

Frequently asked questions and answers

Disability inclusive rural transformation project

Responses to questions posed by potential applicants to this Call for Proposals

Questions		Answers
Country selection	Can we work just in one country?	<p>No. We expect to receive one multi-country proposal for the amount of USD 3 million (plus counterpart contribution). Linkages need to be established with at least <u>seven</u> of the IFAD-supported projects out of the following list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burkina Faso: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agricultural Value Chains Support Project in the Southwest, Hauts Bassins, Cascades and Boucle du Mouhoun Regions; ○ Participatory Natural Resource Management and Rural Development Project in the North, Centre-North and East Regions • Chad: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Project to Improve the Resilience of Agricultural Systems in Chad; ○ Strengthening Productivity and Resilience of Agropastoral family Farms Project • Ecuador: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Buen Vivir in Rural Territories Programme • India: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nav Tejaswini Maharashtra Rural Women's Enterprise Development Project • Georgia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dairy Modernisation and Market Access Project • Iraq: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Smallholder Agricultural Revitalization Project • Malawi: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Programme for Rural Irrigation Development • Mali: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inclusive Finance in Agricultural Value Chain Project • Mozambique: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rural Enterprise Finance Project • Niger: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family Farming Development Programme ○ Project to Strengthen Resilience of Rural Communities to Food and Nutrition Insecurity • Tunisia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Economic, Social and Solidarity Project • Yemen:

		○ Rural Livelihood Development Project
	Should the proposal include all the countries targeted?	No. Linkages need to be established with at least <u>seven</u> of the IFAD-supported projects out of the list mentioned in the answer above. The other projects will be part of a wider community of practitioners for knowledge exchange.
	Is the grant limited to programming in the countries listed in the TOR - Burkina Faso, Chad, Ecuador, Georgia, India, Iraq, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Tunisia and Yemen?	Yes. The Disability inclusive rural transformation Project needs to link up with IFAD-supported programmes. In these countries there is an interest and opportunity to do so.
	Must all proposed activities take place in the countries identified in the TOR? If one program component takes place outside of these countries, but the rest are within the focus countries, would this still be considered?	The idea of the initiative is the link up with IFAD-supported projects. The ones identified in the TORs are those where there is an interest and opportunity to do so. The other projects will be part of the wider community of practitioners for knowledge exchange.
	We would like to build on learning from existing work in other, which fall outside of the focus countries for this call. Is it possible to build learning and e.g. operational research or pilot elements from these other countries into the proposal?	It is possible to include those countries as you say to build learning linkages with the projects identified in the TORs. Make sure you clearly indicate how this would happen. The aim of the initiative is to support the introduction of disability inclusive approaches in the identified IFAD supported projects. In the identified projects there is an interest and opportunity to do so. So any activity proposed must show clearly how those projects would benefit.
Linkages with IFAD-supported projects	I would like to better understand your expectations	With linkages to IFAD-supported projects we mean that the recipient should, at a minimum:

	related to the links between the submitted proposal and the on-going IFAD supported projects. Can you describe more precisely the linkage modalities you expect?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Work in the same target area ii) Work with the same general target group (rural people living in poverty and experiencing food insecurity) iii) Contribute to the overall project goal iv) Coordinate with the implementers of the IFAD-supported project
Counterpart contribution	Is the minimum counterpart contribution a requirement?	The minimum counterpart contribution is indeed a requirement, but it can be in-cash and/or in-kind. The calculations of in-kind co-financing contributions should be appropriately detailed, justifiable and measurable.
	Is there a specific percentage for the counterpart contribution?	No. Note that you would need to submit a multi-country proposal (linking up with IFAD-supported projects in different countries, as per the terms of reference) for the amount of 3 million USD (IFAD funding) + minimum counterpart contribution of 500 000. This can be in cash or in-kind.
	‘The calculations of in-kind co-financing contributions should be appropriately detailed, justifiable and measurable’, would this entail a separate financial reporting for the co-financing?	We would expect that in the Status of Expenditure submitted to IFAD, the recipient also reports on co-financing according to the categories of expenditure.
	What exactly do you mean with in-kind contribution?	<p>With in-kind contribution we understand a non-cash contribution in the form of a good, work or service that provides support for both non-profit and for-profit organizations. It may consist either of the direct provision of a tangible asset to the project, or of an expenditure incurred directly by the contributor, benefiting the project and facilitating the meeting of its objectives.</p> <p>In-kind domestic co-financing or contributions include: (i) goods; (ii) works; (iii) use of services and facilities (for example, office space); (iv) professional services or expertise in the form of staff time; (v) provision of or access to equipment and special materials; and (vi) exemptions from tax that would otherwise need to be paid by the project in order to carry out its activities.</p>

		In-kind contributions represent a stream and-or source of revenue, and although they are not monetary, they may represent a significant portion of the project's revenue.
	Can the budgets of existing projects on disability be seen as a matching contribution?	The budgets of projects supported by you or partners of your consortium can be considered as matching contribution, as long as they contribute to the goal of this initiative: supporting the integration of disability inclusive approaches in IFAD supported projects.
Budget		
	Will the budget have to be managed on country level?	In case of a consortium, the approved grant will be awarded to the lead organisation, which has been selected as grant recipient. The lead institution will enter into a legal agreement with IFAD. Within the submitted proposal the lead institution should be clearly identified and roles and responsibilities of the other partners be explicitly stated. It is the lead institution that manages the budget.
	Should the proposed project budget cover both development of and delivery of the pilot?	Yes, it should cover both development and delivery of the pilot.
	Is there a possibility that the on-going IFAD projects will be able to either allocate from their current budget or receive additional financial resources to implement the actions and interventions as a result of the disability inclusion advice by the consortium?	Many projects did not foresee any disability inclusion activities during design. The idea of the grant is to show that these kind of activities can be integrated in broader rural development projects. Based on the experience of this grant initiative, it is possible that projects allocate some of their budget to disability inclusion actions and interventions. This can be done when they prepare their annual work plan and budget. More significant changes can be made during mid-term reviews.
	The "Detailed Call for Proposals" indicates on page 8, that the indirect costs are capped at 8%, unless a waiver is obtained. Can you please clarify the procedure and	Although the ceiling for indirect costs is 8%, IFAD will accept an 11% ceiling for CGIAR centers (excl. the 2% Trustee fee). For other institutions the cap is at 8%.

	timing in the proposal process for applying for a waiver?	
Application	We may be interested in working with others on this, would it be possible to share the list of organisations that you have sent this to so we can start talking with them?	This is an open call for proposals. You are free to partner with other organisations of your choice. The recipient can be an inter-governmental organization (including UN agencies and CGIAR centres), a civil society organization (including NGOs), an academic/research institution or a private sector entity. In case of a consortium, an organization can join more than one consortium but can be leading only in one of them.
	Is it allowed to participate in more than one application?	Yes. Do note we expect the submission of a multi-country proposal for the amount of USD 3 000 000 (IFAD contribution), covering the projects listed in the Terms of Reference.
	Can we contact IFAD colleagues directly in country/regional offices?	It is not allowed to contact our colleagues in IFAD country/regional officer directly. All proposals and communications should be submitted via email to: Steven Jonckheere, Senior Technical Specialist, Gender and Social Inclusion: s.jonckheere@ifad.org ; Petra Jarvinen, Technical Analyst, Gender and Social Inclusion: p.jarvinen@ifad.org ; Maria Elena Mangiafico, Knowledge Management Specialist: m.mangiafico@ifad.org (in cc). Questions asked by prospective bidders and answers provided will be available in the frequently asked questions and answers attachment, which will be regularly updated.
	What is the grant GRIPS ID number is?	200003140
	All the documents are in English, can you send them to me in French?	This is a global project, involving projects in countries around the world. We expect to communicate with the recipient in English. Moreover, proposals must be submitted in English.

Recipient	The Terms of Reference states that implementing organizations must have presence or experience in the listed countries. Does this mean that the proposing organization must have a presence or experience in ALL listed countries or just some of the listed countries?	Yes, your organisation or the organisations in your consortium should have presence or experience in the listed countries.
Beneficiaries	Is 7000 the number of direct beneficiaries that should be covered in total?	Yes.
Implementation	Do you expect regular interaction between a new project and its implementing organizations and other IFAD projects on a global level?	Yes, that would be part of component 3 on knowledge management. The modalities are for the bidder to propose.
	Do you expect that best practices used in the new project financed from the grant are rolled out as part of the grant to a global level in other IFAD projects?	Yes, the idea of this initiative is to learn from the different pilots and eventually scale up these approaches in other IFAD-supported projects
	Under component 1, last bullet point, states: "Support to the beneficiaries. The support can concern a group or individuals and will be based on demand and the specific need of the beneficiaries. It will include a	The idea is indeed to make IFAD-supported projects more disability inclusive. The ideal situation would be to mainstream this in ongoing project interventions. However, as many projects did not foresee any disability inclusion activities during design and there might be some specific additional costs in doing so, we would expect the grant to cover this. Based on the experience of this grant initiative, it is possible that projects allocate some of their budget to disability inclusion actions and interventions. This can be done when they prepare their annual work plan and budget. More significant changes can be made during mid-term reviews.

	<p>combination of training, technical support, financing, advisory services, supply of farming tools and agricultural inputs, exchange visits and knowledge sharing etc. The Grant recipient will mobilise dedicated business advisors to accompany each need.” We assume that, in order for IFAD project staff and implementing partners to be more inclusive of persons with disabilities, the IFAD projects will provide direct service delivery support to the beneficiaries instead of the consortium/grant recipient. Is our assumption right?</p>	
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