

YOUTH EXCEL Activity in Cambodia

Request for Applications – Local Implementing Partner

RFA No. FY22-Youth Excel-Cambodia-01

Deadline: July 6, 2022 by 23:59 ICT

Youth Excel is pleased to announce a Request for Applications for a Local Implementing Partner to co-lead the Youth Excel Activity in Cambodia with the IREX Youth Excel Global team. This activity will help develop a more nuanced understanding of Cambodian youth priorities and interests and provide pathways for USAID/Cambodia of how and in what areas to effectively engage diverse youth in Mission programming.

The Local Implementing Partner will help facilitate a youth-led gender, inclusion, and protection assessment; co-plan and facilitate a Data and Innovation Summit; participate in the selection and mentorship of youth innovators; and co-write knowledge products. The Local Implementing Partner will manage approximately \$65,000-\$75,000 for a 10-month period. Please see full information in the following Request for Applications.

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| Website | Access all Cambodia Local Implementing Partner RFA information online: https://www.irex.org/program/seeking-local-implementing-partner-co-lead-youth-excel-cambodia-activity |
| Application Form | Submit applications online at: https://irexorg.formstack.com/forms/fy22_youth_excel_cambodia_01 |
| Questions | Send To: excelyouth@irex.org Subject: FY22-Youth Excel-Cambodia-01 Questions Submit initial questions by June 13, 2022 ; responses posted by June 17, 2022 Submit final questions by June 20, 2022; responses posted by June 24, 2022 |
| Info-Session Webinar | Attend optional webinar open to all applicants for application development support and questions. Date: June 16, 2022, from 3pm to 4pm GMT+7 (Cambodia) |
| Grant Start Date | August 1, 2022 |

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Overview

About Youth Excel: The [USAID-funded Youth Excel: Our Knowledge Leading Change program](#) implemented by IREX and its consortium supports young leaders and youth-led/youth-serving organizations (YL/YSOs) around the globe to conduct quality “research-to-change” (implementation research); use data and learnings to improve their own cross-sectoral, positive youth development programs; synthesize data and learning; and engage in intergenerational dialogue with adult decision-makers so together youth and adults can shape and advance data-informed development policies, agendas, and programs.

About the Youth Excel Activity in Cambodia : The Youth Excel Cambodia activity will develop a more nuanced understanding of Cambodian youth priorities and interests and provide pathways for the Mission of how and in what areas to effectively engage diverse youth in Mission programming. Youth Excel will support youth priorities that align with USAID strategy and build on existing activities and the existing body of knowledge. In the longer term, Youth Excel’s activity will support the Mission to better integrate youth priorities and youth voice in the programming cycle.

Breakdown of Stakeholder Roles:

- IREX, Youth Excel prime award holder: provide technical leadership for the Youth Excel / Cambodia buy-in activity.
- Local Implementing Partner: co-lead the activity, with support from IREX.
- Youth-led organizations: receive small grants managed by IREX and the Local Implementing Partner to implement youth-led innovation solutions with implementation research approaches to strengthen effectiveness in their work.

About the Local Implementing Partner: To support this activity, Youth Excel seeks a qualified organization to be the Local Implementing Partner to co-lead the Youth Excel activity alongside IREX. The partner will conduct learning activities, engaging youth researchers and youth-led/youth-serving organizations and mobilizing knowledge to help integrate youth priorities and voices in future development programming. Through its Youth Excel work, the local partner will strengthen its capacity in Positive Youth Development (PYD)-focused implementation research and gender equality and social inclusion (GESI), and protection, as well as in subaward management and compliance.

Learning Goals (What are we learning in this activity?)

- Deepen understanding of diverse Cambodian youth’s priorities for national investments (such as USAID programming and other national/regional programming) in the following areas:
 - Gender and social inclusion (GESI)
 - Youth Protection
 - Thematic interest areas
 - Regional focus areas
- Test approaches to inclusive intergenerational engagement and generate recommendations to achieve it.
- Explore any changes (external or internal to the organizations) that may occur from embedding implementation research within youth-led organizations, and surface lessons learned from youth-led implementation research.

Issuance of this request for applications does not constitute an award commitment on the part of Youth Excel, nor does it commit Youth Excel, IREX, or USAID to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of an application. The application is submitted at the risk of the applicant. All preparation and submission costs are at the applicant's expense.

What is the Local Implementing Partner’s Scope of Work?

1. Participate in a two-week intensive on-boarding with IREX following subaward approval. This includes selecting its capacity development priorities; on-boarding to Youth Excel approaches and tools, and finalizing target communities for this activity.
2. Participate in Mission consultations to determine geographic priorities for Youth Excel/Cambodia, identify key national-level stakeholders, give input to the outline for a youth organization mapping exercise, and support the local IR advisor. Hold initial consultations with selected national stakeholders in coordination with IREX.
3. Lead the outreach, selection, and management of the youth advisory group in coordination with the USAID mission.
4. Adapt and facilitate the Intersectional Rapid Gender and Protection Analysis (IRGPA). This includes recruiting and facilitating five to six diverse young researchers in each target district (10-16 total, for two to three districts) to conduct the IRGPA, and adapting the Youth Excel IRGPA tool for the Cambodian context. Coordinate closely with the IREX team in this activity.
5. Collaborate with IREX to prepare the agenda and manage preparations and logistics for an interactive intergenerational dialogue event (Data and Innovation Summit), in November 2022. The event will pilot-test approaches to effectively engage youth and decision-makers.
6. Support youth innovation and learning in selected thematic area through small grants. Three to five youth-led organizations will receive up to \$10,000-\$20,000 each for approximately four

months to conduct an implementation research activity around the selected theme and youth digital leadership.

7. Support the creation of the final Learning Brief and disseminate it through social media, the local partner’s network, external stakeholders, and Mission contacts, and through holding a Virtual Showcase in April 2023.
8. Support program monitoring, evaluation, learning, and reporting of activities, as guided by the Youth Excel Global Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) advisor.

Target geography: Activities will engage youth from two to three provinces with a mix of urban and rural geographies. This activity will engage youth from hard-to-reach geographies, including indigenous populations. Final geographic selection will be determined with the Mission and the Local Implementing Partner.

Target Participants: Target participants include diverse young leaders ages 15-30 and youth-led/youth-serving organizations (YL/YSOs) that offer Positive Youth Development (PYD) programming in priority USAID sectors. Target participants will also include the young people that are served by programs and initiatives led by young leaders and YL/YSOs, communities that they serve, and the Mission team.

What are Youth Excel’s key technical approaches?

The Local Implementing Partner will help apply the following key technical approaches to the Youth Excel Cambodia Activity:

- **Gender equality and social inclusion (GESI)** is an approach that helps us to understand the importance of equal rights and opportunities for all individuals regardless of their social identity. This concept addresses unequal power relations between different social groups that cause exclusion.
- **Protection** is an approach that helps us to understand and prepare for protection concerns related to Youth Excel, which can be digital, physical, and psychosocial. Youth Excel partners take local protection measures to prevent, mitigate, and respond to risks and threats that Youth Excel can unintentionally exacerbate (risks associated with programs, operations, and people). Youth Excel aims to understand the specific risks, but also the protection capacities, the available resources, and the right to protection of participants.
- **Research-to-Change (implementation research):** Information is a powerful resource that can be used to help organizations grow and make their programs work better. “Research-to-Change” (implementation research) is a [tool](#) that allows organizations to gather data, take what they learn, and turn it into what they do in real-time.
- **Knowledge mobilization** is Youth Excel’s ‘rebrand’ of knowledge management and dissemination. It includes creating knowledge products that are easily accessible by users, making them openly available to the public for use, and sharing them in a strategic and dynamic way that promotes dialogue and two-way communication (including events and social media, for example).

Knowledge Products share learning and enable the audience to act based on that learning from the Research-to-Change process. Knowledge products can have different formats, such as manuals, best practices briefs, or data-based recommendations. Knowledge products can be created using different methodologies, like summaries, storytelling, and digital visualizations and take different forms, such as printed documents, podcasts, radio, videos, etc.

- **Capacity development** supports youth-led and youth-serving organizations to strengthen skills and leverage opportunities in the following areas: using implementation research to strengthen positive youth development programs; applying gender, inclusion, and protection so that programs are more inclusive of diverse youth groups; strengthening opportunities for meaningful youth engagement and intergenerational dialogue; synthesizing, disseminating, and using findings from research more effectively; and managing subawards, including planning, budgeting, reporting, and compliance.

Who can apply to the Request for Applications?

The Request for Applications for the Local Implementing Partner is open to **local, registered, youth-led or youth-serving organizations** that meet the following minimum criteria and share Youth Excel objectives. Organizations led by and serving youth from marginalized groups, which may include age, gender, disability, ethnicity, and other identities, are encouraged to apply.

| Eligible | Not Eligible |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Legally registered, local organization in the country of activity implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is legally organized under the laws of Cambodia; • Has its principal place of business or operations in Cambodia; • Is majority-owned by individuals who are citizens or lawful permanent residents of Cambodia; • Is managed by a governing body, the majority of whom are citizens or lawful permanent residents of Liberia. ✓ Non-governmental or private organization of any legal type ✓ Youth-led and/or youth-serving organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Unregistered organization, group, or individual ✗ International organization ✗ Consortium of multiple organizations ✗ Government institutions or political parties |



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| <p>of 35, and who has a mission, mandate, or programs with an expressed priority of serving or support youth under age 35.</p> <p>B. Youth-serving organization that has a mission, mandate, or programs with an expressed priority of serving or supporting youth under age 35.</p> <p>✓ Eligible to accept and receive USAID funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has or willing to register for UEI Number ○ Able to sign ADS 303max Certifications, Assurances, Representations, and Other Statements of the Recipient | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Not eligible due to appearance on certain watchlists or exclusions from receiving U.S. Government funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 ✗ Has conflict of interest |
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What kind of grant is available for the role?

- **Purpose:** co-facilitate the Youth Excel activity in Cambodia
- **Location:** Cambodia
- **Number:** One. *Youth Excel reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted.*
- **Type:** Fixed amount award or cost reimbursement grant. Fixed amount award payments would be made based on successful completion of milestones. Cost reimbursement grant payments would be made based on monthly program and financial reporting in line with successful completion of project milestones. [ADS Reference 303mat](#) Mandatory Standard Provisions for Fixed Amount Awards to Non-Governmental Organizations apply.
- **Amount:** Approximately USD \$65,000-\$75,000. Applicants can propose the amount required for project implementation within this range. For those applicants with the capacity and interest in also administering the Youth Innovators Small Grants Activity, please budget an additional \$64,000 as a line item fully allocated toward subgrants.
- **Start:** August 2022.
- **Length:** 10 months.'

What types of costs can you request for funding as part of this activity?

You can cost your activities using the following recommendations for the 10-month project timeframe and \$65,000-\$75,000 funding range. IREX will assess and negotiate cost allowability, realism, and effectiveness in alignment with the workplan.

Leadership and coordination of Local Implementing Partner activities: Your organization is encouraged to identify a team of local staff to coordinate the Local Implementing Partner role, including administration, logistics, data, and communications support for your specific needs.

Cost Recommendations: Compensation for the time of staff leading and coordinating the Local Implementing Partner activities and other coordination support may be salaries/benefits, consulting fees, internship or other stipends. Costs to cover internet connectivity for meetings and other collaboration with a global team and communications with teams in more remote provinces.

Inclusion and protection strategies for diverse youth participation

Cost Recommendations:

- Compensation for protection focal point, who could be your project or research lead/manager or another team member, for approximately 1 day per week dedicated to protection.
- 3% of the total budget for inclusion and 5% for protection related costs.

Capacity strengthening resources: Your organization is encouraged to identify capacity strengthening resources to support for your specific needs to fulfill the Local Implementing Partner role.

Cost Recommendations: You may budget for 5% capacity strengthening resources. IREX will review with you what type of financial support and/or direct technical support and other resources that Youth Excel can provide.

Month 1: Onboarding and Planning

Two-week intensive onboarding. Team members will be onboarded and launch and onboarding meetings will be held.

Cost recommendations: Compensation for team members.

Planning. Team members will participate in Mission consultations, activity planning meetings with Youth Excel team, and initial consultations with national stakeholders.

Cost recommendations: Compensation for team members.

Months 2 through 3: (length depends on duration of your activity): Intersectional Rapid Gender and Protection Analysis (IRGPA) and Youth Advisory Group

Adapt and facilitate the IRGPA. This includes recruiting and facilitating 5-6 diverse young researchers in each target district (10-16 total, for 2-3 districts) to conduct the IRGPA, and

Cost recommendations:

- Compensation, phone/internet data, other supplies, 2-3 local travel days depending on context, and 2-3 internal meetings for 5-6 young researchers in

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| <p>adapting the Youth Excel IRGPA tool for the Cambodian context.</p> | <p>each target district (10-16 total for 2-3 districts)</p> |
| <p>Youth advisory group. Lead the outreach, selection, and management of the youth advisory group in coordination with the USAID Mission.</p> | <p>Cost recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation for team members • Youth advisory group member stipends for 2-3 days of engagement per month, for 6 months |

| <p>Month 4-7: Data and Innovation Summit and Youth Innovators Small Grants Activity</p> | |
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| <p>Data and Innovation Summit. Collaborate with IREX to prepare the agenda and manage preparations and logistics for the Data and Innovation Summit, an interactive intergenerational dialogue event.</p> | <p>Cost recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation for the time of the activity and research leads/managers and communications support. • Material development depending on type of knowledge product, including translation. • Logistics for 1-2 day learning and dissemination workshop with local stakeholders, including travel for up to 15 youth participants and venue/refreshments. |
| <p>Youth Innovators Small Grants Activity. Support youth innovation and learning in selected thematic area (Activity 3) through small grants. 3-5 youth-led organizations will receive up to \$10,000-\$20,000 for approximately 4 months to conduct an implementation research activity around the selected theme and youth digital leadership.</p> | <p>Cost recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation for time and resources to launch and provide Small Grants Activity support. If eligible to administer the Youth Innovators Small Grants Activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3-5 Small Grants as subgrants totaling \$64,000. ○ Compensation for time spent administering and managing grants |

| <p>Months 8-10: Learning Brief Production and Knowledge Mobilization</p> | |
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| <p>Support creation of final Learning Brief and knowledge mobilization efforts. Disseminate Learning Brief through social media, local partner network, external stakeholders, and Mission contacts; hold a Virtual Showcase.</p> | <p>Cost recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation for the time of the project and research leads/managers and communications support. • Material development depending on type of knowledge product, including translation. • Costs for holding the virtual showcase, including English/Khymer interpretation. |

Cost Restrictions: the RFA cannot fund the following types of costs:

- ✗ International travel
- ✗ Subawards to other organizations, unless approved to administer the Youth Innovators Small Grants activity
- ✗ Organizational costs, such as executive and administrative salaries, rent and utilities, and bank fees. However, you may request 10% of the budget as Youth Excel’s contribution to your organizational costs. *All organizations are eligible for the standard 10% de minimis indirect cost rate of modified total direct costs per 2 CFR 200.414(f), or may provide a negotiated indirect cost rate agreement with the U.S. Government.*
- ✗ Profits and fees
- ✗ Limitations on equipment/supplies
 - Items with a unit cost of \$5,000 or more and a useful lifespan of 1 year or more are defined as **“equipment”** and **will not be funded** by this grant competition.
 - Other items may be classified as **“supplies”** and **may be funded** by this grant competition. Computing devices may be included as supplies.
 - *Ineligible and restricted commodities listed below, including motor vehicles, will not be funded by this grant competition, regardless of their cost and classification as supplies or equipment.*
- ✗ Other cost restrictions and prohibitions in accordance with [ADS Reference 303mat](#) Mandatory Standard Provisions for Fixed Amount Awards to Non-Governmental Organizations and other applicable regulations.
 - Ineligible commodities: military equipment, surveillance equipment, commodities or equipment for the support of police or other law enforcement activities, abortion equipment and services, luxury goods, gambling equipment, weather modification equipment.
 - Restricted commodities: agricultural commodities, motor vehicles, pharmaceuticals, contraceptives and condoms, pesticides, used equipment, fertilizer.
 - Unallowable costs per [2 CFR 200 Subpart E](#): including, but not limited to, alcoholic beverages, bad debts, contributions and donations, fines and penalties, fundraising, lobbying, and other costs that are not allowable, reasonable, and allocable to the project.

How can you apply to the Local Implementing Partner Request for Applications?

Provide responses in English to the application questions in Annex I and upload the required attachments.

Submit application online by **July 6, 2022 at 23:59 ICT** here:

https://irexorg.formstack.com/forms/fy22_youth_excel_cambodia_01

IREX reserves the right to accept late and incomplete applications when it is in the best interest of Youth Excel objectives; otherwise, late and incomplete applications will be automatically disqualified.

How will applicants be evaluated and selected for the Local Implementing Partner role?

Selection Criteria: applications will be holistically reviewed and scored on the following 4 factors:

- Strong ability to work with diverse youth at the national level with different stakeholders to achieve programmatic goals in the youth sector.
- Technical capacity in: youth engagement, stakeholder engagement, learning approaches, and capacity development.
- Feasibility of budget and organizational capacity to manage donor funded projects of similar size and scope
- Technical capacity to utilize inclusion and protection strategies for diverse youth.

Selection Process: Applications will be reviewed by Youth Excel members, including youth from around the world, with diverse perspectives and a range of regional, technical, and grant expertise. Youth Excel will take measures to respect confidentiality of applicants' intellectual property and prevent conflict of interest¹ and other biases² in the selection process.

1. **Eligibility screening:** An IREX grants team will conduct an initial review of the applications, based on the following eligibility requirements, and disqualify applications that are not eligible for consideration.
 - Does application satisfy the basic parameters of the RFA?
 - Does application fulfill the eligibility criteria?
 - Is application complete and submitted on time?
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 each of five global regions.

Notifications to all applicants will be made to the point of contact who submitted the application. The selection of an application in accordance with these established criteria and processes does not guarantee an award. Awards are contingent on successful workplan-budget negotiations, risk assessment, and IREX and USAID approval.

¹ Real or apparent conflicts of interests of reviewers with organizations whose applications are under review are defined as “if the reviewer, or that person’s spouse, partner, child, relative, or close friend works for, or is applying to work for, or has a financial interest, including being an unpaid member of a Board of Directors, in any applicant organization under review.” Members of the committee shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value.

² Youth Excel uses anti-bias materials from Chicago Beyond: <https://www.leverforchange.org/library/resource-library/recognizing-bias-unleash-impact/>

Annex I. Application Template

A complete application includes the online submission to this link of responses to the following questions in English and required attachments listed below. An asterisk (*) indicates that a response is mandatory; others are optional.

Required attachments include:

- Attachment 1: Budget (using Excel template);
- Attachment 2: Budget Narrative (using Word template);
- Attachment 3: Signed Letter of Support for your organization from a donor or partner that has administered a subaward to your organization;
- Attachment 4: Your organization’s local Registration Certificate; and
- Attachment 5: Due Diligence Questionnaire with corresponding sub-attachments.

For responses to the following questions, you may draft responses in a Word document or directly in the online form, which enables you to save and resume your work as you go. **You must submit your responses and required attachments online here:**

https://irexorg.formstack.com/forms/fy22_youth_excel_cambodia_01

A. Your Organization:

Please provide the following information about your organization:

1. What is your organization’s name?*(Short answer)
2. Is your organization locally based in Cambodia?*
 - Yes
 - No
3. Is your organization legally registered in Cambodia? This will be verified by your local registration certificate provided in Attachment 3.*
 - Yes
 - No
4. Is your majority-owned by individuals who are citizens or lawful permanent residents of Cambodia?*
 - Yes
 - No

Is your organization managed by a governing body, the majority of whom are citizens or lawful permanent residents of Cambodia.

- Yes
 - No
5. Is your organization predominantly led by or serving youth under the age of 35 years?*
 - Yes
 - No



6. Please provide links to your organization’s website and social media pages if available. (Short answer)
7. Please provide a brief description of your organization in the style of a Tweet.* (280 characters)

Optional: you may attach an image to accompany the brief description of your organization in the style of a Tweet. (JPG, GIF, or PNG up to 25 MB)

8. What is/are the main youth demographic(s) that your organization focuses on? Please choose all that apply.

- Young Women
- Young Men
- Adolescent Girls
- Adolescent Boys
- Youth with Disabilities
- Youth from Indigenous Populations
- Youth from Marginalized Ethnic Group
- Youth from Marginalized Religious Group
- Youth Identifying as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex (LGBTQI+)
- Youth Affected by Crisis or Conflict
- Youth Living with HIV/AIDS
- Other: Please specify.

Please specify the age range(s) and group(s).* (Short answer)

9. What is the approximate total number of youth participants that your organization has supported in the past year, across all of your work? (Number)

Please provide breakdown by gender identity if available.

- Female: (number)
- Male: (number)
- Non-binary: (number)
- Choose not to disclose: (number)

10. What is/are the primary sector(s) that your organization currently focuses on? Please choose all that apply. Please note that organizations working in any sector are eligible.

- Youth economic opportunity/youth livelihoods/employment
- Gender, inclusion, equity & girls/women's equality
- Youth mental health & psychosocial support
- Youth digital leadership, technology & innovation
- Youth civic or political engagement & advocacy



- Youth peacebuilding
- Education
- Reproductive Health
- Agriculture
- Environment and Climate Change
- Other: Please specify.

11. How do youth, including members of marginalized groups, participate in the leadership of your organization and programming?* (500 characters)

12. Are you applying to administer the Youth Innovators Small Grants?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please describe your grant management system and policies.* (750 characters)

13. **Capacity Statement and Past Performance:** Please describe the capacities and past experiences of your organization and its leaders and members in any of the following areas: working with diverse youth at the national level with different stakeholders to achieve programmatic goals in the youth sector, supporting youth innovation and learning, including diverse youth in your activities in a safe way, and creating and disseminating learning products. Please mention specific projects, trainings, networks, and other initiatives that your organization and its leaders and members have been involved in.* (2000 characters)

14. Please provide the following past performance information for three to five recent and relevant projects.*

- Project Name*
- Project Number*
- Donor*
- Prime Recipient*
- *(Please list the prime recipient organization that received funding directly from the donor. The prime recipient could be your organization or another organization if your organization was a sub-recipient.)*
- Funding Amount (USD)*
- *(Please list the amount of funding in USD that your organization received for this project.)*
- Project Start Date*
- Project End Date*
- Reference Name*
- *(Please provide the name of a reference from the donor or prime recipient who can speak to your organization's performance on this project.)*
- Reference Title*
- Reference Email Address*
- Reference Phone Number*

- Project Description* (500 characters)
- Key Results and Accomplishments* (500 characters)

15. Which 1-2 capacity development area(s) would your organization and its leaders and members like to prioritize for strengthening with Youth Excel technical assistance?* Please choose 1-2 areas.

- Gender Equality and Social Inclusion and Protection
- Research-to-Change
- Knowledge Mobilization
- Grant Management
- Other: Please specify.

Please describe why the area(s) is/are important for your organization.* (500 characters)

B. Your Approach for the Role

Please elaborate on your vision using the RFA guidance and the planning and costing tool in the template provided and provide the following information:

1. Inclusion and Protection: Please describe the people you envision as youth researchers and innovators.
 - a. Who are the youth, including members from marginalized groups, who will participate in the activity?* (500 characters)
 - b. What are key power dynamics, norms, policies, and laws in context to consider in the local context and key geographic areas?* (500 characters)
 - c. What are key risks to the physical, psychosocial, and digital wellbeing and safety of youth participants, based on their intersectional identities in the activity's local context?* (500 characters)
 - d. How will you ensure inclusion and protection of youth in the activity's context?* (500 characters)
 - e. Through Youth Excel's intersectional gender and protection analysis tools, what would you like to learn in order to strengthen inclusion and protection of youth in your organization's work?* (100 characters)
2. Research-to-Change and Learning: What are your learning interests in relation to the activity learning goals? How can this help to strengthen the effectiveness and inclusiveness of this youth innovation activity?* (750 characters)
3. Please describe how you would approach working with diverse stakeholders.* (500 characters)
4. Please describe how you would approach capacity development.* (500 characters)

C. Attachments

Please upload the following required attachments:

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D. Certifications

Required:

As an authorized signatory of the applicant organization, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge. By signing this application, I authorize IREX to verify information. Any willful false statements in this application will be grounds for disqualification of application or termination of grant if issued.

Signature:*

Your name (person submitting the application):*

Your role with the applicant organization:*

Your email:*

