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Questions arising from LIFT's Call for Proposals: Support to the Seed Sector development in Ayeyarwady Delta

Deadline for written questions was 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2017

Answers from the 14<sup>th</sup> of June

1	<p>Q1: Could you please confirm the deadline of the proposal? In the call for proposal it lists June 30 as the deadline, however on page two it says July 10.</p> <p>A1: The deadline for proposal submission is <b>30 June 2017, noon (12H00)</b>. We've noted the error and uploaded the corrected version.</p> <p>See: <a href="http://www.lift-fund.org/sites/lift-fund.org/files/uploads/documents/Revised">http://www.lift-fund.org/sites/lift-fund.org/files/uploads/documents/Revised</a></p>
2	<p>Q2: In Annex 2 of the call for proposals it is stated that the proposal has to be submitted both electronically and in hard copy "as outlined in the main part of this call for proposals" (page 9); chapter 3 of the call for proposals (page 2) only mentions submission by e-mail. Question: do we have to submit a hard copy?</p> <p>A2: We confirm that you can choose to submit only <u>electronically</u> by mail to <a href="mailto:lift.proposals.mmoh@unops.org">lift.proposals.mmoh@unops.org</a></p>
3	<p>Q3a: What is the expected area of coverage/reach for the project? i.e. number of townships, specific areas within Ayeyarwady region?</p> <p>A 3: The target area is the Ayeyarwady region. The project will need to have a strong collaboration with the regional Department of Agriculture (DoA) in Patheingyi. Activities aiming to increase availability of certified seeds may focus on the lower part of the Delta where the certified seeds use is very low. There is no requirement regarding the number of townships, but justification for the townships proposed needs to be included in the proposal.</p>
4	<p>Q4: In the CfP it was mentioned that support to certified seed production and marketing should focus on the southern part of Ayeyarwady. Is the target area limited only to southern part of Ayeyarwady or can we propose other parts of Ayeyarwady? Is it eligible if we propose other townships such as Patheingyi, Myingyi, etc. for support to certified seed production and marketing?</p> <p>A4: The target area is not limited only to the southern part of the Ayeyarwady and other townships are eligible. However the forecast growth in the seed market would need to be strategically planned with a focused approach at the township</p>

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	<p>level. Please refer to the Seed Study <i>The Rice Seed Supply and Demand System in the Ayeyarwady Delta Myanmar</i> <a href="http://www.lift-fund.org/lift-seed-study">http://www.lift-fund.org/lift-seed-study</a></p> <p>Q4a: What is the indicative level of effort expected for each component of the proposal?</p> <p>Q 4b: Is there a preference for submission for projects that address all components? Or for projects that address separate components?</p> <p>A4a&amp;b: There is no indicative level of effort per component. Applicants can apply for one or more components according to their specific expertise.</p> <p>There is no preference for projects addressing all vs separate components.</p> <p>Applicants should demonstrate their specific expertise and proposed approach for each component they will address.</p>
5	<p>Q5: Is match funding required for the proposal?</p> <p>A5: Match funding is not required for this proposal, but the bidder can propose it.</p>
6	<p>Q6a: We would like to clarify if funds can be proposed for use for funding for all aspects of government activities (Government staff salaries, per diems, equipment, local township DOA start-up operations, etc.)</p> <p>Q6b: In relation to the first area of investment (component 1), i.e. support to DAR and DOA seed farm management and investment, the possible activities mention the development of an investment plan. Does the grant also allow reserving budget for actual investment in equipment?</p> <p>A6a&amp;b: As per the LIFT operational guidelines (see LIFT website), LIFT funding cannot be used to pay Government staff salaries. However, Government staff involved in the project can access project operation facilities (equipment, transportation, communication). Per diems are payable at the IPs' approved internal rates, and not higher than the rates approved by the UN Resident Coordinator (refer to the LIFT website).</p> <p>The applicant can choose to propose reserving budget for possible investment/co-investment (with regional government) in equipment.</p>
7	<p>Q7: Can the current LIFT Delta 3 implementing partners (IP) apply for this call on their current operating area only?</p> <p>A7: This is only possible under component 2: <i>Support to private sector and seed business development</i></p>
8	<p>Q8: Can the proposed project focus on knowledge sharing and technical capacity building of the seed sector stakeholder?</p> <p>A8: The applicant can choose to submit a proposal addressing such activities under</p>

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	the component 4: <i>Support to establishment of regional seed sector platform</i>
9	Q9: Since the project will need to have strong collaboration with DOA regional office, do we need to get cooperation agreement with DOA before submission of proposal? A9: A formal agreement with DoA is not required before submission of the proposal. Modalities of collaboration should be developed during the initial period of the project.
10	Q10: Can we provide incentives to seed grower farmers groups in the villages to improve quality seed development and marketing capacity? A10: Component 2 is addressing the <b>formal</b> private sector with incentives for marketing and branding. Incentives can be provided to seed growers groups based on sound business plans. Note that this component is not focusing on the production aspects but on the development of the seed business and marketing.

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