

Call for Applications. Shea Investment and Jobs Creation Program (SHIP)

Introduction

The Global Shea Alliance (GSA), in partnership with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) is implementing the **Shea Investment and Jobs Creation Program (SHIP)**: a 2-year program in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana to improve the efficiency and profitability of women processors in existing kernel and shea butter cooperatives to strengthen their sustainability in the value chain, access market and investment for women collectors and processors, and create decent jobs.

Project Description:

The program will enhance activities of women collectors and shea butter processors in the two countries through improving the quality of shea products, develop knowledge capacity and direct investment from private sector companies by facilitating direct sourcing with their shea cooperatives. The technical interventions of the program are as follows:

- Creation of 25 cooperatives in kernel and shea butter production in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana¹
- Strengthen 20 existing kernel and butter cooperatives².
- Facilitate 638,500 private investment to the shea cooperatives.
- Create 2,600 decent jobs for women in shea value chain.
- Digitization for 30 shea butter cooperatives

Roles & Responsibilities

GSA:

- The GSA through partnership with private sector will develop training manuals and curriculum to improve shea butter and kernel processing.
- The GSA through technical trainers will provide technical training to improve knowledge capacity of women processors in cooperative development, business management, shea kernel quality and aggregation training and shea butter processing.
- The GSA will develop best practice manuals and quality posters on shea kernel, digitalization, and butter processing for women shea cooperatives.

Private Sector Companies.

- Private partner will identify women group to form new cooperative for kernel and butter production.
- Construct and refurbish warehouses or processing centers for women cooperatives.
- Deliver warehouse and processing equipment for shea processors such as pallets, jute sacks, weighing scales, shea rollers, tricycles, stoves, kneaders, roasters etc.
- Provide health and safety training and equipment to the cooperatives.
- Undertake agroforestry and climate adaptation activities with women cooperatives.

¹ 10 in Côte d'Ivoire and 15 in Ghana.

² 5 in Côte d'Ivoire and 15 in Ghana.

The Global Shea Alliance invites members and private sector companies particularly enterprises with EU affiliations seeking to collaborate with women groups in the two countries; Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana to improve knowledge capacity of women in existing kernel and butter cooperatives and facilitate direct sourcing with their shea cooperatives.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should download and complete program application form and submit to Felix Adisa, Project Coordinator: f.adisa@globalshea.com and/or Edwin Zuta, Partnership Manager via email: e.zuta@globalshea.com not later than **Friday 16th February, 2024**

Clarification Webinar

- Applicants from Ghana must attend a clarification webinar on **Wednesday, 24th January 2024, at 3 p.m. GMT** using the link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89829633339?pwd=MWxYVndtOFgzRFJPekdXc2VnNWIKZz09>

- Applicants from Côte d'Ivoire must attend a clarification webinar on **Thursday 25th January 2024, at 3 p.m. GMT** using the link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85124989725?pwd=ZXF6d2Yrb05uWnBycEJFakdzbWc5Zz09>

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Application Form

(Please complete for Shea Kernel Cooperative(s) Only)

Applicant Background Information	
Private Sector Partner Description (Applicant must be a private sector company.)	
Name of Organisation:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Telephone:	
Physical/Postal Address:	
Is Your Company EU Affiliated?	
Yes	No
Please Provide the Country of EU Origin or Percentage of EU Shareholders.	
Describe Your Company/Role in the Shea Value Chain (Not more than 100 words.)	
Technical Intervention	
Information on Existing Cooperative(s) (please provide only list of existing cooperatives that require(s) trainings, number of members, and locations.)	
Number of Cooperatives:	
Number of Members:	
Location(s):	
Country:	

Information on New Cooperative(s) (Please provide a list of women groups to be registered as new cooperative. Please provide name, number of members and locations)

Number of Women's Group(s)			
Number of Women per Group			
Location(s)			
Country:			
Training Needs <i>(Please describe the training needs of the cooperative(s).)</i>			
Private Sector Contribution <i>(Please describe the activities you will invest in the cooperative.)</i>			
Budget <i>Please provide cost detail for each of your activities for the cooperative(s)</i>			
Description	Unit Cost (EUR)	Quantity	Total (EUR)
Warehouse Construction/Renovations			
Warehouse Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pallets • Jute Sacks • Weighing Scales • Tricycles 			
Health & Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training • Cookstoves. • Shea rollers • Protective tools 			
Market Linkages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Time • Cooperative Registration 			
Climate Adaptation Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree planting • Briquette production • Off-season farming • Bee keeping 			

Total	€		€
<i>Please provide any comments or additional information below:</i>			
Declaration			
By signing this section, you commit to undertake all activities of SHIP for the duration of the program, which ends in November 2025			
Name:			
Signature:			
Date:			

Shea Investment and Jobs Creation Program (SHIP)

Application Form

(Please Complete for Butter Cooperative(s) Only)

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Name of Organisation:	
Contact Person:	
Email:	
Telephone:	
Physical/Postal Address:	
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Yes	No
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Describe Your Company/Role in the Shea Value Chain (Not more than 100 words.)	
Technical Intervention	
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Description	Unit Cost (EUR)	Quantity	Total (EUR)
Processing Centre Construction/Renovations			
Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weighing Scales • Kneaders • Milling machines • Roasters • Tricycles 			
Health & Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training • Cookstoves. • Protective tools 			
Market Linkages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Time • Cooperative Registration 			
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