

Choosing a Charity Partner

Alignment, capacity, and the potential for a positive working relationship are the main factors for success. Non-charities should take time at the onset to carefully consider if the partnership is a good match and if there is sufficient capacity and resources on both sides to support the relationship.

In the table below, a positive response to the first three questions is essential. If the answer to any of the first three questions is no, the non-charity likely should not proceed with the partnership. "No" to any of the other questions indicates a need for further conversation with the charity to resolve these matters.

	Choosing a charity for your project	Yes/No
1	Are your activities a good fit with the charity's mission?	
2	Are the administration costs reasonable for the support the charity is providing?	
3	Does the charity have the internal resources and administrative capacity to support the project?	
4	Does the charity offer the level of support the project needs in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance • Programmatic oversight • Financial oversight 	
5	Does the charity offer the level of support the project needs in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training • Human resources • Administrative services • Fund development support • Office space • Access to education • Networking opportunities 	
6	Does the charity have a good reputation for their work in the community?	
7	Is the charity recognized for its ability to work well with others?	
8	Does the charity have written policies and procedures for administration and risk management?	

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