

SAMPLE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Expansion of water supply infrastructure and well renovation
- Construction of classrooms, health clinics, latrines, orphanages, and storehouses
- Road construction and repair
- Irrigation works
- Income-generating activities

SELF HELP APPLICATION SCHEDULE:

Application Period:

January 1st – October 1st

Selection Period:

October 1st – November 30th

Grant Award:

December 5th

SELF-HELP
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SUPPORTING LOCAL
DEVELOPMENT



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The U. S. Ambassador's
Special Self-Help Program

AN INSTRUMENT TO SUPPORT
LOCAL INITIATIVES BY
COMMUNITIES
FOR SELF-DEVELOPMENT.



Road Repairs in Alindao



Construction of a New Health Clinic in Ngombe

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THE SELF-HELP PROGRAM

The United States Ambassador to the Central African Republic has a special fund for small community projects which fall under the following three categories:

- water supply and sanitation;
- social services;
- and social assistance.

Community members are required to contribute resources towards the project amounting to a minimum of 30% of the project cost, either through the provision of cash, goods, services, or facilities. This program enables communities to manage and develop small social sector projects to improve their living conditions.

GUIDELINES

1. The project must be initiated by the community and should benefit the community by increasing income, improving rural infrastructure or improving living conditions.
2. The project should be high impact, quickly implemented, and able to benefit a larger number of people.
3. The project must be completed within one year without requiring further Self-Help assistance.
4. The project must involve a significant local contribution in cash, labor, or material.
5. The project should be within the ability of the community to operate and maintain.

Certain projects do not qualify for this fund:

1. Requests to buy sophisticated equipment such as vehicles, computers, film projectors, stereos.
2. Proposals that have a purely religious, police, military, or cultural emphasis.
3. Private, commercial enterprises.
4. Payment for pesticides, herbicides, labor, salaries, operating costs, or training cost.
5. Purchase of consumables or non-durable goods such as books, medications, animal feed, or seeds.

HOW TO APPLY

Contract the U.S. Embassy for the Self-Help Application package. All applications must include a specific budget and cost estimates. Projects involving technical construction (bridges, schools, roads, etc.) should have drawings and estimates that show adequate planning.

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Construction of a Health Clinic in Gouga



School Construction