

EMpower will only consider letters of inquiry from organizations that meet ALL of the following criteria:

They must work directly with young people (ages 10-24) to improve their health, education, leadership or livelihoods (see EMpower's specific interests and criteria within each portfolio)

They must be based in one of these emerging market countries:
Argentina, Brazil, China, Colombia, India (Gujarat, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal), Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, Russia, South Africa, Thailand, Turkey, Vietnam.

They must have:

A proven track record (3+ years work and demonstrable results)

Clear sense of mission

Strong leadership and effective staff

Interest and willingness to measure results

Commitment to, knowledge of, and respect in the community served

Multiple existing sources of funding

EMpower does NOT support organizations that:

discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, age, physical disability or sexual orientation in policy or in practice

promote religious beliefs

whose annual budget exceeds US\$1.5 million

EMpower does NOT support:

Individual applicants

Emergency or disaster relief

Conferences

Lobbying or political campaigns

Land acquisition or construction of new buildings

Deficit reduction

Programs that address specific disabilities, chronic diseases or conditions