

Call for Applications Shea Investment and Jobs Creation Program (SHIP)

Introduction

The Global Shea Alliance (GSA), in partnership with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) is implementing the **Shea Investment and Jobs Creation Program (SHIP)**: a 2 year program in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana to improve the efficiency and profitability of women processors in existing kernel and shea butter co-operatives to strengthen their sustainability in the value chain, access market, investment for women collectors and processors as well as create decent jobs.

Project Description

The program will enhance the activities of women collectors and shea butter processors in the 2 countries through improving the quality of shea products, developing knowledge capacity and direct investment from private sector companies by facilitating direct sourcing with their shea co-operatives. The technical interventions of the program are as follows:

- Creation of 25 co-operatives in kernel and shea butter production in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana¹
- Strengthen 20 existing kernel and butter co-operatives²
- Facilitate 638,500 private investments in the shea co-operatives
- Create 2,600 decent jobs for women in the shea value chain
- Digitisation for 30 shea butter co-operatives

So far, the Shea Investment and Jobs Creation Program (SHIP) has supported 25 co-operatives in the 2 countries (15 in Ghana and 10 in Côte d'Ivoire). **This second call seeks to support three butter cooperatives in Ghana and five (three butter and two kernel) cooperatives in Côte d'Ivoire.**

Roles & Responsibilities of GSA

- The GSA through a partnership with the private sector will provide training manuals and curriculum to improve shea butter and kernel processing
- The GSA through technical trainers will provide technical training to improve knowledge and capacity of women processors in co-operative development, business management, shea kernel quality and aggregation training as well as shea butter processing
- The GSA will provide best practice manuals and quality posters on shea kernel and shea butter processing for women shea co-operatives

¹ 10 in Côte d'Ivoire and 15 in Ghana.

² 5 in Côte d'Ivoire and 15 in Ghana.

Private Sector Companies

- Private partner will identify women groups to form new co-operatives for kernel and butter production
- Construct or refurbish warehouses or processing centers for women co-operatives
- Provide processing equipment such as pallets, jute sacks, weighing scales, shea rollers, tricycles, stoves, kneaders, roasters etc to shea processors
- Provide health and safety training and equipment to the co-operatives
- Undertake agroforestry and climate adaptation activities with women co-operatives

The Global Shea Alliance invites applications from members and private sector companies, particularly those with EU affiliations, interested in collaborating with women groups in the 2 countries: Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana, to improve women's knowledge capacity in existing or new kernel and butter co-operatives and facilitate direct sourcing with these co-operatives.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should download and complete the SHIP application form [here](#) and submit to Felix Adisa, Project Coordinator: f.adisa@globalshea.com and/or Michael Sakyi, Admin and Procurement Manager via email: msakyi@globalshea.com not later than **Monday 28th October 2024**.