

# CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT 2024

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## **1. Object of the call**

The Fundacion Accion Marianista para el Desarrollo, the NGDO of the Marianist Family, founded on 22 January 2010, has as its mission "to work for the construction of a more just, peaceful and sustainable world, making society aware of the need for the sharing of goods, and redistributing resources and means through development projects and educational actions".

Since then, nearly 400 projects have been supported by the Marianist family in 18 countries. The financial support with which the Marianist Action Foundation has been able to contribute to its first years of work has been more than 4 million euros.

With the intention of continuing to work together with others in pursuit of social justice that does not lead to inequalities among equals, we invite all members and partners of the Marianist Family to participate in this call for proposals where we will determine where to direct the Foundation's funds for the year 2024.

This document is intended to provide guidance to all those who wish to apply for any kind of support from the Foundation. We ask all those who participate to adhere as closely as possible to these guidelines, as in this way we believe that we will be able to improve our work and give greater cohesion to our work, which has two aspects: projects in the field, on the one hand, and education and awareness-raising in the field where the funds originate. In our opinion, both are essential for the construction of a fairer world. Actions on the ground help to improve the living environment of the people with whom the Marianist family shares its life. The activities in Spain we hope that they will contribute their grain of sand to the transformation of people (as well as their life and consumption habits), as on many occasions these acts are the origin of the problems that have such a negative impact on other people.

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

As in the past year, we are again committed to a more thorough follow-up and faithful compliance with this call, as we strongly believe that this will contribute to improving our cooperation. Another reason for producing this call-in writing is to ensure that we can all adapt to a known and established system.

In addition, this better knowledge of how projects work will make it possible to access other types of funding in Spain from public and private institutions on an ongoing basis. In these two areas, the level of information, order and systematization required by the calls for proposals is higher, so it is essential that we adopt this type of working methodology in order to be able to access this other type of funding.

We will be delighted to be able to improve this call for proposals over time, thanks to the contributions, ideas, and nuances that you may wish to provide.

## **2. Assessment of projects**

In order to fulfil Marianist Action's responsibility to allocate the limited funds available according to the most objective and transparent evaluation criteria possible, each project will receive a score assigned by the evaluation committee, which will take into account the following points:

### **2.1. Criteria on the project.**

- 2.1.1. **Sectoral.** As indicated in the statutes of Marianist Action, its contributions will be directed primarily to support projects of an educational, health or socio-educational nature, also contemplating the financing of infrastructures destined to projects of the aforementioned nature.
- 2.1.2. **Endowment.** The funds that Acción Marianista expects to have available for the year 2024 will be between 270,000 and 300,000 euros. The amount requested for each project should not exceed 50% of the total project budget. The remainder may be provided by other sources of funding or by the project itself. The option is also considered that the contribution of the local entity does not have to be exclusively monetary but may be provided in a valued way (with the work of the target population, a plot of land, etc.).

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 and viability.** It will be valued that the projects presented have alternative and/or complementary financing channels, either at the time of the presentation of the project or that work is being done to ensure that these channels exist in the future. These alternative sources of funding may come from the project itself, from local public administrations or from other international funding bodies. The sustainability of the project in the future is highly valued.
- 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 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, projects that include a **gender approach**, in line with the general objective pursued by the project, will be positively assessed. In addition to this year, a **human rights and environmental approach** will also be considered.
- 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. 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.

**22 de septiembre:** last day of receipt calls for projects.

**17 de noviembre:** assessment team presents in meeting with Acción Marianista Coordination team the proposal to the Acción Marianista Board.

**27 de noviembre:** approval by the Acción Marianista Board of final resolution of the call for projects 2023.

**5 de diciembre:** communication to all applicants for the resolution

**22 de diciembre:** if any reformulation of projects is required, target deadline is to deliver it again.

### **3.2. Assessment team**

The evaluation team will be made up of a group of between four and six people, with the participation of the Accion Marianista projects technician, the management, volunteers from the Fundacion, and members of the Coordinating Team.

The function of this team is to evaluate the projects presented according to the criteria set out in the second section of this document as objectively as possible so that the Coordinating Team can then make an initial selection of projects to be endorsed by the Board of Trustees.

### **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 2023 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 documents.

In addition, **two new annexes are included this time.** The first is a detailed explanation of the matrix and the problem tree, in order to provide a better understanding of these elements. The second annex consists of the project's history, covering its evolution and background over time.

### **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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Commission of Projects