



Statement of Intent

2015 Impact Awards – Referral Partner Agreement

[XXXXXXXX]

And

Stars Foundation

1/ Introduction

This document is an agreement between the Stars Foundation and [XXX]. It is not a legally-binding document, but outlines a collaborative effort to identify strong civil society organisations working with disadvantaged children for the Stars Impact Awards.

2/ Stars Foundation

Founded in 2001 by Al-Dabbagh Group, Stars Foundation invests in organisations and ideas that help improve the lives of disadvantaged children and their communities globally.

We believe effective local organisations are best placed to respond to the needs of children and their communities, and that well-managed organisations should be given flexibility and support to decide how to spend the funding they receive.

We believe cross-sector partnerships provide the best opportunity to improve the lives of disadvantaged children. We want other organisations who share our values and commitment to improving the lives of disadvantaged children and supporting local civil society to join us.

3/ [Referral Partner]

[INSERT OVERVIEW OF REFERRAL PARTNER]

4/ Stars Impact Awards

Our annual Stars Impact Awards recognise and reward outstanding local organisations working to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and their communities in the countries with the highest rates of under-five mortality.



After undertaking an independent review of the programme, we have decided to be more targeted in our approach and run the 2015 Impact Awards in specific regional 'country clusters'. We are launching the 2015-2016 Impact Awards in the following regional clusters:

Africa-Middle East

Algeria
Iran
Iraq
Jordan
Morocco
Occupied Palestinian Territories

Asia-Pacific

Cambodia
Indonesia
Lao PDR
Myanmar
Philippines
Vietnam

Latin America-Caribbean

Bolivia
Colombia
Ecuador
Paraguay
Peru

We are looking for not-for-profit organisations that are:

- Child-focussed, Needs-led, Ambitious
- Strong, Inclusive, Collaborative
- Local, Autonomous, Independent

In each region, we will identify and select eight Impact Award winners per year to receive:

- US\$50,000 of flexible funding
- Capacity building support

5/ 2015 Impact Awards Selection Process and Timeline

Our approach is underpinned by a rigorous selection process that assesses both the delivery and impact of applicants' programmes, and their institutional and management practices.

The Stars Impact Awards selection process consists of the following steps:

Feb-Mar	Nomination of eligible organisations by referral partners
Mar- May	Stars team checks eligibility and assesses applicants' programmes and management practices through a combination of application form, phone call and/or face-to-face meeting
May-Sept	Stars team shortlists and conducts assessment visit to finalists
September	Eight Award winners across the region are selected by a panel of independent experts
September	Final approval from Stars' Board of Trustees

6/ Role of Referral Partners

Our referral partners play an essential role in the Stars Impact Awards selection process. They support us in identifying excellent local organisations whose work with disadvantaged children deserves to be recognised.



We aim to develop partnerships with between five to eight referral partners per region. The role of the referral partner will be to nominate between five to 10 organisations in a given region that meet the criteria outlined below by **[INSERT DATE]**.

Referral process

Referral partners will be asked to:

- Nominate five to 10 organisations who they believe fit the Eligibility and Assessment criteria (see *Appendix 1*);
- Offer a brief rationale explaining why the applicant is being put forward for an Impact Award; and
- Seek applicants' approval for being contacted by the Stars Foundation.

A template will be provided to all referral partners to complete with the details outlined above.

Referral partners will not be responsible for the submission of any further information or completing applications on behalf of the nominated organisation.

7/ Our Commitment

We want to recognise the key role referral partners play in the Stars Impact Awards selection process thanks to their expertise, in-depth knowledge of the region and nomination of excellent eligible organisations. Stars will:

- Support referral partners by providing clear guidelines on what information we need and provide a contact person to answer queries about nominations;
- Recognise the role of the referral partners on our website and other Awards marketing materials;
- Be transparent throughout the Stars Impact Awards selection process, sharing with referral partners the rationale behind our final decision;
- Invite referral partners to contribute to and attend workshops and events, including the regional awards ceremony associated with the Stars Impact Awards.

Please note, the Impact Awards is a competitive process and therefore Stars Foundation cannot guarantee that any of your nominees will receive an Impact Award.

8/ Statement of Intent

[REFERRAL PARTNER] agrees to nominate between [X to 10] organisations which we believe meet the Stars Impact Awards Eligibility and Assessment criteria, as outlined in Appendix 1 by [INSERT DATE].

Name, position and organisation: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Stars Foundation adheres and agrees to the above stated intentions.

Cécile Hyafil Guillerme, Awards Programme Manager, Stars Foundation

Signature: _____

Date: _____