

Expectations of the project partners

All projects should be designed by and with women and preferably be submitted by women. The Elisabethenwerk expects a frank and honest exchange with its partners, including (bi-)annual narrative and financial reports on the implementation of the approved activities and expenditures. The projects should include a plan for long-term sustainability.

Before submitting a project proposal, the Elisabethenwerk must be contacted and the templates provided for this purpose must be used.



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The Elisabethenwerk of the Swiss Women's League

The Swiss Women's League is a large women's network with a Christian orientation. The Swiss Women's League advocates for the rights of women in politics, society, and the church, and is politically independent. It promotes solidarity among women worldwide and is committed to achieving legal, social, and economic equality for women.

In 1958 the Swiss Women's League initiated the Elisabethenwerk (St. Elizabeth Fund) based in Lucerne, Switzerland, to support women in the global South and combat poverty.

How we work

The Elisabethenwerk supports small projects aimed at improving the living conditions of disadvantaged women and girls, regardless of their religious or ethnic background. The relief organisation follows a feminist approach and is guided by the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

What the Elisabethenwerk does not support

The Elisabethenwerk does not support individuals or construction projects. Additionally, it does not provide disaster relief.

Monitoring and evaluation

Projects undergo review by the Switzerland based programme responsible, local consultants, and the experts of the project board. Once approved, they are closely monitored and evaluated by the Elisabethenwerk in Switzerland as well as by the local consultants on site. The programme responsible regularly visits selected projects in the project countries.

Funding and controlling

The projects of the Elisabethenwerk are financed through donations. These come from church and public institutions, women's associations, foundations, and private individuals. Partner organisations conduct annual audits, which, along with the narrative and financial reports, are reviewed by the Elisabethenwerk. The Swiss Women's League is recognized as a charitable organization and has carried the ZEWO seal of approval since 1947.

Key focus areas

Empowerment and income promotion

Women and women's groups are empowered to improve their social, legal, political, and economic status. Support is provided for savings and credit groups, small animal husbandry, kitchen gardens, and organic farming. Women receive assistance in gaining access to land ownership and government social schemes.

Education

The Elisabethenwerk promotes adult education through literacy programmes, training in managing savings and credit groups, and political participation. It provides basic legal knowledge for everyday life. The Elisabethenwerk offers agricultural, craft, and technical courses, vocational training, as well as tutoring and school integration for adolescent girls.

Health

Health promotion, nutrition counseling, family planning, menstrual hygiene, HIV/AIDS prevention, and psychosocial support are provided.

Awareness Raising

Raising awareness on gender issues, domestic violence, child marriage, human trafficking, and environmental protection.

Geographical focus

The Elisabethenwerk is active in Uganda (East Africa) and India (Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, and Telangana).

