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# GenerationDigital!

*Supporting Digital Skills for the Next Generation*

## FAQs

Funding and Technical Advice via Open Call for Proposals



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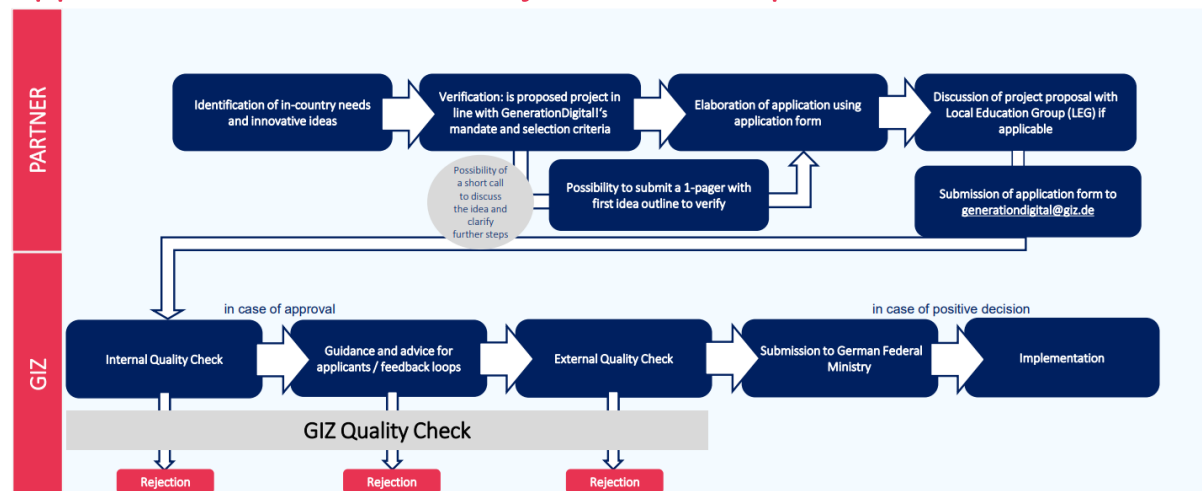
## GD! at a Glance

**No deadline!** Continuous Open Call for Proposals.  
Apply for support of **up to 100.000€**  
Project duration **up to 12 months**  
Application in **English or French**  
Apply to **[generationdigital@giz.de](mailto:generationdigital@giz.de)**

## How to apply

You may submit your project ideas as an informal 1-pager via mail to [generationdigital@giz.de](mailto:generationdigital@giz.de). If your idea matches the funding criteria of *GenerationDigital!*, the application process can begin. The GIZ project team decides on the eligibility, and the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development will also be involved in the final approval of the application.

## Application Process: From Project Idea to Implementation



## What is “GenerationDigital!’s” mission?

*GenerationDigital!’s* mission is to strengthen education stakeholders in digital ecosystems of 25 African partner countries to promote digital skills among children and youth. This pan-African project focuses on a demand-driven funding mechanism (Open Call for Proposals) with advisory services to partners. A regional exchange promotes the development of pan-African networks for digital skills between African ministries, civil society organisations and the private sector. Within the scope of this mission, *GenerationDigital!* pursues the digital transformation on country and regional level, focusing on the education sector, primarily basic education. Digital transformation permeates all areas of life. The promotion of digital skills therefore is often cross-sectoral. Projects relating to Technical and Vocational Training (TVET) measures may be supported in exceptional cases but must have a strong link to the basic education sector.



## How to define “Digital Skills”?

Digital skills are not an end in themselves. Rather, they are the necessary means for citizens of any age to become responsible players in a digital society. Therefore, the term digital skills encompasses the entire spectrum of competencies, ranging from social and political e-participation to better employability and critical use of new media.



## What type of activities does “GenerationDigital!” support?

Examples of activities considered within *GenerationDigitals!*'s mandate include, but are not limited to:

- Education sector planning regarding the digital transformation of the education ecosystem.
- Provision of teacher trainings in digital skills.
- On the job trainings or blended learning courses for key structural personnel within relevant ministries, teachers or civil society organisations.
- Civil Society advocacy work for inclusive digital transformation of the education sector.
- The promotion of digital competencies also in other sectors such as health, good governance, environment, or cyber security - as long as they also relate to the education sector and contribute to the holistic approach of the digital transformation.

Please ensure that all projects have a clear impact chain to the ultimate beneficiaries: children and youth. This does not mean that children and youth must be the direct beneficiaries of the project, but a clear line of argumentation in the project proposal must outline how ultimately, the activities end up targeting the promotion of digital skills for children and youth.

## What activities are not supported by “GenerationDigital!”?

Some activities are not supported, these include:

- Stand-alone activities that are **not** part of broader national education governance processes or do **not** link to digital skills in the education sector. **Applications that cannot or do not establish this central connection will not be successful.**
- Funding for individuals pursuing a Master or Doctorate degree.
- **Large scale infrastructure or connectivity funding** including school constructions or large-scale ICT material and mobile devices distribution.

## What is the regional exchange?

- *GenerationDigital!* aims to create a **strong regional network** of a heterogenous field of actors in digital education ecosystems. In this light, the project will organize **regular exchange meetings** (online, hybrid or in person).
- Partners who are implementing funded projects by *GenerationDigital!* are invited to these exchanges and asked to present their projects. This should be incorporated into the planned activities.



## Who can apply for “GenerationDigital!” funds?

The following countries are eligible to submit ideas to the *GenerationDigital!* Call for Proposals: Algeria, Benin, Cameroon, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia.



*GenerationDigital!* accepts applications exclusively from the following stakeholders:

- Government institutions (e. g. Ministries of Education, ICT).
- National civil society education coalitions and/or their members.
- National civil society organisations that make an innovative and sustainable contribution on the policy level of the education ecosystem in a partner country and that have working relations with the Ministries (contact person must be named).
- Regional networks of civil society organisations working in education.

## Is there a deadline to submit a proposal?

There is **no deadline** by which the project proposals need to be submitted. However, due to limited funding, the proposals will be looked at on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact the project team to ensure the timings of your measure are within the project timeframes.



## How long does the review process take?

The duration of the review process differs according to the completeness and complexity of the proposed application. If the first draft of an application requires only few amendments which may be adjusted easily, the review process takes approximately three months.

**Please note:** incomplete applications that have not fulfilled all the *GenerationDigital!* criteria or applications requiring many revisions to reach an acceptable quality and standard will take longer to process.

## Relation to “German BACKUP Initiative – Education in Africa”

As an additional information to all GPE Partner Countries, we would like to inform you that the support to your GPE related activities will continue. BMZ recently commissioned a new project “BACKUP Education” which takes up the experiences of the previously existing project and will support partner countries in the application process for GPE funding with a dedicated focus on the Girls’ Education Accelerator (GEA). It is managed by another team at GIZ.

You can find more information here: <https://www.giz.de/en/downloads/giz2022-en-factsheet-backup-bildung.pdf> or contact [edu-grant-support@giz.de](mailto:edu-grant-support@giz.de).

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