

## YOUTH-LED GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS / CBOs CALL FOR APPLICATION (CFA) 2025

SHOFCO seeks to enable local youth-led grassroots organisations (CBOs) to amplify their impact through partnering with them and supporting them by building their capacity to effectively implement their programs, and work with SHOFCO and other organisations to provide opportunities and a voice to young people.

We are inviting applications from local youth-led grassroots organisations (CBOs) registered and operating in Kenya in **Mombasa, Nyeri, Kilifi, Kakamega, Vihiga, Bungoma, Busia, Kisumu, Siaya, Homabay, Nairobi, Machakos, Kiambu, Meru, Nakuru, Kisii and Migori** whose programs are targeted towards/impact young people, with a focus on youth-led. Selected CBOs will be taken through a capacity enhancement program (covering areas such as operations, fundraising, finance, HR, etc.) and will receive financial support in empowering youth-related programs and enhancing YLO sustainability. SHOFCO will also partner with them to deliver SHOFCO programs in their communities. The application is open from **15th July 2025 to 5th August 2025**. The information you provide will remain confidential.

YLOs with strong grassroots presence, with the potential to improve sustainable livelihoods for large numbers of youth and have programs in the following thematic areas & focus on youth, especially women, PWD and refugees) should apply:

### 1. Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship (YEE):

Description: CBOs that are running innovative projects that promote youth employment and entrepreneurship. Projects may include technical skills, business mentorship programs, finance for young entrepreneurs etc.

Focus: focus on youth, primarily young women, in the areas of entrepreneurship, economic empowerment, job creation, and access to finance.

### 2. Youth in Agriculture, Food Systems and Climate Action (YAFSCA)

Description: The Youth in Agriculture, Food Climate smart food Systems Initiative invites proposals from organisations engaged in Agriculture and Food systems encompassing all the processes of production, processing, Preservation and Marketing. Climate CBOs that primarily have corresponding sustainable climate initiatives addressing climate change.

In addition, projects may include renewable energy initiatives, sustainable agriculture, environmental conservation efforts, waste management, green technology, and environmental education programs aimed at creating employment opportunities for young people.

Focus Area: The YAFSCA Initiative prioritises projects targeting youth involvement in various Agricultural food value systems and climate change resilience initiatives.

### 3. Youth ICT & Digital Skills and Innovation (YDSI):

Description: CBOs primarily support projects that provide digital skills training and promote innovation among young people, and support projects that empower young women and girls to pursue careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) fields. Projects may focus on coding boot camps, digital literacy programs, technology hubs, and initiatives to harness digital technology for social impact and job creation.

Focus Area: focused on youth, primarily young women, in digital skills, innovation, gender equality, STEM education, and technology entrepreneurship.

#### **4. Youth in Access to Financial Inclusion (YFI): Literacy, Savings, Loans and Investment**

Description: The Youth women Access to financial literacy Initiative invites proposals from organisations engaged in financial inclusion services including financial literacy training, savings, lending and sustainable investment.

Focus Area: The YFI Initiative prioritises projects targeting youth women involvement in financial literacy learning, savings and sustainable investment.

#### **5. Youth Performing Arts and Talent Development (YPATD) Initiative**

Description: The Youth Performing Arts and Talent Development (YPATD) Initiative invites proposals from organisations engaged in initiatives that nurture youth talent in performing arts and talent development. Proposals may encompass activities such as talent showcases, artistic skill development workshops, mentorship programs, and events promoting youth creativity and expression.

Focus Area: The YPATD Initiative prioritises projects targeting youth involvement in performing arts and talent development. Emphasis will be placed on projects that engage young individuals, particularly focusing on fostering their artistic abilities, building confidence, and providing platforms for creative expression and development.

#### **How to apply:**

Carefully read the Terms of Reference (TOR) linked below before you proceed to apply online.

- **Read the terms of reference and conditions, which are linked here ( [Terms of Reference](#) )**
- **Submit your application through this link( <https://wkf.ms/4buH5VZ> )**

#### **Kindly note the following:**

- **Women-led, People with Disabilities (PWD) and refugee CBOs are highly encouraged to apply.**
- SHOFECO prohibits ALL forms of child/adult abuse, physical and/or emotional ill-treatment, sexual abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, or commercial or other exploitation resulting in actual or potential harm to an individual and child's health, survival, development, or dignity in the context of a relationship of responsibility, trust or power.
- SHOFECO prohibits all acts of fraud, bribery, and corruption. SHOFECO does not ask for money for applications or proposals. If approached for money or other favors, or if you have any suspicions of attempted fraud, bribery or corruption, please report immediately and provide as much detail as possible with any reports.

If any fraud, bribery, or corruption during the call process is discovered, SHOFECO reserves the right to terminate further engagement with the CBO in question. Report through any of the channels below:

#### **Inquiry about the application:**

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