

Vastenactie (Dutch Lenten Campaign) Application Form for International Projects

As an international organization or foundation it is possible to submit a project proposal to Vastenactie. The **guidelines** for international projects funded by Vastenactie can be found below. You are kindly advised to read the guidelines carefully before submitting a project proposal.

1. It is possible to submit project proposals throughout the year. The project committee of Vastenactie evaluates these proposals four times a year.
2. Vastenactie supports more than 60 projects each year with a contribution that usually varies between € 1,000 and € 35,000.
3. The project should contribute to the cultural, social, and economic empowerment of people and communities, aiming at poverty reduction, sustainable positive change, and responsible care for our common home, as stated in the vision and mission of Vastenactie. Vastenactie is reluctant to finance construction work; we prefer to invest in people rather than in buildings or vehicles. The implementing organization has its own legal entity or is an official church body (diocese, parish, order or congregation)
4. The project benefits a community and is not focused on individual support. The project does not include: institutional support, support for congresses, study trips, scientific research and/or fundraising activities. Running costs are not eligible for funding.
5. The project aims at independence of the implementing organization. The design of the project is sustainable and its implementation feasible. The project may include capacity building of the implementing organization.
6. We support implementing partners for a maximum of three years in a row. Projects are approved for one year only and should be resubmitted each year.
7. The project should fit within the local context and strive for gender equality.

Attachments

We request you to include the following attachments with the completed application form.

- A specified budget with quotations if available
- A letter of recommendation from the Catholic network in your country, preferably from your local bishop *
- Annual report of the implementing organization of the preceding year if available
- Certificate of registration of your organization, if available.

***Letter of recommendation**

To be eligible for a contribution from Vastenactie, we ask you to share with us a letter of recommendation from the Catholic network in your country, preferably from your local bishop. This letter should be enclosed with the application. If it turns out that this is not feasible for you, we ask that you contact us by e-mail for further consultation before submitting your application. We will contact the sender of the letter through the official channels.