



GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING PROJECT PROPOSALS

The Ambassador's Special Self-Help Fund (ASSHF) is designed to aid those organizations and communities that are willing to **help themselves**. THE GREATER THE INVOLVEMENT AND CONTRIBUTION FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, AND THE MORE PEOPLE THE PROJECT WILL BENEFIT, THE BETTER YOUR CHANCES ARE TO QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE.

Projects will be judged on merit. The projects that best fit ASSHF criteria will be awarded funding. Normally, grants will not exceed Tsh. 6,000,000. Applicants whose requirements are below Tsh. 6,000,000 are most likely to receive favorable consideration. **Proposals received after March 30th, 2008 will be evaluated for funding in 2009.**

Tell us as much as you can about your community and how the project will benefit your group. Explain in detail what your group is currently doing to earn income. Be very specific about what you want to purchase if you receive a grant, keeping in mind that we are unlikely to fund projects over Tsh 6,000,000. **Be sure to get quotations for items you are requesting**, including transport charges, if any. If you have any photographs of the project, please include them as well.

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE PROJECT PROPOSALS

The projects listed below are not the only ventures we will consider (ASSHF is always interested in receiving proposals for innovative and exciting projects), but they are examples of projects that have been funded in the past:

- WATER PROJECTS: Boreholes, Irrigation, Water Storage Tanks
- HEALTH CARE PROJECTS: Rural Clinics, Solar Electrification, Improving Sanitary Conditions (NO medicine, drugs or counseling)
- SOLAR ENERGY/ENERGY EFFICIENCY/ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS: Energy-Saving and Recycling Concepts, Environmental Protection
- INCOME GENERATING VENTURES: Weaving Looms, Carpentry Tools, Grinding Machines, Brick-making Machine, etc.

NOTE: Project proposals must be submitted by the local community group and not by local officials. Groups must have diverse membership (no single families) and must be already established.

WE CANNOT FUND THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF PROJECTS

- Start-up projects, stand or property purchase
- Personal/individual/single family enterprises
- School or exam fees
- Operating costs such as rent, salaries, stationery, etc.
- Personal services, including payments for labor
- Raw materials, musical instruments, fertilizers or food (Flour, eggs, etc.)
- Vehicles
- Construction of teachers or staff housing, school offices or large construction proposals such as clinics, or repairs due to neglect or disrepair
- Projects of a purely political, military or religious nature
- Purchase of cattle or cattle-fattening, poultry or pigs
- Advocacy or research projects
- Credit or revolving loan programs