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Questions arising from LIFT's Call for Proposals: AGRICULTURE, MARKETS AND FOOD SYSTEMS: KACHIN AND NORTHERN SHAN 2019-2023

The deadline for written questions is on 18 October 2019. Answers are compiled and published on 1 November 2019.

1	<p>Q1: Does LIFT intend to grant multiple grants through this call, or is the preference that one recipient be identified?</p> <p>A1: There is no decision on the number of grants awarded, this will be contingent on the submissions received and the quantum of funds being requested.</p>
2	<p>Q2: Would LIFT prefer applicants to cover both Kachin and NSS, or would applications covering one of the two areas be equally welcome?</p> <p>A2: There is no preferred requirements for applicants with respect to making submissions that cover either one or both of the geographic areas.</p>
3	<p>Q3: Would LIFT be open to receiving applications for proposals shorter than three years in length?</p> <p>A3: The call is for a three year implementation period to allow sufficient time for interventions to have an impact. However, if the applicants can justify a shorter period for implementation, LIFT will consider.</p>
4	<p>Q4: The call for proposal notes provisional allocation of funding; is there an anticipation that there will be top-up funding at a later date to support this programme</p> <p>A4: At this stage there is no indication that further funding for this initiative will be forthcoming. It is therefore advised that the applicant focuses on the said quantum of funds that has been allocated in developing their proposal.</p>
5	<p>Q5: Are projects required to reach both Kachin and Northern Shan States for the full budget allocation of USD 2M?</p> <p>A5: The applicant can apply for either one of these target areas or both, there is no restriction.</p>
6	<p>Q 6: Is partnership with national/local implementing partners a requirement for INGO applicants?</p> <p>A 6: This is not a requirement, however, it is strongly encouraged.</p>
7	<p>Q 7: Page 11 of the CfP talks about e-mail submission only but page 13 says that submissions must be made both electronically and in hard copy, Could you please confirm the requirement?</p> <p>A 7: This is an oversight on LIFTs part. All submissions should be electronic and no hard copy is required.</p>
8	<p>Q 8: Can an organization apply as lead applicant if it does not have an MoU with the Government of Myanmar at the time of application?</p> <p>A 8: As per the CfP, the applying organisation and partners should have the appropriate authorization to carry out the project in the target areas.</p>

9	Q 9: Can an organization apply as co-applicant if it does not have an MoU with the Government of Myanmar at the time of application?
	A 9: See answer A8. For field implementation, applicants and sub-partners should have the necessary authorization
10	Q 10: What evidence of eligibility to operate in Kachin and Shan States must be provided by organizations (lead, sub-partner) with the proposal submission?
	A 10: Applicants should have the relevant authorization to operate in Kachin and Shan States.
11	Q 11: Are there any requirements for government partnership or agreement for implementing activities which should be obtained prior to the proposal submission?
	A 11: It is encouraged that applicants seek partnerships and agreement on implementing activities prior to the submission of the proposal.
12	Q 12: Is it required to ensure agreements/MoU with all concerned ministries, especially if working in multiple components?
	A 12: The applicant is encouraged to seek all approvals to implement the activities from the relevant authorities prior to submission of the proposal.
13	Q 13: Are microfinance institutions eligible to apply to this call?
	A 13: No entity is excluded from applying.
14	Q 14: Are there restrictions or preferences for the budget and timeline (i.e., minimum timeline, minimum/maximum budget)?
	A 14: There are no restrictions. Please see A3 with respect to timeline and A5 with respect to the maximum quantum of funding on offer.
15	Q 15: What is the frequency for reporting requirements to be referenced in the work plan for financial, narrative, and M&E?
	A 15: The frequency of reporting for all three elements is the Annual Report that is required to be submitted by the end of February the following financial year (FY). In the case of the narrative and M&E these need also to be reported on in the Semi Annual Report to be submitted by the end of August in the same FY. The financial year runs from January to December.
16	Q 16: There are instructions for email submission (page 11) as well as the statement that “submissions must be made both electronically and in hard copy” (page 14). Could you please clarify if this is email only or if applicants should also prepare a hard copy submission? Should the hard copy be sent in person?
	A 16: See A7.
17	Q 17: Would LIFT consider interventions that give initial seed grants in order to give beneficiaries access to capital and provide necessary financial training that might enable them to receive microfinance loans in the future?
	A 17: There is no restriction on planned interventions as long as they are appropriately justified and relevant to the call.
18	Q 18: Is there a budget cap for Component 1 and Component 4? Does the budget need to specify which lines fall under each Component?
	A 18: This call is supporting both Components 1 and 4 of the overall Kachin Programme through the lens of Support to nutrition-sensitive commercial production in IDP camp areas and/or support of returnees . It would be instructive to break down the budget in support of these two Components.

19	Q 19: Do proposals need to address both Component 1 and 4, or can they focus on one area?
	A 19: Please see A18.
20	Q 20: Will LIFT only accept proposals from organizations who are currently implementing the LIFT Kachin – Northern Shan Programme, or can other organizations apply with complementary interventions?
	A 20: There are no restrictions on organizations applying for this call.
21	Q 21: For the Theory of Change, could you please provide information on how the the project-level ToC should link to the CfP components, LIFT programme objectives, technical brief pathways, and/or LIFT Strategy?
	A 21: The expected outcomes of the proposed intervention should contribute to LIFT outcomes (increased household income and assets, improved nutritional status, reduced vulnerability). In order to explain the most common causal linkages between agriculture and nutrition in nutrition-sensitive agriculture (NSA), there are three main pathways: food production, agricultural income and women empowerment. See also https://lift-fund.org/news/new-publication-charts-future-lift%E2%80%99s-work-nutrition-sensitive-agriculture
22	Q 22: Can MFIs submit proposals to establish offices to provide agricultural loan products in the targeted regions?
	A 22: This call will not support the establishment of MFI offices in the target region. This is covered by a previous call under the LIFT Financial Inclusion programme.
23	Q 23: Is there an updated LIFT MEAL Framework document which references the ToC for the new LIFT Strategy? The only version found on the LIFT website was updated in January 2018. www.lift-fund.org/monitoring-and-evaluation-learning-and-accountability-meal-guidelines-ips-upcoming-proposals
	A 23: Please refer to the LIFT Strategy 2019 - 2023 and the following web address for the logframe and strategy diagram: https://lift-fund.org/lift-strategy-diagram-and-logframe-12-february-2019
24	Q 24: Do you have the full application for this Call for Proposals?
	A 24: The format for proposals is set out in the CfP document Annex 1 (page 13)
25	Q25: We , XXXXXX LTD operated in construction project especially in school building, village health dispensary, communication road, upon infrastructural development through by government tendering process which is based on Mabain Township, Moe Mate District of northern Shan State. But also we have been operating in joint with local farmer group for agricultural developing in contract farming especially in paddy, sesame crop because they can't grow upon their land in completely upon existing farming depend upon their investment. So we have applied in their farming with contract form system through by deed and combine harvester machine providing upon 50 acres land in last year. Now we have a plan to operate in promoting of land for and preparation, crop growing and post harvesting section upon small

	<p>farmers because there are drug region in their background image. So, if you accept our propose, we would like to apply for two or three years plan with submission indue date on 25th November 2019. I look forward to get your feedback upon our project implementation.</p>
	<p>A25: LIFT cannot comment on such requests during the procurement stage of the call. The deadline is as indicated in the CfP document for submission. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>Q26: 2: I am writing you regarding the recently launched call for proposals “Agriculture, Markets and Food Systems: Kachin and Northern Shan State 2019-2023” with reference CfP/LIFT/2019/3/KACHIN_NNS I would like to know if there is any specific eligibility requirement to be met by the lead-applicants or partners (e.g. be non-profit, have at least X years of experience, etc.) Thanks in advance for your kind assistance</p>
	<p>A26: There are no restrictions on eligibility other than the organization being able to legally operate in Myanmar and having all the requisite registrations/approvals, along with the response under A10 above.</p>