

**Partner Questions Arising from LIFT’s Call for Concept Note: Uplands Programme,**

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Land and water resources development_ (NRM)	
1	<p><i>In the Upland Programme Framework, page 11, under “Land and Water Resources Development”, it is mentioned that “It will also support investment in more sustainable management of land and water resources through improved water harvesting, small-scale storage, irrigation and drainage works, terracing, and contouring to increase the long-term productivity of the land.”</i></p> <p><i>Does it mean that including grants within the budget would be possible to support the water and land resources development?</i></p> <p>Grants may be considered for the support the water and land resources development, however, linking farmers and producers to finance is the preferred approach. The LIFT will be supporting increased financial services in the uplands through new partners selected under the earlier Financial Inclusion Call for Proposals.</p>
Rural Finance	
2	<p><i>Since the Call for Concept Notes addresses 6 components only, excluding Component 1 of Rural Finance, is an organization that mainly works on Rural Finance still eligible?</i></p> <p>LIFT launched the call for proposals on financial inclusion in February and the successful applicants have been approved.</p> <p>LIFT may consider additional work on financial inclusion where the necessary financial services are not available in the target area of a project and it is a necessity for the overall livelihoods and food security purpose of the project.</p> <p>Please also refer to question no. 6 in Questions and Answers from the Uplands Q&amp;A seminar.</p>
3	<p><i>The Upland Programme Framework mentions using LIFT’s ‘Vulnerability and Resilience Mapping Tools’ for vulnerability assessments. However, due to some organisations already having set approaches and tools in place, such as the Participatory Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments (PVCA) tool, is it possible to use this instead?</i></p> <p>The ‘Vulnerability and Resilience Mapping Tools’ was developed by SPPRG for LIFT for a specific vulnerability assessment. However, organisations are <i>not</i> limited to using this or any particular approach and may recommend options as they consider appropriate to their concept note.</p>
Budget	
4	<p><i>Would it be possible for you to give an indication of the number of grants you aim to allocate for each component/in total?</i></p> <p>The estimated allocation for each component was provided under the fund allocation</p>

	section on page 18 of the Uplands Programme Framework. The number off grants will be determined by the Call process.
5	<p><i>Would you be able to tell us what the minimum and maximum amount of funding is that agencies can apply for?</i></p> <p>No minimum or maximum is prescribed for concept notes. As detailed in the Call, Concept Notes should demonstrate value for money using the guidelines provided</p>
<b>Concept Note</b>	
6	<p><i>There is a 10 page limit for the main concept note. Is it OK if the main concept note includes the written description of the Theory of Change (ToC) but the diagram of the ToC is included in the Annexes?</i></p> <p>The Concept note includes written description of the Theory of Change and the diagram of the ToC can be included in Annexes.</p>
7	<p><i>Can the concept note be submitted in Myanmar language? If so, what format specifications are to be followed? (eg. File size 5MB, Time New Roman Font Size 12) .</i></p> <p>Yes, the concept note can be submitted in Myanmar language. File size should be same as in English, font can be either Zawgyi One (or) Myanmar 3 with size 16 (min). Number of pages prepared in Myanmar language should not exceed 15.</p>
<b>Others</b>	
8	<p><i>If two organisations decide to collaborate with one as lead applicant and one as a partner, if the partner organization is still eligible to partake/apply for the migration funding window?</i></p> <p>Yes, the partner organisations may also apply in their own right.</p>
9	<p><i>'Partners' refers to our current partners who we are engaged with at the moment (or) or can it also include partners who may be involved at the implementation stage?</i></p> <p>There is no limitation on the selection of partners.</p>
10	<p><i>Can training be included? Such as</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>* Training on development vision (individual, household, village levels – to discuss development concepts, identify issues, ways to address)</i></li> <li><i>* Training on project implementation ( project management and basic accounting)</i></li> <li><i>* Training on technical support during project implementation (eg. Agriculture, livestock breeding, other relevant skill development, arts and handicraft)</i></li> </ul> <p>Yes, training and capacity building may be feature of project design. These training subjects are potentially appropriate depending on the objectives of the project.</p>
	<p><i>Regarding with the components 2 and 4:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>* Is it possible to submit only one concept note if the project is to target Bhamo IDPs under Government Controlled Area (GCA)?</i></li> </ul>

*\* If the target population is focused on both IDPs in GCA and Non-IDP villages of Bhamo District, is it possible to submit only one concept note?*

Yes, one Concept Note could include both these target populations.