2018 – 19 Build Peace Fellows Program
Frequently Asked Questions

Who qualifies for the Fellowship?

Fellowships are awarded to organisations or initiatives working in Myanmar. Fellows must be based inside Myanmar. Civil society organisations, NGOs, INGOs, creative enterprises, social enterprises and unregistered teams working on an initiative all qualify. Organisations or initiatives should apply with a team of two people. These two people must have the ability to travel to Yangon (financial support will be provided by the program). At least one team member must be a Myanmar national.

What types of initiative are eligible?

Fellowships are awarded to help a team develop a concrete peacebuilding initiative which uses technology strategically. Initiatives should be at the idea phase, and we expect most initiatives to develop through the fellowship to the point where the idea can be piloted.

Initiatives proposed for the fellowship should meet one of the following aims:

- Promoting peaceful values and diversity among Myanmar communities, and countering inter-communal division and violence
- Countering armed conflict in Myanmar and working to support the peace process
- Challenging stereotypes and dominant narratives that contribute to conflict in Myanmar

What kinds of initiatives do we not support?

- We do not support applications from teams that are seeking generic capacity building. do Teams must present a specific idea that they want to develop through the fellowship.

- We do not support teams of only internationals. At least one team member must be a Myanmar national.
- We do not support teams based outside of Myanmar.
- We do not support initiatives whose primary aim is to conduct research; this is not an academic fellowship.

What technology tools and processes are relevant to this program?

Any technology tool or process that increases participation or furthers the reach of your work is relevant to this Fellowship. Relevant tools / processes might include information & data tools of all kinds (e.g. mobile data collection, digital maps); new media and communication tools (e.g. social media, radio-to-mobile); traditional media (e.g. film, radio); videogames and gamified apps, remote sensing (e.g. big data), or participatory video and photography. This list is by no means exhaustive – we are interested in your creative ideas!

What are the fellowship components?

Selected fellows will receive support in four areas:

- <u>Training</u>. Fellows come together for joint training that covers a variety of topics including participatory methodologies, user-centered design and conflict sensitivity. Training provides fellows with the tools they need to design and manage innovative projects. We help fellows to think like product managers – linking developers and experts with peacebuilding objectives.
- <u>Accompaniment.</u> Each Fellow is assigned a Build Up staff who acts as their lead mentor. Lead mentors work with Fellows to identify additional mentors (Build Up staff or from the Build Peace network) who have skills or experience relevant to the Fellow's intervention. Through monthly calls, regular email communication and visits to their project location, the mentors provide project management support, technical advice and hands-on problem solving.
- <u>Networking.</u> Build Up helps Fellows to communicate their work externally, supporting them to produce communication materials and opening doors to public speaking events. Build Up also facilitates connections with other Fellows in its network. Fellows join a global network of local activists and practitioners working to re-think participation in peace.
- <u>Grant funding.</u> Fellows receive a grant to cover some of the technical and implementation costs of their intervention. The exact grant amount will be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the specific needs of an intervention. Fellows are expected to engage with all aspects of the Fellowship program and become active members of the Build Peace community; applications seeking only grant funding are not a strong match to the program.

Is this a full-time commitment?

No. Fellows will not be required to work full-time on their projects. We expect Fellows to work at least 30% of their time on the project for one full year.

Can I apply if I don't speak English?

Yes, you can apply even if you don't speak English. We will assess applications on the basis of many criteria, and are accepting applications in Burmese and English. We ask you to state your level of English on the form, as part of the assessment process.

How are applications evaluated?

Applications will be assessed by an Advisory Group composed of experts in the use of technology for peacebuilding and on the Myanmar context. Applications will be evaluated according to the following selection criteria:

- Demonstrates in-depth understanding of the Myanmar peacebuilding context and ability to link to ongoing processes and stakeholders;
- Is willing to engage in a participatory process with relevant stakeholders;
- Articulates a basic reasoning for use of technology to build peace;
- Demonstrates team capacity to implement proposed initiative;
- Initiative has the potential to increase the reach and impact of peacebuilding;
- It is viable to achieve a meaningful milestone for the initiative within Fellowship timeframe.

Three initiatives (with teams of two people each) will be selected to participate in the program.

What can financial support be spent on?

Fellows receive a grant to cover some of the technical and implementation costs of their intervention. The exact grant amount will be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the specific needs of an initiative, but in any case will not exceed 12,000 EUR. Once selected, teams will agree the exact costs to be covered by this funding with their lead mentor. We expect most of the funding to be spent on technical implementation costs of the concrete initiative. Requests to use the funding to cover staff time will be considered on a case by case basis.

How long does the fellowship last?

The fellowship program lasts 12 months: it starts in August 2018 and ends in August 2019.

Where will I be based for the Fellowship?

You can be based anywhere in Myanmar. We may ask you to travel to Yangon, but you are not required to live in a particular location for the duration of the Fellowship.

What happens after the Fellowship?

Before the Fellowship ends, lead mentors will work with teams to outline a post-fellowship strategy that includes fundraising and networking to continue developing the initiative. Fellows will also be invited to join Build Up's global network of Fellows.

Still have questions about the Build Peace Fellowship?

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