Dialogue and Impact
for Sustainable Textiles

Creating impact together

Partial funding available for projects with positive impact in textile supply chains

We are looking forward to supporting partnerships that create **tangible improvements for people and the environment** where they matter most. **This opportunity can help turn your idea into collective action!**

Who can apply?

- A **consortium of DST participants** comprising at least one participating brand based in Europe or BMZ-partner countries, and an additional participant representing public interest, such as an NGO, trade union or standards organisation.
- The brand must employ a minimum of eight staff members and generate an annual turnover of at least €800,000, supported by at least two annual financial statements.
- No allegations or investigations of corruption are pending against the staff or management of any applicants.
- Applicants must not be listed on the sanctions lists of the Federal Republic of Germany, the European Union, or the United Nations.

What are we looking for?

- Project ideas that are based on a **risk identified and prioritised** in the company's risk analysis and the activities are designed to prevent or mitigate them, thus supporting corporate due diligence obligations.
- Ideas that are **implemented in partner countries** of German Federal Development Cooperation and demonstrate a **direct impact in the partner countries.**
- Concepts that **integrate Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement,** actively involving rightsholders or their legitimate representatives in the process.
- Project designs that are coherent, with realistic objectives and activities, and the nature and scope of intended **changes must be measurable** throughout the project duration, ensuring the sustainability of outcomes.
- The **additional value** through partial funding it outlined.
- Project durations are between **1–2 years.**
- The involved **brand(s) provide a substantial financial contribution** that exceeds in-kind support, such as personnel costs.

How can support be given?

- During the Call for Proposal period the DST Coordination Team can provide **matchmaking** to find the right partners.
- Partial funding can cover up to **50% of the project costs, matching the financial contributions of the participating brand(s).**
- Partial funding can be provided as a tender for services, as a Grant to the public entity partner or via Cooperation Agreements concluded with brands.

What's next?

- DST participants are encouraged to form consortia and submit the following documents in English based on the provided template: Concept including budgetary planning / Joint Declaration of Commitment / Risk analysis.
- Based on the defined criteria and after consultation with the DST Coordination Team as well as the DST Sounding Board, BMZ will select the projects for partial funding.
- Successful applicants will have time to incorporate recommendations and contracts will be finalised in early 2027, starting implementation mid 2027.
- Disclaimer: Application submission does not guarantee entitlement to funding.

Call for Proposals

- Project Proposals are welcome in the period from **1st September to 31st October 2026**
- Partial funding can be given **up to 50% of the project costs matching the private partners financial contribution**

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