**Apply for Funding**

Making All Voices Count runs a rolling grant programme, funding innovative projects that amplify the voices of citizens and enable effective government response in 12 countries across Africa and Asia.

We support ideas that bring together citizens, government, the private sector, tech actors and civil society to find new solutions to governance challenges in Bangladesh, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Liberia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda.

We seek approaches that are new and challenging, leading to projects we can learn from: our current projects range from a multi-stakeholder collaboration that follows survivors of sexual assault through health and justice services in South Africa, to a data-driven public service monitoring system for health and education that is embedded in the Bahawalpur district government in Pakistan.

Ideas for projects in any of our 12 focus countries are welcome through our Global Innovation Competition and Pitching events.

In **Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, the Philippines, South Africa** and **Tanzania,** we have developed specific thematic areas of focus, under which we are now inviting applications for funding:

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| Ghana | **Budget transparency and open data** |
| Ideas that improve the relationships between citizens and government at both local and national levels - especially those creating inclusive spaces that engage with the **participatory budgeting** and **open data** initiatives of Ghana’s Open Government Partnership. | |
| Indonesia | **Public service delivery through open data and village law** |
| Ideas that ensure ordinary citizens benefit from the use of **open data** and **village law** to promote participatory budgeting for service delivery. | |
| Kenya | **Local service delivery in the context of devolution** |
| Ideas that use the opportunities presented by devolution for more **accountable service delivery** at county level in Kenya and, wherever possible, build on County Integrated Development Plans. | |
| Philippines | **Natural disaster resilience and participatory budgeting** |
| Ideas that promote grassroots-level **participation in planning and budgeting**; or innovative solutions, which engage both government and citizens in **strengthening resilience and response to natural disasters**. | |
| South Africa | **Devolution and capacity development for civil society’s advocacy efforts** |
| Ideas that focus on freedom of information and expression, specifically innovations that support **citizens collectively calling government to account** at national level; or ideas that promote citizen participation in **local service delivery improvements.** | |
| Tanzania **Local service delivery and participatory policy-making on sustainable energy** | |
| Initiatives that use innovation and technology to improve local service delivery in Tanzania, and support greater public participation in policy-making on sustainable energy. | |

**Our Grants**

Making All Voices Count grants fall into three categories:

* **Innovation grants** – supporting new ideas, tools and products that contribute to transparency, accountability and an improved relationship between government and citizens
* **Scaling grants** – providing opportunities for proven concepts to increase their reach and impact
* **Research grants** – fostering research that contributes to the evidence base and improved practice in the fields of transparency, accountability and voice, in-particular the sub-field of technology for transparency and accountability

Our grants are usually for proposals under £100,000, although for exceptional proposals the grant ceiling may be raised.

**Assessment of Proposals**

All submitted proposals will be reviewed by our Programme Team.

Those that fit within Making All Voices Count’s funding criteria will be forwarded to the relevant Country Engagement Developer who will follow up with applicant/s to discuss the idea.

Further assessment will be done by Programme Managers and the Making All Voices Count Management Team, before proposals are submitted to the Making All Voices Count Investment Committee.

Proposals that do not meet our funding criteria will be notified no later than four weeks after submission.

**Funding Criteria**

* Clear explanation of the problem, project objectives and theory of change
* Demonstration of social relevance and understanding of the project’s target audiences
* Strong plans for government engagement
* Consideration of gender issues
* Innovative use of technology

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| 1. **Basic Details** |  |
| Organisation name |  |
| Contact person |  |
| Email address |  |
| Project name |  |
| Proposed project duration |  |
| Total requested funding (in GBP) |  |

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| 1. **Organisation Background** |  |
| Give a brief background (no more than 2 lines) of who you are as an organisation and what you do |  |

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| 1. **Project Summary**   Provide a brief project summary, answering the following questions: |  |
| What is the problem that the project addresses? |  |
| What is the specific change that this project aims to make? (outcome) |  |
| What project deliverables will help to achieve this change? (outputs) |  |
| How does this contribute to solving the problem? (impact) |  |

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| 1. **Project details** |  |
| How does the project engage local, regional or national governments? |  |
| What technology does the project intend to use, and how? |  |
| Does the project have a link with our thematic areas for your country? (see above, page 1) |  |
| Does the project specifically target any marginalized groups or women? How? |  |

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| 1. **Research and Learning** |  |
| What do you expect to learn from this project? |  |
| How do you intend to measure the results of this project? |  |

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| 1. **Sustainability** |  |
| How will the initiative be sustainable after Making All Voices Count funding ends? |  |
| If this is a pilot, how do you assess the potential for scaling up this project after the pilot has been successfully completed? |  |

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| 1. **Stakeholders**   Provide an overview of your stakeholders, including: |  |
| Who your target group is, and indicate if and how you have engaged with them to date |  |
| If relevant, what is the government’s role in the project - what levels, with whom in particular (specific people, departments of agencies)? |  |
| A brief description of any (other) key partners you intend to work with in implementing this project |  |
| If possible, include a (rough) stakeholder map |  |

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| 1. **Activity Plan** |  |
| Give a brief list of your key activities, including a timeframe for delivering them. |  |

**Support from MAVC**

We can provide mentorship and, in certain cases, attach a fellow to projects where there is a capacity gap. Mentorship areas include (but are not limited to) technology, governance, gender, monitoring/evaluation/learning.

* Are there any areas in this project where you would benefit from capacity support from us?