

Frequently asked questions and answers

Stepping up IFAD's gender transformative agenda - Women's land rights initiative

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>ten</u> of the IFAD-supported projects out of the following list (minimum 2 per region):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bangladesh (APR): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Char Development and Settlement Project IV (CDSP IV) • Myanmar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Western States Agribusiness Project (WSAP) • Ethiopia (ESA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lowlands Livelihood Resilience Project (LLRP) • Uganda (ESA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Oil Palm Project (NOPP) • Brazil (LAC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proyecto de Desarrollo Rural Sostenible en la Región Semiárida de Bahía (Proyecto a favor del Semiárido) • Colombia (LAC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Programa de Fomento de la Capacidad Empresarial Rural: Confianza y Oportunidades (TOP) • Guatemala (LAC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sustainable Rural Development Programme for the Northern Region <i>[only knowledge management activities]</i> • Honduras (LAC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proyecto de Competitividad y Desarrollo Sostenible del Corredor Fronterizo Sur Occidente (PRO-LENCA) • Paraguay (LAC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proyecto de Mejoramiento de la Agricultura Familiar Campesina e Indígena en Departamentos de la Región Oriental del Paraguay (PROMAFI) • Peru (LAC):

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proyecto de Desarrollo Territorial Sostenible (PDTs) <i>[only knowledge management activities]</i> ● Kyrgyzstan (NEN): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access to Markets Project ● Sudan (NEN): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Livestock Marketing and Resilience Programme ● Burkina Faso (WCA): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agricultural Value Chains Promotion Project ● Central African Republic (WCA): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Project to Revitalize Crop and Livestock Production in the Savannah ● Niger (WCA): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family Farming Development Programme in the Diffa Region ● São Tomé & Príncipe (WCA): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Smallholder Commercial Agriculture Project ● Sierra Leone (WCA): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agricultural Value Chain Development Project ● The Gambia (WCA): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resilience of Organizations for Transformative Smallholder Agriculture Programme
	<p>Should the proposal include all the countries targeted?</p>	<p>No. In at least <u>ten</u> of the IFAD-supported projects mentioned in the TORs, with a minimum two per region, gender-transformative approaches to promoting WLR will be tested.</p> <p>The other projects will be part of the wider community of practitioners for knowledge exchange.</p>
	<p>Is the grant limited to programming in the countries listed in the TOR - Bangladesh, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Colombia, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Guatemala, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Niger, Paraguay, Peru, São Tomé & Príncipe, Sierra Leone, Sudan and Uganda?</p>	<p>Yes. The Women's Land Rights Initiative needs to link up with IFAD-supported programmes. In these countries there is an interest and opportunity to do so.</p>
	<p>We understand that gender transformative</p>	<p>In that case, both countries/projects would need to be targeted.</p>

	<p>tools and approaches should be tested in at least ten countries were the IFAD-supported projects are carried out. We have however noticed that some of the regions specified in the TORs have only two countries, and so we would like to know if it is possible to target only one country for those regions?</p>	
	<p>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?</p>	<p>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. In at least ten of them gender-transformative approaches to promoting WLR should be tested. The other projects will be part of the wider community of practitioners for knowledge exchange. Program components taking place outside of these countries would not be considered (unless there is a link to those IFAD-supported projects).</p>
	<p>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?</p>	<p>It is possible to include those countries as you say to build leaning 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 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.</p>
Linkages with IFAD-supported projects	<p>I would like to better understand your expectations 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?</p>	<p>With linkages to IFAD-supported projects we mean that the recipient should, at a minimum:</p> <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
	<p>We would like to ask specifically what the collaboration would entail in case of IFAD closed project (e.g. Guatemala).</p>	<p>There is an interest from our counterparts in Guatemala (Ministry) to be involved in the wider community of practice for knowledge exchange. Although we currently do not have an ongoing IFAD-supported project, we do have an ongoing</p>

		grant initiative (linked to recently closed project): RBA-UN Women Joint Programme on Rural Women's Economic Empowerment (JP RWEE).
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.
	'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?	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. In-kind domestic cofinancing 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. 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.
Budget	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 timing in the proposal process for applying for a waiver?	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%.
	Should the proposed project budget cover both	Yes, it should cover both development and delivery of the pilot.

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	<p>'The approved grant will be awarded to the organization, or a lead organization (in case of a consortium), which has been selected as grant recipient. The IFAD grant amount is up to USD 3,000,000. Co-financing (in cash and/or in kind) of the IFAD grant-financing amount provided by the applicant and any additional co-financing part is part of the selection criteria. While no upper limit is set, the applicant must ensure a minimum counterpart contribution of USD 500,000.' We read this as follows: IFAD max possible contribution is 3,000,000 USD and the applicant contribution (min 500,000 USD) comes on the top of this amount. Is this the right interpretation?</p>	Your interpretation is correct: IFAD: USD 3 000 000 + counterpart contribution: minimum USD 500 000.
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 & Harold Liversage, Lead Global Technical Specialist, Land Tenure

		<p>h.liversage@ifad.org; CC: Maria Elena Mangiafico, Knowledge Management Officer m.mangiafico@ifad.org; Mir Md Shahriar Islam, Technical Analyst, Gender and Social Inclusion shahriar.islam@ifad.org; Giulia Barbanente, Consultant, Land Tenure g.barbanente@ifad.org</p> <p>Questions asked by prospective bidders and answers provided will be available in the frequently asked questions and answers attachment, which will be regularly updated.</p>
	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.
	In the “Detailed Call for Proposals” provided, there are a number of dates that are missing from the document, which would be helpful for planning purposes, partner and staffing decisions, etc. Can IFAD provide these dates?	The dates have now been included in the call.
	In the document “Application Form, Appendix A”, under section B. Applicant Institution, there is a question which states: “6. List of record and references to financial co-operatives projects specifying the role actually played by the applicant.” Can IFAD clarify and define “financial co-operative project”? Further, can IFAD indicate the number of projects and references required and the preferred date range?	Please disregard the application form (we has been removed from the webpage) and just fill out the “Bidders' self-certification of eligibility for IFAD grant financing”.
Recipient	The Terms of Reference states that implementing organizations must have presence or experience in the listed countries. Does this mean that the	Yes, your organisation or the organisations in your consortium should have presence or experience in the listed countries.

	proposing organization must have a presence or experience in ALL listed countries or just some of the listed countries?	
	One of the criteria for selecting the recipient is the experience of the recipient in managing donor-funded initiatives of at least US\$ 1 million. Is US\$ 1 million total grant amount or grant amount per year?	Total grant amount.
	One of the criteria for selecting the recipient is the experience of the recipient in managing donor-funded initiatives of at least US\$ 1 million. Is the experience with US\$ 1 million applicable to the organization as a whole or can it be applied to staff within the organization who may have experience while they were employed elsewhere?	It can also be applied to staff within the organisation.
	One of the criteria for selecting the recipient is the experience of the recipient in managing donor-funded initiatives of at least US\$ 1 million. If the US\$ 1 million is conceived of annually, could total organizational revenue be sufficient to show this experience if it exceeds US\$ 1 million?	Yes.
Implementation	These results seem to presuppose approaches, which may not prove to be appropriate contextual fit in one or more countries or might better reflect gender transformative approaches if worded differently. Would IFAD be	Yes, that would be fine.

	<p>open to alternative results in the design of the project if they include clear metrics?</p>	
	<p>The TORs specify that one of the Initiative’s expected results is 10 000 rural women’s ownership or user rights over natural resources registered in national cadastres and/or geographic information management systems. At the same time, the TOR recognizes that gender-transformative approaches must go beyond registering rights to addressing and transforming structural inequalities that currently inhibit equitable access and control over natural resources. Can we assume that 1) the quantitative target is more of an indirect result that will also depend on the scope, design and capacities of the various IFAD-supported projects, and 2) that the grantees can propose indicators and frameworks that aim at capturing transformative change?</p>	<p>We are open to alternative results. The analysis should show which approaches are most appropriate to the context in terms of gender transformative impact.</p>
	<p>Can IFAD clarify if each project already has strong relationships with and buy-in from land administration agencies and other relevant government entities. While initial results for improving legal and administrative land governance systems can be achieved in relatively short amounts of time, significant relationship building and advocacy</p>	<p>Some projects do and others do not. We mainly work through Ministries of Agriculture and try to strengthen their involvement. We acknowledge the need to have realistic expectations on what to achieve in terms of “improvement” within the three year time frame.</p>

	<p>with government partners, including longer timelines than this project allows, are often needed for effectively improving these systems, and securing women's rights to land within them.</p>	
	<p>The target suggested in the TORS of 10 000 rural women's ownership or user rights registered gives an indication that the call is prioritizing individual property over women in collectives, is that the case or is the Initiative interested in both?</p>	<p>We are open to alternative results according to the context.</p>
	<p>As the tools and approaches will be tested in the context of specific IFAD-supported projects, we would like to know how you foresee the interaction between the WLR initiative and the project teams? Have these projects committed beforehand to facilitating the implementation of the Initiative, or is it part of the Initiative efforts to ensure the buy-in and engagement of the individual project teams? Also to what extent do these project have resources (in terms of budget and staff) for gender analysis/integration?</p>	<p>In the identified projects, there is an interest and opportunity to pilot these approaches. The resources for the analysis and integration should come from this initiative. During further discussions with the projects later on (once the recipient has been selected), opportunities for co-financing can be explored. For example, for the scaling up of the approaches.</p>