



## Application Guideline of the Asian Girls in Action Project 2026

Submission Deadline: 23:59 pm on April 12, 2026 (GMT+8 / Taiwan Time)

Online Application Form:  
<https://forms.gle/2J9nTGgEHMwScdbu9>



## Asian Girls in Action Project (AGAP) 2026

## **Gender equality is not just one SDG - it is the force that accelerates all seventeen goals!**

As the world approaches the final stretch toward the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), progress across Asia remains uneven. Structural gender inequalities continue to shape who has access to education, climate resilience, healthcare, decent work, and civic participation - making it impossible to achieve sustainable development without addressing gender dynamics at every level.

Many communities therefore need young leaders who can embed gender perspectives into the design, implementation, and scaling of SDG solutions, rather than treating gender equality as a standalone issue or awareness campaign.

Since 1988, the Garden of Hope Foundation (GOH) has advanced girls' empowerment in Taiwan through education, leadership development, and gender advocacy. In 2012, GOH expanded this mission regionally by launching the Asian Girls Campaign (AGC) to strengthen young women's civic participation and leadership across Asia.

In 2023, AGC evolved into a deeper, project-based model that emphasizes measurable SDG impact, cross-border collaboration, and long-term sustainability, and it was how Asian Girls in Action Project (AGAP) was invented. Over the past three years, AGAP has supported 28 young female leaders from 17 Asian countries, generated more than 128 community initiatives, and benefited over 8,400 community members.

For 2026, AGAP is focusing on young women aged 18–25. This age group is often at a pivotal transition from education to professional leadership—capable of managing real-world projects, mobilizing stakeholders, handling budgets, and sustaining initiatives beyond a single training cycle. By concentrating resources on this cohort, AGAP aims to accelerate high-impact, locally rooted SDG action while building a new generation of gender-responsive sustainability leaders across Asia.

### **Why Gender Perspectives Need to be Integrated into SDG Action?**

Sustainable development cannot be achieved without addressing the ways gender shapes opportunities and outcomes. By integrating a gender lens, AGAP participants will:

- Understand how gender intersects with climate action, education, health, economic inclusion, community resilience, and other SDG priorities.
- Design solutions that address root causes of inequality and create systemic change.


- Ensure that projects benefit all community members equitably and sustainably.

This approach moves beyond awareness campaigns, equipping participants to lead actionable, measurable, and scalable SDG initiatives with a gender perspective at the core.


### **How AGAP Fits into AGC**

Asian Girls Campaign (AGC) is the flagship program that The Garden of Hope Foundation used to empower Asian Girls from 2012.


The Asian Girls in Action Project (AGAP) is AGC's primary recruitment and training track of AGC 2026 and the entry point for all new participants.

 All participants apply to AGAP first.

20 applicants will be selected as the shortlisted candidates, who will receive two Gender x SDG online workshops (May and June).

 10 out of the 20 applicants will be selected as 2026 AGC Fellows, who will continue into the following training programs:

- Project Management online workshop (July).
- Local SDG Pilot Projects with online mentoring (July-August).
- A one-week immersive, in-person 2026 AGC Global Impact Week (Impact Week) in Taiwan (October).
- Annual project selection (October)

 All Fellows will join the AGC Alumni network, a collaborative platform connecting young female leaders across Asia.

### **What AGAP Offers?**

- **Hands-on Project Experience with a Gender Lens:** Apply theory to community-based SDG initiatives, with a primary focus on advancing gender equality and women's empowerment through grassroots action.
- **Cross-border Collaboration:** Work with peers across Asia to exchange diverse perspectives and regional solutions.
- **Expert Mentorship in Gender & Innovation:** Receive dedicated support from specialists in gender studies, project management, sustainability, and social innovation to refine your impact.

- **Capacity-building Workshops:** Master essential skills in leadership, advocacy, AI tools, and project management.
- **Sustainable Action Network:** Join a lifelong AGC alumni network to continue driving collective change after the program.

### **Who Can Apply?**

#### **Age:**

18–25 years old as of March 1, 2026

(Date of birth: March 1, 2000 – March 1, 2008)

#### **Nationality & Residence**

Residing in Asia and holding a passport from an Asian country.

#### **Motivation**

Strong interest in gender equality and integrating gender perspectives into SDG action. Applicants should be enthusiastic about participating in cross-border exchanges, collaborative learning, and commit to completing the full program.

#### **Experience**

At least 2 years in sustainability or social action, such as:

- Campus initiatives
- Work in NGOs or community organizations
- Youth action programs
- SDG-related volunteering
- Social innovation projects

#### **Language**

Working proficiency in English for discussion and presentations.

#### **Passport Validity**

Must be valid beyond April 20, 2027 due to international immigrant regulation.

\*Applicants currently renewing passports may apply if renewal is confirmed before online interview (June 27).

#### **Advantage (Not Required)**

Projects involving:

- Media engagement
- Local influencers or leaders
- Journalists, NGOs, academics, or policymakers

will receive favorable consideration, but this is not mandatory.

## **Financial Support (AGC Fellows Only)**

### **GOH will cover:**

1. Round-trip flights to Taiwan.  
\* Tickets will be purchased by GOH.
2. Visa fee reimbursement (will be reimbursed on the first day of Impact Week in New Taiwanese Dollar, NTD).
3. Accommodation during your stay in Taiwan from October 11 to 18.
4. Travel insurance during your stay in Taiwan from October 11 to 18.
5. Local transportation during your stay in Taiwan (up to a limited amount).
6. Partial meals.

### **NOT covered:**

1. Passport fees.
2. Round-trip airport transportation costs (in both the home country and Taiwan).
3. Personal expenses in Taiwan.
4. Leisure activities in Taiwan.

## **Pilot Project Funding**

Small-scale pilot projects are expected to be implemented locally. GOH will not provide direct financial support at this stage. Only the final selected **Annual Project** will receive GOH funding, with the amount expected to be announced in September (estimated between USD 1,200 and 1,500).

## **Important Dates (All in 2026)**

### **Stage 1 - Recruitment (All participants)**

- Application: March 2 – Apr 12 (23:59pm GMT+8, Taiwan Time)
- Preliminary Results Announcement: April 27

### **Stage 2 - Online Training & Fellow Selection (20 shortlisted candidates)**

- Gender x SDG Online Workshops: May 16 & June 6 (3 hours each)
- SDG Pilot Project Proposal Submission: June 17
- Fellow Selection Interviews: June 27
- Final Results Announcement: July 3

### **Stage 3 - Pilot Project & Online Mentoring (10 Fellows)**

- Project Management Online Workshop: July 18 (3 hours)
- Pilot Project Implementation: July 20 - Aug 30
- Online Mentoring: July - August (3 hours)
- Report Deadline: Aug 31

#### Stage 4 - AGC Global Impact Week – Gender & SDGs in Action (10 Fellows)

- Online Orientation: Sept 5
- One-week in-person program: Oct 11–18 (Taiwan)
- Annual Presentation: Oct 17

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Participants</b>
<b>Application Open</b>	<b>March 2 – Apr 12</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Preliminary Selection Announcement</b>	<b>Apr 27</b>	<b>20 shortlisted candidates</b>
<b>Online Workshops</b>	<b>May 16 &amp; June 6</b>	<b>20 shortlisted candidates</b>
<b>Online Interviews for Fellows Selection</b>	<b>June 27</b>	<b>20 shortlisted candidates</b>
<b>Final Result Announcement</b>	<b>July 1</b>	<b>2026 AGC Fellows</b>
<b>Online Mentoring</b>	<b>July–August</b>	<b>2026 AGC Fellows</b>
<b>Pilot Project</b>	<b>July 20 – Aug 30</b>	<b>2026 AGC Fellows</b>
<b>Pilot Project Report Submission</b>	<b>Aug 31</b>	<b>2026 AGC Fellows</b>
<b>Orientation</b>	<b>Sept 5</b>	<b>2026 AGC Fellows</b>
<b>2026 AGC Global Impact Week (Taiwan)</b>	<b>Oct 11–18</b>	<b>2026 AGC Fellows</b>
<b>AGC Alumni Network</b>	<b>Year-round</b>	<b>AGC Alumni</b>

## **How to Apply**


Please review the online application form thoroughly in advance, as it contains multiple detailed sections. Complete your application and submit the following materials via the online form by April 12, 23:59 (GMT+8):

1. Intro Video (2 minutes) including:
  - Your background
  - Key experiences
  - Duration of engagement in social action
  - Ongoing or proposed SDG project
  - Expectations for AGC 2026
2. Recommendation Form: Using the attached official template.
3. SDG Project Proposal: Including problem statement, goals & outcomes, timeline, budget estimate, and sustainability plan. \*Projects can either be at an early stage or already ongoing.
4. One current color photograph of yourself.
5. We encourage all applicants to develop a deeper understanding of sustainability. Applicants who complete the designated online course will receive priority consideration for the 20 shortlist candidates. For the 20 selected candidates, submitting the completion certificate (PDF/JPG) is mandatory before the first online workshop (May 16).

Course Link:

### **Becoming Global Citizens for a Sustainable Society**

[https://www.gcedonlinecampus.org/HTML/closed\\_course\\_view.php?id=36&returnurl=aHR0cDovL3d3dy5nY2Vkb25saW5lY2FtcHVzLm9yZy9fSFRNTC9jbG9zZWRFy291cnNIX2xpc3QucGhwP3ZpZxc9Y2FyZA==](https://www.gcedonlinecampus.org/HTML/closed_course_view.php?id=36&returnurl=aHR0cDovL3d3dy5nY2Vkb25saW5lY2FtcHVzLm9yZy9fSFRNTC9jbG9zZWRFy291cnNIX2xpc3QucGhwP3ZpZxc9Y2FyZA==)

 Selection Criteria for 20 shortlisted candidates:  
Applicants are evaluated based on:

- Project feasibility & SDG alignment
- Leadership potential & Community impact
- Communication skills & Motivation
- Commitment to attend all activities
- Media engagement or collaboration with influential guests is a plus, not required though.

### Remarks

- Individual applications only.
- Certificates will only be issued to AGC Fellows upon completion.
- Failure to attend required sessions, submit reports, or complete projects may result in cancellation of qualification and funding.
- GOH reserves final interpretation rights.

### Contact & More Information

If you have any questions, please check our [FAQ](#) first or visit our social media platforms for the latest information



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