



# SOLIDARITÉ SIDA

2025 INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS  
FRAMEWORK



# PREAMBLE

**Solidarité Sida, a non-profit organization under French law founded in 1992 under the French act of 1901, pursues four main objectives:**

- **To provide support :** From Paris to Lomé, via Tangier, Delhi, or Cayenne, Solidarité Sida takes wide action to improve access to prevention, testing, and care services for the most vulnerable populations.
- **To prevent :** Solidarité Sida has chosen a creative and engaging approach to spark young people's curiosity. Its challenge: to turn prevention into an event, create safe dialogue spaces around sexuality, and empower youth to take ownership of their health.
- **To raise awareness :** Through awareness and fundraising events, the organization contributes to civic education and mobilizes a generation of young people searching for meaningful commitment.
- **To mobilize :** In light of current HIV/AIDS challenges, field actions alone are no longer enough. Alongside its civil society partners, Solidarité Sida works to engage the general public, the media, and governments to shine a spotlight on major causes such as international solidarity and universal access to treatment.

Solidarité Sida's International Call for Proposals aims to support initiatives targeting individuals infected or affected with HIV and hepatitis. These projects should strengthen access to prevention, testing, care, treatment, and rights for these populations.

In accordance with international commitments, funded projects must contribute to achieving the "3 x 95" goals at the local level and support

the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—in particular Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being, and Goal 5: Gender Equality. More specifically, the aim is to promote a vision of **sexual health that is comprehensive, humanist, feminist, and inclusive.**

Additionally, Solidarité Sida places an increasing importance on the integration of community-based organizations within a multi-stakeholder health ecosystem. Applying structures are expected to demonstrate their effectiveness in meeting goals aligned with national priorities, supported by a relevant, functional monitoring and evaluation system. Particular attention will also be regarding how activities adapt to the changing needs of target populations and intervention contexts.

Solidarité Sida places strong emphasis on youth awareness and engagement in projects related to Sexual and Reproductive Health of Adolescents and Young People (SSRAJ). Priority is given to initiatives led by organizations that adopt and implement a community-based approach, both in governance and in field activities, whether the target population is young people or other vulnerable groups.

In a context of increasing criminalization and discrimination against key and vulnerable populations—those most at risk from the epidemics—creating major barriers to access prevention, testing, and care, **Solidarité Sida seeks to strengthen its support for organizations implementing health rights advocacy activities.** These may include programs or initiatives focused on human rights defense, legal aid, or legal support services. Such activities can target both the association's beneficiaries and its staff or volunteers. They may

be a core part of the organization's mission or be developed specifically in response to this Call for Proposals.

Examples of eligible activities (non-exhaustive list): legal clinics, paralegal training, legal support for people facing discrimination, awareness and training for staff in prison, healthcare, legal, or police sectors—aimed at improving how they serve affected populations in line with their specific needs, etc.

**The Fund Redistribution Committee will prioritize partners who enhance their projects by integrating such activities,** while maintaining the same budget as the previous year. These activities must be clearly detailed in the application, to allow Solidarité Sida's team to assess their objectives, implementation conditions, and overall relevance.

## PLEASE NOTE :

The budget allocated to the International Call for Proposals depends on the association's annual fundraising initiatives and events' results —primarily the Solidays Festival (which accounts for 70% of our resources), as well as the Solidarité Sida Africa Fund Gala and the Red Ribbon campaigns. Public and private co-funding also complement these resources to increase the overall budget.

The popular success of Solidays should not fade an often-overlooked reality: since the COVID-19 crisis, our fundraising capacity—and therefore our ability to redistribute funds—has been continuously challenged by increasing event competition and sharply rising production costs each year. Staff and volunteers fight every day to maintain our support both in France and internationally.

Solidarité Sida has recently faced a reduction in its funding envelopes. While the goal is to maintain financing at its current level, **we cannot guarantee continued funding for all ongoing projects at this time.**

Nevertheless, the current situation of reduced funding for international solidarity and global health, as well as the human rights' backlash for vulnerable populations, deeply impacts most countries. As a result, Solidarité Sida will **prioritize this year projects that target vulnerable populations and those led by associations particularly exposed to these challenges.**

## DIGITALIZATION OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Since 2024, the Call for Proposals has been fully digitalized.  
Your 2025 application must therefore be submitted online.

*To do so, you will receive **a personal link to your application form by email.***

# ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS FOR SUPPORT UNDER THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**In 2025, the International Call for Proposals is open to all non-religious, non-political associations that meet the eligibility criteria listed below:**

- Associations currently supported by Solidarité Sida;
- Associations registered in the following countries and regions:
  - Congo Brazzaville (excluding border areas with Angola and the Central African Republic),
  - Cameroon,
  - Benin,
  - Gabon,
  - Guinea,
  - Comoros Islands.

You may:

- a) Propose a continuation of the project funded under the 2024 Call for Proposals, incorporating adjustments to better meet the needs of the target populations;
- b) Or submit a new project addressing different needs.



**IMPORTANT:** While the aim of the Call for Proposals is to provide sustainable support, Solidarité Sida reserves the right to discontinue funding from one year to the next. **Therefore, you are asked to provide detailed justification for the use of all funds allocated so far, by thoroughly answering questions related to financing.**

# PROJECTS SUPPORTED UNDER THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Projects submitted must align with and complement local and national health systems.

Priority will be given to projects focused on sexual and reproductive health prevention, access to or retention in care, and the improvement of beneficiaries' health status and/or social and/

or legal situations. **As mentioned earlier, special consideration will also be given to projects addressing legal support needs for both beneficiaries and/or association staff.**

Projects that actively engage youth, as well as those targeting

populations most vulnerable to HIV and STIs more broadly, will receive particular attention.

Initiatives carried out in partnership between multiple organizations will also be especially valued.

## FUNDING PRIORITIES OF THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The 2025 Call for Proposals includes two main funding streams: 1. Prevention and Testing, and 2. Care and Treatment. You may apply for funding under one or both of these streams. The online application form includes dedicated sections for each.

There is also a shared section for information common to both streams. This allows you to indicate whether beneficiaries are involved in both areas, and to explain how the 1. Prevention and Testing and 2. Care and Treatment components are connected and complementary.

### 1. PREVENTION AND TESTING

Prevention activities must adopt a comprehensive approach to sexual and reproductive health approach, including aspects of **emotional well-being, consent, and the fight against discrimination towards sexual and gender minorities.**

Within this global approach, **targeting young people under 25 is particularly important** for projects aimed at preventing HIV/AIDS and STIs transmission, and the promotion of sexual and reproductive health.

The project description should clearly explain how the activities are grounded in a predefined intervention logic, based on identified needs related to prevention, testing (including follow-up, support, and/or referrals), and the support of peer educators (recruitment, training, mentoring, tasks, educational methods, messaging, monitoring, etc.).

Prevention and/or testing access projects supported under this stream fall into two categories:

- Targeting small, clearly identified population groups, through close-proximity outreach actions;
- Activities targeting broader audiences, only if they demonstrate innovation compared to existing programs, with the goal of expanding the association's beneficiary base.

Special attention will be given to the use of information and communication technologies, both in the needs assessment phases and in the activities' implementation ones. In this context, organizations are strongly encouraged to ensure the protection and security of all data collected and stored.



In any case, the carried-out projects aim to refer the beneficiaries to the association, particularly for individual counseling sessions. These should be followed by regular follow-up actions, support provided by the association, or referrals to care systems—particularly for individuals who test HIV-positive. Individual counseling sessions may also include community-based testing, which should be organized around pre- and post-test counseling.

Where to describe care-related activities:

- If care is provided by your organization **without Solidarité Sida funding**, or is **provided by another structure**, this must be detailed in the "Prevention and Testing" section. Be sure to explain the referral process, name the organizations beneficiaries are referred to, and describe any follow-up activities carried out by your organization;
- **If care is directly provided by your organization and is being proposed for funding by Solidarité Sida**, implementation details should be included in the "Care and Treatment" section, described below.

## 2. CARE & TREATMENT

This section covers medical, psychological, social, and legal care activities, excluding prevention and testing efforts (which should be detailed in Section 1: Prevention and Testing).

Care and treatment projects refer to support provided to patients after testing. The project description must demonstrate how the offered services facilitate entry and retention into care, based on the diagnosed conditions and on issues identified as barriers to good health (e.g., available services, staff and specialties, care pathways, social and/or legal support, etc.).

- **Medical** component: care related to HIV, STIs, and issues/symptoms linked to sexual and reproductive health, including consultations, treatment delivery, medical exams, and diagnostic testing.
- **Psychosocial** component: individual or group psychological support, financial and administrative social assistance, activities to improve patient well-being and quality of life, health or family mediation, therapeutic education, treatment compliance support, outreach to re-engage lost to follow-up patients, etc.
- **Legal** component: legal training and/or support for access to rights, legal aid, and actions to combat discrimination—including HIV-related stigma and gender-based violence, etc.

Aware of the specific challenges faced by staff within supported organizations—particularly in constrained or sometimes hostile environments—**Solidarité Sida encourages the development of psychosocial and/or legal support activities** for salaried staff, volunteers, and team members, in parallel with those designed for beneficiaries. To this end, support mechanisms must be clearly described, and associated costs should be sufficiently detailed in the application.



# BUDGET, ELIGIBLE AND NON-ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

## BUDGET

### Maximum grant amount:

- For a new partnership, **the applicant association may request up to 7,000 euros;**
- For projects already supported, the requested amount cannot exceed the budget granted in 2024

### Co-financing:

We recommend that the budget of the project include a co-financing portion.

## THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES ARE ELIGIBLES FOR BOTH FUNDING AXES:

- Salaries or stipends for personnel involved in the project (including related charges);
- Operational and/or administrative costs: salaries or stipends for administrative staff, rent, water, electricity, communication fees, bank fees;
- Perdiems for personnel involved in the project, only for trips of at least one full day outside the association's local area:
  - meals (rate scale to be attached to the budget);
  - lodging, only with valid hotel receipts or invoices, justified by an accounting document (invoice, receipt);
- Transportation and communication costs necessary for project implementation;
- Staff training(s) related to the project;
- Purchase of consumable, supplies and equipment related to the project's activities;
- IT equipment costs, especially to strengthen data security;
- Buffer stock of personal protective equipment, hydroalcoholic gel and menstrual protections;
- Buffer stock of antiretroviral treatments, only in countries/regions/districts where access barriers persist (to be justified in the application), stock of STI and OI (opportunistic infection) treatments, testing kits, prevention supplies;
- Mobilization and advocacy activities;
- Legal support and psychological follow-up for the teams;
- Legal assistance for staff and/or beneficiaries
- Legal training for staff and paralegals
- Monitoring and evaluation of activities, including external evaluations.

## THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES ARE NON ELIGIBLES, FOR EITHER FUNDING AXES:

- Per diems for staff when working within their residential area or the immediate surrounding the association's offices;
- Compensation for external participants attending meetings or trainings;
- Compensation for association staff involved in conducting and/or animating trainings;
- Participation in conferences, symposiums or group meetings;
- Mass information and prevention campaigns or campaigns aimed at the general public (events, TV spots, media appearances, conferences, etc.) that do not lead to any referral to the association;
- Purchase of land and buildings;
- Construction works;
- Individual income-generating activities;
- Academic tutoring or school support.

# TARGET POPULATIONS

For each submitted project, the funding request form must clearly indicate the project's target population(s). These are grouped into three main categories:

- a) Young people: the project targets young people under the age of 25. Please specify the profile of these young people (age range, gender or other relevant characteristics).
- b) Priority populations: the project targets so-called "key" and/or "vulnerable" populations. Please specify the category/categories involved and justify the choice of this/these target group(s);
- c) General population: The project is open to all and is not specifically aimed at priority groups. If any priority populations are part of the active project caseload, please indicate which ones and in what proportion.

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS PROCESS

The application will be reviewed by the **Programs Team** and the **Solidarité Sida International Funds Redistribution Committee** during the second half of 2025.

The Committee's funding recommendations are submitted to the Board of Directors for approval and then notified to the partners before the end of 2025. In some cases, they are accompanied by recommendations for the project implementation of visibility.

Selected projects are subject to an agreement specifying the terms of the grant disbursement and the related associations' obligations, particularly regarding technical and financial monitoring. As part of this process, associations agree to use the tools provided by Solidarité Sida and to comply with the reporting deadlines.

## PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE:

- **September 10:** Application deadline
- **From September 11 to October 12:** Projects reviews period
- **October:** Fund Redistribution Committee
- **December 2025:** Notifications and agreements
- **From January 1 to December 31, 2026:** Project implementation period
- **February 2027:** Final report for the project implemented in 2026 (Solidarité Sida reserves the right to request an interim report by June 30, 2026)

### Important note:

During the review process, applying associations may be contacted by instructors to provide additional information. The availability of a contact person within the association during this period is essential. If you do not have regular access to your e-mail box, please specify this in the funding request form and provide an alternative means of contact in the appropriate section.

# HOW TO APPLY

You will **receive by email a unique login link to access a personalized application** form for each project. Some sections will be pre-filled based on information provided in your previous application. You are invited to review this information and update these details as needed. The entire online form must be completed carefully, **including the project budget in Excel format and all required administrative documents** (see the checklist on the final page) **and submitted before September 10, 2025 at 23:59 (UTC +2).**

It is very important to prepare your funding request thoroughly, ensuring it contains all the necessary details to understand the project — even if it has already been funded for several years.

**Incomplete applications or those received after the deadline will not be reviewed.**

As a close partner, Solidarité Sida aims to remain a trusted partner throughout the application, implementation, and reporting phases of the project.

To report access or completion issues with your form, or ask any other questions, please contact the Programs team at: [international@solidarite-sida.org](mailto:international@solidarite-sida.org). Please note that the team will have very limited to no availability between July 26 and August 20, 2025.

## LIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED:

- The fully completed online application form
- The project budget in Excel format, indicating the estimated number of beneficiaries per expense line, any co-funding and justification for each budgeted amount.

### **Documents of your association :**

- The association's bylaws or most recent update (only if amended in 2025);
- Updated and dated composition of the Board of Directors (only if changed in 2025);
- The association's organizational chart (only if modified in 2025);
- The 2024 activity report – if validated by the General Assembly, or otherwise the 2023 annual activity report;
- The 2024 financial report approved by the General Assembly or if not yet available, by the auditor;
- The minutes of the most recent General Assembly;
- The Association's revised 2025 forecast budget (as of June 30, 2025);
- The 2026 forecast budget;
- The association's and/or project's bank account details (RIB), if changed





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