

£230,000 for projects to improve the lives of people in Africa

The Welsh Government's Wales for Africa programme encourages civil society, businesses and public bodies in Wales to take action on poverty in Africa by taking part in projects which support the exchanges of skills, learning, joint working and tackling climate change.

The £230,000 grant scheme will be launched on 4th May 2018 and organisations will have 8 weeks to submit a funding bid ahead of the closing date on 29th June 2018. Grants of between £500 and £15,000 are available, with one larger project of national significance also being funded each year.

Announcing the funding, First Minister Carwyn Jones said:

"Small grants from our Wales for Africa programme have transformed the lives of thousands of people in Africa whilst benefiting people here – from reducing infant mortality rates in Uganda to increasing the number of children who stay in school.

"I encourage community groups and organisations to bid for a share of this funding and work with us so we can continue to improve the lives of people in Africa."

Ruth Marks, WCVA's Chief Executive, said:

'WCVA is very pleased to have the opportunity to work with Welsh Government to deliver this important scheme. We recognise the importance of this fund in supporting mutually beneficial projects between Wales and Africa and the wide reaching and sustainable benefits they bring.'

More information on the Welsh Government Wales for Africa grant scheme is available on the [WCVA website](#).