



## **The project application**

Please include the following information:

- Name of the project
- Applicant and person responsible for project implementation
- Recommendations or references by others (diocesan women's desk, NGO, consultant SLCW)
- General description of the regional situation
- Justification of the need for the project
- Detailed description of the project (aim – target group – time frame - results to be expected – activities and methods – evaluation)
- Detailed budget
- Bank account details
- Other funding partners for the project or the organisation

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**SLCW /  
EW**

**Guidelines**



## **St. Elizabeth Fund of the Swiss League of Catholic Women**

The Swiss League of Catholic Women (SLCW) is a national association of Catholic women and women's organisations. As an umbrella organisation it commits itself to central themes of society, state and church, focusing on women's issues. The SLCW is politically neutral. It emphasizes women's solidarity and gender equality in legal, social, economic and political respects.

In 1958 the SLCW founded the St.Elizabeth Fund (EW) with its head office in Lucerne, Switzerland, to extend its support to women in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The EW gives support to grass-root women's empowerment projects and programmes. The aim is to contribute to the improvement of living conditions of disadvantaged women irrespective of their religion and ethnicity, to respect their dignity, to strengthen their self-confidence and to contribute to their prospects in general. The SLCW/EW is committed to a feminist approach. The projects should include a plan for long-term sustainability.

### **Supported Project Themes**

#### *Training and education*

Domestic economy, handicrafts and technical training, specific women's education, literacy programmes, further education (at primary schools and in higher education).

#### *Income generation*

Promotion of saving and credit capabilities (rotation funds, microcredits), small-scale animal husbandry and farming etc.

#### *Health*

Improvement of nutrition, family planning, preventive medicine, alternative medicine and prevention of HIV/AIDS.

#### *Creation of awareness and empowerment*

Organisation and strengthening of women's groups for the improvement of their social, legal, political and economic position. Transfer of knowledge and assis-

tance for the independent achievement of their goals. Exchange of information and networking among local, national and international women's associations.

### **Geographical focus**

SLCW/EW supports projects and programmes in Africa (Uganda), in India (Bihar, Jarkhand, Chhattisgarh and Orissa), in Sri Lanka and in Latin America (Bolivia and Peru).

### **What SLCW/EW does not support**

The SLCW does not provide funding for individuals. It does not fund construction work or long-term school or college education. SLCW does not provide emergency aid for disaster victims.

### **Selection**

All projects are studied and monitored by a grant officer who submits her choice to an all-female project commission. The commission has the authority to sanction or reject the proposal. It stresses the importance of project monitoring and communication with partners by correspondence or visits to improve mutual confidence. The EW has local consultants who evaluate and monitor the supported projects.

### **What SLCW/EW expects of its partners**

All project applications should be designed by and with women and if possible be submitted by women. The EW expects an open and honest exchange with its partners, with regular reports about project implementation and accounting for expenses.

### **Fundraising**

SLCW/EW receives support from circles of donors such as parishes, women's groups, mothers' associations and individuals. It does not receive state subsidies, hence has only humble resources at its disposal. In Switzerland the EW organizes information campaigns on subjects that are central to development co-operation.