

Partner Selection Criteria

Mona Foundation envisions a world where every child has access to education. Towards this end, we select and partner long-term with grassroots organizations that educate children, empower women and girls, and foster ethics and service to develop change agents who uplift themselves, their families, and their communities. Our approach is rooted in our core belief in the oneness of humanity and our conviction that every person, irrespective of geography and economic standing, has the right to self-determination and the responsibility to fully participate in development of their communities.

Funding Support

Mona provides funding support in three broad categories: Infrastructure and Scholarship to improve access to education, Teacher training to improve quality of education, and Girls Empowerment as a key lever of social change. Our grants may also provide for school meals, materials and supplies, furniture, equipment, and other educational needs such as arts, music, and youth empowerment programs.

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Learning to identify and effectively partner with grassroots organizations has been an essential aspect of building our own capacity as a nonprofit over the years. Since 1999, Mona has partnered with 41 grassroots organizations in 23 countries across four continents. Based on this experience, we currently use the following selection criteria when considering an educational organization for partnership:

1. The organization is founded and operated by local residents.
2. The organization addresses a vital and significant deficit in the basic needs of children. These needs must include education, but may also include housing, food, and basic healthcare.
3. The organization serves children of all backgrounds and has a focus on educating girls and/or women.
4. The organization seeks to develop human resources for its community.
5. The organization is established and has been in operation for at least three years.
6. The organization enjoys the support of the local community.
7. The organization is committed to the development of its programs.
8. The organization can effectively receive and manage funds from external agencies.

A site visit by one or more members of Mona's Board of Directors, or by a designated representative of the Board, is required prior to adopting new partnerships to confirm alignment. Such visits also aim to establish and strengthen relationships of trust and mutual reciprocity; facilitate an ongoing process of learning; and enable Mona to authentically share our partners' stories and the context of their service with our donors.

Letters of Inquiry

In general, Letters of Inquiry need to be submitted by September 1st to be considered for partnership the following year. However, **Mona is not currently accepting requests for new partnerships.**

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