



Project Title

Enhancing community resilience to the impacts of climate change and natural hazards in Myanmar through Asset Creation and Livelihood program (CCA/DRR programme)

Focal Point

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Background Information

The UN World Food Programme (WFP) is the largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger globally, especially in Myanmar, the WFP has supported life-saving food assistance and livelihoods support to 2.5 million displaced and other vulnerable populations in conflict-affected areas in Myanmar in 2023. WFP's 2024–2025 interim Country Strategic Plan (iCSP) for Myanmar Country Office is a significant step forward on WFP's vision for saving life, changing life as it addresses food security, nutrition challenges and livelihood resilience.

In Myanmar, due to the military takeover since February 2021, the humanitarian situation has worsened with the high inflation on food prices, transport restrictions and subsequently, the burden on the daily basic food requirement of the vulnerable populations has accelerated. Additionally, extreme weather events like cyclone, heavy rainfall, drought and flood are causing degradation to the crop quality, productivity, market accessibility, damaging community/ household assets. A Myanmar food security analysis in September 2023 showed the acute food insecurity situation in Myanmar that approximately, 10.7 million people (19% of total population) are experiencing high levels of food insecurity. As per market monitoring by WFP, as of December, the cost of basic food basket was 80% higher than a year before (from 12\$ to 21.60\$).

These facts underscore the urgent need for comprehensive and targeted humanitarian interventions and resilience-building work to support marginalized and vulnerable populations in conflict-affected and chronically food insecure areas. WFP recognizes the importance of implementing a multi-sectoral, integrated and coordinated approach to tackle food and nutrition insecurity. The WFP's Asset Creation and Livelihood (ACL) activities through FFA is aiming to fill the gaps in social safety nets, resilience building and contribute to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2. The ACL programme empowers marginalized and vulnerable population groups to invest in their own livelihoods and communities as community-based disaster risk reduction actions with the creation of the assets that reduce the impact of shocks, increase food productivity and strengthen resilience to natural disasters while allowing beneficiaries to receive temporary employment and cash assistance.

For this specific project, WFP is inviting proposals from qualified and eligible organizations to implement the activities under its targeted operational areas. Proposed activities should aim to contribute to improvement of community resilience and enhance livelihood by creation or rehabilitation of assets, to increase food security and mitigate the climate change and disaster related risks. The activities need to address the alarming decline in agricultural production due to increased frequency and intensity of natural hazards and/or climate change impacts resulting in severe losses of incomes, higher levels of food insecurity, and poor living conditions in the most vulnerable people from WFP recommended (8) townships in Kachin, Sagaing and Mon state/regions.

In addition to the townships recommended by the WFP below, eligible organizations are granted the flexibility to propose projects in other townships across Myanmar where they feel interested



and confident in carrying out activities with good accessibility. WFP will assess partner interest in additional townships where proposed activities align with the program requirements described above, particularly focusing on addressing climate change impact and disaster risks.

State/ Region	Operational Area (Townships)
Mon	Bilin, Kyaikhto
Kachin	Mongaung, Mohnyin, Myitkyina,
Sagaing	Lahe, Lay Shi, Nanyun

Partner Eligibility Criteria

1. The NGO must be legally registered as an NGO in the country of operation.
2. The resources received under the FLA must not be used to provide support to terrorist entities or individuals (attach screen shot against UN sanctions list.)
3. NGO and its staff must adhere to the Principles of Partnership as endorsed by the Global Humanitarian Platform
4. NGO must not have been complicit in corrupt activities/ crimes against humanity.
5. The NGO will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, colour, sex, language, religion or political affiliation.
6. The organization must have a policy or code of conduct to safeguard against the violation and abuse of beneficiaries, including sexual exploitation and abuse.
7. The mandate and mission of partners necessarily need to be consistent with that of the UN.

Expected Results

- Adverse impacts of economic disruptions, gender inequality, and shocks on the welfare and livelihood of vulnerable people are eased.
- Food insecure women and men receive cash or food transfers to meet the basic food and nutrition needs of their households through asset creation activities.
- Community members benefit from creation and rehabilitation of assets in order to improve resilience against climate change impacts and disaster-related risks and to enhance livelihoods.
- Community members receive complementary training on proposed activities such as rural infrastructure, post- harvest loss management, environmental management, climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, nursery development, etc.
- Smallholder farmers receive technical advisory services such as sustainable climate-smart agriculture practices, improved adaption of agroforestry practices in high deforestation areas, climate smart agriculture training for women farmers, etc. to help them adapt to the impacts of climate changes and/or climate-induced hazards.
- Community members benefit from health and nutrition education to improve nutrition knowledge
- Improved financial literacy of the community members to manage their household income effectively.



Selection Criteria

1) Proven expertise and experience on sectoral/ thematic priorities (weight 40)

- Food Security and Livelihood
- Agriculture
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment
- Implementation of Cash for Assets Program
- Poverty targeting
- Gender mainstreaming
- Compliance with environmental & social safeguards
 - **Environmental and social** - the potential environmental and social risks and impacts of project outputs are anticipated to be minimal to minor
 - **Involuntary resettlement** - No involuntary land acquisition and involuntary resettlement expected
 - **Indigenous people** - Minority ethnic groups have improved access to markets, climate-smart assets and training.

2). Clarity of targeting (weight 20)

Description of targeting, outputs and how they will be achieved should be clearly articulated. Targeting activities must also be participatory and inclusive of all diversities. The Methodology of targeting on village tract/village level should be clearly mentioned under the scope of food insecurity, climate change impacts and disaster risk reduction.

3). Cost effectiveness (weight 20)

Clarity of the costing with required details, reasonable budgeting for detailed activities and value for money consideration. The value or money principle 4 Es: Economy, Efficiency, Effectiveness and Equity.

4). Proven local experience/ presence (weight 20)

Localized implementation experience and well-knowledge on local context, security risks, concerns, movements restriction, coordination and nature of ethnic groups. Implementation of the current program in the proposed area is preferable.

Target Group

- ✓ People who are vulnerable to food insecurity and climate and disaster related shocks and stresses, such as droughts, flooding, erosion or deforestation, etc.
- ✓ Vulnerable households with severe food shortage and no other source of income, Landless households, households who will be the users of the assets constructed and/or rehabilitated, household members who are unemployed

Modalities - Cash for Asset (CFA)

Eligible Type of Activities (CCA/DRR)

Eligibility Criteria for Projects Supporting Food security, Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction

Construction and/or rehabilitation of small-scale climate-and-disaster-resilient community and



agricultural assets (i) Irrigation and drainage canals (ii) flood protection dikes (iii) ponds (iv) terraced farmland management (v) rainwater collection tanks and (vi) farm roads and other assets and actions which are deemed to reduce disaster risks and climate change impacts.

Technical advisory services to help them adapt to climate change and/or

1. climate-induced hazards such as (i) sustainable climate-smart agriculture practices, (ii) improved adaption of agroforestry practices in high deforestation areas, agriculture training for women, etc.

In addition, the list of following prohibited activities shall not be funded under the project, and will be screened C out:

- ✓ Activities leading to involuntary resettlement, land acquisition and restrictions to land use; or activities involving voluntary land donation;
- ✓ Greenfield activities (new roads, long transmission lines for water, power);
- ✓ Activities impacting government-owned land, or linking, directly or indirectly, to government-owned assets;
- ✓ Activities with potential for adverse impacts on legally protected areas, critical habitats or physical cultural resources, including the activities located alongside the river;
- ✓ Use and promotion of synthetic chemical pesticides; and
- ✓ Activities involving significant quantities of hazardous substances, including (but not limited to) asbestos in any form.

Partner's Task and Responsibilities

- Targeting and beneficiary identification
- Nutrition education/ awareness and behavioral change communication activities whenever/ wherever relevant
- Protection sensitive and gender transformative approaches
- Conflict sensitive programme management, incl. community consultation on design and implementation
- Accountability to Affected Population (AAP) including a community engagement plan that is co-developed with the affected population and includes two-way community feedback mechanisms (CFM), access to timely and accurate information, and meaningful participation throughout the programme cycle. The plan and all related outputs must be inclusive and accessible to all diversities (including people with disability, women, children, illiterate persons, ethnic and sexual minorities, and other identified diversities).
- Monitoring of ESS implementation by staffs and project management committee in the field including the implemented mitigation measures to reduce the environmental and social risk impact identified during the risk screening of the activities and reporting of the status, especially on the accidents or incidents occurred during the activity's implementation.
- Monitoring and reporting including baseline data collection (disaggregated by sex, age, disability and other diversities, where possible)
- Maintaining data privacy and protection standards
- Any other complementary activities that will have a positive impact on the project



- Ensure supporting smallholder farmers and food systems strengthening with a gender sensitive and inclusion lens
- Enhance capacity strengthening on staff (including sub-contracted partners) as well as local community in key technical areas of Climate change adaptation, DRR, CBPP, SLP, gender mainstreaming, inclusion, and protection.

Procedure

Partners are requested to follow the proposal templates and guidelines adhering to the word limit. Please strictly use the budget template provided, rather than using previous formats. There are two zipped folders namely “1. Proposal Documents to be Completed by Partners” and “2. Document for Reference by Partners”. Documents contain in zipped folder 1 are to be completed by partners and to submit **in UNPP** before the deadline. Zipped folder 2 contains guiding principles for partners for reference in preparation of proposal document and to follow during the implementation. In UNPP, if you see system generated concept note template, please discard that one, using the proposal narrative template provided in the zipped folder suffice.

Deadline of the application:

Please post your proposal into UN Partner Portal (<https://www.unpartnerportal.org>) by **31-July-2024**. Since submission of proposal package is allowed through only UN Partner Portal Website, deadline for proposal submission is allowed up to the midnight of deadline and submission after deadline will not be allowed in UNPP.

Limitations

- Please note that the submission after the deadline will not be allowed in UNPP.
- Partners are requested to follow the call for proposal template and guidelines adhering to the word limit.
- Please note that the maximum size of the attachment submitted into UNPP should not exceed **25 Mb**.

Additional information request – if potential partners need additional information, please contact through UN Partner Portal within **7 days** after the commencement of call for proposal applying the “additional information request” tab in UNPP function.

Process and Timeline: Partners will have to develop a proposal on the coverage, implementation arrangement and submit a budget for the activities identified through Community Based Participatory Planning – CBPP. Partners will have **8 weeks** to conduct the CBPP exercise in the field and to develop the project narrative proposal together with budget calculation (templates are provided in UNPP). Focused project timeline is between 1-Oct-2024 to 30-Jun-2025.

WFP will appraise the capacity assessment and proposal selection will be done between 1-Aug-2024 to 9-Aug-2024 and the notification of **selection results** will be on 9-Aug-2024. WFP will **review and negotiate** for the selected proposal packages between 10-Aug-2024 to 31-Aug-2024. The proposal(s) with less negotiable flexibility will not be brought to the detailed review and not committed for FLA signing. The selected partners shall **prepare individual micro proposals** in parallel with budget negotiation and must submit the micro proposals not later than 31-Aug-2024. Between **1-Sep-2024 to 13-Sep-2024**, the review on individual micro proposals will be taken place by WFP while the hired third party organization will review on due diligence of micro proposals. **FLA signing** will be within the third week of September 2024. The expected commencement of activity is 1-Oct-2024. Please see detail in below table.



Description	Date	Where	Who
Call for Proposal	31-May-2024		WFP
Information Sharing session	5-Jun-2024	Teams/Zoom	WFP
Deadline for submission of Proposal	31-Jul-2024	In UNPP	Partner
Proposal Screening and Notification of Result to Partners	1-Aug-2024 to 9-Aug-2024		WFP
Negotiation for Proposal/Budget and Micro Proposal Preparation	10-Aug-2024 to 31-Aug-2024		WFP/Partner
Micro Proposal Submission		Email	Partner
Due Diligence Review for Micro Proposal (Third Party)	1-Sep-2024 to 13-Sep-2024		Third Party
FLA Signing	Third Week of Sep		WFP
Start Field Implementation	1-Oct-2024		Partner

Information session:

All partners will be invited to attend the information session to acquire the details of call for proposal, thematic priorities, parameters, procedure, and WFP shall facilitate questions and answers. Zoom/Teams Invitation will be circulated through email.

More information

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