



CALL FOR CONCEPTS HUMANITARIAN CLEAN COOKING FUND (HCCF)

The Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves (Alliance) is a public-private partnership with the goal to save lives, improve livelihoods, empower women, and protect the environment by creating a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions. The Alliance's '100 by 20' goal calls for 100 million homes to adopt clean and efficient stoves and fuels by 2020. The Alliance is working globally with over 1,600 partners from the bilateral, United Nations, private, humanitarian, NGO, academic, and philanthropic sectors to help overcome the market barriers that currently impede the production, deployment, adoption and use of clean and efficient cookstoves and fuels in developing countries.

Since 2010, the Alliance has been committed to reaching the world's most vulnerable populations through its targeted humanitarian program, which complements and leverages its market-based work, diverse partner base, and geographic reach to increase access to cooking solutions in humanitarian settings. The Alliance has supported key organizations to implement clean cooking solutions for crisis-affected people through strategy development, technical assistance, capacity building, coordination, and advocacy. In its role as Co-Chair of the Safe Access to Fuel and Energy (SAFE) Humanitarian Working Group, the Alliance spearheads global efforts to make energy access for heating, lighting, cooking, and powering a fundamental part of humanitarian aid.

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HCCF is a new grant fund established by the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves with support from the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad). Its primary objective is to increase access to cleaner fuels and more efficient cooking technologies among crisis-affected people through the scale-up of successful cooking interventions in humanitarian settings. HCCF also aims to foster innovations in program design and increase investment in alternative fuels and cooking technologies, which will improve health, save lives, reduce costs, and promote safety among humanitarian populations.

The Alliance invites qualified organizations to submit project concepts for consideration by July 21st, 2017. To apply, see [Application Instructions](#) below. Following an initial review, the Alliance will invite a select number of candidates to submit full proposals (see [Timeline](#) below). **Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the [Eligibility section](#) below before submitting.**

The Alliance will hold a partner webinar on July 12th, 2017, to provide more information on HCCF and address frequently asked questions. Register [here](#) to attend. Questions may be addressed to humanitarian@cleancookstoves.org in advance of the webinar.

BACKGROUND & NEED

Over 125 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance today.¹ Most of these crisis-affected populations rely on solid fuels such as firewood, charcoal, and agricultural waste to cook their daily meals. Much of the food provided by humanitarian agencies must be cooked before it can be eaten, yet clean and efficient cookstoves and fuel are rarely provided. As a result, families are often forced to spend precious income on cooking fuel, or resort to negative coping strategies such as skipping meals, undercooking, or trading food rations for fuel, resulting in illness and malnutrition. Women and children risk their safety to collect firewood outside camp limits, only to cook over smoky, polluting fires that contribute to respiratory and heart disease, cancer, and burns. Time spent collecting fuel and preparing meals negatively impacts women and girls' ability to attend school, earn income, or engage in leisure activities.

Cooking solutions that address the above challenges already exist in humanitarian settings. Humanitarian agencies, private companies, and non-governmental organizations have already piloted new technologies, alternative fuels, and distribution methods that have produced significant benefits across multiple sectors, including protection, health, livelihoods, and the environment. These actors have already identified challenges, learned lessons, and improved the lives of thousands of crisis-affected people. However, a significant funding shortage prevents them from continuing or scaling up these projects over the long term. Energy currently has no formal place in the UN cluster system for the coordination of humanitarian aid, and existing humanitarian funding mechanisms often omit energy access in budgets.

GRANT TERMS

In the first round of HCCF, the Alliance is offering two competitive grants of **USD \$150,000 – \$250,000.00** each to qualified organizations to support the ***scale-up*** of successful cooking interventions in humanitarian settings. Proposed interventions must have previously been pilot-tested in humanitarian settings and resulted in tangible benefits for crisis-affected people (see Eligibility).

Selected projects will have approximately 14 months from the disbursement of the grant to meet clear objectives and performance milestones. Regular reporting on activities and milestones will be required throughout project execution, in addition to a final results report one year after the end of the project. Recipients are also required to submit the Alliance's annual Results Reporting Survey.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants and project concepts must meet **all** of the following criteria to qualify for the HCCF. If you have clarification questions, we encourage you to contact humanitarian@cleancookstoves.org before the submission deadline.

- **Alliance Partnership:** The applicant organization **must** be a registered partner of the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves. Applicants who are not currently a Partner must be

¹ United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, [Global Humanitarian Overview](#), Dec 2015.

registered **prior** to submitting their project concept. Please follow the instructions on how to do so here: <http://cleancookstoves.org/partners/register.html>.

- **Organization Type/Legal Structure:** Applicant organizations are required to submit evidence of legal and financial operating status, as well as permission to operate in the country where the project will be implemented. Organizations can include, but are not limited to, for-profit companies, social enterprises, foundations, and non-profits. Partnerships between private sector and humanitarian organizations are encouraged to the extent that they benefit the project, but are not required.
- **Organization Maturity:** Applicant organizations must have been in operation for **at least three years** and demonstrate that they have a track record in delivering similar types of projects (see application template). If applicants are submitting as part of a consortium, the lead applicant must have been in operation for at least three years.
- **Proof of Concept:** For this round of HCCF, proposed projects **must** have been previously implemented (or “piloted”) **and produced measurable benefits** in at least one humanitarian setting. To demonstrate this, applicants must submit a description of the pilot project(s), including timeframe, location, number and description of beneficiaries, and major outcomes of the project. Variations on the pilot project’s model due to lesson learned are acceptable, but the overall concept of the intervention must be the same.
- **Impact Areas:** Proposed projects should aim to improve the lives of crisis-affected people in **at least two** of the Alliance’s key mission areas, which are **health, livelihoods, women’s empowerment, and environmental protection**. Concepts should clearly describe expected outcomes in these areas and how they will be achieved. Strong proposals will benefit crisis-affected people in more than two mission areas. Projects that risk or negatively impact *any* of the mission goals will not be accepted.
- **Location:** Your project may take place in any country, state, or region; however, the location or beneficiaries should be mostly “off-grid,” i.e. lacking access to a large, share electrical grid.
- **Humanitarian:** Proposed projects **must** primarily benefit a humanitarian population, although co-benefits for neighboring communities are encouraged. For the purposes of the HCCF, the Alliance defines “humanitarian populations” as **refugees, internally displaced people (IDPs), or those affected by natural disaster**. A “humanitarian setting” is one in which the majority of beneficiaries are part of a humanitarian population.
- **Cooking Focus:** Proposed projects must focus primarily on cooking technologies, fuels, and/or distribution methods for a humanitarian population. Combining with other energy technologies or sectors (e.g. heating, lighting, powering, preservation, sanitation) is encouraged, but project funds may not primarily be used to purchase equipment or fuel that is not related to cooking.
- **Product performance:** Projects that introduce a cooking technology and/or fuel should share information about its performance and adoption rate. Preference will be given to applications that include field and/or laboratory test results for efficiency, safety, durability, and emissions, especially those following protocols that have been mapped to [IWA](#) tier ratings. Information about specific testing methodologies and protocols are available on the [Alliance webpage](#).

APPLICATION TIMELINE



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To submit a project concept, download and complete the Application form. **Applicants are *required* to use this form.** Any concept not using the form will be automatically rejected.

Submit your application and attachments to humanitarian@cleancookstoves.org no later than **11:59 pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on July 21st, 2017.**

All application documents must be submitted in MS Word or Adobe PDF format. Please label each file according to this format:

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