

Call for Applications!

Youth Excel is seeking partners to co-lead learning, youth and stakeholder engagement, and communications activities for positive youth development in Malawi.

APPLY BY JULY 8

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Agenda

- Youth Excel YLLP Activity (10 minutes)
- Implementing and Learning Partner Role (10 minutes)
- Request for Applications (20 minutes)
- Questions & Answers

Youth Excel Commitments



Generate **research and evidence** for youth programming.



Help youth strengthen **capacity for research** and strengthening their own programming.



Tackle **youth-adult power differentials** and prioritize **inclusion** of under-represented groups.



Channel resources to local youth-led and youth-serving organizations.

Youth Landscape and Learning Platform

YLLP will establish a centralized Mission-wide mechanism to support the achievement of DO2 through :

- **Task 1: Youth Landscape Analysis (YLA):** will provide formative information and inform the direction of the Mission's cross-sectoral youth focused activities under DO2. This will occur twice over the award lifetime
- **Task 2: Facilitating the DO2 learning agenda** for the Mission and IPs **and fostering** and sustain mutually beneficial **feedback loops; and capacity building**; intentionally strengthen the capacity of Mission staff, IPs, Government, and stakeholders, including youth-led organization in Positive Youth Development (PYD), youth engagement, and youth-focused MEL.
- **Task 3: Measuring and reporting on the progress achieved under DO2:** by collecting and tracking key, prioritized DO2 indicators. YLLP will use data the Mission gathers from IPs and the indicators that YLLP tracks to inform the twice-annual mission portfolio reviews.

DO 2: Youth lead healthy, informed, productive lives.



What will the selected partner(s) do?



Sub-Task	Description
2.1. Learning Agenda (LA)	Using data gathered in Task 1: Youth Landscape Analysis, Task 3: Data collection and reporting, and through other sources, engage the target audiences in analyzing and synthesizing data, and creating recommendations to inform the Mission's cross-sectoral youth activities.
2.2. Feedback Loops	Engage key actors in Malawi's youth ecosystem with YLLP-surfaced data, analysis, and synthesis (drawing from Tasks 1 and 3); create opportunities for target audiences to share learning and experiences with cross-sectoral youth programming; identify opportunities for collaboration and continued feedback.
2.3. Capacity-Development	Build awareness, knowledge, and skills in PYD, youth engagement, and youth-focused MEL. This will happen through participating in learning activities, and in offering intentional learning opportunities based on knowledge/skills/attitudinal gaps identified.

Scope of Work Section A: Facilitate a Learning Working Group.

Scope of Work Section B: Learning Agenda Management, including Data Management, Analysis, Synthesis, and Visualization

Scope of Work Section C: Youth-inclusive communications and dissemination

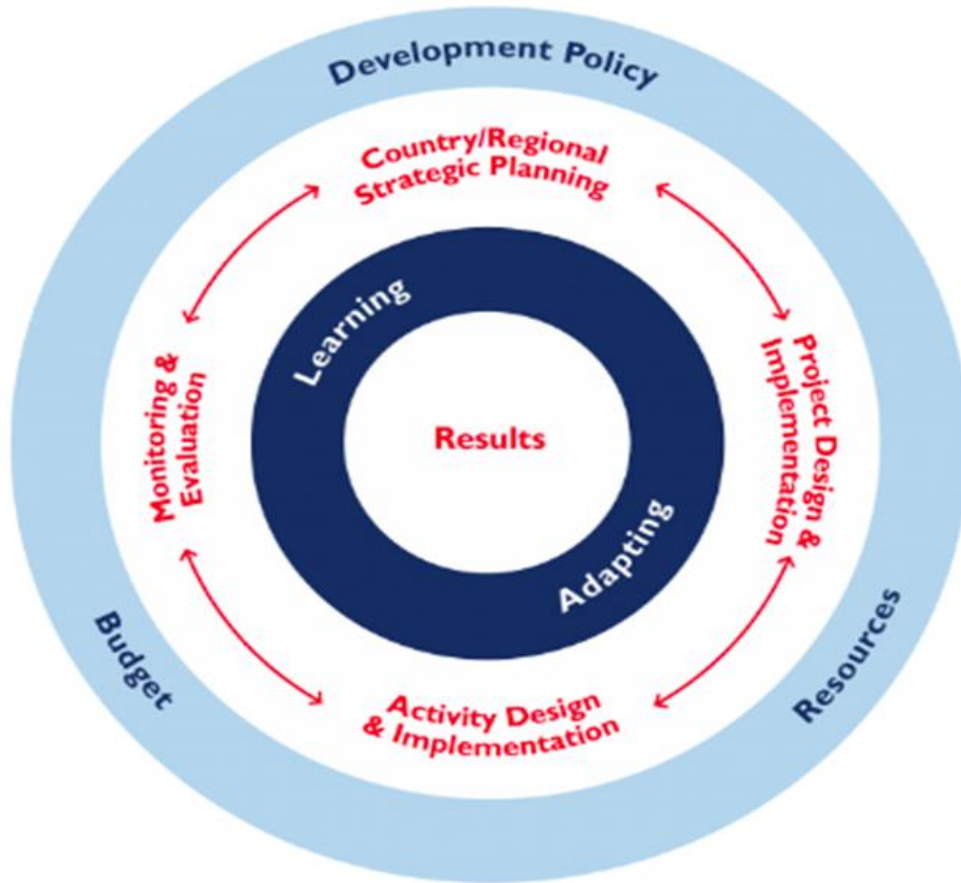
Scope of Work Section D: Partnership-Building and External Events Planning, Facilitation and Logistics

Scope of Work Section E: Host IREX staff in Lilongwe office

Key Capacities and Experiences

- 1. Learning approach:** approach to fostering a learning culture, introducing new concepts, and facilitating learning events with diverse stakeholders.
- 2. Partnership and collaboration approach:** approach to building partnerships with other stakeholders addressing positive youth development issues in Malawi.
- 3. Feasibility:** understanding of requirements and proven capacity to successfully implement.
- 4. Protection:** awareness of potential risks for participating youth and consideration of mitigation strategies.
- 5. Inclusion:** commitment to diversity and inclusion, especially regarding work with and/or support to vulnerable or marginalized groups

CLA Approach



USAID integrates adaptive management approaches throughout the Program Cycle.

“Manage adaptively through continuous learning” is one of the four core principles that serve as the foundation for Program Cycle implementation.

Learning & adaptation integrated into existing processes; not a separate workstream

Request for Applications



Access information about the opportunity here:

<https://www.irex.org/program/seeking-research-organizations-co-lead-implementation-yllp-enhance-positive-youth>

Timeline

Request for Applications

- Release Date June 9, 2022
- Submit questions on an ongoing basis by June 20, 2022, to: excelyouth@irex.org
- Check for responses posted by June 17 and 21, 2022
- Deadline: July 8, 2022, by 23:59 CAT

Selection

- Eligibility Screening
- Selection Panel
- Notifications in late July 2022

Start-Up

- Finalist risk assessment and negotiations, USAID approvals in July 2022
- Grant start date August 2022

Type of Grant

- 1-3 grants available
- Fixed amount subaward – performance-based mechanism
- Funding range :USD \$60,000– \$80,000 per year is allocated for this RFA
- Anticipated timeframe: August 1, 2022, to July 31, 2023; eligible for renewal through July 31, 2025.

Eligibility

Eligible	Non Eligible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legally registered, local organization in the country of activity implementation: • Is legally organized under the laws of Malawi • Has its principal place of business or operations in Malawi • Is majority-owned by individuals who are citizens or lawful permanent residents of Malawi • Is managed by a governing body, the majority of whom are citizens or lawful permanent residents of Malawi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unregistered organization, group, or individual • International organization • Consortium of multiple organizations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government institutions or political parties
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-governmental or private organization of any legal type 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth-led and/or youth-serving organizations • Youth-led organization whose Chief Executive Officer or other leaders are under the age of 35, and whose Board of Directors are predominantly under the age of 35. • Youth-serving organization that has a mission, mandate, or programs with an expressed priority of serving or supporting youth under age 35. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not eligible due to appearance on certain watchlists or exclusions from receiving U.S. Government funding: • Appears on Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control list • Has active exclusions in the System for Award Management • Appears on United Nations Security Designation list • Appears on U.S. Government suspended or debarred list
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible to accept and receive USAID funding: • Has or willing to register for UEI Number • Able to sign ADS 303mav Certifications, Assurances, Representations, and Other Statements of the Recipient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has conflict of interest

1. **Eligibility screening:** IREX grants team will conduct an initial review of the applications, based on the eligibility requirements and disqualify applications that are not eligible for consideration.

2. **Shortlisting:**

An IREX technical team will conduct merit review of all eligible applications, based on the selection criteria.

3. **Finalist Selection:** The Youth Excel review panel, comprised of IREX and partner staff, Global Youth Advisory Council members and other youth representatives, and USAID staff will use the selection criteria to select finalist(s) from Malawi



Selection criteria: applications will be holistically reviewed and scored on the following 5 equally weighted factors:

1. Learning approach
2. Partnership and collaboration
3. Feasibility
4. Protection
5. Inclusion



Application Process

Provide responses in English. Submit application online by **July 8, 2022, at 23:59 CAT** at:

https://irexorg.formstack.com/forms/fy22_youth_excel_malawi_03

Required attachments:

1. Budget using the template provided. (Attachment 1, Excel)
2. Budget Notes using the template provided. (Attachment I1, Word)
3. Signed Letter of support for your organization from a local partner or stakeholder. (No template)
4. Your organization's local registration certificate



Questions and Answers



Thank you for your interest!

- Submit questions on an ongoing basis by June 20, 2022, Subject: FY22-Youth Excel-Malawi-03 Questions.
- Check for responses posted by June 17 and 21, 2022
- Contact excelyouth@irex.org