

## Fondation Demeter

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| Year founded       | 1994   |
| Sector focus       | Income-generating programmes, microfinance, self-sufficiency and governance in NPOs  |
| Geographical focus | France, UK and Benelux as well as Argentina for self-sufficiency and governance-related programmes<br><br>International on an ad hoc basis for incipient and innovative income-generating and microfinance activities<br><br>International for incipient and innovative income-generating programmes targeting At-Risk Youth |
| Size of fund       | €300,000   |
| Investment support | Free support and advisory services, board participation, interest-free loans for microcredit funds and grants for organisational costs until self-sufficiency is reached   |
| Investment size    | Interest-free loans for €10,000 - €50,000 per programme over a medium-term period along with partners Demeter identifies   |

Founded in 1994, Fondation Demeter, a French foundation under the auspices of Fondation de France, aims to help charities improve their operating processes and governance principles so as to make the best use of their resources and to become self-sufficient.

The Foundation focuses on organisations involved in humanitarian, social and economic work, but does not limit its investment scope geographically. Demeter's main investment criterion is the potential social impact of the programmes it supports along with their ability to reach self-sufficiency, and which it assesses on the ground by tracking social data, such as school attendance, housing quality, women's empowerment or vaccination and nutrition analysis.

Relationships with beneficiary non-profits typically last between five and seven years, beginning with advisory assistance and progressing to financial support after six to twelve months. Demeter invests €10,000 - €50,000 annually, typically comprising 80 per cent interest-free loans and 20 per cent grants, with the loans given over a three to five year period.