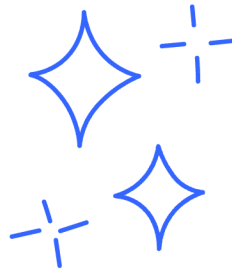




LACT Programme Grant Guidelines

The process of partnering with us



Introduction: How to use this document

This document is designed to help you understand how the LACT Programme works and what it means to partner with us. It brings together the principles that guide our partnerships, the types of organisations we work with, and what you can expect from engaging with LACT.

We build long-term partnerships by invitation, based on careful research, shared values and a strong alignment of purpose. You may be reading this guidance because we have reached out to you as part of that process, or because you are exploring whether a partnership with LACT could be a good fit. In either case, this document is an important starting point.

We encourage you to read it carefully before getting in touch. As a small team, we have limited capacity to respond to a high volume of enquiries, so this guidance is intended to answer the most common questions and help you assess alignment in advance.

If, after reviewing the document, you feel there is a strong fit between your work and our approach, we would be glad to hear from you.

About the LACT Programme

Implemented by The Karlsson Játiva Charitable Foundation, the LACT Programme provides grants and support to registered charities that work through partner networks in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, building conditions for children and families to thrive - from stronger protection systems to inclusive, community-led development.

Programme Vision

Together with our partners, we envision communities in the Andean region of Latin America where children and families thrive with dignity and hope, and where collective knowledge, culture and creativity are harnessed to build lasting, inclusive change.

Programme Mission

We work with not-for-profit organisations and their local partners in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru to give children and families the chance to thrive. Through long-term collaboration, we strengthen community-led initiatives in education, health and family wellbeing, helping create lasting opportunities and brighter futures.



The work we support

We work with organisations that address the many interconnected dimensions of children, young people, and family wellbeing in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, including protection, education, health, and poverty. Across different contexts, these issues do not exist in isolation, and our partners respond to them as they are experienced in everyday life.

Our grant-making evolves over time in response to the changing needs of children, families, and communities across the northern Andes. Rather than following fixed thematic boundaries, we support work that reflects local priorities and realities. Over time, this work has engaged with a range of interconnected agendas, including:

- **Child Protection and Development:** strengthening systems and community capacities that safeguard children and support their full development, including preventing violence and improving care.

- **Inclusive, Intercultural, and Quality Education:** advancing education systems that are inclusive, culturally grounded, and responsive to diverse communities.
- **Community Health Promotion and Wellbeing:** strengthening local health systems and promoting physical, mental, and reproductive wellbeing.
- **Economic Mobility and Sustainable Livelihoods:** expanding pathways to income, skills, and long-term economic stability for families.
- **Local Economic Development and Participation:** supporting productive local economies and increasing participation in shaping economic priorities.
- **Environmental Sustainability and Stewardship:** strengthening community leadership in managing natural resources and responding to environmental challenges.
- **Equity and Inclusive Public Policy:** advancing local systems and policies that recognise and include historically underserved communities.

These areas provide a way of understanding the breadth of the work, but they are not fixed categories. In practice, partners often work across several of them at once, reflecting the complexity and interconnected nature of the challenges they address.

Who we partner with

If you are a registered charity working through local networks in one or more of our focus countries, and your work contributes to long-term, meaningful change in the lives of children, families, and communities, you are likely to be eligible to apply.

Registered charities

We provide grants to charities only. Most of our partners are registered in the United Kingdom.

Strong track record

You have experience delivering programmes that contribute to meaningful, long-term outcomes.

Local partnerships

Your work is carried out in collaboration with local networks of organisations, with clear evidence of sustained relationships.

Geographic focus

Your work takes place in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, or Peru. We welcome initiatives that operate at a regional or cross-country level.

ENTERING A PARTNERSHIP

Our process is designed to be collaborative and proportionate. While timings may vary, most partnership discussions take 4-6 months from initial contact to decision.

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INITIAL REVIEW AND CONVERSATION

We begin by reviewing the information you share with us to assess alignment with the LACT Programme. Where there is strong alignment, we arrange an introductory conversation to better understand your work, objectives, and approach.

INVITATION TO SUBMIT A CONCEPT NOTE

If we decide to explore further, we will invite you to submit a concept note. We do not use a fixed template, but guidance is available from the Programme Manager.

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PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION

If the concept note progresses, you will be invited to submit a full proposal outlining your planned work, budget, timeline, and expected outcomes.

MEETING PARTNERS AND COUNTRY TEAMS

These discussions help us better understand the context and clarify any aspects of the proposal. In some cases, these conversations may take place earlier in the process. At this stage, members of the LACT Board may join conversations.

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BOARD REVIEW AND DECISION

The LACT Board meets four times a year. Once the Board has had the discussion and due diligence has been completed, the decision is communicated within approximately one week.

Due diligence is carried out throughout the process, starting from the initial review. This may include reference checks and conversations with senior staff or trustees.

When reviewing proposals, we consider the following:

- Does the organisation's philosophy, mission and approach align with KJCF and the LACT Programme?
- Are there robust plans in place to deliver the work, including clear objectives, activities, timelines and safeguarding considerations?
- Does the proposed work align with LACT's priorities, including strengthening local partners, supporting children, young people, families and communities, and contributing to long-term, locally led change?
- Could KJCF's support help strengthen, expand or scale up an existing initiative, or support the development of a promising new area of work?
- Who benefits from the work? Does the programme reach children, young people, families or communities experiencing marginalisation, exclusion or limited access to opportunities and services?
- Does the proposal demonstrate a strong understanding of the local context, including the role and leadership of local partners?

For questions or to explore a potential partnership, please get in touch with us through our website.

