# Call for applicants | student projects or Internship

Your case description should be no longer that **one page** and include the following:

**Brief Description of your company/organisation**

*Please write a brief description of your company/organisation i.e. who are you, what do you do, ambitions, achievements (5-8 lines)*

Caritas Denmark is the humanitarian relief organisation of the Catholic church. The organisation was founded in 1947 and is one of Denmark’s oldest humanitarian organisations. We are part of the global Caritas network working closely with secular and church-based organisations in more than 200 countries and territories. We work for a world based on community and responsibility for the poor and vulnerable, and where the creation is considered a common good. Caritas Denmark’s work covers both national programme in support of vulnerable groups in Denmark and international engagements. All international programmes within a variety of sectors are implemented in close collaboration with local partners.

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**A description of your project/business case**

*I.e. a list of bullets with tasks, a description of the case, the estimated period (1 or 2 semesters) for the student’s involvement, unpaid/paid traineeship/project work etc. (10 lines)*

Caritas Denmark’s local partners in Sub Saharan Africa (Burkina Faso, Niger and Uganda) report similar challenges concerning food security of our target groups; being internally displaced, refugees and vulnerable urban groups with inadequate access to arable land. Lack of sufficient water, increasing pressure on scares resources (due to e.g. population growth often related to arrival of refugees or internally displaced) and climate changes all exacerbates existing problems and are thus becoming crisis multipliers.

Therefore, we would like to know more on possibilities and solutions for vertical (perhaps off-ground) gardening, which potentially could be a solution to a range of problems across our programme countries, contributing to food security and improved nutrition for the targeted population. Suggested tasks for the research:

* **Step 1:** A desk study (incl. a mapping) of existing vertical / off-ground (potentially innovative) solutions for vegetable growing in areas with limited access to arable land and water, incl. analysis of which solutions seem most successful, where and by whom have they been tested.
* **Step 2:** A presentation of preliminary findings to Caritas Denmark for feedback and input from HQ and field, incl. discussion of adaptability and contextual challenges at each country level.
* **Step 3:** Based on the inputs, the student(s) will elaborate an analysis of the relevance, scalability and impact potential of the recommended solution(s) in Caritas Denmark’s three programmes in Burkina Faso, Niger and Uganda. Final study report will be presented to Caritas Denmark.

**Description of the ideal student candidate for your project/case**

*How many, what profile, previous experience etc. What do you expect from the student? (5-6 lines)*

* The ideal student candidate would be either one student or a group of students on their Masters’ programme. The tasks of the assignment will be adapted to fit the chosen student (regarding time frame, thesis/ordinary semester etc.).
* The student candidate must be self-driven, dedicated and motivated
* Preferred field: Agriculture/Agro economy or another relevant field
* English skills required. French language skills are an advantage
* Preferred experience from Sub Saharan Africa (from stay abroad, internship, travel etc.)

**Additional information of you, or other information**

*I.e. your clientele, what you aim to achieve with this project or other.*

Please note that Caritas Denmark does not provide any salary for the study.

Expected time for this tasks would be one semester, here after Caritas Denmark foresee a second phase of the research, starting after a pilot testing of the recommended solutions, analysing potential challenges of the implementation in the three different contexts., and solutions for improvement of results.

**What does the student(s) gain from working with you on this project/case?**

*Description of what you expect the student to gain from working with you.*

* You will gain insight into a medium-sized Danish faith-based NGO with a large network and outreach.
* You will become part of the Caritas Denmark secretariat in Copenhagen with the possibility of having access to a desk 1-2 times a week/as needed.
* You will receive feedback and sparring
* You will get a relevant contact person in Caritas Denmark who will facilitate discussion and introduce you to our international work and local partners
* You will have access to unpublished resources of relevance for your desk study, allowing you to dig even deeper in your analysis within the given timeframe than you would be able to on your own hand, and therefore it is more likely that your research will contribute to actual learning and impact.
* Based on the recommendations of the desk study, and if there is mutual interest from your and our side, it would be possible to plan a trip to a programme country for pilot testing the recommended innovative solution for vegetable growing.

In short: Your work will be meaningful and contribute to learning across Caritas Denmark’s programmes and - hopefully - it will contribute to a positive impact on improved living conditions for some of the world’s most vulnerable people.

**Contact Information**

*Contact information to relevant persons in your organisation or in access2innovation*

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