

Project Factsheet

HREDD Support Fund

Background:

The "Support fund for the joint implementation of human rights and environmental due diligence (HREDD) in fair trade supply chains" (short "HREDD Support Fund") enables fair trade partner companies and producer groups to jointly implement HREDD and react to regulatory requirements in their supply chains. In this way, fair trade partner companies are supported in complying with the new regulations on corporate due diligence.

The support fund is a joint initiative of Fairtrade Deutschland e.V. and Forum Fairer Handel e.V., is financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and supported by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

Aim of the Fund:

The aim of the fund is to support smallholder farmers in making their production sustainable, adapting it to the EU Regulation on the Prevention of Deforestation (EUDR), the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act (LkSG), the European Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (EUCSDDD) and the EU organic regulation, therefore mitigating producers' risk of losing market access.

Who can apply?

Consortia consisting of one or more companies and at least one smallholder producer partner that fulfil the following conditions are eligible to apply:

- ✓ Companies that are either members of the Forum Fairer Handel, license partners of Fairtrade Germany or Fairtrade-certified and are registered in the EU, the EEA, Switzerland or the United Kingdom (e.g. traders, brands, processors, etc.). Priority will be given to companies with up to 249 employees.
- ✓ Eligible smallholder producer partners must come from a fair trade supply chain and one of the eligible countries. The applicant producer partners must be authorized under national law to receive foreign funds.
- ✓ Please refer to the [general terms and conditions](#) to view further eligibility criteria for all applicants or approach us at hredd-fund@fairtrade-deutschland.de.

Project:

The Support Fund is part of the overarching Project "Enabling Compliance of Fair Trade Supply Chains with New EU Regulations"

Priority Countries:

Africa: Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Cameroon

Asia: India, Indonesia, Uzbekistan

Latin America: Brazil, Ecuador, Colombia, Peru, Mexico, Bolivia

Projects in other OECD DAC-countries might be possible – please ask us.

Project Partners:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Fairtrade Deutschland e.V., Forum Fairer Handel e.V.

Duration:

2024-2027 – 3 rounds of applications per year (except 2027)

Funding:

€ 10.500 – 50.000 provided by the Fund (+ 25% own contribution)

Goal:

Joint implementation of human rights and environmental due diligence (HREDD) in fair trade supply chains

Eligible Commodities:

Coffee, cocoa, banana, tea, cotton, spices, palm oil, natural rubber, sugar, nuts, soy



Funding:

1.085.000 EUR by German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ): each consortium

receives up to 75% match funding to their proposed activities

Application Process:

1. Submission of Concept Note

[Concept Note English](#)

[Concept Note French](#)

[Concept Note Spanish](#)

2. Submission of Full Proposal and Budget

[Full Proposal English](#)

[Budget Proposal English](#)

[Full Proposal French](#)

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3. Acceptance/Rejection of Application by the Steering Committee

More Information:

For more information and to access all the relevant templates please visit our website:

[HREDD Support Fund Website](#)

And consult the Fund's Terms and Conditions:

[Fund Terms and Conditions English](#)

[Fund Terms and Conditions French](#)

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Timeline 2026 (3 rounds of applications):

Deadline for handing in Concept Notes	Invitation to Full Proposal	Deadline for handing in the Full Proposal	Notification on Result
02.02.2026	25.02.2026	23.03.2026	by 12.05.2026
04.05.2026	27.05.2026	22.06.2026	by 04.08.2026
03.08.2026	26.08.2026	21.09.2026	by 03.11.2026

Possible Activities covered by the HREDD Support Fund

Prerequisites / foundational work:

- Steps towards improving traceability
- Identification and understanding of risks through structured stakeholder and rightsholder dialogue
- Local research at producer level into specific issues related to HREDD topics

Process-related activities:

- Awareness raising and capacity building on HREDD topics for producer members
- Rightsholder-inclusive development of action plan to mitigate identified risks
- Rightsholder-inclusive development of local grievance structures
- Set up of a joint monitoring approach to monitor risks and track improvements
- Professionalisation and digitalisation of internal management and control systems in producer organizations

Environmental focus:

- Geo-location mapping of farms
- Deforestation monitoring
- Steps towards agroforestry systems or other agro-ecological improvements
- Conversion to organic agriculture or support in retaining organic certification and access to EU market under new organic rules

Social focus:

- Improvement of specific organizational prevention, monitoring and remediation procedures e.g. on protection issues/social compliance (Child Labour, Forced Labour, Gender-based Violence), women's rights, workers' rights, minority rights, etc. (awareness raising, capacity building, consultancies, advocacy)
- Income diversification / working towards living incomes
- Promotion of gender equality

