



Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for EMEA

Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for EMEA announces its funding programme for 2025

LONDON (2025) - Following its annual Meeting of Trustees on the 4th October 2024, Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for EMEA (MCF for EMEA) has announced a programme of £781,250 in new grants.

The 2025 funding programme will support the following organisations and projects:

- **LSE 100x Impact:** The '100x Impact: nurturing the next generation of social unicorns' partnership will be joint funded with MCF for EMEA's sister foundation, Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas. It will support two social ventures identified by 100x that are focused on climate action and poverty alleviation.
- **Association for Development Migration and Social Policies (DEMIS):** 'A new model for a social learning centre for NEET youth, women and rural communities' project aims to establish a model social learning centre for these beneficiaries and is targeting 180 potential participants.
- **Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement (OISCA) International:** The 'Project for establishment of salt-tolerant greening technology in the Aral Sea region of Uzbekistan and improvement and dissemination of medicinal herbs and sweet potato cultivation for poverty alleviation' aims to improve afforestation through planting saxaul trees in the Aral Sea lakebed. It also seeks to improve livelihoods and secure a source of income for local people who lack employment opportunities.
- **African Leadership Academy:** The 'Strengthening a pipeline of young African leaders and creating opportunities for them to study in Japan' project will support 3 students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds to attend ALA's two-year course of study and will also provide 4 ALA graduates with the opportunity to pursue tertiary education in Japan.
- **Rainforest Alliance:** The 'TechForests: Innovative Approaches to Sustainable Community Forest Management in Côte d'Ivoire' project aims to preserve community forests in the Beki-Bossématié landscapes in Côte d'Ivoire and improve the living standards of local communities, including women and youth, through monitoring biodiversity and ecosystem services using digital technology.
- **Farm Africa:** The 'Forest-friendly Livelihoods for the Sustainability of Sheka Biosphere Reserve' project aims to enhance the livelihoods of vulnerable communities and conserve the natural forest ecosystem in the Masha and Anderacha Woredas, which are located within and around the Sheka Biosphere Reserve.
- **ENDA Energie:** The 'Project to improve the resilience of mangrove ecosystems and communities through the restoration and extension of clean technologies in the Delta of Saloum Marine Protected Areas' aims to support mangrove restoration, biodiversity conservation and the livelihoods of local people through the reforestation of 25ha of mangroves, dissemination of cookstoves as a clean cooking alternative, environmental education and promotion of green activities such as improved fish smoking and sustainable oyster farming.
- **Matan Arewan Sosai Initiative:** The 'Increasing the quality of Cocoa beans produced in Igbado community Ondo State, Nigeria' project aims to focus on the issue of mold and infestation that

occurs during cocoa production. It will train local communities in the management and use of solar powered drying solutions to address this.

- **Tree Biotechnology Programme Trust (TBPT):** The "Enhancing Capacities of Local Communities in Conservation of Indigenous Trees and Livelihoods Improvement in Gazi-Bay, Kwale County, Kenya," will enable local communities to generate sustainable income while helping to conserve the local environment. This will be achieved through training in tree nursery management, the establishment of a model school woodlot, the drilling of freshwater wells and water supply facilities, as well as the training of 5,000 local residents in spin-off sustainable activities, such as bee-keeping and mushroom growing.
- **Next Leaders' Initiative for Sustainability:** The 'One Million Leaders Fellowship in the Middle East & North Africa (OML-MENA)' aims to develop young leaders in the Middle East and North African (MENA) region and provide them with the skills, knowledge, and resources that they need to drive sustainable development and social change in their communities through support for the OML MENA Fellowship Programme.
- **Climate Action Network Jordan (CAN):** The 'Miyawaki Forest & Greywater Research for Social Impact' project aims to improve biodiversity, ecological resilience and community well-being, in partnership with their implementing partner Midorization Project, a Japan-based social enterprise, through the reforestation of native species and the installation of wastewater treatment and reuse systems.
- **Mehwar Alamal for Business Management Development and Human Resources Training Company LTD (KAPITA Business Hub):** The 'Empowerment Lab' project aims to provide young people with the necessary skills and knowledge and match them with appropriate job opportunities to strengthen their competitiveness in the job market, improve their employability and enable them to flourish. The project is a 6-months intensive program that is conducted over 2 phases of soft skills and professional skills development to support youth in accessing the job market and secure internship opportunities at the respective companies.

About Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for EMEA

"Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for EMEA" is the operating name of The Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for EMEA CIO, a registered charity in England and Wales (number 1209271), which is a charitable incorporated organisation whose principal address is Mid City Place, 71 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6BA. Established in 2024, Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for EMEA engages with a wide variety of partner organizations throughout Europe, Africa and the Middle East, supporting innovative projects that align with its central aims: realizing an inclusive society, empowering the next generation, and conserving the environment.

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MC provides philanthropic contributions through a variety of channels including grants from MCF for EMEA and its sister charity Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas (MCFA).

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