AFRICAN ORGANIC NETWORK (AfrONet)

AFRONET MEMBERS' SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME 2026

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Grant size: USD 2,000 – USD 10,000 per award | Proposed duration: 3 to 12 months

1. Background

The African Organic Network (AfrONet) is a continental membership network established to unite African organic actors and provide coordination and leadership to the organic agriculture sector. AfrONet is registered in Tanzania as a non-profit International Non-Governmental Organization. Its mandate is to develop a unique organic agriculture sector based on ecology, health, fairness and care, contributing to food security, food sovereignty and sustainable development.

AfrONet's Strategic Plan 2023–2028 places emphasis on strong networks, policy and advocacy, knowledge and learning, and a vibrant institution. The strategy includes objectives related to interventions on organic trade fairs, regional conferences, exchange and learning, stronger national organic agriculture movements, policy engagement, knowledge services, member needs, gender and youth inclusion, financial systems and organizational capacity.

2. Purpose of the Small Grants Programme

The AfrONet Members' Small Grants Programmed is intended to provide catalytic financial support to eligible AfrONet members to implement focused initiatives that advance AfrONet's mission and strengthen the organic movement in Africa. The programme is designed to support practical, achievable and result-oriented actions that can demonstrate learning, visibility, institutional strengthening and/or wider sector impact.

3. Objectives

- Support member-led initiatives that advance organic agriculture and the organic movement at national, regional or continental levels.
- Strengthen the capacity, visibility, networking and effectiveness of AfrONet members.
- Promote knowledge generation, exchange, learning and dissemination of good practices in organic agriculture and agroecology.
- Support policy engagement, advocacy and mainstreaming of organic agriculture in relevant policies, strategies and programmes.
- Catalyze practical initiatives in organic production, organic standards, certification, markets, value chains and related services.
- Generate evidence and lessons that can inform future programming, partnerships and resource mobilization.

4. Priority Areas

Priority area
Organic agriculture training, knowledge and capacity building
Standards, certification and organic guarantee systems
Policy, advocacy and institutional engagement
Organic markets, trade and value-chain development
Innovative, entrepreneurial and fundable ideas within the agroecology and organic agriculture sector, that could be viably demonstrated through a proposal.
Strong networks and organizational/institutional strengthening

5. Grant Size and Duration

- Grant size ranges from: USD 2,000 to USD 10,000 per successful proposal.
- Proposed implementation period: 3 to 12 months depending on the size of the grants (i.e. USD 2,000 withing three months; USD 5,000 within six months and USD 10,000 within twelve months).
- Applicants should request only the amount that is necessary and proportionate to the proposed results.
- Co-financing contribution is encouraged and will be highly considered, but inability to co-finance should not by itself exclude a member who is eligible in other criteria to be considered for the grant acquisition. Therefore, every AfrONet member should be motivated to apply.

6. Who Can Apply?

Applications are invited from National Organic Agriculture Movements (NOAMs), associations, and networks that meet the following minimum conditions:

- Be a valid AfrONet member at the time of application and remain compliant with applicable membership requirements.
- Be a legally registered organization in its country of operation, with proof of registration.
- Demonstrate a clear mandate and track record relevant to organic agriculture, agroecology and/or the proposed intervention.
- Have an identifiable office/contact person and verifiable telephone, email and/or website details.
- Submit the latest available financial and operational reports.
- Have adequate organizational and financial capacity to manage the proposed grant or clearly demonstrate how the required capacity will be supported.
- Not involved in unresolved fraud, corruption, financial or contractual concerns at the time of application, that would make grant funding inappropriate.

7. Activities/Costs that are Strictly ineligible.

Activities not related to AfrONet's mandate as well as the organic sector in general will be considered as ineligible including:

- Political party campaigning or activities intended primarily to promote partisan political interests.
- Personal loans, grants to individuals, or onward lending of grant funds.
- Purchase of land, construction of major permanent infrastructure, or major capital investments unless specifically approved in writing.
- Fines, penalties, debt repayment, interest in debt, or costs arising from non-compliance.
- Costs incurred before the grant agreement becomes effective, unless explicitly authorized in writing.

8. Application Package

Applicants should submit the following:

1. A proposal for an idea, activity for which the grant is applied.
2. Detailed implementation timeline as an annex to the proposal.
3. Detailed proposed budget as an annex to the proposal.
4. Proof of legal registration in a home country.
5. Proof of valid membership with AfrONet.
6. Latest available financial and operational annual report.
7. Organizational profile and contact details.
8. Any additional document that can potentially support the applicant's proposal.

9. Application, Selection and Engagement Processes

1. Call publication and opening of the application window.
2. Submission of applications by the stated deadline.
3. Technical assessment of the submitted proposal against the established criteria.
4. Administrative and due diligence screening of shortlisted applicants was necessary.
5. Issuance of award letters to successful applicants.
6. Signing of grant agreements.
7. Grant disbursement and implementation of proposed interventions.
8. Regular Monitoring, communications and learning.
9. Grantee's submission of narrative/operational and financial reports to the Grantor as per the agreements.

10. Proposed Evaluation Criteria

S/N	Eligibility Criterion	Importance/Weight of the Criterion in Points (1-5 scale)	Actual score out of 5	Eligibility		Notes/Comments
				YES	NO	
1.	Valid Membership with AfrONet.	5pts *(Very High)*				*Fully paid-up members to be highly considered except those that are known to have low financial ability.*
2.	Applicant's demonstration of the ability to co-fund more than the amount of the grant given.	5pts *(Very High)*				
3.	Applicant's demonstration of the ability to co-fund the same amount of the grant given.	4pts *(High)*				
4.	Applicant's demonstration of the ability to co-fund less than the amount of the grant given.	3pts *(Medium)*				
5.	Applicant's declaration of inability to co-fund any amount.	1pt *(Very Low)*				
6.	Good proposal of activities that advance the mission of AfrONet and the Organic Movement in the applicant's country, including but not limited to training, standards and certification, policy	5pts *(Very High)*				

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	and advocacy and organic marketing.					
7.	Good proposal of activities that strengthen financial and administrative capacity of the applicant's organization.	5pts *(Very High)*				
8.	Submission of the latest financial and operational reports of the institution.	3pts *(Medium)*				
9.	Proof of full legal registration status of NOAM in a home country.	4pts *(High)*				
10	Evidence of Office location and including the contact person, telephone, email and/or website.	2pts *(Low)*				

11. Indicative Application Timeline

Activity	Date
Call publication and opening of the application window.	29th September 2026
Application deadline	20th October 2026
Technical assessment of the submitted proposal	21st – 23rd October 2026
Notification of applicants	26th – 27th October 2026
Grant contracting and commencement	28th -31st October 2026
Grant disbursement and implementation of proposed interventions.	As per contract

12. How to Apply

Completed applications should be submitted electronically using the designated AfrONet's email indicated below in the box. Applications must be received on or before 20th October 2026. Late or incomplete applications/proposal will be excluded from assessment.

kombeladaud@gmail.com and cc to info@afronet.bio

13. Enquiries

For clarification questions regarding this Call, applicants may contact the AfrONet Secretariat:

- Email: kombeladaud@gmail.com and cc to info@afronet.bio
- Website: www.afronet.bio

14. Important Notice

AfrONet reserves the right to verify information provided by applicants, request clarification, reject applications that do not meet the requirements for funding, vary the application timeline, or decide not to award grants to organizations whose proposals will be found to bear false information. Submission of an application does not by itself, create an entitlement to funding.

AfrONet is committed to fair, transparent and accountable grant-making. Applicants and people involved in the process must disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest. No applicant or intermediary may offer or request an improper payment, gift or other benefit in connection with an application or award.

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