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ANDE Gender-Smart Capacity Building Facility Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility

[Do I have to be an ANDE member to apply for this funding?](#)

No. Both ANDE members and non-members are welcome to apply.

[Is there a geographic focus for this fund?](#)

Yes. Eligible projects must be working in one of the following countries/regions:

- India
- Brazil
- Andean: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela
- East Africa: Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda
- East and Southeast Asia: Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam

One winning application will be selected per region.

[Does the cost of NICRA or other indirect costs come out of the total funds?](#)

US-based applicants need to submit their USAID-approved Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) along with their application. NICRA is “a document published to reflect an estimate of indirect cost rate negotiated between the Federal Government and a Grantee/Contractor’s organization which reflects the indirect costs (facilities and administrative costs) & fringe benefit expenses incurred by the organization that will be the same across all the agencies of the United States.

[What type of company constitutes a small and growing business \(SGBs\)?](#)

[Small and Growing Businesses \(SGBs\)](#) are defined by ANDE as commercially viable businesses with five to 250 employees that have significant potential, and ambition, for growth. Typically, SGBs seek growth capital from \$20,000 to \$2 million USD.

[I'm an SGB or capacity development provider, can I apply?](#)

An investor must be the lead applicant, while an SGB is the beneficiary and the third-party capacity builder is the sub-awardee.

[As a capacity development provider how do I get to partner with an investor?](#)

Capacity development providers partner with investors as the third-party subwardee, or the organization/individual providing gender-smart advisory services to the investor's priority pipeline SGBs.

[My organization is not registered in any of the markets stated, but has operations in at least one of them. Am I still eligible to apply?](#)

Yes - so long as the SGBs are working in the eligible countries, you are eligible to apply.

[Can one organization put in more than one application?](#)

Yes, an organization can put in more than one application but only one will be selected as a winner.

Application

[When is the application window and when will we find out if we have been selected to receive the funding?](#)

Expressions of interest are due by August 18th and semi finalists will be invited to interview by September. Winners will be announced in October.

Use of Funds

[Does ANDE have a list of capacity development providers that investors can work with?](#)

Ideally applicants identify a capacity development provider they aim to work with in their expression of interest. However, ANDE is concurrently running a call for capacity builders which we will turn into a directory of organizations that deliver gender-smart capacity building services that applicants can refer to if invited to the interview stage.

Evaluation

[How will ANDE assess the quality of applications?](#)

ANDE has adapted the [Kellogg Foundation's Racial Equity 2030 Scoring Criteria](#) for the purposes of evaluating Gender-Smart Capacity Building facility applications focusing on the following four categories:

GAME-CHANGING	Is the proposed solution designed to transform the internal and/or external policies of the investors and SGBs involved?
EQUITABLE	Is the approach inclusive of communities most impacted by the issue in decision-making?

SUSTAINABLE	Is the model applicable and replicable across sectors and geographies?
ACTIONABLE	Does the team have the skills, capacity, knowledge or lived experience to implement the proposed strategy?