



Eligibility Criteria

Dasra – Social-Impact will accept applications from organizations meeting the following criteria:

Geography: Must be living and operating as a social enterprise or social-purpose organization in India.

Organization Structure: The organization must be operating as a legally registered NGO, social enterprise, business, government agency or an academic institution. *Socially-oriented businesses, as well as social-purpose organizations with earned income, are particularly encouraged to apply.* Consideration will be given to both organizations that have earned income as well as those operating as for-profit businesses and pure grant-based organizations.

Track Record: The organization must have already demonstrated measurable success in implementing the project or program for three years or more and have a strong desire and vision to replicate or scale the program. This program will not support start-up ideas or organizations with little or no experience in addressing critical social issues as a profession.

Sector or Area of Service: Organizations must demonstrate a clear commitment to issues such as health, education, urban/rural livelihoods promotion, peace and security, human rights, community infrastructure, rural development, women/child issues, poverty alleviation, technologies to benefit society. This program will not accept organizations that are providing *only* micro-finance services to beneficiaries and clients.

Availability/Commitment: The organizations representative/s must be available to commit on average 3 days per month to the Dasra – Social-Impact program activities as well as attend the quarterly week-long group training sessions over the 12 months. Each representative must be committed to dedicating the organization's resources to the goal of replication or scaling current activities.

Background/Skills: The organizations representative/s must speak/write in English and have basic computer skills. We will place a preference on organizations who come from the regions or communities they are serving.

Ideal Characteristics: The organizations representative/s must have a clear mission and show evidence of entrepreneurship; integrity; leadership; creativity; a flexible approach to solving problems and working with others; a deep understanding of the market being served; expertise in operating within the region and be working within an organization with financial sustainability; a committed board; and an overall commitment to transparency and accountability.