

Pick one job

A	A concept-note section	Problem statement and objectives, 250 words, for the funder on side 2
B	A public statement	180–220 words, marking the first cohort finishing. For the public and for partners
C	A story pitch	150 words to the Lensa Voice editor, plus how you would stand it up

Everything you need is on these two sides. Nothing that is not printed here may appear in what you write — including anything you remember from this morning.

What KCDF has published

Published on the KCDF website, 12 August 2026. All of this is public.

KCDF launched the **Kora Youth Livelihoods Initiative** on **3 February 2026** with a two-year grant from the **Nordvik Foundation**.

The programme runs in four woredas of Kora City — **Lensa, Bulcha, Anfaro and Gudeta**.

412 young people aged 18–29 enrolled in the first intake.

Participants take a **twelve-week skills course**. Those who complete it and submit a business plan receive a **start-up grant of 15,000 birr**.

By 4 August 2026, 168 participants had completed the course and received a start-up grant.

The **Kora City Job Creation Bureau** provides the training venue in Lensa woreda at no cost.

Hirut Gemechu, KCDF youth programme officer: *"The twelve weeks are the easy part. What we do not yet have is a way to keep supporting people once the grant is spent."*

KCDF has not published an evaluation of this programme. No income, employment or outcome figures have been published.

For A and B — the funder

Meridian Regional Fund — Youth Economic Inclusion Window, second round

Closes	30 September 2026
Grant range	USD 40,000 – 90,000 over 18 months
Stage	Concept note. No annexes, no budget, no logframe at this stage
Required section	Problem statement and objectives, 250 words maximum

Priority. The Fund prioritises programmes that already have a delivery track record **and can show a credible plan for supporting participants after the initial grant is disbursed.**

Scoring. Problem definition 30% · Objectives and measurability 30% · Track record 20% · Sustainability 20%.

Applicants must not include unpublished monitoring data at concept stage. Concept notes are assessed on published or independently verifiable information. Figures that cannot be sourced will be disregarded and may count against the track-record score.

For C — the newsroom

The press release, issued 12 August 2026 — everything on side 1, plus one extra line: *"KCDF is seeking funding to extend the Initiative into a second phase."*

The commissioning note, from the Lensa Voice editor, 12 August 2026:

"We have covered youth unemployment twice already this year. If we run this at all, it needs an angle we can stand up. Pitch me something by Thursday — 150 words, and tell me how you would verify it before I put a reporter on it."

The newsroom has not seen KCDF's internal review. It has no income data and no attendance figures. Write the pitch from that position, because that is the position you would really be in.