



INVITATION TO SUBMIT CONCEPT NOTES

Promoting community-based volunteerism for Active Citizenship

1. Overview

STAR-Ghana Foundation (SGF) invites concept notes from Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) interested in developing and implementing innovative models of **community-based volunteerism**. Selected organisations will be supported with small grants and technical assistance to pilot initiatives that will provide opportunities for community members, particularly young people, to participate in community development processes and to develop skills and experiences to be active citizens.

Interested and eligible CSOs are required to download, complete, and submit the **Concept Note template** on SGF's website (www.star-ghana.org). Deadline for submission of Concept Notes is **22nd November 2023**.

2. Background

STAR-Ghana Foundation (SGF) is a national center for the promotion of **Action Citizenship and Local Philanthropy**. The organization works towards the development of a vibrant, well-informed, and assertive civil society to contribute to sustainable national development and inclusive access to quality public services for all citizens.

To translate the vision and mission of a well informed and active citizenry into programming, SGF developed and launched an Active Citizenship strategy in 2021 (visit www.star-ghana.org). A Volunteerism Strategy has been developed to complement the Active Citizenship strategy. A key component of both strategies is the development of spaces and mechanisms for citizens' participation in governance and development processes at local and national levels. This call seeks to provide support for the development of such spaces and mechanisms through volunteerism.

Purpose

The purpose of this Call is to identify interested and eligible CSOs with who STAR-Ghana can partner to develop and implement models of local/community-based volunteerism within the wider context of active citizenship and local philanthropy to address community issues.

Scope and proposed activities

Grants under this Call will support the development and testing of, or support to volunteerism initiatives which address salient community issues, such as improved access to health and education services in rural and deprived communities, strengthening women and young people's voices and

participation in governance processes at community, district and national levels, peace and security and community-based natural resource management.

Initiatives may also address any other salient community or local issues not indicated above.

Eligibility Criteria

- a- Registered CSO with presence in the communities and districts where they intend to implement the initiative.
- b- Demonstrable capacities in community mobilization and community development processes.
- c- Applicants must have been in existence/operating for at least three (3) years.
- d- Experience working with volunteers to implement development actions will be an advantage.

Information session

A virtual information session to provide further details of this call and clarify any questions will be organized on **14th November 2023**. A meeting link will be posted on SGF social media handles.

1.1 Process and Timelines

Applications should reach STAR-Ghana Foundation by close of day on **22nd November 2023**. Successful applicants will be notified within a month of close of submission of applications. STAR-Ghana anticipates awarding 10 grants of up to Ghc100,000 each.