



TAKAMUL IV Call for Proposals

**Fund for Capacitating and Strengthening the Syrian Civil Society,
and Supporting Social Cohesion**

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BRIDGE | Strengthening the Capacity of the Syrian Civil Society



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BRIDGE

Strengthening the Capacity of the Syrian Civil Society

Funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by GIZ, the BRIDGE project strengthens the capacity, effectiveness, and resilience of civil society actors working within the Syrian context.

The project operates through three key components:

- **TAKAMUL Fund:** Strengthens the role of Syrian Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in promoting social cohesion and connects CSOs inside and outside Syria.
- **Capacity Building:** Empowers CSOs and utilizes the Khabar w Fikra initiative to drive knowledge exchange, collaboration, and networking.
- **Media:** Trains young journalists in critical reporting and strengthens media organizations to support local communities, focusing on countering disinformation and promoting responsible journalism.





TAKAMUL

Fund for Capacitating and Strengthening the Syrian Civil Society, and Supporting Social Cohesion

A BMZ-funded and GIZ-managed fund under the BRIDGE project, designed to strengthen Syrian civil society and support social cohesion. Its name, meaning “integration” in Arabic, represents the fund’s goal to enhance collaboration between Syrian CSOs inside Syria and diaspora organizations.

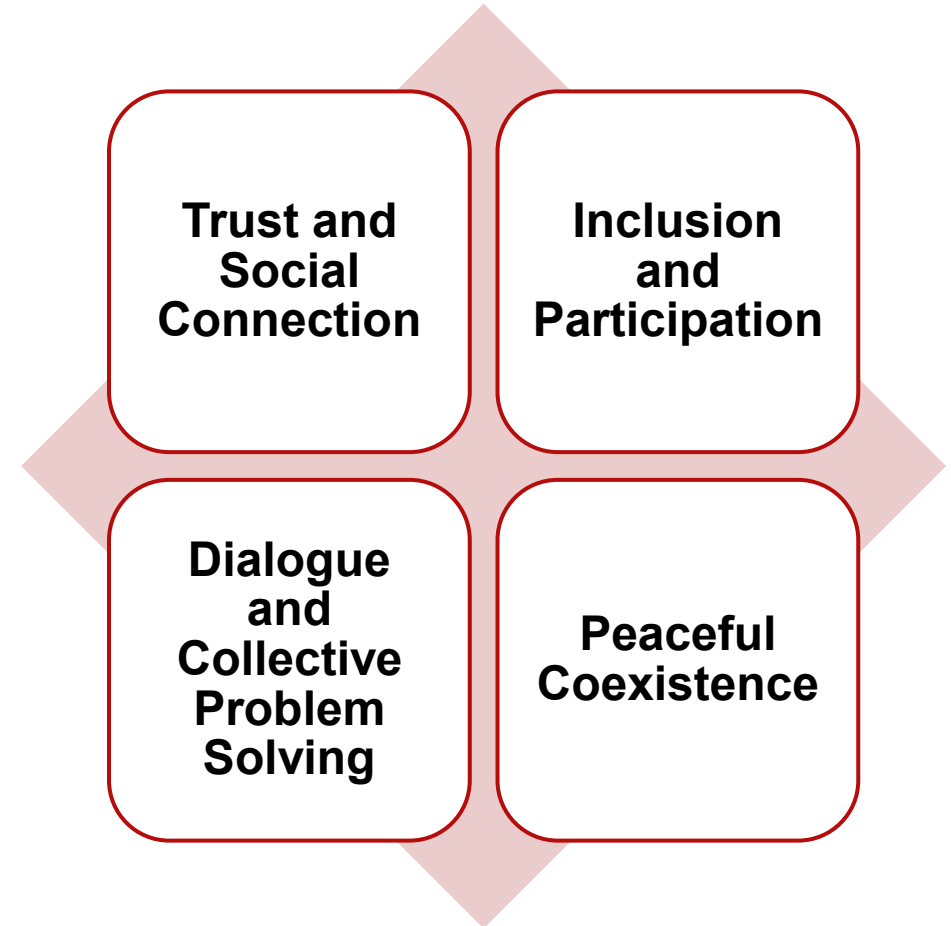
TAKAMUL aims at three main objectives:

- Strengthening the role of CSOs and empowering them to contribute meaningfully to the country’s recovery.
- Advancing social cohesion and cooperation that transcends social, ethnic, and religious differences.
- Promoting civic engagement through the implementation of Local Initiatives prioritizing the inclusion of women, youth, and persons with disabilities in the rebuilding process.



Social Cohesion under TAKAMUL IV

The capacity of individuals and groups within a community to maintain constructive relationships, build trust and mutual respect, cooperate around shared concerns, and engage peacefully across social, ethnic, religious, or other differences.



Programmatic Framework and the Tandem Approach



Programmatic Framework

TAKAMUL IV seeks to contribute to social cohesion through four mutually reinforcing dimensions. These dimensions are interrelated and should therefore be reflected in the overall project design rather than treated as separate or stand-alone components.

Inter-community Trust	State-society Trust	Conflict Sensitivity	Inclusive Participation
Trust, mutual understanding, and collaboration across social, ethnic, and religious differences.	Constructive interaction and cooperation between civil society, communities, and relevant local authorities.	Interventions informed by conflict analysis, Do-No-Harm principles, and ongoing monitoring of context.	Meaningful inclusion of women, youth (18-27), persons with disabilities, and other groups facing barriers to participation.

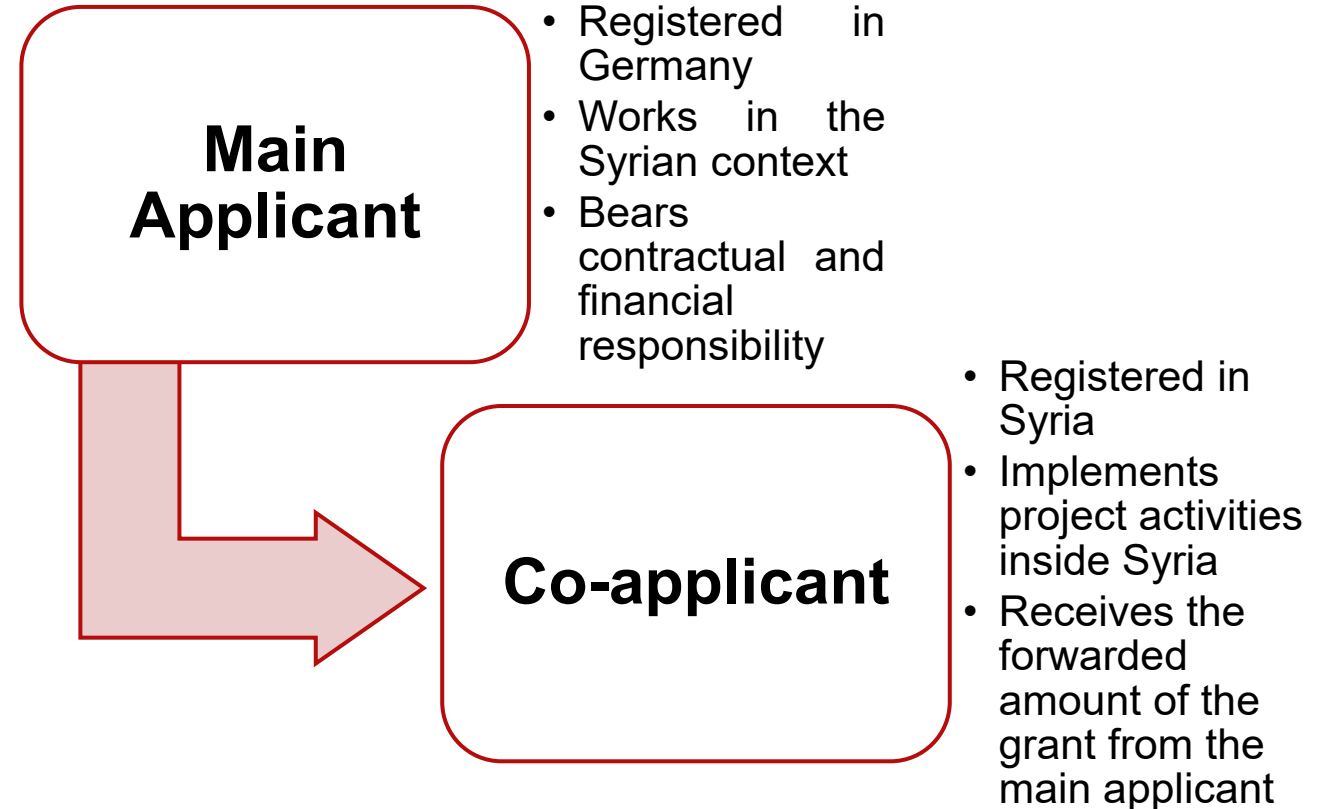
❖ Purely humanitarian measures and those aimed at infrastructure reconstruction cannot be funded.





The Tandem Approach

- A required project model based on joint collaboration between CSOs inside and outside Syria.
- The approach ensures shared project design, joint planning, coordination, and implementation inside Syria.
- Aims to strengthen collaboration and exchange, and support more locally grounded contributions to social cohesion and community resilience.



Application Guidelines



Funding Options and Budget Requirements

Option 1

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- ☐ Up to 50,000 EUR
- ☐ Limited experience with public funding
- ☐ 1 co-applicant
- ☐ 6 months

Option 2

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- ☐ Up to 100,000 EUR
- ☐ Proven experience in public funding
- ☐ Multiple co-applicants
- ☐ 8 months

- At least 70% of the total fund must be transferred to the co-applicant(s) inside Syria.
- The main applicant may not include any implementation activities in its budget.
- Administrative costs may reach up to 7% for the main applicant and up to 2% for the Syrian co-applicant.
- Certain expenditure types, such as construction costs or staff costs not directly linked to implementation, are not eligible for funding.



Submission Guidelines

- Each TANDEM may submit only one proposal, and neither organization may participate in more than one application.
- A complete application package must include a project proposal, a budget, and the legal registration documents of both the main applicant and the co-applicant(s).
- Official templates can either be downloaded directly from this website: <https://www.neuanfang-syrien.de/en> or requested via email by writing to takamul@giz.de with the subject line “TAKAMUL application templates”.
- Applications must be received by 8 November 2026 and submitted exclusively by email to takamul@giz.de, using the subject line “TAKAMUL Proposal Submission”. Only applications received by the deadline, 23:59 (Damascus time), will be considered.



Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria



Eligibility Criteria

- Clearly demonstrate the Tandem approach.
- Both applicants must be formally registered.
- All required documents must be submitted in English.
- The official templates must be used without modification.
- The proposal must be complete and accurate.
- The proposed budget must remain within the indicated budget ceiling.
- All project activities must be implemented inside Syria.



Pre-selection Criteria



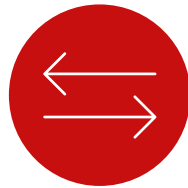
Programmatic Alignment

Aligned with the TAKAMUL IV programmatic approach



Contribution to Social Cohesion

Credible contribution to social cohesion



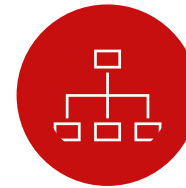
Relevance

Responds to clearly identified local needs and priorities



Innovation

Introduces or meaningfully adapts context-appropriate approaches



Design & Feasibility

Realistic objectives, coherent results, and achievable implementation



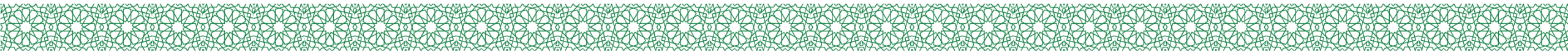
Risk Management & Conflict Sensitivity

Applies context analysis, Do-No-Harm, and risk mitigation



Sustainability

Creates lasting effects, capacities, networks or opportunities for continuation



Compliance and Due Diligence

- All shortlisted applications must undergo mandatory compliance and due diligence procedures prior to contracting. During this stage, applicants may be asked to provide clarifications, submit updated documents, or respond to revision requests.
- All pre-selected organizations will undergo a general assessment process as well as a commercial and legal eligibility check to evaluate financial management systems, internal controls, and risk-mitigation capacities.
- The main applicant will be required to submit a valid tax exemption certificate, and this document must be available and ready when requested.
- **Only applicants which pass the procedures can be contracted by GIZ.**





Timeline



Questions?

- Questions and inquiries regarding the Call for Proposal must be submitted via the following link: <https://kobo-ee.giz.de/x/dCZdBCJ6>.
- Responses will be compiled into a publicly accessible Q&A document.



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