

2027 RISK Award
Climate resilience for informal settlements
How to Apply

Recent decades have seen a significant increase in the number of catastrophes with devastating consequences. Disaster prevention is more vital than ever, and local action has a key role to play. The RISK Award, launched in 2012, will award up to €100,000 every two years to fund groundbreaking projects. It is jointly organised by Munich Re Foundation and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR).

New Application Procedure for the 2027 RISK Award

Due to the exceptionally high number of applications received in previous calls, we have redesigned the application process for the 2027 RISK Award. The new process consists of two phases, ensuring a fair, transparent, and efficient selection of the most promising project ideas.

Overview of the Two-Phase Procedure:

Phase I – Concept Form (01 June to 31 July 2026)

In Phase I, organisations submit only a brief Concept Form.

Key Points:

- The Concept Form template is available directly on the application platform.
- The completed form must be uploaded **as a PDF file**.

Phase II – Full Proposal (01 October to 30 November 2026)

Applicants selected from Phase I will be invited to submit a comprehensive project proposal.

Required documents (PDF only):

- Detailed project description
- Detailed milestone plan
- Detailed budget
- Impact Framework

Who can apply:

- ✓ Non-profit organisations (Local entities or international organisations with a regional or local office in the project region).
- ✓ Project must be based in a middle income or low income country according to world bank classification (--> [more](#)).
- ✓ The RISK Award is given to institutions or organisations. Individuals cannot be considered.

Content guidelines:

- ✓ The proposal must be submitted in English.
- ✓ The proposal must address the specific annual RISK Award topic.
- ✓ The project must be non-profit. Business development is not possible to be supported by the RISK Award.

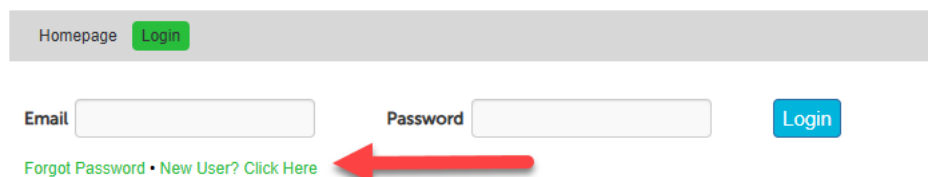
- ✓ The proposed project must include an implementation part (action), a proposal solely based on research is not sufficient.
- ✓ The risks must be related to climate change and natural hazards.
- ✓ Risks solely due to social turmoil, war, chemical disasters, and/or political crises are not in the scope of the RISK Award.
- ✓ We appreciate people centred approaches and community-based initiatives.
- ✓ We welcome multi-stakeholder initiatives, but for the RISK Award application we require a clearly designated focal-point organisation.

How to register & submit your application:

1) Create a user account

1. Open [2027 RISK Award - Call for applications](#) to enter the application platform.
2. Go to “Login” and click on “New User”.

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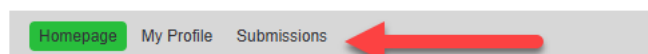
3. Register a new user account.
4. Create your profile and fill in all mandatory fields.
5. Accept the Privacy Statement.
6. Create a password.
7. Click “Save”.

You will receive a confirmation email after successful registration.

2) Submitting Material for Phase I

1. Go to the “Submission” tab

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2. Click “Add new” to start a submission.
3. Answer all required questions in the submission form.
4. Under “**Proof of non-profit status of the organisation,**” upload your supporting document.
5. Under “Attachments,” download the **2027 RISK Award Concept Form**
6. Fill out the **Concept Form*** and save it as a **PDF**.
7. Upload the completed PDF under “**Project Concept – Phase I**”.
8. Choos one of the following options:
 - “Save & Submit”
 - “Save & Submit later” if you want to continue working on it later.

3) How to Complete the Phase I Concept Form

1. Before starting, please read all instructions carefully to ensure that the form is completed correctly and in full.
2. Insert the full name of your organisation and the working title of your proposed project.
3. **Project context and motivation** (max. 2,500 characters)
Please describe the context and motivation for your project. Explain why the project is necessary in your region, referring to the specific risks, challenges, or needs it addresses.
4. **Target groups and beneficiaries** (max. 2,500 characters)
Please identify the primary target groups of your project. Specify who will directly and/or indirectly benefit from the proposed activities.
5. **Key interventions and activities** (max. 5,000 characters)
Please outline the key interventions, actions, or activities your project will implement. Explain how these interventions address the identified problems and how they contribute to reducing risk and/or strengthening resilience.
6. **Total budget outline**
Please outline the total budget required to implement the project. Use the table provided in the Concept Form to provide cost estimates for each category.
 - a. **Third-party contributions** (if applicable)
If the project receives financial or in-kind contributions from third parties, please specify these contributions here.
7. **Milestone plan** (max. 2,500 characters)
Please provide a rough timeline of your project implementation, including major phases and milestones.

Next Steps:

4) How does the selection process work?

All Concept Forms / Proposals will be evaluated based on the criteria described under section 5.

5) What are the evaluation criteria?

First, we will check if the proposal is in line with the content guidelines provided above (see content guidelines). If the proposal meets all necessary criteria, we will evaluate the proposals according to 5 indicators:

1. **Potential for impact**
The extent to which the proposed project can reduce disaster risk and strengthen the resilience of vulnerable people and places, and whether its expected impact is clearly articulated.
2. **Equity**
The degree to which the project addresses equity, gender, and human rights, including the inclusion of marginalised or often excluded groups.

3. Scalability

The potential of the project approach to be scaled up or replicated and to generate broader interest or uptake by relevant stakeholders.

4. Viability and Sustainability

The feasibility of the project and its potential to become a sustainable, longer-term solution, including perspectives for follow-up funding or policy engagement.

5. Institutional capacity

The capacity of the applying organisation and project team to successfully implement the project and work effectively with relevant local actors.

Try to highlight how your project contributes to these 5 indicators and consider that when structuring your proposal text.

6) Will there be a chance to ask clarification questions?

We are happy to answer any clarification questions at any time. Please contact us at the following email address: cbarthelt@munichre-foundation.org.

7) When can I expect a response?

All applicants will receive an **individual notification regarding their Phase I results and the potential acceptance into Phase II in October 2027**.

Due to the high volume of applications we expect to receive, we will unfortunately not be able to provide individual feedback or evaluations on the quality of the applications. We thank you for your understanding.

Those who will be accepted, will receive a message including detailed instructions for preparing and submitting the full proposal, along with all required documents. We also plan to offer an **optional virtual information session on “How to write a Call for Proposal (CfP)”**, providing guidance and clarification for shortlisted applicants before Phase II begins.