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## **Call for Expression of Interest (EOIs) / Proposal (Applications 3<sup>rd</sup> Batch)**

### **(Microgrants for Setting up Micro/Small Businesses)**

#### **Poverty Alleviation and Inclusive Development Across Rural Sindh Programme (PAIDAR)**

PAIDAR is a five-year programme funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to support the Government of Sindh in implementing its Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS). With the aim of driving sustainable poverty reduction in Sindh, PAIDAR is supporting technical assistance, capacity building, and financial support to a significant number of micro and small enterprises in target districts to support enterprise development and business development.

Under the PAIDAR Programme, the ACT – International is the designated implementing partner in the district Thatta, Sindh. Through this Call for EOIs / Proposals, ACT International invites prospective and eligible entrepreneurs across the district Thatta to set up or expand nano/micro and small businesses that demonstrate strong potential for enterprise development, income generation, job retention, and job creation.

#### **Funding Range:**

Maximum grant to a single beneficiary cannot exceed **EUR 10,000 (Ten Thousand Euros)** which are equal to 3.3 million Pak Rupees.

#### **Who Can Apply:**

Entrepreneurs/Business-owners running micro-enterprises operating in Thatta or wants to establish new Business, having or wants to make National Tax Number (NTN) and Bank Account, having valid CNIC and aged between 18-60 are eligible to apply.

#### **Indicative Business Areas Table and Many Others**

S.No	Name of Business	#	Name of business
01	Extraction of different oils (e.g., mustard, sunflower, cotton) business.	05	Vehicle maintenance and repair services
02	Tomato-based products (e.g., ketchup, paste, puree) work and bi products of fish etc.	06	Tourism and hospitality-related business
03	Dairy biproducts (e.g., Khoya, Paneer, Cheese, Ice Cream) business.	07	Food processing and preservation business.

04	Handicrafts and technology development business.	08	Prawn and crab farming – value chain development business.
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Please note that the grants cannot be awarded for certain activities which include infrastructure or construction support, Purchases of land or buildings, subsistence of consumption grants, grants for non-income generating activities such as appliances, Used for refurbished machinery or equipment and agriculture & livestock production.

**The deadline for submitting application is January 20, 2026**

**To Apply:**

Application forms and detail guidelines can be taken from ACT-International office:  
**No 25 A, Cooperative Housing Society Phase-I, Zainab Hospital Road, Makli, Thatta Sindh**

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**Note: Only Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for the further process**

**Eligible and potential women entrepreneurs are strongly encouraged to apply for the grants.**