

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS 2020-2024

1. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM OPC?

The Palme Center mainly works through our 27 Member Organisations (see list of member organisations here <https://www.palmecenter.se/en/member-organizations/>) from the Swedish labor movement. Hence, Palme Center primarily works with partners within the international labor movement and/or partners working in the field of social change, unionism, democracy and human rights. In some cases, we provide direct support to organisations in our partner countries to promote democracy, human rights and peace.

We define the *international labor movement* as a broad gathering of popular movements comprising political parties, trade unions and civil society organisations working for progressive change. In a more formal sense, it is defined by the various international organisations and platforms that our member organisations are actively engaged in and their various regional and national structures and affiliates. In different countries and contexts this also involves close allies, civil society organisations and community-based organisations with a shared vision and understanding of progressive development.

A future partnership will be based on an assessment of the applicant's needs, capacities and priorities, as well as whether the applicant in its specific context is dynamic, relevant and interested in pushing progressive development.

2. HOW MUCH FUNDING CAN WE APPLY FOR?

A typical project/cooperation with Palme Center has a budget of around 300 000 SEK up to 1 000 000 SEK per year.

3. HOW MANY YEARS CAN WE APPLY FOR?

You can apply for up to five years, during the period of 2020-2024. However, Palme Center may decide not to sign an agreement for the whole period. There is also a possibility that the applicant organisation, especially if it is a new partner to Palme Center, may decide to grant a one-year agreement to start with as a pilot year.

4. IN WHAT COUNTRIES DOES PALME CENTER PROVIDE SUPPORT TO PARTNERS?

The Palme Center will develop regional-, country- and thematic programmes. Regionally the Palme Center works in Southern Africa (South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Eswatini/Swaziland), Western Balkans (Serbia, BiH, Macedonia) and Eastern Europe (Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine). In addition, the Palme Center will develop country programmes in Burma/Myanmar, Palestine, Philippines, Turkey, Belarus and Western Sahara. The Palme Center doesn't exclusively work in these countries. Thematic programmes will also be developed including other countries. If you are interested in applying for another country, please contact us for more information.