



IFRC Limitless Youth Innovation Academy - Water Prize

Selection Criteria

The most important factor we will consider is that water innovations should be locally-led. To ensure the design by local citizens together with volunteers, several key characteristics should be considered:

Contextual Relevance: Innovations should be designed, tried, and applied taking into account the specific needs, priorities, and context of local citizens. Understanding local needs and challenges around water, cultural practices, and existing water services is essential.

Local ownership: Local citizens should actively engage in the design, implementation, and sustenance of water innovations. Active partners between Volunteers and local citizens foster a sense of ownership, commitment, and responsibility.

Capacity development: Empowering Volunteers and local citizens with knowledge and skills to design, experiment, and apply water innovation is vital. Capacity development elements will enhance their ability to operate, maintain, and adapt water innovations effectively.

Gender Sensitivity: The water innovation should recognize and address gender disparities in water access and management. Engage women and girls as decision-makers and beneficiaries, considering their unique needs and roles.

Multi-Purpose Use and Benefits: By preference, water innovations should serve multiple purposes. For instance, water innovations could reduce water-related risks, be a source of safe domestic water, support climate-smart agriculture, and enhance biodiversity.

Climate resilience: Water innovations must go beyond prevailing approaches to include elements that address additional risks specifically caused by climate change climate variability and extreme events.

Equitable Access: Ensure water innovations benefit all community members, especially vulnerable groups.

Local leadership: Water innovations should consider local leadership dynamics around water management. Local leaders can champion water innovations and advocate for sustainability and scaling.

Learning and knowledge sharing: In the design process, encourage learning and knowledge exchange among Volunteers, community members, and other local actors. Scaling water innovations relies on sharing experiences and lessons learned.

Apply until February 25th

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