



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### a) The Period Equality Network

#### 1. What is the Period Equality Network (TPEN)?

The Period Equality Network East Africa is a community for those working on grassroots period equality initiatives in East Africa and beyond. TPEN provides a space where grassroots organisations and those working with them can share resources & learning, access training, and be part of an active community to support their work and advocacy. TPEN is hosted by Irise Institute East Africa. Irise Institute East Africa (IIEA) is a registered non- governmental organization established in 2016 then operating under the name (Irise Uganda). The Period Equality Network has registered 50 nonprofit organisations, community-based organisations and individuals from Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, and Burundi.

The Period Equality network aims at

- a) Building a community of best practice, to ensure communities share and learn from each other and support small grants to work to create model projects.
- b) Bridging the gap between research and practice by producing and delivering resources, training, and guidance practice across the areas of Intervention, Integration, Impact, and Inclusivity.
- c) Amplifying effective programming under the themes of “Sustainable Change” and “Girls’ Leadership

### b) Grants

#### 2. How many applications can I submit to this call for proposals?

IIEA will accept one application for one project per organization.

#### 3. How many applicants will be selected for this proposal?

Up to 5 applicants will be selected.

#### 4. How long is the small grants period?

The small grants can run for a year or a short-term depending on the grantee’s activities.



**5. Is the small grants program open to women led organisations only?**

The small grants are open to both women led and non-women organisations. Initiatives will be taken depending on how organisations impede the principle of women's leadership in the project, but priority will be given to women led initiatives.

**c) Eligibility Criteria.**

**6. Does TPEN fund organisations not in East Africa?**

This grant cycle is open to community-based organisations and small charities or non-government organisations that have potential to catalyse significant change in MHM interventions in Uganda. Organisations should be fully registered to operate and part of the Period Equality Network. To be part of the Period Equality Network, please follow this link to submit your details. <https://www.irise.org.uk/the-period-equality-network/>

**7. Do you fund organisations that have existed for less than one year?**

No, TPEN funds organisations that have existed for more than one year and demonstrate evidence in interventions focused on MHM. These organisations should meet the eligibility criteria.

**8. Does the grant support institutional strengthening?**

The grant is for delivering projects that support MHM interventions, but applicants can add proportionate project costs that support institutional strengthening.

**9. Does TPEN fund Community Based Organisations?**

Yes, TPEN considers applications from CBOs if they meet all our eligibility criteria.

**10. Does TPEN fund profit making organisations?**

No, TPEN considers applications from Non- profit Organisations only.

**d) Consortia.**

**11. Does the Period Equality Network Fund Consortia?**

No, these are small grants thus consortia will not be funded.



#### e) **Financial Information**

**12. Does TPEN accept audited accounts?**

Yes, most recent audited accounts will be required (2019 or 2020). If the organization does not have audited accounts, a copy of an organisation's most recent management accounts should be provided.

**13. Are organizations that have never received funding eligible?**

Yes, they are eligible if they demonstrate interest and ability to implement.

**14. Does it cover administrative costs?**

Yes, you can include a proportion cost for administrative costs.

**15. Can the grants cover existing costs?**

Yes, the grants can cover existing costs for new spending on an existing project.

**16. Does it cover infrastructure flexibility?**

Yes, it does if the infrastructure is an MHM intervention.

#### f) **Call schedule and application timeline**

**17. What are the dates for this call for proposals?**

The call for proposals was launched on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and will be open until the deadline on June 5th 2021.

All applications that meet our eligibility criteria and respond most closely to our thematic priorities are assessed by our Grants Steering Committee will be shortlisted. Following assessment of shortlisted applications, we request references on applicants, and compile reports on all shortlisted applications which both Irise Institute East Africa and Irise International makes the final decision on.

**18. Are the dates for this call likely to change in case of any calamities?**



Yes, we are cognizant of the COVID-19 pandemic and any changes. Effective communication will be made in such incidents.

**19. Is there a dedicated Q& A for this grants round?**

Yes, there will be a dedicated Q&A zoom taking place, more details will be released shortly.

For any other questions, please contact [TPENsmallgrants@irise.org.uk](mailto:TPENsmallgrants@irise.org.uk)