



Call for Proposals 2026: Y-TEaM Alumni Pitch for Peace (P4P) Sub-Grants

West Africa Youth Peace Innovation Grants for WANEP's Y-TEaM Programme

1. Background

The West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), in collaboration with ECOWAS and with the support from DANIDA, ADA, and SIDA, hereby launches a **Call for Proposals** targeting Alumni of the Youth Transformational Empowerment and Mentorship (Y-TEaM) Programme, which is WANEP's flagship youth leadership programme under the Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) agenda. The programme is designed to groom a new generation of youth peacebuilders capable of driving transformational change and sustainable peace in their communities and countries.. Through this Call for Proposals, WANEP seeks to support youth-led solutions that address conflict drivers, promote social cohesion, and strengthen community resilience across West Africa.

2. Objective of the Call

The overall objective of this Call for Proposals is to *support youth-led peacebuilding that strengthen social cohesion and community resilience in West Africa* by providing targeted grants and technical implementation support to 30 Alumni of the Y-TEaM Programme for the delivery of youth-driven and innovative peace initiatives. **The Call specifically aims to:**

- a. **Support Y-TEaM Alumni** to translate ideas into practical peacebuilding actions;
- b. **Strengthen** youth leadership, innovation, accountability, and implementation skills;
- c. **Promote scalable and context-specific peacebuilding solutions** led by young people;
- d. **Contribute** to the **Youth, Peace and Security (YPS)** priorities of WANEP and its partners through **concrete youth-led initiatives**.

3. Scope and Expected Results

Selected projects should address peacebuilding, conflict prevention, social cohesion, or community resilience at the local, sub national or national level. Through this Call, WANEP expects to achieve the following results:

- a. **Funding** and implementation of **at least 30 youth-led peacebuilding projects**;
- b. **Improved** capacities of Y-TEaM Alumni in project design, pitching, implementation, and reporting;
- d. **Enhanced** visibility of youth peacebuilding efforts and partner contributions.

4. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- a. Be an *Alumni of WANEP's Y-TEaM Programme* from the **2023, 2024, or 2025 cohorts**, who successfully graduated from the programme.
- b. Submit project proposals that clearly demonstrate *innovation, feasibility, community ownership, gender sensitivity, and relevance to peacebuilding objectives (not more than three topics)*, such as (but not limited to): **community conflict prevention or resolution; peace clubs (at primary, secondary, or university levels); actions against drug abuse; combatting sexual and gender-based violence; youth and women's representation in local or national decision-making; initiatives addressing youth unemployment and irregular migration; policy influences; skills development in peacebuilding etc.**
- c. Submit a project proposal and budget in **English, French or Portuguese**, ranging from **USD 600 to USD 1,500** for a maximum **three-month** implementation period.

5. How to Apply

Applicants must submit **their application** to this email address: yteam@wanep.org, including the following documents:

- i. The **application forms** ([download proposal](#) and [download budget](#))
- ii. A **curriculum vitae (CV)** and a **cover letter**,
- iii. All applications must be submitted **no later than 05 June 2026 at 5:00 PM (GMT)**.

Kindly note that only completed applications with all the required documents will be considered.

6. Grant cycle

The overall grant cycle will run from **May to November 2026**, including:

N*	Activities	Months
1	Call for proposals	21 May – 05 June 2026
2	Screening & technical review	08 - 12 June 2026
3	Official publication of the list of submitted projects	18 June 2026
4	Organization of a scoping meeting with national juries	12 June & 2 July 2026
4	Alumni Pitching & selection of the 30 best projects (2 per country)	15-16 July 2026
5	Grant award & contract signing & Online training on grants management	27 July 2026
6	Project Implementation	August – Oct 2026
7	Visibility & strategic communication	June – Oct 2026
8	Monitoring, learning & documentation	June – Nov 2026
9	Closing project	November 2026

