Youth Engagement Summit
Local Partner

Request for Applications Webinar
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About Youth Excel

• A 5-year, $30m global USAID-funded cross-sectoral positive youth development activity.
• 2020 – 2025. *We are starting Year 3!*
• Funded out of USAID/Washington
• Working with partners in 20+ countries in 5 global regions.
Youth Excel helps local youth organizations:

**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.**

THROUGH:
- Implementation Research
- Intergenerational Dialogue
- Knowledge mobilization
## Youth Excel ‘by the numbers’ – Year 2

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<th><strong>5 year, $30m</strong> USAID-funded global activity</th>
<th><strong>Over 90</strong> Youth-led and youth-serving organization &amp; groups engaged to date</th>
<th><strong>90</strong> Knowledge products created by local partners conducting implementation research</th>
<th><strong>545</strong> Adult allies and stakeholders making commitments to support youth priorities</th>
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<td><strong>Over $4m</strong> Managed in subgrants to 40 local youth-led and youth-serving organizations to date.</td>
<td><strong>20</strong> countries with Youth Excel activities to date in Africa, Asia, LAC &amp; MENA</td>
<td><strong>985,000+</strong> Youth reached through social media and online activities</td>
<td><strong>14</strong> countries where Youth Excel has conducted intersectional rapid gender and protection analyses</td>
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Youth Engagement Summit Partner

Call for applications

Youth Excel is seeking a local partner based in Accra, Ghana, to co-lead the USAID Youth Excel week-long in-person/virtual Youth Engagement Summit anticipated to be held in September 2023.

Deadline to Apply is February 28, 2023

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Youth Engagement Summit

• Youth Excel, in conjunction with the USAID Inclusive Development Hub in the Bureau for Development, Democracy, and Innovation, is organizing a week-long in-person/virtual Youth Engagement Summit to take place in September 2023 Accra, Ghana.

• This summit brings together youth champions and allies, young leaders, representatives of youth-led organizations, and USAID staff throughout Africa and globally to share how young leaders are engaging locally and globally, using data and digital tools to create positive change in communities and countries.
Youth Engagement Summit

**Summit Objectives:**
- Participants will strengthen their capacity to promote meaningful, inclusive youth engagement in local and global development for better youth and sectoral outcomes.
- The summit will explore: youth civic and political engagement; youth digital/data literacy and leadership; and youth networks and systems strengthening.

**Summit Invitees** will include:
- USAID/Africa and global staff;
- Youth Excel global partner team members and youth representatives;
- Selected Accra-based youth-led organization staff;
- Limited additional stakeholders to be determined.
Local partner SOW

1. Conduct procurement and manage all logistics for the Youth Engagement Summit for 100-150 anticipated participants.

2. Co-lead the development and management of the Youth Engagement Summit agenda and materials with Youth Excel counterparts.

3. Manage local youth engagement from young leaders in/near Accra.
Request for Applications

Access information about the opportunity here:
# Timeline

## Request for Applications
- Opened January 27, 2023
- Submit questions by February 17, 2023
- First round of Questions and Answers will be published February 21, 2023
- Closes February 28, 2023, 23:59 GMT

## Selection
- Eligibility Screening
- Selection Panel; Interviews
- Notifications in mid March 2023

## Start-Up
- Finalist risk assessment and negotiations, USAID approvals in late March 2023
- Grant start date in April 15, 2023
Type of Grant

• 1 grant available
• Cost-reimbursable subaward. Actual costs will be reimbursed within the approved budget upon submission of program and financial reports. ADS Reference 303mab Mandatory Standard Provisions for Non-U.S. Non-Governmental Organizations apply.

• Funding range of USD $320,000-$350,000
• Anticipated timeframe April 15, 2023 – October 15, 2023 (6 months)
What types of costs can you request funding for?

- Please cost your activities for the **six-month period** using recommendations provided in the RFA for reference and staying within the **$320,000-350,000 funding range**.

- All procurement is to be done competitively, in a fair and transparent manner, in compliance with USAID Standard Provision on Procurement Policies (June 2012) and other applicable rules and regulations from 2 CFR 200 and ADS 303 mab, as well as partner organizational policies and IREX subgrant policies.

- All travel logistics must be organized in line with USAID standard provision on Travel and International Air Transportation (December 2014); the partner must ensure compliance with Fly America Act restrictions.
Eligibility

Eligible

✓ Demonstrated experience working in Accra and having a physical and staff presence in Accra with projects or programs focusing on Youth Development.

✓ Legally registered, local organizations in Ghana

✓ Non-governmental or private organizations of any type

✓ Youth-led or youth-serving

✓ Eligible to accept and receive USAID funding; Will be required to register for unique entity ID number and sign certifications to receive USAID funding

Not Eligible

• Unregistered organization, group, or individual

• International organization

• Consortium of multiple organizations

• Governmental institutions or political parties

• Appears on certain watchlists or exclusions from USG funding

• Has conflict of interest
Application Process

Provide responses to the application questions in Annex I and upload the required attachments online using the following formstack link by February 28, 2023 at 23:59 GMT:  https://irexorg.formstack.com/forms/fy23_ghana_01

Required Attachments:
1. Budget (using Excel template);
2. Budget Narrative (using Word template);
3. Signed Letter of Support for your organization from a local partner or stakeholder (using Word template);
4. Signed Due Diligence Questionnaire (using Word template);
5. Your organization’s local Registration Certificate;
6. Sample(s) of similar work if available, e.g., products demonstrating previous work facilitating youth leadership and engagement; products from past workshops;
7. CVs of the following team members: Program Manager (required) and Program Coordinator and other team members (optional).
# Selection Criteria

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<td><strong>Partnership and collaboration approach:</strong> A clear approach to building partnerships and networks with other stakeholders, YSOs, YLOs, and CSOs addressing positive youth development issues in Ghana. Experience with coordinating engagement and approval from the Government of Ghana and key multisectoral youth development stakeholders at national and regional level.</td>
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<td><strong>Capacity and Past Performance:</strong> understanding of Youth Engagement Summit Partner requirements and proven capacity to successfully implement. This includes skills and experience in managing complex events, workshops, and communications, convening large groups of people, as well as the ability to develop management and communication plans and strategies to carry them out. Demonstrated experience in USG-compliant procurement.</td>
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<td><strong>Protection:</strong> awareness of potential risks for participating youth and consideration of mitigation strategies.</td>
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<td><strong>Inclusion:</strong> commitment to diversity and inclusion, especially regarding work with and/or support to vulnerable or marginalized groups such as girls and women, youth with disabilities, youth from ethnic or religious minorities, and other identities.</td>
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Thank you for your interest!

- Check for webinar materials and questions and answers published online on February 21, 2023
- Submit application online by **February 28, 2023 at 11:59 GMT**
- Contact excelyouth@irex.org