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We provide professional and administrative advice for all municipalities from the application stage to the project implementation phase. In addition to the projects, we organise regular seminars on implementation and invoicing, and also enable the exchange of information between the municipalities involved.

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**SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPAL  
DEVELOPMENT THROUGH  
PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS  
(NAKOPA)**



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## Background

Many municipalities have been involved in international partnership work for many years. They contribute important knowledge, experience and networks to development cooperation. To support this and to accommodate the interests of the municipalities in implementing their own projects, the Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW) has been supporting sustainable municipal development by means of partnership projects since 2013. The Nakopa Project is being financed by funds from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

## Applicant

The tender is aimed at all German municipalities that wish to implement projects with communities in developing or emerging countries (in accordance with the DAC countries list of the OECD) in a relationship that follows a developmental purpose. Applications may be provided by:

- German municipal partners from administration and politics with their Southern partners

- Mergers of several German municipalities with their municipal partners
- German municipal associations and municipal umbrella organisations with their counterparts in partnership countries

## Formal specifications

- The project volumes should be between €20,000 and €250,000 (a maximum of €50,000 is available for partners without joint project experience).
- At least ten percent of the total expenditure must be met by equity capital and/or third-party funds.
- The maximum duration of a project is three years (or 12 months for inexperienced project partnerships).
- Local initiatives and organisations can support the partnership project administratively.
- Only projects that have a clearly defined objective that can be achieved within the intended financial and time limit are eligible for funding.
- The sustainability of the project must be ensured beyond the support period.

## Application process

A call for applications takes place once a year. The process has two stages and starts by submitting an expression of interest. The actual application process of the project commences after this. Both municipalities shall contribute their knowledge and interests to the concept of the project as equal partners.

## Content specifications

The requested project must refer to the sphere of activity of the municipalities and relate to one of the topics of sustainable public service, good local governance or climate protection and climate adaptation. Concepts that incorporate topics such as migration and development, or fair trade and sustainable procurement, are particularly welcome.

- At the heart of the project is the exchange of municipal expertise and measures to improve living conditions. We do not support simply transferring resources or funding.
- Capacity building for the partner municipality should be part of the project.
- It is not possible to carry out studies without implementing a pilot project.

So far, for example, projects for the following issues have been supported: improving drinking water and energy supply, waste management, climate adaptation and environmental protection, disaster protection, urban planning, qualification and support of urban fire services, food security or educational work.

### You can find further information at:

<https://skew.engagement-global.de/unterstuetzung-durch-nakopa.html>