

## Youth Excel Global Grant Competition

In celebration of USAID’s new Youth in Development Policy in May 2022, [Youth Excel](#) launched a global small grant competition to fund local youth-led organizations to conduct implementation research activities for advancing peace and security through local-level social cohesion.

Out of 237 applications, Youth Excel selected six winners representing each global region to receive between USD \$7,000 to 10,000 for youth-led peacebuilding activities over three to six months. The grantees will use data to strengthen their solutions and influence decision-makers through Youth Excel approaches for gender equality and social inclusion, implementation research, and knowledge mobilization. Grant competition activities will begin with Youth Excel technical training in September 2022, followed by grantee-led implementation research, and culminating with dissemination of learnings and recommendations in February 2023.

Learn more about the five winners in the following table.

Partner & Country	Organization Description	Project Description
<a href="#">Baranquilla+20 Foundation, Colombia</a>	Barranquilla+20 is an NGO, legally registered in Colombia and directed by young people with more than 10 years of experience working for peace and security in society related to change and based on education, empowerment, gender, and youth leadership.	<b>Mujeres por la justicia climática</b> (Women for climate justice) will advance existing advocacy efforts for gender and climate justice at the local and national level. The young women’s network will generate and disseminate knowledge to promote the peace and security of women and prevent conflicts, risks, and vulnerabilities increased by climate change.
<a href="#">Palestinian Center for Communication and Development Strategies, West Bank &amp; Gaza</a>	A non-profit, non-governmental youth organization that was established in the city of Hebron in 2009 and registered with the Palestinian Ministry of Interior with the aim of bringing about social, economic and legal change in Palestinian fragile areas.	The <b>Spaces for Change project</b> seeks to activate the role of youth from 18-29 years old from refugee camps in promoting peace and security by combating prevailing social norms, gender-based violence, ideological extremism and influencing policies to enhance community cohesion.
<a href="#">Projet Jeune Leader, Madagascar</a>	We work to ensure *all* adolescents in Madagascar reach their full potential. Our dynamic, skilled young adult CSE Educators not only empower youth with essential knowledge & support, but they also strengthen the communities and systems in	In rural Madagascar, emotional abuse is far too common, with devastating consequences to kids and communities. Through the <b>Pioneering Emotional Abuse Support in Rural Madagascar, For Youth and By Youth project</b> , we are testing and researching support interventions-for youth, by youth-to protect and uplift thousands of

	which they live, learn, and grow.	young adolescents in these underserved communities.
<a href="#">Youth Alive! Kenya</a>	Our mission is to create an inclusive and prosperous society where young people live fulfilled lives through advocacy, empowerment and mentorship. The youth are our future — our goal is to uplift our youth and brighten the future for our society.	<b>The Jishusishe kwa Amani project</b> seeks to promote peace and cohesion within the hotspot areas of Kisumu and Uasin Gishu Counties in Kenya by fostering intercultural dialogue, social cohesion and peace building at the community level in advance of the elections.
<a href="#">Youth for Democratic Changes, Georgia</a>	As of 2020, Youth for Democratic Changes was established by young people representing diverse ethnic and religious minorities of Georgia, aiming to achieve civic, economic, and political inclusion and underrepresented groups.	The goal of the <b>Media Literacy Road project</b> is to understand and advance the skills of local population on the importance to fight disinformation. As Samtskhe-Javakheti is densely populated by ethnic minority Armenian population, it is critically important to build the bridges between the local community and local self-government, to ensure peace and stability in the region, through transparent and key knowledge on specific topics.