

# **Food Security Call**

# **WIDU Kenya**







# **Overview of the Program**



# Creation of jobs and promotion of

entrepreneurship - by leveraging on diaspora remittances from Europe through a digital platform



Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).



5 years (2019- 2023) with possibility of extension



Regional Project (Multi-lateral) implemented in 6 African partner countries:

GHANA CAMEROON TOGO KENYA



ETHIOPIA TUNISIA

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# Background



### **Diaspora in Europe**

- Sends money to home country
- Knows family and friends with good business ideas
   / keen to invest in promising ideas

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Funding often intransparent



### Entrepreneur

- Has good business ideas
- Knows business environment
- Lack of business skills
- Lack of access to finance



- Leverage funds when invested in small scale business
- Training provided to local entrepreneurs
- Transparency and involvement of Diaspora



# Main actors and their roles

### Diaspora

- Initiates process
- plus entrepreneur
   sets the objectives of the projects.

### Entrepreneur

- Together with donor sets the objectives of the projects.
- Implements
   project on
   the ground.

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### **GIZ/BMZ**

 GIZ provides the admin.
 framework and regulatory procedure.
 BMZ, the funding



## **Business Coach**

Provides
 technical
 assistance –
 financial
 literacy and
 business
 modeling to
 ensure success
 of business



# **WIDU Grants: 2 Types of Finance**

### **Original WIDU Grant**



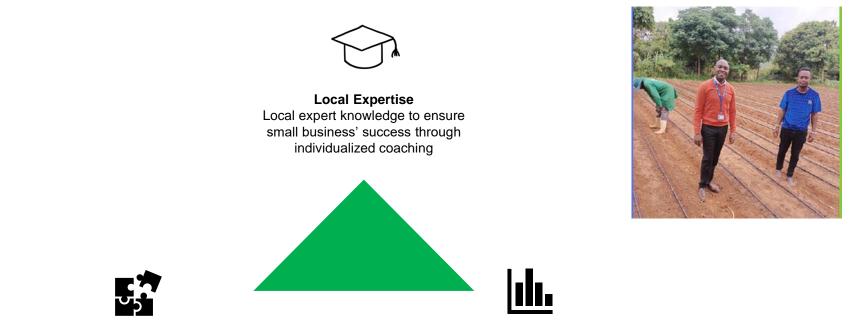
Private investment of max 2500 €. WIDU grant to double the initial amount invested (max 2500 €) + Individual coaching +250 € Corona Top-Up Local Thematic Call (Green Call, Food Security Call etc .)



Instrument <u>without diaspora</u> Financing with ratio of 1:2,5 2.500€ (15 piloted projects max. 5,000€) + enhanced individual coaching



# What makes WIDU so innovative?



#### **Combination of Financial and Technical Cooperation**

Combined access to technical skills and financial support is a ground-breaking strategy.

Platform Economy Efficient, secure and scalable business support

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# **Figures**

24 Corona Business Grants

65 Green Projects (LC)

1,243

Registered

Projects

**437** Approved Projects

**746,232** € Disbursed

Grants



# Background

- Food security is one of the major challenges in Kenya as well as some other African countries.
- Due to the intersection of multiple crises Covid-19, prolonged drought and Russia-Ukraine war the food security situation is significantly deteriorating and thousands of humans are at risk of starvation in Kenya.



• **Idea**: A local thematic call of WIDU in Kenya, that aims to directly support businesses that contribute to food security. The grant can reach more business by removing the diaspora requirement.

# Background: Why food security?

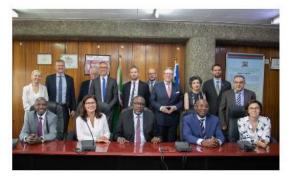
- 1. Responding to the most pressing issue Kenya
- 2. Increased development and humanitarian impact of WIDU.
- 3. Food security is a key topic of the Kenyan government. It also is a key topic for BMZ, EU and other donors in the Horn of Africa.
- 4. Qualifies WIDU as response instrument applicable in unusual times including economic crisis.

#### Kenya to partner with EU on food security plan

Linturi said the ministry is also keen to partner with the EU to impact farmers

#### In Summary

 The European Union Commission has pledged to support agricultural productivity in Kenya by supporting the government's initiatives on food security and also by extending support to local small-scale farmers to improve their incomes and food production.



Agriculture CS Mithika Linturi with EU delegation at his Kilimo office on Monday, January 16,2023.



European Commission - Press release



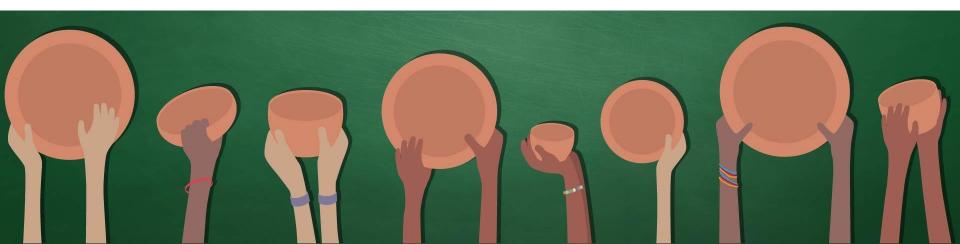
Food security in Horn of Africa: EU steps up support to drought-affected countries

Brussels, 26 April 2022

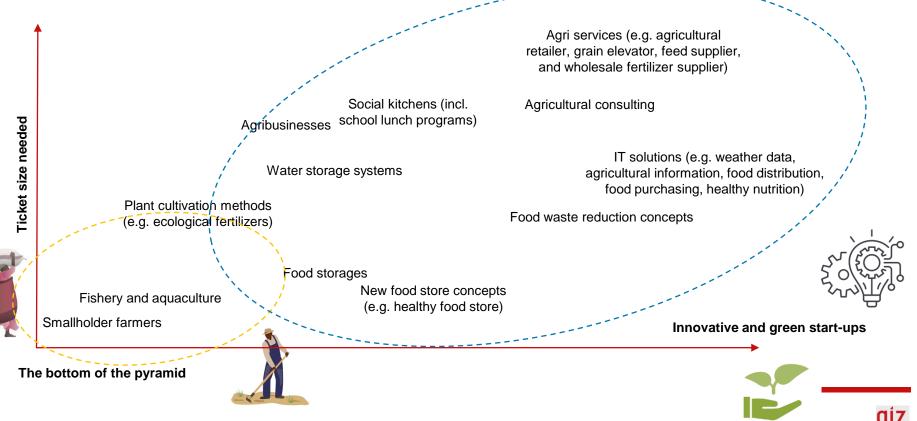


# **Definition of "Food Security"**

- The United Nations defines food security by **four dimensions**:
  - 1. Physical availability of food
  - 2. Economic and physical access to food
  - **3.** Food utilization (diversity of diet, knowledge of good preparation practices, and appropriate distribution of food within a household)
  - 4. And the stability of these three dimensions over time.



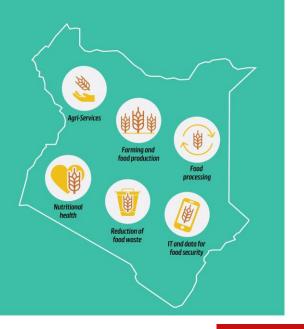
# Types of businesses contributing to food security



# **Overview Food Security Call**

Basic Concept	Support small-scale businesses or business ideas that contribute to sufficient, safe and/or nutritious food and agricultural production in Kenya
Minimum requirements	<ul> <li>Existing businesses (min 6 months, business licence not required)</li> <li>Grant request for <u>new</u> investments to grow the business (no financing of older investments)</li> <li>Creation of additional employment (min 1 person) through the investment</li> </ul>
Eligibility	<ul> <li>Applicant must be a Kenyan National, 18+ years old</li> <li>Applicant must have MPESA/bank account</li> <li>Applicant can be a university graduate, a business owner in the agricultural, food processing, agri-services, water, etc. sector.</li> </ul>
Duration of Call	01.04.2023 – 15.04.2023
Project financing	Minimum own investment of <i>Kshs 60,000</i> (max. <i>Kshs 160,000</i> ) from entrepreneur = WIDU contribution <b>2.5 x grant</b> (min Kshs 150,000, max. Kshs 400,000)
Number of supported projects per pilot country/ Total Budget	About 50 (up to 75.000 EUR / Kshs 10,000,000)

## Food Security Kenya

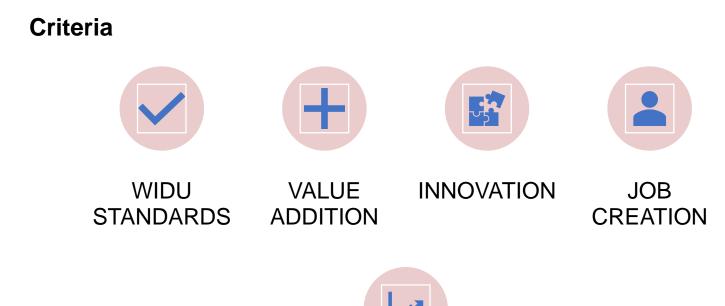




# **Proposed Categories for the call**



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## IMPACT



# Farming



### Definition:

Agricultural businesses growing or producing vegetables, fruits, herbs, crops, livestock/animals, milk, eggs, etc.

### **Expected Impact:**

Increased availability of food products, improved access to food for the urban populations.

- Horticulture (e.g. farming of vegetables, fruits, nuts, herbs)
- Animal husbandry and dairy farming (e.g. cows, milk, goats)
- Poultry farming (e.g. chicken, eggs)
- Crop cultivation (e.g. teff, wheat, barley)









# **Agri-Services**



**Definition:** Provider of services and products for farmers

#### **Expected Impact:**

- Improved cultivation (e.g. climate-resilience) and livestock methods (e.g. reducing illnesses)
- Higher agricultural yield

- Feed supplier (e.g. using local varieties)
- Distributor/Retailers of ecological fertilizers
- Mechanization services
- Consulting services for new/ innovative plant cultivation methods/ water/ or soil improvement





# **Food processing**

**Definition:** Businesses that transform agricultural products into food ingredients or processed food.

#### **Expected Impact:**

 Increased availability of processed ingredients or processed food products.

- Bakery
- Yoghurt, Unga
- Honey production





# Nutritional health





#### **Definition:**

IT and data solutions that provide services and applications for the agri food value chain.

#### **Expected Impact:**

- Improved food utilization (e.g. diversity of diet, knowledge of good preparation practices, and appropriate distribution of food within households)
- Improved nútrient efficiency

- Healthy and nutritious food providers and restaurants
- Consultancies on nutrition and health
- Websites, platforms and apps on health and nutrition Catering services for schools, university students, hospitals, displaced communities and other social institutions



# **Reduction of food waste**

### **Definition:**

### **Expected Impact:**

• Decreased amount of food wasted.

- Solutions for transportation of agricultural products from farmers to markets and customers.
- Solutions for packing and preservation of food products.







# IT and data for food security

#### **Definition:**

IT and data solutions that provide services and applications for the agri-food value chain.

### **Expected Impact:**

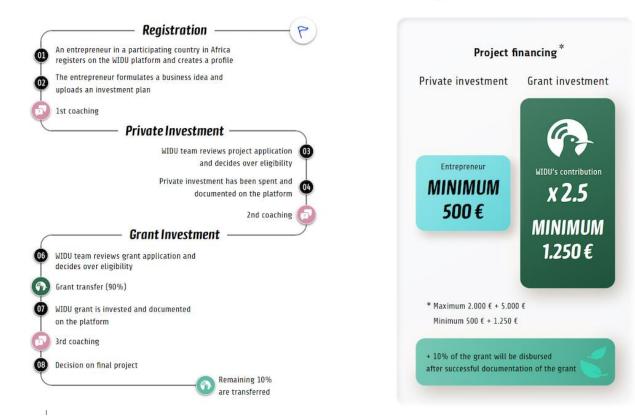
- More efficient agricultural production and/or food distribution through digital technologies
- Improve the consumption of nutrient food products through digital technologies

- Platforms that provide weather data
- Platforms for agricultural information, news, policies
- Farmers market apps and platforms



## **Process**

### Local Call – Process and Financing

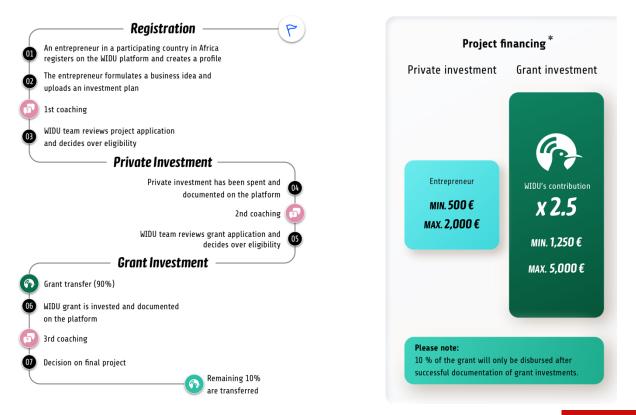




# **Process**

### Local Call – Process and Financing

- Application
- Approval and first coaching
- Own investment and second coaching
- Grant investment and third coaching
- Project closure





# **Process - Registration**

### Registration

An entrepreneur in a participating country in Africa registers on the WIDU platform and creates a profile

The entrepreneur formulates a business idea and uploads an investment plan

1st coaching

WIDU team reviews project application and decides over eligibility

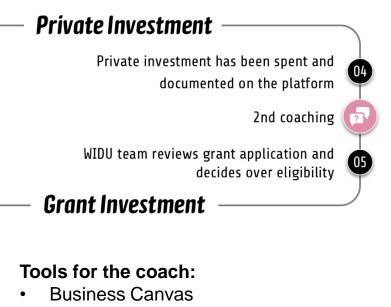
Private Investment —

## **Expected documentation:**

- Business registration (6 months or more)
- Evidence of own investment
- Verification of identity (corresponds with application.



# **Process - Private Investment**



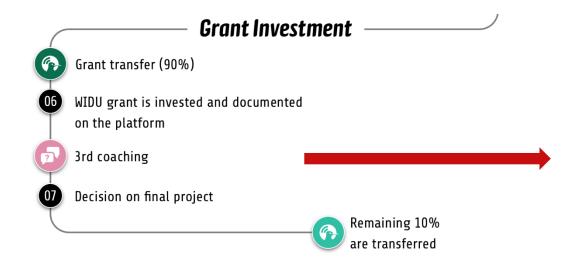
- Financial Tracker
- Employee List

### **Requirements:**

- Ensure complete, accurate and verifiable receipts
- Assets/expenses are available as per the receipts provided
- Employees correspond with the employment list
- Improvement in business record



# **Process - Grant Investment**



### Tools for the coach:

- Financial Tracker
- Employee List

## **Requirements:**

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