



## ABOUT THE TEKKI FII SOLAR-GRANT | Powered by GIZ

Grants of up to D250,000 available for the expansion and integration of solar system for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the GBA, LRR and URR regions. These will be provided through “solar competitions” for SMEs with the potential of employing a minimum of staff, i.e. of creating at least 4 new jobs in the selected intervention areas to enhance and maximize the productive capacity of the supported enterprises. Awards will be based on competitive participation, demonstrating the importance of solar solutions and how they will be integrated into their respective enterprises to enhance productivity and increased employment opportunities for youths. The 17 pre-identified priority trade areas are:

- Agro-processing
- Poultry
- Aquaculture
- Beekeeping
- Horticulture
- Electrical installation
- Catering
- Bakery
- Block-laying and concreting
- Tiling and Plastering
- Welding and farm tool repair
- Small engine repair
- Satellite installation
- Solar installation, maintenance and designing
- Garment making
- Hairdressing and beauty therapy
- Animal husbandry

This will be done by facilitating the in-kind acquisition of solar powered equipment, materials and other critical inputs or assets.

No interest rate or repayment requirements.

Grantees will receive financial literacy training to improve their capacity to save, exercise financial planning and separate their private funds from the funds of the business.

Grantees will participate in annual experience sharing events to communicate results, success stories and best practices.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Beneficiary must be a Gambian youth between 18-35 years

Business must be and business located in GBA, LRR and URR with proof of business transaction and additional evidence of scalability and potential for job creation

The individual or association must already be engaged in activities within the 17 project priority trade areas

The individual should have the necessary experience in implementing the selected activity.

Should have some level of savings or commit to making regular savings in a financial service provider of his or her choice

Must provide a business plan using the template developed by the Grant Coordinating committee

Agree to maintain in a professional manner the recording of the business and be open to monitoring.

Must provide proof of attendance or certificate that they have received entrepreneurship or vocational training

Beneficiaries must attend other trainings as and when required

Activity/ Business must not be illegal or detrimental to the environment

Business plan that shows high level of innovation will be an advantage.

Provide a guarantor before disbursement to indicate that the grant will be used for the intended purpose failure of which it will be refunded in full. In order to serve as a Guarantor:

- He/she must be a Gambian
- He/she must provide a valid Gambian identification document
- He/she must not be less than 25 years of age
- He/she must be willing to serve as adviser to the beneficiary
- He/she must be willing to accept to serve as guarantor to beneficiary and hereby agree to refund the full grant amount in the event that the beneficiaries misuse/mismanage the grant plus any damages relating to the recovery of the amount.

## ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR GROUP APPLICATIONS

Association or Kafo members must be Gambians

Beneficiaries must include 50% Gambian youth (18-35 years)

Minimum membership of 4

At least two members must provide proof of attendance or certificate that they have received entrepreneurship or vocational training

Business must be registered in the Association's/Kafo's name.

At least 3 members of the executive should be signatories.

## How To Apply?

Application forms are available online on the NACCUG

[www.naccug.com](http://www.naccug.com) | [www.tekkifii.gm](http://www.tekkifii.gm)  
[www.yep.gm/opportunities](http://www.yep.gm/opportunities)

Forms should be filled electronically, printed, signed, scanned and sent by email to [minigrantschemegambia@gmail.com](mailto:minigrantschemegambia@gmail.com).

Alternatively forms can be filled and submitted in the following offices

- NACCUG Head Office in Kanifing
- Credit Union Shared Branching Offices located in GTUCCU Regional Offices in Brikama, Soma and Basse
- Foni Kansala Cooperative Credit Union (Bwiam)
- Foni Berefet credit union (Sutsinjang)

Forms should be completed using clear legible handwriting in capital letters.

## Selection Process

1

Collection of applications submitted at local offices and electronically

2

Grants Committee meets to review all applications and pre-approve grants

3

Grants Officer to visit shortlisted candidates for verification

4

Approved grantees receive support.

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