

Project Selection Methodology

The KJF foundation advocates for a significant worldwide commitment, supporting the International community initiatives to reach a long-lasting sustainable mountain environments preservation model. Our international activities embrace raising awareness and capacity development in regard to mountain environments preservation. Convinced we can all positively contribute to this cause, we cover a variety of issues, embracing partners and third parties ideas:

- Do you have a unique idea for a project yet not sure how to get started? The KJF can assist you to **develop and implement** it.
- Do you have a fruitful idea and you're looking for someone to work with to make it real? Let us know and we can **collaborate** in the developing and implementing stages.
- Do you have an innovative idea or an ongoing project but lack the sufficient funds to make it happen? Contact us and we will support you funding it.
- Are you working on a relevant project yet struggling on reaching out to make it visible? We can **promote** it.

The KJF will work on projects coming from:

- The KJF: from the KJF environmental technicians and managers.
- Partners: from partners of the foundation.
- Third parties: from “call for proposals 2021”. (to be soon published)

Projects are the basis of our mandate; as the materialization of our scope of action we take them very seriously and make the best out of each. The KJF trustees, staff members, counterparts, volunteers, come from a wide variety of professional backgrounds. Therefore, we have agreed on a set of project principles and processes inspired by Prince2 philosophy. Take the following into consideration when contacting us for a project related matter:

KJF Principles:

Justification, in order to get started with a project there must be a clearly defined goal, a beneficiary, an approximate cost assessment and a desired outcome.

Learning, we take every project and every stage within it as a unique opportunity to learn and gain new perspectives, to be taken into account in the present and the future.

Responsibilities, it is crucial to understand who will be in charge of what, to know what you can expect from us and what we can expect from you.

Step by step, projects are split into different stages, helping keep track of each step ensuring its feasibility.

Deliverables, we aim to ensure the highest quality project deliverables.

KJF Processes:

1. Starting up a project.

When an interested party submits a request for a new project, the KJF activates its project selection process to determine whether it is eligible or not.

Proposals are selected on the basis of a rigorous process that will be carried out by peer reviewers in accordance with the highest standards of quality, impartiality, objectivity and transparency.

This process consists of an initial pre-selection remote phase and a second selection phase of face-to-face interviews conducted by Selection Committees in each of the research areas.

1.1 The selection process of the projects will take into account the following criteria:

The project should have as its main goal the preservation of mountains and their environments.

- The areas of work the foundation will prioritize, without excluding other cross cutting issues, are:
 - a. Climate change in mountain environments.
 - b. Mountain ecosystems and biodiversity.
 - c. Mountain environment resources (water, forests, minerals, energy etc.)
 - d. Interaction of humans and mountain environments.

Other issues to be considered; agriculture, conflicts, food security, gender, indigenous people, traditional knowledge, wildlife conservation, etc.

- The nature of the project should fall in one of the three pillars of the KJF:
 - a. **Direct action.**
 - b. **Raising awareness and education.**
 - c. **Research.**
- The timeline for a project may vary, from a specific day event to a short or long term implementation.
- The location of projects can be local, regional or global.

2. Directing and initiating the project.

Once your project proposal has been accepted, you will be appointed with a project leader who will support you all through the different project stages. The team leader will ensure the following are covered; the cost, time required, quality, risk and project scope.

3. Stage control.

The project is split into stages, the project leader will monitor the performance of each. Working closely with you.

4. Stage boundary and Outcome delivery.

The project leader will make sure the project is on the right track especially at the closing of each stage, while aiming for the best possible outcome.

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