

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

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Questions received via email week 7-14 August, 2015	
1	<p><i>Due to the new needs of the Uplands areas affected by this year's intense flooding, can LIFT confirm that they would be open to projects building in a Needs Assessment phase at project start in order to fully understand the extent of recovery efforts, functioning of markets, infrastructure limitations, community coping strategies and government capacity?</i></p> <p>Please refer to answers on assessment tools of 23 July 2015. Applicants are not limited on the design approach for their concept notes. Concept notes should include the design approach most relevant to their proposed project. Needs assessment is an important part of project design. Where relevant concept notes should consider how floods or landslides have affected needs, especially for long term resilience.</p> <p>Needs assessment should be included in the proposal preparation phase of design, however if the design approach requires more detailed assessment on particular elements this can be included in the inception phase of the project.</p>
2	<p><i>Due to key staff being on annual summer leave our organization has been unable to submit a concept note for the LIFT Fund by the due date today. I was wondering if LIFT Fund will consider any requests for extension to this deadline.</i></p> <p>LIFT extended the Concept Note due date to assist applicants busy with flood assistance. An extension notice was uploaded on the LIFT website on 3 August 2015. <b>Concept note due date is Monday 24 August 2015, 10:00 Myanmar time (GMT+6:30)</b></p> <p>Read more at the website: <a href="http://www.lift-fund.org/news/flood-response-lift-extends-deadline-uplands-programme-call-concepts-notes">http://www.lift-fund.org/news/flood-response-lift-extends-deadline-uplands-programme-call-concepts-notes</a></p>