

Call for Proposals Grants for Third Party CSO Policy Influencing and Advocacy under the BRACE Project

The partnership of A Rocha Ghana, Wacam, and the Nature and Development Foundation, under the **B**uilding **R**esilient and **A**ctive **C**ommunities in **E**xtractive Landscapes (BRACE) Project, invites applications for CSO funding support across three thematic areas to augment policy influencing and advocacy, on evidence gathering, and respect for human rights interventions within the extractive sector under the project. The overall aim of the project is to contribute to achieving sustainable and equitable environmental management and good natural resource governance by communities, government and private extractive sector actors in Ghana.

Thematic Focal Area 1

General CSOs intervention for Sustainable Minerals Governance in the Extractive sector.

This funding targets CSOs working in the extractive sector. A total of **four (4)** CSOs will be selected based on defined eligibility criteria. The funding will support activities aligned with; evidence gathering, advocacy and engagement with duty bearers; awareness-raising with affected communities; and communications.

Total Budget under this thematic area is GHC 440,000 (GHC 110,000 for each successful applicant organisation).

Thematic Focal Area 2

CSO's working in CREMA landscapes.

This support is for CSOs located within the operational areas of the targeted CREMAs below to support in the implementation of CREMA management plans, with a focus on the following areas: Resource Utilisation, Resource Improvement, Resource Monitoring, and Resource Protection.

NO	CREMA	REGION
1	ATEWA	EASTERN
2	AYENSUANO	EASTERN
3	OTADE3 BOSOMTWE	ASHANTI
4	RIVER ASUOPRI	WESTERN- NORTH

Targeted CREMAs include:

5	ASUO BIA NKYIRIMMA	WESTERN- NORTH
6	ACHICHIRE SURESO PABASEMAN	WESTERN

Each CSO will work with 3 CREMAS in the order:

- CSO 1 Atewa, Ayensuano, and Otade3 Bosomtwe
- CSO 2 River Asuopri, Asuo Bia Nkyirimma and Achichire Sureso Pabaseman

Total budget for this thematic area is GHC 220,000 (GHC 110,000 for each successful applicant per organization).

N.B: CSOs should be operational within the region/district where the CREMAs are located

Thematic Focal Area 3

Flexible Funding for CSOs on General Environmental Related Policy Influencing and Advocacy Interventions

Year 1 (2025): 2 CSOs will be selected.

Year 2 (2026): 1 CSO will be selected.

Total Budget for this thematic area is GHC 38,500 per organization.

N.B Each applicant may apply to only one thematic area. Multiple applications across different themes will not be considered.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Are you non-partisan?
- Are you a CSO/NGO?
- Are you registered? Please send a copy of your registration certificate with your application
- Do you have a minimum of one year's documented experience in implementing projects that fit with the specified eligible activities? (outlined above).
- Do you have a dedicated finance/accounting staff with evidence of internal separation of accounting duties?
- Do you have evidence of mainstreaming social inclusion and gender in their projects?
- Do you have evidence of capacity for proper financial and narrative reporting?
- Have you managed a project budget equivalent to or later than the project budget you are requesting?

How to Apply

Submit a complete application including the following documents:

- Project narrative proposal (Arial font, size 10, single spacing use attached template)
- Project logframe (Template Attached)
- Project budget (Template Attached)
- Copy of organisation registration certificate,
- Evidence of mainstreaming social inclusion and gender into projects
- Evidence of capacity for proper financial and narrative reporting (5 and 6 can be combined in, for example a project narrative and financial report)
- Copy of latest annual accounts.

Deadline for Submission: 20th June, 2025. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Submit your application and supporting documents via email to: <u>ghana@arocha.org</u>, and <u>sheena.dorcoo@arocha.org</u> in copy.