

Advantages for diaspora donors:

- Sustainable contribution to economic development in Africa
- Effective financial support for entrepreneurial activities of families and friends
- Full transparency and participation throughout the project
- Securing project success through professional coaching

Example of WIDU grant size:

In order to benefit from WIDU, both partners - diaspora donor and entrepreneur - must contribute a minimum of € 125 but a maximum of €1,250 to the proposed project.

This results in a grant from WIDU of at least €250 but a maximum of €2,500.



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Together for new jobs in Africa

Join the Diaspora Network to promote business start-ups and small businesses in Ghana and Cameroon

www.widu.africa

WIDU.africa – Funding platform

Every seventh person on earth is financially supported by friends or relatives living abroad. Entrepreneurs Nadege and Abigail have invested this financial support in their business ideas: Both women are participants in WIDU.africa.

How does WIDU.africa work?

Quite simply, a member of the African diaspora in Germany registers on **www.widu.africa**, invites an entrepreneur from one of the participating African countries to join, and together they launch a business project.

Off to a successful start!

Thanks to the support of their friends from the diaspora in Germany and WIDU.africa, Nadege and Abigail were able to take off with their business ideas:

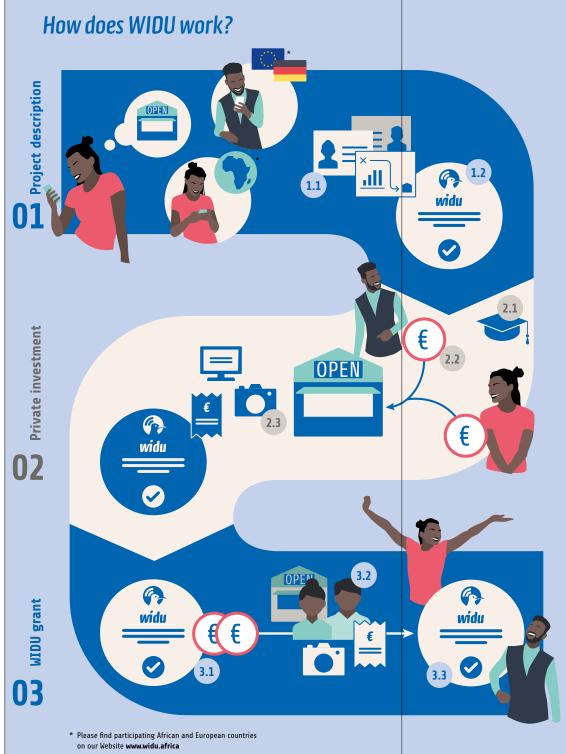


Nadege has fulfilled her dream of owning her own small tailoring business in Yaoundé, Cameroon. She manufactures clothes from colourful African fabrics and has hired a young woman to help her.



Abigail in Accra (Ghana) was able to buy much-needed kitchen equipment for her existing restaurant, Healthy Belly, and hired two workers to make handmade purees, smoothies and juices – always fresh for guests and customers.

Investing in small entrepreneurs in Africa pays off – Nadege and Abigail prove it: Participating in WIDU.africa helps to secure livelihoods, promote sustainable business ideas and create new jobs.



Step 1.1

Set up user profiles on www.widu.africa (diaspora donors and entrepreneurs)

Step 1.2

Produce and submit an investment plan using the platform

Step 2.1

Coaching support of entrepreneurs by local partner organisations

Step 2.2

First round of equal investments by entrepreneurs and diaspora donors

Step 2.3

Upload proof of investment on the platform (photos, invoices and receipts)

Step 3.1

Transfer of WIDU grant after successful completion of first investment round

Step 3.2

Second investment round by entrepreneurs for example to hire new employees

Step 3.3

Upload proof of investment and final assessment of the project

After a successful project: New application up to two more times possible.