

Attachment 3: Evaluation methodology and criteria for the review of the bids and the award

To select the proposal, IFAD will establish a Competitive Screening Evaluation Team (CSET). The CSET is chaired by a senior staff from a division other than the sponsoring one and must include technical staff and a procurement specialist, who is responsible for monitoring that the competitive selection process is conducted in line with the relevant IFAD procedures. Country Directors (CDs), Country Programme Officers (CPOs) and staff from the Regional Hubs and Country Offices should be involved where applicable and relevant. If the call is open to private sector applicants as well, a private sector specialist should be involved in the competitive selection process.

After the eligibility of the applicant is confirmed,¹ the Team examines all proposals against the following criteria:

1. Technical (25%)

- Clarity of the methodology and coherence, logic and linkages between the project activities and components.
- Relevance to IFAD projects in the selected countries with clear approaches to link up with IFAD programmes
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- Prospective impacts of interventions on global and national policy processes
- Ability to provide shared facilities and equipment alongside business and technical/vocational skills development, soft skills, market access, technology transfer and linkage to services (such as financial services and employment services) that are backstopped through mentorship (apprenticeships & internships, business incubation & acceleration) and networking;
- Feasibility within the timeframe available
- Quality of plan of activities of Knowledge Management, innovativeness of activities and outputs proposed including delivery and disseminations of relevant knowledge generated during implementation
- The potential partners should as well have experience in dialogue with national and local governments, in the promotion of an enabling environment for the green and circular economy.
- Effective Business Continuity Plans to implement the project in light of the COVID-19 pandemic

2. Financial (Value for Money) (25%)

¹ At this stage, eligibility is confirmed by the Chair of the CSET on the basis of the answers provided to Bidders' self-certification.

- Level of own financing and co-financing (A co-financing of a mandatory 8% in cash contribution of the total proposal cost and in kind contribution).
- Financial management of the grant, including the capacity to receive, record, monitor and report on multiple sources of grant funding in line with IFAD requirements.
- Clear budget tables with narrative explaining use of funds, and should include;
 - Consistency with the proposed activities, outputs and outcomes; adequate balance among components; overheads within the limits set by FMD;
 - Budget preparation in line with IFAD format requirements, refer IFAD Grant Forms <https://www.ifad.org/en/document-detail/asset/40188557 - A.1>

3. Implementation capacity (25%)

- Experience and technical capacity in working on rural youth employment in the regions/countries where the grant would be implemented.
- In-country Partnerships: Based on your proposal, please provide us a detailed understanding of the in-country partners and actors that will contribute into the project? Outline their specific role and function, available physical, human/financial resources in contributing towards the project and any supporting documentation that demonstrates any previous collaboration.
- Capacity building facilities: For your proposal, please provide us with a detailed profile of the principal agribusiness hub and related satellite hubs (if any)? In particular, outline in detail the following: where the hub is located, who is the entity that is managing the hub, what activities are currently ongoing in the hub, an assessment of the current physical infrastructure for the facilities (include pictures and photos), the current capacity of trainers/mentors, current training/mentorship modules being conducted, Hub carrying capacity for trainees to be hosted, financial stability etc.
- Pragmatic and strategic selection of target countries and presence or working experience in the targeted countries by grant recipient or partners within a consortium or identified national partners and involving multiple stakeholders
- Experience in brokering knowledge across several geographical contexts and foster south-south capacity building
- Track record in financial management of grant resources and timely reporting on past project progresses and results
- Capacity of in-house staff and adequacy of the team proposed (based on CVs of team members and staff proposed)

4. Scaling up/sustainability (25%)

- Scaling-up proposed pathways
- How is sustainability going to be pursued or ensured?