



Women Entrepreneurial Opportunity Facility (WEOF)

Empowering South Sudanese Women Entrepreneurs

The International Rescue Committee and Open Capital, in partnership with South Sudan's Ministry of Gender, Child, and Social Welfare and UN Women, have launched the Women Entrepreneurial Opportunity Facility. The program empowers women entrepreneurs in Juba through training, tailored business development support, and financing to help their businesses grow.



Seed Lab

Emerging Micro and Small Businesses

What the Seed Lab Offers

- Bootcamp (5-day group training and pitch competition)
- Accelerator (3 months group training and catalytic grants of USD 2,000 - 4,000)

Seed Lab Eligibility Criteria

- **Annual revenue:** USD 2,000 - 99,000
- **Location:** Juba
- **Business owner nationality:** South Sudanese
- **Business owner age:** 18-60 years
- **Business ownership:** Women-owned
- **Business team size:** At least 2 employees/ workers
- **Business existence:** Minimum 12 months of operations

Seed Lab Application Requirements

- Brief business profile
- Certificate of business registration or Trading license issued by the Local Government
- Bank Account Statements or financial records/ mobile money transaction evidence
- Tax payment receipt from the Local Government/ revenue authority
- List of employees and their details
- A copy of the business owners' South Sudan National Identification Card



Growth Lab

Medium and Large-sized Businesses

What the Growth Lab Offers

- Tailored business development support
- Coaching
- Catalytic grants (USD 15,000 - 50,000)

Growth Lab Eligibility Criteria

- **Annual revenue:** USD 100K+
- **Location:** Juba
- **Business owner nationality:** South Sudanese
- **Business owner age:** 18-60 years
- **Business ownership:** Women-owned
- **Business team size:** At least 5 employees/ workers
- **Business existence:** Minimum 12 months of operations

Growth Lab Application Requirements

- Brief business profile
- Certificate of Incorporation from the South Sudan Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs
- Membership Certificate from the South Sudan Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture
- Operation License from the Ministry of Trade and Industry
- Past bank statements for the last 6 months or at least 1 year of financial statements or management accounts
- Tax identification number
- Tax clearance certificates
- List of employees and their details
- Copy of business owner's South Sudan National Identification Number

How to apply

1. Physical submission: Pick, fill, and submit physical forms for FREE at:

- a. Central Equatoria State Chamber of Commerce
- b. Central Equatoria State Women Union Central Equatoria
- c. State Ministry of Gender, Child & Social Welfare

2. Email submission:

- a. **Seed Lab:** Download the form [HERE](#) and submit it to weof@rescue.org
 - b. **Growth Lab:** Download the form [HERE](#) and submit it to weof@opencapital.com
3. **Online submission (Growth Lab Only):** Fill out [this](#) application form

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