista Coordination team.

The role of this assessment team is rating the projects according to the criteria referred in the second paragraph above of this document, in the most objective and professional manner possible so that, then the Coordination team make a first selection of projects must be endorsed by the Acción Marianista Board.

3.3 Application Form and budget

It is essential to use the application form provided enclosed to this call, with all paragraphs and sections. It is the best way to apply the same criteria of assessment for overall projects.

Even if the project has been funded in previous exercises by Acción Marianista, we point out specifically that for this call for projects 2020 will be **essential** to fill in this application form, the excel file and also the annexes that are considered appropriate in the same way that any other applicant.

Application Form (in annex to this call for projects document) must be accompanied by the budget Excel file, also annexed to these document.

3.4. Commitments of the parties

For greater awareness of the commitments of the parties, a written agreement document will be co-signed for each project, with commitments that correspond to each one.

This agreement will at least include an intermediate report, a final report, graphic and audiovisual materials, receipts of delivery confirmation and exchange currency documents, and in the majority of cases, copies of the invoices of the expenses incurred may be required as well.

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