



Dr. Vinaybala Mehta Seed Fund (MSF) for Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) Project Grant Criteria

The MSF programme will support locally-developed and operated projects initiated by Graduate Women International (GWI) National Federations and Associations (NFAs) in collaboration with the GWI headquarters aimed to empower women and girls through education and leadership development, and that support the implementation of SDG 4. The 2024 MSF application process is open to all GWI NFAs and will be awarded to an NFA who is a fully paid member of GWI. All projects must align with GWI's mission towards lifelong education, advancement and participation in leaderships and decision-making for women and girls. In order to be considered for the MSF grant, the NFA needs to demonstrate active collaboration with external partners who will offer project support financially or practically.

MSF Selection Criteria, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation

Selection Criteria

Projects are selected according to pre-established criteria. These include: relevance of project to GWI's overall mission, adequate stakeholder consultation, development of logical aims and SMART (Specific, Measurable, Actionable, Realistic and Time-bound) objectives, how the proposed project activities address needs and integrate monitoring and evaluation of project quality. In addition, applicants need to respect agreed application formulae. Implementation of the 2024 projects will begin TBD, based on when board approves.

Each project will be implemented by members of the local NFA in close partnership and consultation with the local community and various external stakeholders.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Each project includes a monitoring and evaluation plan, conducted by members of the NFAs. The monitoring and evaluation is based on the targets, benchmarks and SMART objectives defined prior to the projects' implementation to monitor progress in achieving outcomes and impact.

Each project is required to submit a mid-term and a final report, complete with pictures and full detailed analysis. Progress reports will be submitted to the GWI Office and Project Development Committee and recognition given in the annual report and in any public communications on the MSF projects.



GWI regards evaluation as a crucial step for the MSF projects. Through a comprehensive evaluation process, GWI and the PDC will:

- Ensure that the projects remain in line with our mission and objective.
- Enable our NFAs to improve future projects through feedback of lessons learned.
- Provide a basis for accountability, including provision of information to our donors, stakeholders and to the public.