

By supporting our partners' projects, we are favouring **access to essential services** – water, sanitation, and waste management – for **underprivileged populations in developing countries**. In **France**, we are **combating social exclusion** whilst respecting the participation and dignity of all.

Partner' scope of actions	
Access to essential services	<i>Sustainable and replicable actions to reinforce the autonomy of underprivileged populations in developing countries.</i>
Social insertion	<i>Sustainable and replicable actions to contribute towards the insertion of people made vulnerable by the loss of social ties or who are too far removed from formation or employment structures in France.</i>
Social cohesion	<i>Actions aimed at improving integration and living together in France, for young adults and minors, in priority areas (REP, QPV, fragile rural areas).</i>
Emergency	<i>Support projects in developing countries or in France in the context of emergency conditions, whether health emergencies, humanitarian crises, natural or climatic disasters for affected populations, or vulnerable, strongly weakened by a climate crisis, social or conflict.</i>

The Fondation SUEZ wants to contribute to projects working towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) by 2030. More information [here](#).

Through its support, the Fondation SUEZ wishes to:

- **Renforce the expertise of local players and circulate expertise** by supporting actions to professionalize services, put in place specific training programmes and foster networking between players.
- **Boost innovation** and research applied to the realities of the field in developing countries, namely via the organisation of a Prize to reward and promote innovative projects having proven their worth and which can be replicated.
- **Contribute to the sustainability and replicability** of impact or potential **impact projects** (innovation, new model...)

Criteria for selection

Eligibility of project initiators

The Foundation supports projects proposed by project initiators:

- with an **associative legal status**, a Foundation or Endowment Fund status recognized as being of public utility
- which have been legally established for at least **2 years** prior to the date of the submission of the project application

The Foundation gives priority to applicants possessing **local divisions** or reporting a very close **partnership with a local structure**, facilitating project follow-up and an ex-post follow-up of the projects.

The Fondation SUEZ does not finance:

- Projects requiring more than 50% of their financing to be provided by the Foundation.
- Projects in progress at more than 30% of the project schedule
- Projects with no other partners.
- Projects which do not come within the scope of intervention of the Foundation and which do not meet the above-listed criteria.
- Projects of an event nature.
- Personal projects, projects initiated by student associations, trips, educational grants, study trips, work placements, university theses and dissertations.
- Projects already carried out (except in the case of the projects rewarded by the SUEZ– Institut de France Awards).
- Projects for which a major part of the budget serves to finance their functioning.
- Les projets portés par des individus.
- Communication actions or projects with a promotional or publicity objective.
- Editorial projects or cinematographic productions.

General criteria:

The Foundation can contribute maximum up to **50% maximum of the project's total budget**.

The SUEZ Foundation supports projects in territories where SUEZ and its subsidiaries are present to:

- Strengthen **synergies**
- Make **volunteering missions** possible
- Facilitate **skill-based sponsorship**.

NB: for emergency projects, the Foundation supports projects wherever they are located, in emerging and developing countries as well as in France.

The Fondation SUEZ will prioritize projects

1. whose start date for the **insertion projects** is at least 6 months after the project submission date;
2. being the subject of **financial partnerships** and **skill-based sponsorship** developed with international solidarity organizations and specialized non-profit institutions
3. capable of **integrating the skill-based sponsorship missions** of Group employees
4. with **multi-territory deployment**,
5. taking into account the sustainability of results through
 - >> with a clearly **identified demand** and the determination of the **populations concerned** to contribute towards maintaining the service or activity to be created,
 - >> the **autonomy of the population concerned**
 - >> **corresponding to the national or regional policies** adopted in the domain considered,
 - >> with **commitment** and **support** shown towards the project by **local stakeholders**: user associations, local resident communities, local authorities etc.
 - >> introduction of **post-project monitoring**
6. which have **impact measuring** thanks to indicators and assessment mechanisms based on transparency, in conjunction – where possible – with the authorities in the countries concerned,
7. of general interest,
8. **coherent with the other projects implemented** on the same theme in the same geographical zone; for access to essential service projects: resource preservation, integrated management of the receiving environment, collection, and treatment management...
9. searching for efficiency and sustainable improvement of people's living conditions
10. searching for the sustainability of the action thanks to the relevance of the diagnosis to be carried out upstream to be able to measure the impact of the achievements of the project

The Foundation pays particular attention to projects aimed at **women/young girls and refugees**.

Criteria specific to our partners' scope of action

Emergency -- no geographical restriction

Projects aimed at providing food aid, basic necessities (non-food), **assessment missions, mobile water treatment plants and sanitation infrastructures as well as their implementation, medico-psycho-social** support.

Access to Essential Services -- in emerging and developing countries in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean, primarily where SUEZ and its subsidiaries are present

For a **first endowment** with a new partner, it can be up to **50 K€ maximum**. Otherwise, our endowments for these projects go up to a maximum of **80 K€**.

The Foundation considers both **one-time** and **multi-year** projects.

- **Development aid projects** for the most vulnerable (access to water, sanitation, and waste management)
- Projects **in informal urban peri-urban and rural areas** if support from local authorities of the project is secured.
- Project including a **training component** on the improvement of services and their management, staff training, and actions to **sensitize** residents to **hygiene and health issues**.
- Emergency projects, supporting **emergency** and **post-emergency humanitarian operations** in the field of access to essential services (water, sanitation, waste).

However, it only supports associations, organizations or institutions that have demonstrated the relevance and impact of their action and the sustainability of their results in previous projects.

Social Insertion and Social Cohesion -- in France

For a **first endowment** with a new partner, it can be up to **25 K€ maximum**. Otherwise, our endowments for these projects go up to a maximum of **40 K€**.

It is recommended that the duration of insertion projects be a **minimum of one year**, either academic or calendar, with priority given **to multi-year projects**.

- **Social integration** projects, **with priority given to environmental issues** (reuse, recycling, organic farming, reduction of climate impact, etc.), promoting **employment and training** for vulnerable people who are far from employment. The Foundation wishes to contribute to the **social and economic revitalization** of the territories in the long term.
- **Social cohesion** projects aimed at **minors and young adults**, and their families, through education, culture, and sport in **disadvantaged neighborhoods (QPV)** and **priority education networks (REP)**, as well as in fragile rural areas.

The **innovative nature** of the approach and the project as well as its **anchoring in social policies** will be particularly examined.

Criteria for the financial aid awarded

The Foundation can award up to 50% of the project's total budget.

Financial aid from the Foundation is not generally awarded to the organization itself but is allocated to an identified and defined project.

The Foundation does not support projects for which it would be the sole backer. It intervenes as a co-funder of projects which benefit from other sources of financing, whether these sources are the own resources of the project initiator or public subsidies (European Union, local authorities, public establishments etc....) or financial aid provided by other backers, such as companies or other foundations.

For access to essential services, the Foundation is in favor of the participation of the populations concerned in financing the service provided, both in terms of cash contributions and labor, within their capabilities.

The Board remains sovereign in the final decision on the amount of the endowment.

Duration of projects

The Foundation may **renew its support for the project** (the Foundation may support several projects from the same structure) **1 to 2 times**, the renewal of the project being conditional on receipt of the final report from the first support.

Application Process

Applications for funding are made through **2 annual calls for projects**:

- A call for projects **closing on October 30th** of the year, for presentation to the Board of Directors in April/May of the following year.
- A call for projects **closing on April 30th** of the following year for presentation to the Board of Directors in October/November.

Putting together the application

All new projects must be submitted via the following link: www.fondation-suez.com

The application can be accompanied by attachments.

For Access to Essential Services projects, applicants must submit:

1. A letter from the decentralized, competent local authorities for the territory and / or intervention field concerned by the project.
2. A letter from the local, foreign partner(s) – or a partnership agreement if one exists – This letter (or agreement) must set out details of the nature and level of involvement of each of the parties.

Evaluation and follow-up of an application at the Fondation SUEZ

1. Reception of applications via the www.fondation-suez.com link
2. Pre-selection of applications by the Foundation team in keeping with the selection criteria.
3. Transmission of pre-selected applications to internal Group evaluators for their opinion.
4. Submission of pre-selected and assessed projects to the Board of Directors Meeting in April or October for acceptance, deferral, or refusal.
5. When the project is accepted, signature of a partnership agreement with the initiators of the projects selected.
6. Accompaniment and monitoring of the projects selected by a project referent specifically appointed to monitor the project by the Foundation team.

Contractualization process

Reciprocal commitments between the project initiator and the Foundation are embodied by the signature of an agreement.

Even if the project is accepted by the Foundation, the agreement cannot be signed until 80% of the project's financing, including the contribution by the Foundation, has been confirmed. Letters of commitment from other backers must be sent to the Foundation to permit the establishment of the agreement.

In the case where all project financing is not completed within six months following the notification by the Foundation to the project initiator, the decision to award financial aid will be annulled and the sum

in question will be reintegrated into the budgetary envelope to be subsequently awarded to other projects by the Foundation.

Project monitoring by the Foundation

The Foundation reserves the right to monitor the progression of the project and assess the achievement of the objectives initially announced, where needs be by sending out delegates to complete assessment missions.

When the financial aid provided by the Foundation is the focus of several instalments, these instalments may be conditioned by the progression of the project and the concretization of decisional milestones fixed when the agreement is signed.

Meetings for the launch, annual monitoring and project end are to be provided for.

Continuity of action

The Foundation attaches particular importance to the continuity of the actions undertaken. It is therefore especially attentive to measures to organize financing and governance adopted with a view to ensuring the long-term establishment of the improvements made by the program presented, including post-project monitoring.

Ethics (extract from partnership agreement)

The Association will in particular ensure, within the limits of its means and powers of investigation, that its suppliers and other co-contractors have undertaken not to employ children or persons whose presence is involuntary, whether they are incarcerated, in slavery or otherwise, in the manufacture, packaging or marketing of their products or services. The term "children" applies to any person under the minimum age for employment and compulsory schooling, in accordance with local law, in either case.

The activities must be carried out in accordance with their professional ethics and to respect them and make them respected by their staff.

The Association shall declare that the funds invested in the Project and its own funds are not of illicit origin under French law.

The Association must have control mechanisms in place to ensure that all funds are properly accounted for and used in accordance with the object and purpose of the organization's declared activities. It must apply the rule of knowledge of its beneficiaries and associated associations, i.e. make every effort to confirm the identity, references and reputation of its beneficiaries and associated organizations.