

TAKAMUL III

**Fund for Capacitating and Strengthening
the Syrian Civil Society and Supporting
Social Cohesion**

**Call for Proposals | 2026
BRIDGE | Strengthening the Capacity of the Syrian Civil Society**



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BRIDGE Project – Strengthening the Syrian Civil Society

GIZ BRIDGE Project

The **BRIDGE** project, funded by **BMZ** and implemented by **GIZ**, strengthens the **capacity, effectiveness, and resilience** of **Syrian Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)** inside and outside Syria, enabling them to support **social cohesion, civic participation, community resilience, and local recovery**.

TAKAMUL Fund

- Supports Syrian CSOs in advancing social cohesion through local-led initiatives implemented inside Syria.

Capacity Building

- Strengthens the capacities of Syrian CSOs, with a focus on youth and women.

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- Promotes exchange, cooperation and learning among Syrian CSOs inside and outside Syria.

Media

- Empowers young and female media actors and addresses disinformation.

TAKAMUL III Fund – Social Cohesion Intervention

TAKAMUL III is funded by BMZ and implemented by the BRIDGE project, designed to link civil society organizations in Germany – working on the Syrian context - with civil society organizations in Syria to support social cohesion at the community level beyond ethnic and religious barriers.

Key Features

- Supports **local initiatives** designed and implemented **inside Syria**
- Promotes **inclusive, local, and peace-oriented development**
- Encourages collaboration between **Syrian CSOs inside Syria and diaspora-based CSOs in Germany**
- Focuses on strengthening the role of CSOs in fostering **trust, cooperation, and coexistence**

TAKAMUL III – Programmatic Approach

TAKAMUL III follows a holistic approach by promoting **social stability and cohesion** in Syria by connecting **people, initiatives, and institutions** at the local level.

Key Elements of the Approach:

- Promotes social cohesion **beyond ethnic and religious boundaries**
- Strengthens relationships between **diverse social groups**, including for example internally displaced persons, returnees, and host communities
- **Fosters** trust, cooperation, and coexistence

TAKAMUL III – Focus and Scope

TAKAMUL III places strong emphasis on **inclusive civic engagement** and local ownership

Focus Areas:

- Supports local **women's and youth initiatives** as drivers of civic engagement and social change.
- Builds bridges between **civil society** (grassroots initiatives) and **local government**, through dialogue and joint decision-making.
- Aims to **reduce mistrust** and **promote participatory** local processes.

Out of Scope:

- Purely humanitarian assistance.
- Infrastructure reconstruction activities.

Eligibility Screening after Proposal Submission (Partnership & Project Scope)

To qualify for further assessment, proposals must meet **all eligibility requirements**.

Key Requirements

- Applications must follow the **TANDEM Approach**
- Joint submission by:
 - **Diaspora organization registered in Germany** (Main Applicant & grant recipient).
 - **Syria-based NGO** (Co-applicant & implementing partner).

Eligibility Screening after Proposal Submission (Formal & Technical Requirements)

Applicants must:

- Be **formally registered** organizations.
- Submit all documents **in English**.
- Use **official templates only** (no modifications).

Proposal package must be:

- **Complete and accurate**.
- Within the indicated **budget ceiling**.
- In line with the specified **project duration (6-8 Months)**.

Result: Proposals not meeting these requirements will not be selected.

Assessment Criteria

Eligible proposals will be evaluated by **independent assessors** against the following key criteria:

- 1. Programmatic Focus & Target Group:**
Alignment with the TAKAMUL III programmatic approach, with a clear focus on women or youth and inclusive participation of PwDs where relevant.
- 2. Contribution to Social Cohesion:**
Clear contribution to strengthening trust, relationships, and cooperation at community level.
- 3. Relevance to Local Needs:**
Well-defined problem and responsive actions aligned with community priorities and context.
- 4. Innovation:**
New or adapted approaches that are realistic and context-appropriate.
- 5. Intervention Design Quality:**
Achievable objectives, coherent results chain, and a feasible plan and timeline.
- 6. Risk Management & Do-No-Harm:**
Conflict-sensitive approach, risk analysis, and mitigation measures.
- 7. Sustainability:**
Potential for lasting impact, replication, scaling, or continued use of outcomes.

Result: Top-ranked proposals are shortlisted and proceed to Compliance & Due Diligence

Compliance & Due Diligence Procedures

- Conducted for **shortlisted** project proposals and **before contracting**
- **During this stage**, applicants may be asked to:
 - Provide **clarifications**
 - Submit **updated documents**
 - Respond to **revision requests**
- **All shortlisted organizations undergo:**
General assessment + Commercial & Legal Eligibility Check (KEP)
→ Evaluates financial management systems, internal controls, and risk-mitigation capacities.

IMPORTANT - Mandatory Requirement:

Main applicant must have a valid tax exemption certificate ready upon request

Result: Only applicants that pass Compliance & Due Diligence are contracted by GIZ

TAKAMUL III – Selection Process Overview



Budget Requirements & Cost-Efficiency

Budget Range:

€50,000 – €80,000, realistic, cost-effective, and aligned with activities.

Fund Allocation:

- **At least 70%** of total budget transferred to **co-applicant** in Syria.
- Main applicant: **no implementation costs**

Administrative Costs:

- **7%** max for main applicant.
- **2%** max for co-applicant.

Required Budget Templates:

Key Data Sheet, Main Financial Budget, and Forwarding of Funds Budget (official templates only).

Ineligible Costs:

Construction costs and **staff** costs **not** directly linked to implementation are not eligible.

Narrative Justification:

Budget lines must include **purpose & specifications** (separate sheets).

Who Can Apply & How to Submit

Who Can Apply

- Each TANDEM may submit only **one proposal**.
- Neither organization (main applicant nor co-applicant) may participate in more than **one submission**.

Submission Instructions

- Email: takamul@giz.de
- Subject Line:
“**TAKAMUL Proposal Submission**”
- Deadline: 31 March 2026 - 12:00 a.m.
(Damascus time).

Templates, Questions & Required Documents

Requesting Templates

- Email: takamul@giz.de
- Subject line:
“TAKAMUL application templates”

Questions & Clarifications

- Submit via official online form only:
<https://kobo-ee.giz.de/x/oe1QTYsc>

Required Documents

- Completed **Project Proposal** (in English).
- Detailed **Budget** (all sheets, including forwarding of funds).
- Legal **registration documents** for both main and co-applicant.

⚠ Important Note

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

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