



WE4F 2.0 CFI

Track 3 & 4 Compiled

FAQs

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Q: Can we apply with two different startups?

A: You may submit applications for two separate startups, but only one can be selected for support under this call.

Q: Can CBOs submit an application?

A: Yes, provided they are legally registered and revenue generating. Eligibility is open to legally incorporated or registered for profit and not for profit organisations that generate revenue and maintain a self-sustaining operational budget, with a demonstrated revenue track record in a water, energy, and food nexus or climate resilience relevant product or service.

Q: Can incubators benefit from the programme?

A: In Syria, yes. Incubators are not eligible for the grant calls under Tracks 3 and 4, which are reserved for revenue generating firms. However, for Syria, the programme supports up to two local incubators, accelerators, or business support organisations through its ecosystem development pillar, including Training of Trainers and capacity building on the water, energy, and food nexus, digital transitions, circular models, and gender and social inclusion.

س: بمهل يوجد أوليات خاصة بفلسطين، والسؤال الثاني بخصوص المساهمة هل يمكن اعتبار الرواتب او التكاليف التشغيل من ضمن المساهمة الخاصة بالشركة

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بالنسبة للأولويات: لا توجد قائمة أولويات خاصة بفلسطين وحدها. معايير الأهلية والمجالات الموضحة نفسها تنطبق على المسار 3 في الجزائر وفلسطين وسوريا. ومع ذلك يدرك البرنامج الفرص المحلية في فلسطين، مثل المحاصيل عالية القيمة كالزيتون والتمور وتصنيع الأغذية محلياً

بالنسبة للمساهمة: نعم، يمكن اعتبار الرواتب والتكاليف التشغيلية جزءاً من مساهمة الشركة، سواء نقداً أو كمساهمة عينية، شرط أن تكون مرتبطة مباشرة بالنشاط الممول، وموثقة، وأن تكون مصادر جديدة وليست أموالاً مخصصة أو مرصودة مسبقاً، وأن يمكن تقييمها بشكل معقول. المساهمة الموصى بها للمسار 3 هي 25% من قيمة المنحة

Q: Can the innovator use another grant for the matching grant? What are the terms?

A: Yes. Another grant may count as matching funding, provided it is not financed by the same donor funding WE4F, is confirmed and available during the award period, and does not result in double funding of the same costs. Supporting documentation will be required, and final eligibility is subject to WE4F approval.

Q: Can I apply if I have an innovative project, but my company is not yet officially registered?

A: Yes, if you are in the process of registering it.

Q: Since our proposed intervention may take place in Umm Al-Tut Nature Reserve, could you please clarify whether interventions inside or adjacent to a protected natural area are eligible under Track 3, and what environmental, permitting, and ESG requirements would apply? Also, should the proposed activity demonstrate a direct link to agriculture/food production in addition to conservation or climate resilience benefits?

A: The activity must demonstrate a direct link to agriculture and food production. A conservation or climate resilience benefit on its own is not enough. Every innovation needs a direct linkage between water or energy and the food value chain, or water in other value chains, or increased circularity in food systems. From an environmental point of view, extensive processes will take place to make sure your intervention falls under "do no harm" including rigorous environmental risk assessment

Q: How many startups are accepted into the programme?

A: Up to 30 enterprises under Track 3 (Algeria, Palestine, and Syria) and up to 30 early-stage firms under Track 4 (Syria only), the latter selected across two rounds.