



Livelihoods and Food Security Fund



CfP/LIFT/2018/5/Kachin

Questions arising from LIFT's Call for Proposals: Nutrition and decent work programmes benefitting vulnerable households in IDP camps and host communities in Kachin and northern Shan States.

The deadline for written questions was 21 November, 2018. Answers have been compiled and released on 23 November, 2018.

1	<p>Q1: I would like to know when applying for “CfP/LIFT/2018/5/Kachin” does the proposal have to cover all 4 mentioned components: Component 1: Nutrition; Component 2: Livelihood/decent work; Component 3: Safe migration and anti-trafficking; Component 4: Land tenure security</p> <p>Or is the call flexible on which and how many of the components are covered within one single application?</p>
	<p>A1: Proposals can include interventions for one or more of the components. (page 14 CfP)</p>
2	<p>Q2: Can an organisation submit more than one application? For example two separate applications for two different components and/or implementation modus?</p>
	<p>A2: One organisation can submit, as lead agency, only one application. However the same organisation can be a partner for an application from a different lead agency. The same organisation cannot be the lead for two applications.</p>
3	<p>Q3: Will be submissions with a focus on Northern Shan (Namtu Township) and temporary displaced persons and host communities are considered?</p>
	<p>A3: <i>“Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and host communities in Kachin and northern Shan are the main target for the programme: IDPs may be either inside or outside of camps. IDPs include persons, households and communities who face a history of regular displacement (either permanent or temporary) and who seek the security necessary to stabilise and improve their wellbeing. The programme also targets the receiving communities to help them manage the influx of new villagers, to support the development of the host communities and expand villages’ services and facilitate the newcomers’ integration.”</i> (page 16 CfP).</p> <p>The programme will target areas <u>where IDPs are currently located in number</u>, and access is allowed for operations.</p> <p>A key factor for selecting interventions will be the partner’s legitimacy to operate in the area</p>

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	rather than a specific location.
4	<p>Q4: I would like to request for some clarification about the CfP/LIFT/2018/5/Kachin call for proposals. The call focuses on IDPs (inside and outside of camps) and host communities in Kachin and northern Shan. We would like to receive some additional guidance on the relative budget that will be allocated to Kachin and northern Shan, and the relative target numbers (for Kachin vs northern Shan, IDPs vs host communities). That would help to better prioritise and target the intervention according to LIFT's expectations.</p> <p>A4: The overall budget allocated to this CfP is indicated as USD 9 million, for four components, with the indicative budget per component on page 18 of the CfP. There is no relative budget allocated to Kachin vs Shan or to IDPs vs host communities. However the <u>programme will target areas where IDPs are currently located and where access is allowed.</u></p>
5	<p>Q5: How many camps and communities is the project expected to work in?</p> <p>A5: There is no indicative number of camps or communities the project is expected to work in. The number of target population will depend on budget requested, applicant's capacity and legitimacy of the partner to work in the specific selected area. Value for Money considerations will be one of the main parameters to take into consideration when setting targets.</p>
6	<p>Q6: The call for proposal lists the following townships: Camps are located in Myitkyina and Bahmo, Mansi Momauk and Waingmau townships. In northern Shan, camps are located mostly in the Kutkai region. In the Palaung area. Is the project expected to work in all townships mentioned? Is the expectation that we work in both Kachin/Northern Shan?</p> <p>A6: The project should consider the indicative townships as areas where IDPs are located in number as per MIMU's latest data. One project is not expected to work in all townships mentioned or in both States. Applicants should select areas where they will have permission to access and where relationships with relevant stakeholders are built.</p>
7	<p>Q7: Is there an anticipated number of direct beneficiaries who should be targeted?</p> <p>A7: There is no anticipated number of beneficiaries that should be targeted. The number of beneficiaries will depend on budget allocated to specific components, the capacity of the applicant to deliver against planned outcomes and value for money.</p>
8	<p>Q8: What is the expected breakdown for beneficiaries between IDPs and host communities?</p> <p>A8: There is no expected breakdown between IDPs and host communities. The programme is expected to operate in areas where <u>IDP are located in number.</u> LIFT's future programming will</p>

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	<p>focus on four main shifts (see CfP page 3)” <i><u>LIFT will bring refugees and displaced people into the core of its development programmes by supporting the humanitarian to development transition and assisting displaced persons secure decent jobs and income”</u></i>.</p> <p>Interventions can be at three levels: households, community and system/policy level.</p> <p><i>“At community level, LIFT will seek to build positive relationships between displaced and host communities by <u>consistent inclusion of the two groups in programming</u> and by bringing different communities together over shared resources and interests, reducing inequalities in incomes and livelihood opportunities thereby enhancing <u>social cohesion</u>”</i> (see page 13 of CfP)</p>
9	<p>Q9: Are applicants eligible to submit or be part of multiple proposals (as lead or in consortiums)?</p> <p>A9: See A2.</p>
10	<p>Q10: Would LIFT prefer submissions to be for individual components or a package of components?</p> <p>A10: LIFT has no preference for individual vs package of components. Applicants are encouraged to apply for components where expertise is present. Gender, nutrition and conflict sensitivity should be mainstreamed in each component if not addressed directly.</p>
11	<p>Q11: Will funding of each component be awarded as 1 grant per component or will it be split?</p> <p>A11: Project proposals can address one or more components. Funding will be awarded per project proposal and not per component.</p>
12	<p>Q12: Is this a continuation of any ongoing LIFT programming?</p> <p>A12: LIFT’s presence in Kachin and northern Shan has been relatively limited to date with three projects under the LIFT Strategy 2014-2018 and the CfP for Upland and Financial Inclusion in 2015/16. The present CfP represents the transition to new LIFT programming 2019-23 with a strong focus on the four shifts. (see page 2 /3 of the CfP)</p>
13	<p>Q13: What level of overlap and coordination is expected between the different components? And is this expected at the proposal stage?</p>

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	<p>A13: There is no specific level of overlap expected. The level of overlap will depend on the targeting under each component. Nutrition is expected to be mainstreamed in all components if not addressed directly under the allocated component.</p>
14	<p>Q14 Page 14 in the ToRs states that “Proposals can include interventions for one or more of the components”. Could you please clarify whether the LIFT (and/or the Evaluation Committee) aims to award uniquely one consortium, or instead it is intended to grant different proposals?</p> <p>A14: There is no preference to award one consortium or different proposals. Applications will be evaluated according to the criteria presented in the CfP (page 25)</p>
15	<p>Q15: Following the statement, “Costs incurred at headquarters outside Myanmar will be only considered in exceptional cases and if directly related to the project”, could you please clarify which costs incurred at headquarters outside Myanmar would be eligible?</p> <p>A15: Any costs funded by LIFT can only be those that are directly related to the respective project implementation, and activities mentioned in the proposal. Up to of 6% of the direct costs incurred can be charged as indirect costs to cover overhead expenses. See section 3.4 of the LIFT operational guidelines for more information.</p>
16	<p>Q16: Is there any guideline or specific target numbers with respect to # of Returning IDPs and # of remaining IDPs in host communities?</p> <p>A16: There is no guideline or specific target in respect of returning vs remaining IDPs. Number of these categories will depend on the area of interventions.</p>
17	<p>Q17: If we write a proposal for multiple components, but LIFT only wants to fund select activities or components, is it possible that LIFT would pick specific activities or components to fund from the entire proposal? Or if LIFT does not want to fund the entire proposal, are all components rejected?</p> <p>A17: In general the quality of the entire proposal will be evaluated. In some cases LIFT could considers only parts of the proposal.</p>
18	<p>Q18: Duration says 3 years, but are interventions expected to last three years? Is there a minimum time for an intervention?</p> <p>A18: LIFT expects that the projects will be signed for a maximum of three years. The timeline for specific interventions within the project will be dependent on the nature of activities.</p>

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19	<p>Q19: How should the budget for components be completed if they are cross-cutting? For example, it states “The budget breakdown should clarify the total allocated budget for each component that the project will contribute to.” However, if the budget breakdown is needed per component, what about interventions that have cross-cutting themes? For example, in the nutrition component explanation it mentions the need for trafficking interventions under women’s empowerment. How should this be broken down into the component budgets? Does that go to Component 1 for nutrition or Component 3 for safe migration and anti-trafficking? What if activities, such as trainings or events, support multiple components?</p>
	<p>A19: In case of overlap, applicants should select the appropriate budget line according to the main component and message addressed by the intervention. With regards to gender mainstreaming, allocation of a dedicated budget line under each component is encouraged.</p>
20	<p>Q20: Would LIFT consider supporting male survivors of trafficking (all forms) as well, as this is also prevalent in the area?</p>
	<p>A20: Interventions supporting male survivors of trafficking will be eligible when relevant.</p>
21	<p>Q21: Page 16 “Cooperation, build cross-border cooperation and linked services for migrants and survivors of trafficking between Myanmar and China.” Is there further information that the fund could provide on this aspect of the CfP. Is there an expectation that actors on the Chinese side of the border would be engaged in this project?</p>
	<p>A21: Engagement with the Chinese side of the border is not a requirement. However, interventions that build cross-border cooperation between civil society organisations on providing legal assistance and other services to migrants and survivors of trafficking will be looked upon favourably.</p>
22	<p>Q22: Page 17 “Legitimacy to operate in the area rather than a specific location”. Is there an expectation that the lead applicant would have permission to operate in all of Kachin and all of NSS? And/or is it required that all partners on a submission have such permissions?</p>
	<p>A22: LIFT expects that all applicants (lead applicant and consortium members) for implementation activities have permission to operate in their respective proposed target area. Partners providing technical assistance to local partners may not require permissions, but will need to negotiate access to the area on ad hoc basis. Further, “International organisations with no presence in the target areas, but with relevant and demonstrated expertise in one of more of the programme components are encouraged to consider capacity building initiatives and technical backstopping for other partners operating in the field”(page 17 CfP)</p>

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<p>23</p>	<p>Q23: A number of our partners in NSS are ethnic civil society organizations who work in areas where non-signatory ethnic armed groups are present. These partners are providing crucial support to IDP and host community populations. We would like to confirm that such partners would be eligible for support through this grant.</p> <p>A23: These partners will be eligible where interventions proposed are relevant to the programme framework and priorities.</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>Q24: Does LIFT envision a percentage split of available funding divided between Kachin and NSS, or are the areas expected to be targeted as one whole?</p> <p>A24: There is no indicative percentage of funds allocate to each area. One state or both can be targeted.</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>Q25: The call for proposals document highlights a number of different target groups: Men (unskilled); married women; unmarried women; youths (adolescent boys and girls); and all of the above in host and IDP communities. Is there any prioritisation within this set of potential beneficiaries?</p> <p>A25: There is no prioritisation within this set of potential beneficiaries, and this will depend on the type of interventions proposed, under different components. Analysis of needs disaggregated for different categories of potential beneficiaries is needed.</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>Q26: The call for proposals highlights a number of different problems/deprivations, including: undernutrition; education (affordability); a range of protection issues (unsafe migration; domestic violence; poor living conditions; stress, etc); and gender issues. In terms of the overall goal of this programme, which of these do you consider should be a priority to address?</p> <p>A26: All issues addressed in the background section of the CfP document are relevant to the programme framework. Applicants are encouraged to prioritise mainly according to their field of expertise and possibilities of synergies and complementarities with other projects/programmes or partners in the target area.</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>Q27: What level of overlap would LIFT be expecting between beneficiaries of the different components (nutrition, decent work/livelihoods, safe migration, land tenure)? Would LIFT be expecting targeted groups to benefit from all components?</p> <p>A27: LIFT is not expecting any specific level of overlap between beneficiaries of different component.</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>Q28: Component 2 “Livelihoods and access to decent job opportunities”: The guidelines</p>

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	<p>explicitly mention life and livelihoods skills through vocational training as a focus of the programme. Considering that, in the prioritized geographic areas (IDPs areas), the labour market is such that job demand is not met by the offer, will the programme only focus on training/skills building or will it also enable to cover for costs associated to livelihoods and business development/expansion/diversification (e.g. through assets transfers, mentoring etc.)?</p> <p>A28: Interventions under component 2 can consider livelihood and business development/expansion and diversification when relevant, economically and socially viable and conducive to sustainable/durable livelihood improvements. <i>“Development of new skills and vocational training offerings for camp residents and host communities that will provide trainees with sufficient marketable skills to obtain a job or start a business. Integral parts of skills development are job matching services with private sector employers to support job placement in conditions of decent work.” (page 15 CfP)</i></p>
29	<p>Q29: Component 2: Would LIFT also consider the programme to include reintegrated Child Soldier among targeted groups to support them accessing decent work?</p> <p>A29: Yes ,where relevant to the specific context and type of intervention proposed and in line with the objectives of the CfP.</p>
30	<p>Q30: Component 3 “Safe migration and anti-trafficking”: A suggested activity is on capacity development for civil society organizations. Does it mean just technical capacity development or both technical and other organization development components?</p> <p>A30: The capacity building component for civil society includes both technical and organisational development components when relevant and with the objective to deliver benefits to the target beneficiaries.</p>
31	<p>A31: Component 3: Are the organisations identified for capacity development expected to implement the intervention?</p> <p>A31: There is no specific expectation with regards to implementation of interventions linked to capacity development. Different types of arrangements and implementation modalities need to be negotiated between partners in accordance with intervention expertise required and access to the target area.</p>
32	<p>Q32: Component 3: For the “information and service development on safe migration, labour rights and options for legal assistance”, can the implementer provide direct services including covering financial expenses for the victims of abuse and trafficking. In our experience, it is where the gap is.</p>

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A32: Yes, when the proposal is supported by a clear analysis and demonstrates filling clear gaps in the existing system.

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