Internal Call

Localise a Solution with the Gender and AI Collective (GAIC)

Question list to help you prepare your application

Please note: this document is for preparation only. All applications must be submitted through the online form. Please do not send this document back to us.

Dear GAIC community,

You've completed the A+ Alliance, Code for Africa and Women at the Table Gender & AI Innovation Coalition (GAIC) training. Now there's funding to put what you learned to work in your community. GAIC invites colleague civil society organisations across sub-Saharan Africa that completed Community Learning (Cohort 1, January to March 2026, or Cohort 2, May to July 2026) to join us again and apply for funding to adapt an open-source tool, resource or AI solution for the people they serve.

You might translate a tool into your local language and context, adapt it to local laws, or take an open-source tool and rework it completely for a new community-based use case.

Each team can:

- propose an open-source tool to localise (one you already know or a new one you research and find), **and/or**
- select at least one of the first GAIC prototypes built by your cohort colleagues (shared on 1 December) to consider adapting for your community.

Use N/A for any question that does not apply to you.

We're especially keen to see ideas that advance economic empowerment, labour rights, accessibility and social inclusion. What would you adapt, and why would it be transformational for your community? We'd love to hear your idea.

Key dates

- **Application deadline:** 30 November 2026
- **Acceptance:** 7 December 2026
- **Kick-off meeting for all selected teams:** 10 December 2026
- **Programme dates:** 11 January to 15 April 2027

What to expect

- Infrastructure supplied through the AI Innovation Sandbox
- Weekly technical and strategy meetings with the A+ Alliance team
- Daily technical support through Slack
- USD 3,000 in funding

To learn how the AI Innovation Sandbox works and what support selected teams will receive, read our blog post: https://aplusalliance.org/inside-the-gaic-ai-sandbox/

Who can apply: GAIC colleagues who completed Community Learning in 2026.

Before you begin

Please have the following ready:

- The problem you are trying to solve with this adaptation
- Names and roles of up to three project team members
- A public link to the open-source tool or resource you want to localise (if you are proposing a new tool)

How to submit

Use this list to think through and draft your answers offline, then enter them in the online form.

Submit your application here: https://forms.gle/NM8bbBe4dTeztYN78

- **Time to complete the online form:** about 30 minutes
- **Accepted languages:** English and French
- **Questions:** amina(@)womenatthetable.net

*Questions marked * are required.*

Section 1 of 4: Eligibility and contact

1. Organisation name *

2. Contact person (name and role) *

3. Email address *

4. Country where your organisation mainly works *

5. Language(s) your community uses and that you will localise into *

6. Which GAIC activities have you taken part in? *

Select all that apply.

- Community Learning, January to March 2026
- Community Learning, May to July 2026

7. Tell us about your organisation. *(150 words max)* *

Include your mission, who you serve, where you work and your main activities.

8. Is your organisation legally registered as a civil society organisation (CSO), non-profit, NGO, community-based organisation, social enterprise or similar public interest organisation? *

- Yes
- No

8a. Registration document

You will upload this in the online form. If you cannot upload files, email it to amina(@)womenatthetable.net with your organisation name in the subject line.

9. Who is on your project team? *(100 words max)* *

Give the name, role and relevant experience of up to three people.

10. Can at least one member of your team take part throughout the programme (January to April 2027)? *

- Yes
- No

Section 2 of 4: The problem

11. What problem are you trying to solve with this adaptation? *(200 words max)* *

12. How will this specific tool and its localisation help solve that problem? *(150 words max)* *

Section 3 of 4: Your plan

13. Which open-source tool, platform or resource do you want to localise? *

13a. Paste a public link to the tool, repository or documentation. *

14. Tell us about the tool. *(150 words max)* *

Include what it does, who built it, who uses it now and why you chose it.

15. What type of resource is it? *

Select all that apply.

- AI application
- Chatbot
- Dataset
- Knowledge base
- Digital toolkit
- Mobile app
- Website
- Educational platform
- Other (please specify)

Section 4 of 4: Community and learning

16. Co-design with communities is central to our feminist methodology. How will your community take part in shaping the localised version? *(200 words max)* *

Tell us how the community will be involved at each stage: ideation, initial design, user flow, low-fidelity and high-fidelity, testing, translation and review.

17. We also encourage you to choose a GAIC prototype you would consider localising. *

This is the provisional list of prototypes the first GAIC cohort has been developing. Working prototypes will be shared on 1 December.

In the online form you can select up to two.

Area and prototype	What it does	Adaptation potential
Legal: technology-facilitated GBV Àdàbà AI (DigiCivic Initiative, Nigeria)	An app developed by a Nigerian pro bono legal clinic that helps survivors and lawyers preserve legal evidence of technology-facilitated gender-based violence.	Can be adapted for another national legal context.
Agriculture AgriMama AI (Gweth Foundation, Kenya)	A Kiswahili voice and text assistant for women farmers, covering crop diagnosis, market prices and credit readiness.	Can be adapted for another language and/or other crops.
Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) SmartHealth Communities (Women Genital and Fertility Health Foundation, Nigeria)	A Hausa and English voice tool that helps English-speaking health workers and their Hausa-speaking patients communicate, with offline triage and referral support at primary health centres.	Can be adapted for other languages or other community health uses and contexts.
Disability data Vision for the Blind (Sierra Leone)	A disability-inclusive system that helps health facilities record visits by women and girls with disabilities and refer them to health services.	Built on KoboToolbox, which can be adapted for a wide range of uses.
Worker communities YanchiAI (SheRises and Abren for Generation, Ethiopia)	An Amharic voice assistant that helps women factory workers understand their labour rights and calculate overtime pay. Includes an ILO labour rights component.	Can be adapted to other worker contexts, including content moderation.
Oral-first entrepreneurs N'GONI NANA (ABIC Dioïla, Mali)	A Bambara voice assistant that lets women entrepreneurs keep their accounts by calling and speaking, building on the ILO's GERME business training.	Can be used in other languages as a stand-alone voice-to-text cashbook. Includes ILO GERME training content.
Intimate partner and gender-based violence Tariro (Musasa and Adult Rape Clinic, Zimbabwe)	An English and Shona survivor support tool drawing on verified clinical and legal information from two long-standing Zimbabwean clinics.	Can be adapted into other languages, contexts and geographies.

18. Tell us how you would use the prototype(s) you selected in your context. *

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