

BEST PRACTICE AWARDS 2023 - INSTRUCTIONS

It is once again time for the Soroptimist Best Practice Awards – a time to celebrate your great work and dedication to improving the lives of women and girls! This is the occasion for SIE clubs and Unions to share their very best projects with Soroptimists and other people all over the world.

We will be giving out **8 awards aligned with the following areas of focus**: Education, Women's Empowerment, Elimination of Violence against Women (VAW), Health and Food Security, Sustainability. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- **5 Club Awards** for each of the areas of focus,
- **1 Union Award** amongst the areas of focus,
- To celebrate the **biennium theme** of President Carolien Demey "**We Stand up for Women**", we will give one special award based on [Sustainable Development Goals 4 and/or 5](#) in accordance with the SIE strategy 2019-2025.
- Last but not least, membership is the backbone of our organisation. To sustain our future, we need to keep growing if we want to continue our mission, to be a strong voice for women. For these reasons, we have decided to give this year a **Special Award for a project that has helped to gain new members and to promote our organisation externally**.

CELEBRATING YOUR AWARDS

The 8 winners will be announced during the Governors' Meeting in Bratislava, Slovakia in October 2023.

The 8 best projects will be featured in the Soroptimist Best Practices Brochure 2023 and will receive recognition on the SIE website, and in the social media.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Each Union/Club/Single Club is eligible to submit 2 projects per area of focus (which equals a maximum of 10 projects).

The projects should have **taken place** in **2022** and **submitted in the first place into the PFR database via the SIE Member Area**.

Please use the new **ENTRY ONLINE FORM** to submit your project(s).

Your completed entry form should be filled out on or before **15 June 2023**.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

All submitted projects will be reviewed and evaluated by the Best Practice Awards Jury according to a **set of predetermined criteria** as follows:

- Clear project objectives
- Project input from the club (what were the roles of the club: initiator? operator? fundraiser? networker? contributor?)
- Invested resources (time, funds raised by the club, other contributions)
- Realized and potential impact and outcomes, pertinence to SI goals
- Model character of the project (could it be repeated by other clubs/Unions?)
- Advocacy force (for the goals of SI; for the visibility of SI)

LANGUAGES

Entry forms should be submitted in English or French only.

MATERIAL

Please share with your project's quality pictures and/or videos - **photos should be between 1MB and 8MB in size.**

Please ensure if you are submitting photos and /or videos of individuals, we have the right to publish them.