



# LGT Venture Philanthropy Foundation

## Mission and approach

**Mission: To raise the sustainable quality of life for the less advantaged people in the developing world.**

The LGT Venture Philanthropy Foundation was founded in 2007 by initiative and funds of the Princely Family of Liechtenstein. Its mission is to raise the sustainable quality of life for the less advantaged people especially in the developing world. Applying a venture philanthropy approach, we seek to support both non-profit and for-profit organizations active in the areas of alleviating human suffering, education, and sustainable livelihoods by providing capital, as well as knowledge, strategic support and access to relevant contacts and networks. The aim is to create long-lasting sustainable impact while building the structures to enhance long-term development and self-empowerment. LGT Venture Philanthropy makes use of grants, loans and equity investments. Any generated profit is channeled back into the fund and will be used for additional investments.

## Principles and expertise

The LGT Venture Philanthropy team builds on rich expertise and work experience in the field of venture philanthropy and social entrepreneurship. It identifies, selects and supports organizations which reflect a high vision fit with LGT Venture Philanthropy's overall philosophy and values. The team's impact oriented work focuses on organizations that demonstrate the potential to create long-term positive impact, that apply an approach that can be replicated or scaled, and that empower others to nurture their own talents. It seeks out talent, inspiration and passion, as it wants to support future Nobel peace prize winners.

By applying the venture philanthropy approach, LGT Venture Philanthropy is striving to create mutually enriching and enduring partnerships with portfolio organizations and donors/investors. LGT Venture Philanthropy is committed to apply state-of-the-art management practices, accounting and measurement systems and investment processes to ensure that the entrusted funds can be allocated with maximal positive impact and transparency.

LGT Venture Philanthropy raises and invests funds from the Liechtenstein Princely Family, as well as from LGT employees, LGT clients and other interested external investors and seeks to allocate the assets (capital stock) in alignment to our mission.

Through its international team that regularly visits the organizations it supports and a broad network of trusted, experienced cooperation partners and advisors, with whom ideas and contacts are constantly being exchanged, LGT Venture Philanthropy seeks to identify and select outstanding solutions and organizations.

## Application criteria

### **Fit the Venture Philanthropy approach**

Organizations with a proven solution and effective model ready for replication and/or scaling-up requiring support on knowledge, access to networks and a blend of capital.

### **Activity in one of the three overarching themes**

- **Relief of human suffering:** The emphasis lies on alleviating human suffering. Examples include organizations that seek to end child prostitution, strengthen gender equality, provide shelter and material assistance to orphans, those who suffer from HIV/Aids, the abandoned and the severely disabled.
- **Education:** The emphasis lies on education, learning and life-skills development. Examples include organizations which offer primary, secondary and tertiary education and alternative education programs, teacher training and social empowerment programs.

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- **Creation of sustainable livelihoods:** The emphasis lies on offering opportunities for people to create sustainable livelihoods for themselves. Examples include organizations which focus on sustainable agriculture, alternative and renewable energy, giving loans to and making equity investments in social enterprises as well as to social entrepreneurs.

Within the three themes, LGT Venture Philanthropy aspires to focus on specific areas to build up deeper expertise.

### **Impact in one of the geographic focus areas**

LGT Venture Philanthropy seeks to support organizations that are active in the following regions: Latin America, Africa, India, China and South East Asia.

### **Important additional criteria**

The organizations should have strong leadership and an effective, dedicated and professional management team; offer an effective solution; have a proven track record; demonstrate strong financial discipline; show a clear sense of mission and values; be able to measure and show positive results; be committed to, have knowledge of, and respect for the community served; and not adversely effect the environment.

Controversial business activities; sponsoring of individuals, events and conferences; political or religious activities/involvement and lobbying; pre-seed and seed financing; deficit reduction; emergency or disaster relief; institutions that discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, age, physical disability or sexual orientation in policy or in practice; land acquisition, construction or major renovation of facilities.

**LGT Venture Philanthropy will not consider the following**

## Contact

LGT Venture Philanthropy can only consider applications that meet the specified selection criteria and are recommended by a trusted source. Please review the above carefully to determine whether your organization may be eligible for support. If so, you may submit a letter of inquiry. LGT Venture Philanthropy's interest is to keep the application process as simple and straightforward as possible. The letter of inquiry should not exceed three pages in total, summarizing the most important information from your organizational plan/solution/business plan and your team's track record.

LGT Venture Philanthropy is inviting new investor/donors to discuss their philanthropic intentions with us and together define the best way to create the highest possible impact.

### **For more information please contact:**

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