

## Ethiopia Jobs Challenge Fund

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#### Eligibility for Window 1 & 2

- All applicants must be able to demonstrate how their proposed project will benefit refugees and host communities
- Your business must be able to sign a grant agreement with MoLS should you be successful in applying for a grant.
- You must have the relevant business license renewed for the latest year
- You must also have a Tax Identification Number (TIN).
- Your business must also have a dedicated business bank account in order to receive the grant

For the additional eligibility criteria look at the challenge fund home page.

Contact us and keep up to date on the calls for the fund and more information, including application forms, guidelines, useful resources and FAQs.

**Please visit:**

**Official Website:** <https://www.tvetcf.org>

**Facebook Link:**

<https://www.facebook.com/ethiopiajobschallengefund>

**TChannel:** <https://t.me/+uXSI99eXuPgzNWE1>

**LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/ethiopia-jobs-challenge-fund-5a66912a3/>

**X Link (formerly Twitter):** <https://x.com/EthiopiaJCF?t=o-nvQac3-okldQNd1H9Grw&s=09>

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\* Refugees receive business training in Ethiopia by IOM (source IOM website)

#### What is the challenge fund for?

The Ethiopia Jobs Challenge Fund provides grants to business to create jobs for refugees and host communities and provides grants to Technical and Vocational Training (TVT), Entrepreneurship Centers and other incubators that support early-stage entrepreneurs in Ethiopia from refugees and host communities.

## Ethiopia Jobs Challenge Fund Implementer

The Ministry of Labor and Skills (MoLS) working in cooperation with various relevant stakeholders are the implementers of the Challenge Fund and successful applicants will be provided grants by MoLS.

### Challenge fund applicants

We welcome concept notes from business applicants under window 1 and window 2 and incubators and accelerators under window 3.

### Mode of disbursement

Grant payments will be made in installments and grantees will need to report satisfactorily on how monies have been spent before further payments

### Challenge fund applicants should be able to demonstrate how the challenge fund could:

- Achieve tangible outcomes and positive impacts on entrepreneurship support systems, business of all sizes that are relevant to refugees, and host communities
- Drive commercial scalable opportunities through co-development and potential procurement of the new (innovative) solutions
- Build local wealth and deliver social benefits and solve societal challenges
- Contribute to strengthening of existing business ventures, thereby promoting the growth of the



\* A WFP-backed pop-up retail outlet in the Gorom refugee camp in South Sudan. Photo: WFP/Eulalia Berlanga

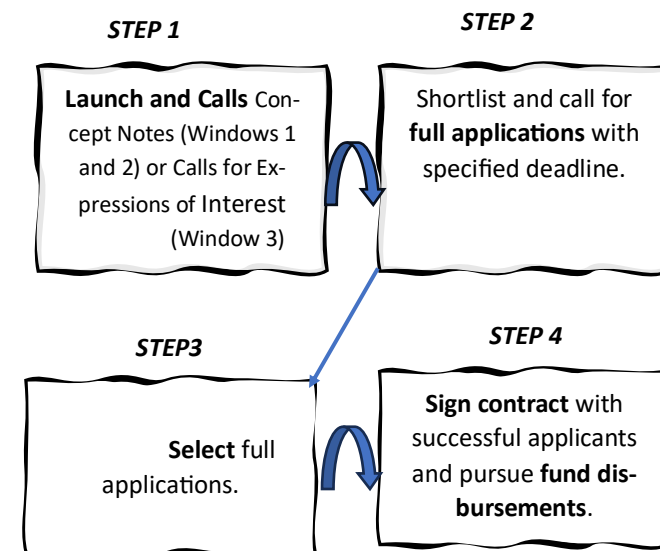
Currently the focus of the Fund is restricted only to businesses operating in **Addis Ababa regional administration**. Applicants must be able to evidence this.

## Types of Funding Windows

Operationalized through **open calls for proposals**, the fund comprises **three funding windows** applying different routes to reach **Refugees and Ethiopians** as beneficiaries:

window type	scope of beneficiaries	applicants	funding requirement	end beneficiaries
Window 1:	Business Window Pilot Grants	Legally registered Start-ups and Early-stage Business (implementation period within 18 months)	Between 500,000 BIRR and 1,000,000 BIRR	Refugees, Ethiopians (Host communities)
Window 2:	Business Window Scale-up Grants	growth and larger established businesses (implementation period within 24 months)	Between 1,000,000 BIRR and 12,000,000 BIRR	
Window 3:	Incubator and Accelerator Window	incubators, accelerators, and entrepreneurship centers seeking funding to support cohorts of entrepreneurs/ start-ups	Between 500,000 BIRR and 1,200,000 BIRR	

## Key Stages of the Application and Selection Process



### Timeline for Calls for all Funding Windows

The Challenge fund project will have a number of calls for each window throughout its lifetime which will be notified on its website and related social media channels. The challenge fund is currently seeking concept notes in response to the first calls under windows 1 and 2 with the deadline of **February 9, 2024**. The first call under Window 3 is expected to be in the second quarter of 2024.

### Platforms for calls

The call is publicized on the MoLS website and associated news outlets and social media. Interested parties receive replies for their questions through Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) platform to avoid the Fund getting into direct dialogue with applicants before they have submitted their Concept Notes or expression of Interest.

The project avails an interactive website and detailed steps to guide interested parties how to apply for the fund.