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Guide to Application

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MSMEs

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Introduction

This document provides guidance for the submission of grant applications under the AfriFOODlinks Open Call for Grant Financing for Circular Food MSMEs, including the eligibility and evaluation criteria. The document in its entirety and its Annexes must be read carefully in preparation for the application to the grant.

About AfriFOODlinks

Launched in December 2022, AfriFOODlinks is an EU-funded project coordinated by ICLEI Africa, bringing together 26 partners from across the globe to enhance food security and urban sustainability in more than 65 cities across Africa and Europe. The project applies an urban food systems lens to drive transformative change by promoting shifts toward healthy and sustainable diets, reshaping urban food environments through real-world socio-technical experiments, and fostering inclusive multi-actor governance. By empowering public officials, small businesses, and communities with ownership and agency, AfriFOODlinks enables them to actively shape their food systems. Additionally, the project accelerates innovative agri-food businesses, with a strong focus on women- and youth-led enterprises, to support local value addition and foster inclusive economic participation.

Incubation of small businesses

This grant is intended to benefit Food MSMEs with a circular business model to improve their circularity, internal processes and the capabilities required to meet market demands for healthy and nutritious diets in the 5 Hub Cities: Mbale (Uganda), Kisumu (Kenya), Cape Town (South Africa), Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) and Tunis (Tunisia). The incubation of innovative businesses is framed to ensure that appropriate and effective business models are trialled and taken up to ensure long lasting business operation and attract further financing.

AfriFOODlinks has been implementing business incubation in 5 Hub Cities: Mbale (Uganda), Kisumu (Kenya), Cape Town (South Africa), Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) and Tunis (Tunisia). The incubation task has reached 77 businesses across these cities delivering training while developing a network of Food MSMEs across Africa. The program targets businesses that incorporate a circular intention, contribute to nutritious and sustainable food change in the cities and prioritising youth and women led businesses.

The training has focused on fair and transparent governance (open communication, fair prices, risk-sharing), equitable access to services such as credit and technical support, inclusive innovation, chain-wide collaborations driven by a common goal, and effective market linkages.

To further the implementation of the incubation process, the program has made available €250,000 between the five Hub Cities to MSMEs to develop their business further. The grant aims to improve the MSMEs circularity, internal processes and the capabilities required to meet market demands for healthy and nutritious diets in the respective Hub Cities. The grant support is envisioned to facilitate the access to other private funding by attracting private finance (loan, equity) as part of a blended finance approach. The maximum amount of financial support provided in each hub city will be €50 000, and the maximum amount for each third party will be €50 000; the minimum amount for each third party will be €1 000. The maximum number of grants provided will be 15 per city.

The Call for Grants will be opened to MSME businesses that are improving the food system within the five Hub Cities.

AfriFoodlinks Open Call for Grant for Circular Food MSMEs

General Information

To ensure a fair process of selection for the grants being awarded to small businesses associated with the AfriFOODlinks incubation project, and to increase the impact of the project, one Open Call as part of the Cascade Fund and FSTP mechanism will be launched. This grant will benefit Circular Food MSMEs to improve their circularity, internal processes and the capabilities required to meet market demands for healthy and nutritious diets. The goal of this Open Call is to provide financial support to up to 75 Circular Food MSMEs (up to 15 per Hub City) with grants ranging between €1,000 and €50,000 each, granted in the respective local currency of each Hub City: Mbale (Uganda) - Uganda Shillings; Kisumu (Kenya) - Kenya Shillings; Cape Town (South Africa) - South Africa Rand; Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) - West African CFA Franc; and Tunis (Tunisia) - Tunisian Dinar, with a total of €50,000 available per City, or €250,000 available for the grant.

Apart from the selection of businesses that will benefit directly from this grant, a bigger cohort of 372 businesses have already benefitted indirectly from basic incubation training and hackathon exercises extending the reach of this application.

The call is opened to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) based in the five Hub Cities of AfriFOODlinks: Mbale (Uganda), Kisumu (Kenya), Cape Town (South Africa), Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) and Tunis (Tunisia). For this call, MSMEs will have to have an active annual revenue not higher than €50,000 and have between 1 and 50 full time employees with an existing customer base and a viable product or service. The application must be made from an active business that operates within the Food System of that city. The target of the call is to prioritise businesses led by or benefitting youth (35-year-old and younger) and/or women.

The grant may be used for the following activities: purchase of equipment, purchase of raw materials, technology or product development, marketing & branding; market testing of products; product compliance; capacity building of team, financial management, or business model development; or travel and subsistence specifically for activities related to sourcing investment.

Requirements for the Open Call

This grant is intended to benefit Food MSMEs with a circular business model to improve their circularity, internal processes and the capabilities required to meet market demands for healthy and nutritious diets. The incubation of innovative businesses is framed to ensure that appropriate and effective business models are trialled and taken up to ensure long lasting business operations and attract further financing.

All Open Call applications must meet the eligibility criteria outlined on the Guide to Application. For the application process, all applicants must submit a complete application form, together with a list of mandatory and optional documents that will support their application.

All applications for the AfriFOODlinks Call for Grant Financing for Circular Food MSMEs must be done in either English for the cities of Cape Town, Kisumu and Mbale or French for the cities of Ouagadougou and Tunis. Submissions done in other languages for each Hub City will be considered ineligible and will not be evaluated.

Eligibility requirements

To be considered for grant funding, the Applicant must:

1. Submit a complete application form
2. Business must be locally-owned with active operations in the local AfriFOODlinks Hub City
3. Submit proof of revenue for the business including but not limited to bank statements, financial statements, or other ways to prove active revenue for the business
4. Submit a list of employees of the business including dates of initiation, position and time commitment to the business.
5. Submit the Declaration of Honour signed. Business must not have any employee also being employed by any sphere of government, or by any entity majority owned by any sphere of government.
6. Entities subject to EU restrictive measures under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) and Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU)20 as well as Article 75 TFEU21 , are not eligible to participate in any capacity.

Timeline for the Open Call

The AfriFOODlinks Open Call for Grant Financing for Circular Food MSMEs will be accessible on the following website: <https://afrifoodlinks.org/grants-for-food-smes/> and on the **Funding and Tenders Portal of the European Commission** on the 18th of July, 2025 and it will remain opened until 17th September, 2025.

Below is an overview of the key timelines for the project:

Grant Call opens	18/07/2025
Grant Call submission deadline	17/09/2025
Assessment of the applications	18/09/2025 - 26/09/2025
Grant beneficiaries list published	03/10/2025
Signing of Agreements concluded	10/10/2025

Document format

The proposal will be filled in on a Google Form that will be accessible on the site. The Form will have locations to load any supporting documentation deemed necessary. Any document requested in any of the phases must be submitted electronically in PDF format without restrictions for printing.

Data Protection

In order to process and evaluate the applications, AfriFOODlinks Consortium will need to collect and process personal data. SHONA as the open call manager of the project, will act as the Data Controller for the data submitted for the applications.

Please note that AfriFOODlinks consortium requests the minimum information needed to deliver the evaluation procedures or the support programme. Annexes 4: Bank Account Information and 5: Model Subgrantee Agreement, are provided for reference and will only be requested if the applicant is accepted in

the AfriFOODlinks support programme. Please refer to *Data Management Plan_AfriFOODlinks.pdf* available on <https://afrifoodlinks.org/grants-for-food-smes> for more information on AfriFOODlinks data management plan.

Origin of funds

All sub-grantees will sign a dedicated Sub-grant Agreement with the AfriFOODlinks consortium represented by the representative AfriFOODlinks implementing partner in the city where the sub-grantee is based. The funds provided to the Sub-grant Agreement come directly from the funds of the European Project AfriFOODlinks funded itself by the European Commission under Grant Agreement Number 101084322. It is the responsibility of the sub-grantees to fulfil the obligations that correspond to recipients of the Financial Support of Third Parties, and of the AfriFOODlinks consortium partners and to keep the partners informed on these.

Proposal and submission

Open call publication

The AfriFOODlinks Open Call for Grant Financing for Circular Food MSMEs will be accessible on the following website: <https://afrifoodlinks.org/grants-for-food-smes> and on the **Funding and Tenders Portal of the European Commission on the 18th of July, 2025 and it will remain opened until 23:59 (CAT and CET) of 17th of September, 2025.**

The publication will be supported by the following documentation:

1. Guide to Application
2. Application Form to be submitted electronically through a pre-designed Google Form (the form is City-specific, so please fill in the form for your City only)
3. Declaration of Honour (DoH) legal document accepting conditions of the call.
4. Bank Account information only required later after a successful grant award and when entering contract with Business
5. Model Sub-Grantee Grant Agreement to be used as a guide on how a subgrant agreement will be structured after a successful grant award and when contracting with Business
6. AfriFOODlinks Data Management Plan for information

Note: AfriFOODlinks consortium reserves the right to ask for additional explanations from the applicants during the eligibility check.

Application Process

Interested applicants of the Open Call for Grant for Circular Food MSMEs of AfriFOODlinks will need to visit the web page <https://afrifoodlinks.org/grants-for-food-smes> to access information about the call and submit their applications.

On this website, select which AfriFOODlinks Hub City you are applying from. The supporting documentation package for your city will be available on your city's section of the website. The Application Form is a Google Form that will need to be filled in and submitted by the deadline. The Application Form will have locations for the applicant to upload the necessary annexes. Please make sure that all annexes are in PDF format.

A full list of applicants will be drafted containing their basic information for statistical purposes and clarity (which will be also shared with the EC for transparency).

All applications need to be submitted by **23:59 (CAT and CET) on the 17th of September, 2025.**

Evaluation Process

All Open Call applications must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the Guide to Application. Each of the AfriFOODlinks Hub Cities will create a Selection Committee to evaluate the applications submitted based on the predefined eligibility criteria set out in this document and approve the eligible applications.

The Selection Committee will be composed of 3 individuals from the AfriFOODlinks Consortium responsible for implementing T3.5 in each city. The Selection Committee will convene to discuss their ratings and collectively develop a motivation for which applicants to support and with which grant size. The process will have oversight by at least 3 members of the project Executive Board, to ensure that it has been objective, and the final selections will be validated and approved by the Executive Board.

Eligibility Criteria

Once submitted the applications will go through a first screening, the eligibility screening. Only eligible applications will be then taken to be evaluated. The eligibility criteria are:

1. Applicant must have attended and participated in the AfriFOODlinks incubation and training programmes (WP3, T3.2) in one of the Hub Cities
2. Applicant businesses are to be micro, small, medium enterprises:
 - a. of between 1 and 50 staff;
 - b. with an active annual revenue of not more than €50,000;
3. Applicant business must be locally-owned with active operations in the local AfriFOODlinks Hub Cities
4. No member of the business is allowed to be employed by any sphere of government or by any entity majority owned by any sphere of government.
5. Proposal must be submitted by the defined deadline
6. No costs for the same activity can be funded twice from the EU budget, as defined in the Article 111 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation. The applicants must demonstrate that there is no risk of double funding.
7. Entities subject to EU restrictive measures under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) and Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU)20 as well as Article 75 TFEU21, are not eligible to participate in any capacity.
8. Consortium members of the AfriFOODlinks project and their affiliated entities (current or future) are not eligible for the AfriFOOD-Links Open Call.

Evaluation Criteria

Criteria

Following the eligibility check, the Selection Committee of each city will evaluate each application. All eligible proposals will be assessed by the Selection Committee against the following award criteria:

- **Impact 20% (maximum score 4 points):** Alignment with the goal of AfriFOODlinks to increase access to healthy, safe and nutritious food in the Hub City through circular business models that focus on: Production of healthy and nutritious foods; Processing healthy and nutritious food products; Trading, distribution and marketing of healthy and nutritious foods and food products; Reducing food waste; and Production and trading of organic inputs.
- **Excellence 35% (maximum score 7 points):** A well-defined problem, clear market opportunity, promising circular business model with an existing customer base and a viable product or service.
- **Implementation 35% (maximum score 7 points):** A compelling business plan that: shows high-potential for contributing to circular economy transitions in the food system and social benefit; and shows the potential to grow measured either through staff or profitability within 5 years. A convincing demonstration of how the business will deploy the funds to grow their business and impact to support the applicants work and not primarily benefit the beneficiaries.

- **Extra points scheme:** Once the total evaluation score for each proposal is calculated, an applicant may obtain up to 2 extra points (10%):
 - **Youth (1 point):** Applicant business is youth majority owned or has a clear benefit targeting youth
 - **Women (1 point):** Applicant business is women majority owned or has a clear benefit targeting women

Scoring

Each criterion can be scored from 1 to 5. Half point scores are not given. For each criterion under examination, score values will indicate the following assessments:

- 1 – Fail - The proposal fails to address the issue under examination or provides insufficient information.
- 2 – Poor - The issue is addressed in an unsatisfactory manner.
- 3 – Average - The proposal addresses the issue, but there are significant weaknesses.
- 4 – Good - The proposal addresses the issue well, but there is clear room for improvement.
- 5 – Excellent - The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the issue in question and if there are any shortcomings, they are minor.

More specifically, a score of:

- 1 corresponds to 20% of the maximum points for the criterion,
- 2 corresponds to 40% of the maximum points,
- 3 corresponds to 60% of the maximum points,
- 4 corresponds to 80% of the maximum points, and
- 5 corresponds to the maximum points allocated for the given criterion.

The final score (including for each criterion) is calculated based on the average of the scores provided by the evaluators. The threshold for each criterion is three (3). If even a single criterion is given the average mark below the selection threshold, the proposal will not be selected.

Extra points scheme: Once the total evaluation score for each proposal is calculated, an applicant may obtain

- **Youth (1 point)** - Applicant business is youth majority owned or has a clear benefit targeting youth
- **Women (1 point)** - Applicant business is women majority owned or has a clear benefit targeting women

To apply the extra points, the proposal must be above the threshold.

Submission Content

The Selection Committee will be looking at the following content from the applications:

1. Alignment with the goal of AfriFOODlinks to increase access to healthy, safe and nutritious food in the Hub City through circular business models.
2. Attendance and participation in the AfriFOODlinks incubation and training programmes (WP3, T3.2) in each Hub City
3. Local ownership of the business - at least 50% of the business is locally owned
4. Presence of a bank account linked to the business - while this will not determine the award of the grant, this will be required for successful contracting.
5. Operational capacity of the business looking at staff commitment to the business with the expectation of at least 1 entrepreneur fully committed in the day to day operations of the business
6. Clear proof of business model, including a well-defined problem, clear market opportunity, promising circular business model with an existing customer base and a viable product or service.
7. Clear plan for growth of the business, including a compelling business plan that shows high-potential for contributing to circular economy transitions in the food system and social

benefit; a clear budget and shows the potential to grow measured either through staff or profitability within 5 years.

8. Use of grant funds
 - a. A convincing demonstration of how the business will deploy the funds to grow their business and impact to support the applicants work and not primarily benefit the grant beneficiaries.
 - b. A clear description of how much funding is needed and a clear list of activities and respective timelines that would be associated with the funding requested and expected results of these activities, including a description of how funds should be released
 - c. Activities being funded fitting within the following list: purchase of equipment, purchase of raw materials, technology or product development, marketing & branding; market testing of products; product compliance; capacity building of team, financial management, or business model development; or travel and subsistence specifically for activities related to sourcing investment.
9. Youth and women leadership in the business or in the targeted beneficiaries of the business will benefit from a bonus in the evaluation. The project is aiming to have at least 50% businesses that are women led or targeting women.

Grant allocation

The Call for grants is expecting a variety of applications with varied financial needs. Part of the evaluation process will be to take into consideration the available budget for the city and for each application. The size of the grant will be determined by the selection committee, based on whether the applicant has sufficiently met the selection criteria, and demonstrated a convincing business plan and budget for effective deployment of these funds. The Selection Committee will retain the right to award a grant that is smaller than the value requested by the applicant in order to manage to award the available budget to a maximum of 15 applications per City.

Notification

Upon concluding all of the post-evaluation activities, the final ranking list will be created and the Evaluation Summary Reports will be distributed to all the applicants who have applied for the AfriFOODlinks Open Call for Grant for Circular Food MSMEs, containing the marks and comments for each evaluation criterion and comments regarding the application as a whole. Each evaluator will record their individual opinion of each proposal on an Individual Evaluation Report and the partner managing the Open Call will inform the applicants of the outcome of their proposals, via the Evaluation Summary Report.

Contracting

After all of the post-evaluation activities have been concluded and the AfriFOODlinks Open Call winners have been selected, the AfriFOODlinks team will start the contract preparation in collaboration with the winning applications' representatives. Contract preparation will go via administrative and financial checking. A phone call or teleconference may be needed for clarification on a case-by-case approach.

- Bank Account Information: The account where the funds will be transferred will be indicated via a form signed by a bank representative. The account should be a business bank account of the beneficiary or a bank account linked to the directors of the beneficiary. The Subgrantee assumes full responsibility on the bank account info they provide. For instance, if they provide wrong banking details, and the AfriFOODlinks team proceeds with the transfer to that account, they will assume any costs related to the transfer (expenses with the return of the amount from the wrong bank account and/or expenses with the new transfer will be deducted from their grant transfer). Ultimately, in a worst-case scenario, if the AfriFOODlinks team does not manage to recover the amount transferred to the wrong bank account, the beneficiary who provided wrong bank details will not be able to claim that payment. The request, by the AfriFOODlinks consortium, of the above documentation will be done within designated deadlines. The subproject contract negotiations are intended to be carried out by October, 2025. In case negotiations have not been

concluded by then, the application could be rejected with the next application in the reserve list to be invited.

The businesses that become grant beneficiaries will have their information uploaded on the EC portal.

Contract signature

At the end of the negotiation phase, the Subgrantee agreement will be signed between the AfriFOODlinks Implementing Partner for the Business Task and the selected applicants.

Payment

The Circular Food MSME grant from the AfriFOODlinks will allow MSMEs to develop a particular aspect of their business over a period of up to 12 months. The grant available for each applicant will vary between €1,000 and €50,000 according to the value applied and the decision made by the Selection Committee. The Grants will be released in tranches determined by the Selection Committee and written into the grant agreement of the grantee with the AfriFOODlinks implementing partner.

A final report will be submitted at the end of the program by the grantee. The reports will be assessed by someone within the AfriFOODlinks consortium allocated by the Selection Committee. The assessment will be able to request additional information from the grantees or to make changes to their work in order to respect the agreed concept that constituted the application.

Responsibilities of Sub-grantees

All winning applications, when receiving Grants from the European Commission Financial Support to Third Party (FSTP) fund, must ensure compliance with the requirements for recipients of FSTP described in Horizon Europe. Standards: must comply with ethical, environmental and health standards set by the AfriFOODlinks. The obligations that are applicable to the recipients include:

Conflict of interest

The Subgrantee representative must take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the subproject is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest ('conflict of interests'). At the same time, applicants cannot be affiliated with AfriFOODlinks consortium partners, nor can they be employees of the AfriFOODlinks consortium partners. All potential conflicts of interest will be assessed carefully.

They must formally notify to the AfriFOODlinks consortium without delay any situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interests and immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation. The AfriFOODlinks consortium may verify that the measures taken are appropriate and may require additional measures to be taken by a specified deadline. If the Subgrantee representative breaches any of its obligations, the Subgrantee agreement may be automatically terminated. Moreover, if the Subgrantee agreement is terminated due to a breach made by the Subgrantee, the AfriFOODlinks consortium reserves the right to claim the refunds of payments made to the Subgrantee and suspend all further payments of the subgrant.

Ethics, Data protection and Confidentiality

During the implementation of the subproject and for five years after the end of the subproject, the parties must keep confidential any data, documents, or other material (in any form) that is identified as confidential at sub-grant agreement signing time ('confidential information'). If a Subgrantee representative requests, the AfriFOODlinks consortium may agree to keep such information confidential for an additional period

beyond the initial five years. This will be explicitly stated in the Subgrantee Agreement, must be justified and in line with open science requirements applicable to recipients. If information has been identified as confidential during the subproject execution or only orally, it will be considered confidential only if this is accepted by the AfriFOODlinks Coordinator and confirmed in writing within 15 days of the oral disclosure. Unless otherwise agreed between the parties, they may use confidential information only to implement the Agreement.

The Subgrantee representative(s) may disclose confidential information to the AfriFOODlinks consortium and to the selected reviewers, who will be bound by a specific Non-Disclosure Agreement. Applicants must confirm that all proposed services, including the means of their delivery and upkeep, have been reviewed to ensure compliance with all relevant legislation on data protection, privacy, and fundamental rights. The responsibility for meeting ethics and data protection requirements rests solely with the applicants in their applications and eventual implementation of their projects (if selected). Any project could be subject to additional ethical checks, performed by the AfriFOODlinks external ethical advisor, during application, evaluation and/or implementation stage.

Financial Audit and Controls

The AfriFOODlinks Consortium will monitor that the Subgrantees comply with the conditions for financial support to third parties such as set out in Financial support to third parties (FSTP) Annex of the AfriFOODlinks Grant Agreement and may take any action foreseen by the Grant Agreement in case of noncompliance vis à vis the beneficiary concerned.

The AfriFOODlinks project will follow the lump-sum approach, where payments are released with the acceptance of deliverables, however, all Subgrantees are strongly advised to keep detailed financial records for at least 5 years after the completion of AfriFOODlinks project, in case of audits by competent European Commission (EC) authorities.

Moreover, the EC may at any time during the implementation of the AfriFOODlinks project and up to 5 (five) years after the end of the AfriFOODlinks project, arrange for financial audits to be carried out, by external auditors, or by the EC services themselves including the European Anti-Fraud office (OLAF). The audit procedure shall be deemed to be initiated on the date of receipt of the relevant letter sent by the EC. Such audits may cover financial, systemic and other aspects (such as accounting and management principles) relating to the proper execution of the grant agreement. They shall be carried out on a confidential basis.

The Subgrantee representative shall make available directly to the EC all detailed information and data that may be requested by the EC or any representative authorized by it, with a view to verifying that the grant agreement is properly managed and performed in accordance with its provisions and that costs have been charged in compliance with it. This information and data must be precise, complete and effective.

The Subgrantee shall keep all subproject deliverables and the originals or, in exceptional cases, duly authenticated copies – including electronic copies – of all documents relating to the subproject contract for up to five years from the end of the project. These shall be made available to the EC where requested during any audit under the grant agreement.

In order to carry out these audits, the Subgrantee representative shall ensure that the EC's services and any external body(ies) authorized by it have on-the-spot access at all reasonable times, notably to the subproject applicant offices, to its computer data, to its accounting data and to all the information needed to carry out those audits, including information on individual salaries of persons involved in the subproject. They shall ensure that the information is readily available on the spot at the moment of the audit and, if so requested, that data be handed over in an appropriate form.

Based on the findings made during the financial audit, a provisional report shall be drawn up. It shall be sent by the EC or its authorized representative to the Subgrantee concerned, which may make observations thereon within one month of receiving it. The Commission may decide not to take into account



observations conveyed or documents sent after that deadline. The final report shall be sent to the beneficiary concerned within two months of expiry of the aforesaid deadline.

Based on the conclusions of the audit, the EC shall take all appropriate measures which it considers necessary, including the issuing of recovery orders regarding all or part of the payments made by it and the application of any applicable sanction.

The European Court of Auditors shall have the same rights as the EC, notably right of access, for the purpose of checks and audits, without prejudice to its own rules.

In addition, the EC may carry out on-the-spot checks and inspections in accordance with Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities.

IPR ownership of the subgranted projects

Each Subgrantee that generates results owns the attached Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) generated during the development process and will own results that are not IPRs. Each subgrantee is responsible for the management and protection of its IPRs and bears the costs associated with this.

The Subgrantees funded within the AfriFOODlinks project will be the unique owners of the technologies created within the framework of their sub-granted projects. Parts of their works will be requested to be public for AfriFOODlinks dissemination purposes.

Important note: all the solutions developed or enhanced through the AfriFOODlinks project need to be open source, meaning they should be offered to the public after the end of the project.

Liability

AfriFOODlinks consortium cannot be held liable for any acts or omissions of the applicant in relation to the selected sub-granted project implemented by the Subgrantee. The AfriFOODlinks Consortium shall not be liable for any defaults of any products, processes or services created in the sub-granted project. Including, for instance, anomalies in the functioning or performance thereof.

In case any damage is caused to a third party by the Subgrantee, the Subgrantee will assume full responsibility for the damage caused. In no way will the AfriFOODlinks Consortium be responsible for any damages caused by the Subgrantee. Subgrantees shall bear sole responsibility for ensuring that their acts within the framework of their sub-granted projects do not infringe third party rights.

Do No Significant Harm(DNSH)

Subgrantees must always respect the 'Do No Significant Harm Principle'. The Commission Communication on the European Green Deal introduced the green oath to 'do no harm'. The 'Do No Significant Harm' (DNSH) principle has been further specified in the EU Regulation on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investments (Regulation (EU) 2019/2088), commonly defined as the 'EU Taxonomy Regulation'. Six environmental objectives are listed in Article 23 of the EU Taxonomy and Article 17 specifies what can constitute a 'significant harm' for these objectives. Thus, the regulation provides that no measure should lead to significant harm to any of the six environmental objectives within the meaning of Article 17 of the Taxonomy Regulation.