



Request for Applications (RFA) Frequently Asked Questions

I am originally from Nasarawa or Kaduna State but currently live and work in a different state. Can I apply?

The application is open for people currently working in Nasarawa or Kaduna States. After the Advocacy and Leadership Accelerator, we expect the Rise Up Leaders to implement what they learn and impact girls and women living in Nasarawa or Kaduna. Applications from individuals residing in other states will be considered if candidates are able to show strong commitment for work and impact in those states.

My organization is a national organization with programs and offices across Nigeria. Am I still eligible to apply if my organization works in other states in addition to Kaduna or Nasarawa States?

Yes! Employees of organizations working in multiple states are eligible to apply to be a Rise Up Leader, as long as your organization also runs programs in Nasarawa and/or Kaduna States and is interested in advancing gender equity in these two areas.

Am I required to be fluent in English?

We ask that applicants can understand verbal English and have an intermediate proficiency level in speaking and writing English.

What is the expected time commitment?

We ask that applicants have the ability to participate in an online virtual workshop, twice a week between February and April 2022 and a 2-3 day in-person workshop in April 2022.

What kind of resources will be available during the training?

Rise Up will cover all costs related to program participation including materials and data costs. In the event of an in-person component in April 2022, Rise Up will cover transportation, accommodation and meals.

What is the word limit for my answers?

There is no word limit. However, in your application we ask that you please make your answers as concise and clear as possible.

Why do you need my organization's information? How will that impact my ability to participate in the program?

We request information about the organization you work or volunteer for. If you work and/or volunteer at multiple organizations, please complete this section, and the rest of the form questions, about the organization whose work is relevant to the Rise Up program.

An applicant's organization must support the applicant's participation in the Rise Up Advocacy and Leadership Accelerator and be willing to support the leader during project implementation.

What is the level of commitment of an organization?

If you are selected as a Rise Up Leader, your organization must be interested in you sharing what you learn with other members of the organization. Additionally, if selected for funding, the organization will support you during the implementation of a Rise Up funded project. If the organization is not legally registered and cannot receive international funds, you and your organization must identify a fiscal sponsor organization that can receive funds if you decide to compete for the project funds.

I am the founder of my own organization. Can I list it as my organization?

Of course, as long as your organization is related to one of the Rise Up thematic related areas as listed in the eligibility criteria.

I don't have a supervisor. Should I leave that question blank?

Do not leave this question blank. If you do not have a person that directly supervises your work, you may mention the name of the person who works with you and knows your work well. For example, if you are the Director of an organization, you may list your Executive Director or if you are the Executive Director, you may list the name of a board member.

When will I hear back from the Rise Up team about selection?

We will be reviewing applications and conducting interviews with finalists over Zoom and/or WhatsApp in December. Once all interviews are completed, the Rise Up team will select the final 20 candidates for the Nigeria cohort. Only shortlisted applicants will receive final decision letters by January 2022.

I have a question that is not on this FAQ. Who do I contact?

For any questions regarding the RFA, eligibility criteria, and/or our programming in Nigeria, please contact Theresa Effa, Nigeria Country Director, at teffa.c4cng@riseuptogether.org with a cc' to Rahwa Hassen, Project Coordinator, at rhassen@riseuptogether.org.