



Guidance for Local Partner – Children's Rights Intervention (max SEK 150,000)

Children and youth – definition of target group for a Children's Rights Intervention

According to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, every person under the age of 18 is considered a child (unless national law stipulates a lower age limit for becoming an adult). However, it is difficult to draw an exact line at the age of 18. Therefore, the term "children and youth" is used in Sweden in order to describe an age group including people who are over a strict 18 years-old limit. In some contexts, the year of birth is not documented, resulting in some people not knowing their exact age.

Regarding Children's Rights Interventions, PMU has adopted this more generous definition of the concept of children and youth. Therefore, the PMU's Children's Rights funds can be used also for youth, provided they share the same need for protection and support as individuals under 18 years of age.

Important points to consider

When planning a Children's Rights Intervention, please consider the following points:

- The intervention needs to have a *clear local ownership*, i.e. people from the area/country, having a vision for the intervention, will be responsible for running the work. The Swedish partner and PMU should primarily have a supporting role.
- Interventions using the Children's Rights funds should focus on *children and young people in vulnerable life situations*.
- *Children and youth must be the main focus of the intervention*, which will work to improve the situation for children and youth.
- The situation of both girls and boys must be taken into account in all interventions, *with a special focus on girls* since they are often the most vulnerable group.
- The intervention should contribute to training and developing local *leaders*, considering *both men and women*, including *young men and women*.
- *Adults can be involved in meeting the children's needs* and ensuring that the children can benefit from the intervention. Therefore, it is possible to include activities that contribute to *increased knowledge and awareness, changed attitudes and behavior on the part of adults* and in this way mobilize people and resources that can lead to changes for children and youth.
- The design of the intervention should contribute to *transparency regarding the management of financial resources and counteracting corruption*. PMU can assist you in understanding how to set up good finance and administration systems by sending guidelines.
- The intervention should preferably be part of a larger commitment and a complement to other initiatives that the Swedish Pentecostal mission and Swedish churches support in the same country/region, with same partner and/or the same institution. However, PMU can make an exception if the need is well motivated.
- We encourage the Swedish church to visit the country, and to include young people in these visits, although costs for travel, food, accommodation and any compensation for loss of income and other compensation for Swedes relating to study visits or for relationship building, etc. cannot be supported by PMU.

Limitations of support:

- Applications to the Children's Right funds cannot concern sponsorship programs or other forms of individual help including scholarship activities.
- Applications to the Children's Right funds cannot concern orphanages or similar. PMU advocates family-based support over a longer placement in an institution.

What local partners can receive support?

A Children's Rights intervention can be applied for by a local partner when PMU or Swedish partner has previous knowledge concerning this local partner's experience in implementing, administrating and reporting on other interventions. A collaboration framework between PMU and the local partner is not required to be able to apply for this kind of intervention.

Since PMU's focus is on "the most vulnerable", the support will normally concern:

a) countries that belong to the least developed countries in the latest version of the *OECD's DAC List of ODA Recipients (Least Developed Countries)* and/or countries with *Low human development* in the latest version of the *UNDP Human Development Index*;

b) interventions in other countries included in the latest version of the *OECD DAC List of ODA Recipients* in the case of support for particularly vulnerable groups or in line with PMU's strategic priorities in the latest version of the PMU Compass.

Exceptions can be made for other countries in case of a humanitarian intervention where refugees from one or more of the above-mentioned countries are the target group.

How to apply?

In all interventions that PMU supports, the focus must be on the partner in the country of implementation, the people at risk and the local context.

- Request, fill out and send to egnamedel@pmu.se the following template: *Annex 6.15 Concept note for a development intervention using PMU's own funds up to 150,000 SEK.*
- The concept note can be sent to PMU at any time during the year, but since the funds are limited, PMU makes decisions on four occasions; in March, June, September and December.
- The local partner may normally only apply for either a Minor Contribution or a Children's Rights Intervention at a time (for an amount of support from PMU up to 150 000 SEK). In case a local partner is already applying for or implementing such an intervention, a concept note for further support may only be sent to PMU when the previous intervention has concluded its final reporting. This also applies in cases where local partner is applying jointly with Swedish congregations for various interventions.
- After approving the concept note, PMU will send out a template to be used for the narrative application. PMU does not require the use of any specific PMU template for presenting the budget. If desired by applying partners, PMU will send a proposed budget template.
- The completed application can be sent to the PMU at any time during the year since PMU treats these applications on an ongoing basis. It is important to know that sometimes additions need to be made to an application
- The application needs to be signed by both the implementing party in the partner country and a Swedish partner. Signed, scanned documents can be sent by email separately by both parties, provided that the contents of both signed application documents are identical, i.e. scanned signatures are sufficient.

How to report?

- PMU will send instructions and templates for reporting if PMU approves the application, as well as a *Letter of Confirmation and Grant Agreement.*