



**CfP/LIFT/2020/1/Rakhine**

Questions arising from LIFT's Call for Concept Notes: LIFT Rakhine Programme

The deadline for written questions is on 18 December 2020. Answers are compiled and published on 22 December 2020.

1	<b>Q.1.</b> Is there a maximum USD amount for which applicants can apply?
	<b>A.1. There is no maximum USD amount set for which applicants can apply.</b>
2	<b>Q.2.</b> How is the total envelope divided up over the three Components?
	<b>A.2. There is no predefined budget allocation per component.</b>
3	<b>Q.3.</b> The awarding of 20% of the total budget in direct funding to local organisations is mentioned as a percentage of the whole programme (page 7) and also under Component 3 (page 15). Please can LIFT clarify which it is?
	<b>A.3. LIFT aims to award 20 percent of the overall total budget of this call in direct funding to local organizations.</b>
4	<b>Q.4.</b> Does the 20% funding to local organisations include funding received by local/national NGOs as part of a consortium with a lead INGO? Does LIFT anticipate supporting local partners through consortia?
	<b>A.4. LIFT aims to award 20 percent of the total budget of this call in <u>direct funding to local organisations</u>. LIFT has no position for or against consortia; LIFT would assume that consortia include local partners.</b>
5	<b>Q.5.</b> Can sub-partner organisations be included in more than one proposal?
	<b>A.5. Yes. Sub-partner organisations can be included in more than one proposal.</b>
6	<b>Q.6.</b> Can agencies submit more than one concept note?
	<b>A6. Yes. Agencies can submit more than one concept note.</b>
7	<p><b>Q.7.</b>  <b>Is there is any potential role or space for agricultural innovation to contribute to:</b>  <b>Component 1: Nutrition</b>            a) Supporting the food security sector and nutrition clusters; and, b) Interventions that contribute to women's empowerment, which directly impacts child nutrition and addresses a number of other nutrition pathways and barriers to wellbeing.</p> <p><b>Component 2. Decent Work and Labour mobility</b>            a) Improving working conditions in key economic sectors (if agriculture is part of the key sectors); and, b) Building resilience within key supply chains, with particular emphasis on women-owned and led businesses/networks/income generating activities.</p>



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	<p>Will agriculture, especially rice-based food system innovation be a key intervention theme for this new Rakhine Programme?</p>
	<p><b>A.7. LIFT has not predetermined any interventions as included or excluded. Applicants are expected to explain how the proposed intervention/s will contribute to the programme outcome/s, particularly under heading 2 of the concept note.</b></p>
8	<p><b>Q.8.</b> Please provide some additional information regarding the call that how much amount of budget an organization could apply in this call including the LIFT policies of the Administration cost or overhead charges of the total budget of the project?</p>
	<p><b>A.8. There is no maximum USD amount set for which applicants can apply. Indirect costs cannot exceed 6 per cent of the total direct costs. Direct and indirect costs are defined on page 10 of LIFT's Operational Guidelines available on LIFT website <a href="#">here</a> (English) and <a href="#">here</a> (Myanmar).</b></p>
9	<p><b>Q.9.</b> I am preparing a proposal for poor women and IDPs. In preparation of that proposal;  <b>1:</b> I am a bit confused about what to mention for "selected component(s) that the concept note responds to" in the title page. I assume myself that the proposal title responds to the Nutrition component because the activity can support the food security sector and nutrition clusters and contribute to women empowerment. Please confirm if this assumption matches or not.</p> <p>In the header of Program costs in the budget sheet, I am not clear with LIFT outputs:  <b>2:</b> Could you clarify what are output 1, 2 &amp; 3, please? And for the budget inception phase 1 and 2, may we need to change the periods accordingly?</p> <p><b>3:</b> And in the sub partner information sheet, I am not clear with "budget and expenditure" too. Does expenditure mean the operation cost, please?</p> <p><b>4:</b> For the indirect cost, do we need to mention for indirect cost 1,2,3? I am not clear with that. Is it for transportation and unforeseen costs?</p>
	<p><b>A.9.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>LIFT has three high-level outcomes (listed on page 4) and the Rakhine programme anticipates three components (listed on page 12). Applicants are expected to describe how the proposed intervention/s contribute to the programme outcome/s described in the call for concept notes.</b></li> <li><b>In their concept notes, applicants are expected to only submit a provisional cost breakdown at sub-heading level only. For programme costs, the sub-heading should be organized around the proposed outcomes. At this stage, there is no need to detail the inception phase budget.</b></li> <li><b>At this stage, there is no requirement to submit a sub-partner's budget. Applicants may however mention what percentage of the provisional cost breakdown would be managed by the sub-partner(s).</b></li> </ol>



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10	<p><b>Q.10.</b> Is there any budget ceiling amount for a specific proposal?</p>
	<p><b>A10.</b> There is no maximum amount set for which applicants can apply.</p>
11	<p><b>Q.11</b> Is there any link that we can learn about the sample approved proposal and budget plan? Or could you share a sample of approved proposals?</p>
	<p><b>A.11.</b> Concept notes should be structured according to the headings described in Annex 2 of the call for concept notes. In the Estimated budget and value for money section of the concept note, applicants are expected to include a provisional costs breakdown down to sub-heading level only (e.g. 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 etc), based on LIFT budget template. See LIFT budget template on <a href="#">LIFT website</a> .</p>
12	<p><b>Q.12.</b> Are there budget ceilings (minimum and maximum value) for the proposal?</p>
	<p><b>A.12.</b> There is no minimum or maximum USD amount set for which applicants can apply.</p>
13	<p><b>Q.13.</b> Should Research and Policy Engagement be part of the concept note or consider a separate contract?</p>
	<p><b>A13.</b> Research and Policy Engagement can be included in the concept note.</p>
14	<p><b>Q.14.</b> How many grants to be contracted under the call?</p>
	<p><b>A.14.</b> There is no predefined number of grants to be contracted under this call.</p>
15	<p><b>Q.15.</b> Is 20% of grant direct contract to local NGO or CSO?</p>
	<p><b>A.15.</b> LIFT aims to award 20 percent of the total budget of this call in <u>direct funding to local organisations</u>. This includes local NGO and CSO.</p>
16	<p><b>Q.16.</b> We are interested to apply for this call for concept notes. What is the maximum grant limit?</p>
	<p><b>A.16.</b> There is no maximum USD amount set for which applicants can apply.</p>
17	<p><b>Q.17.</b> Would the LIFT board consider any of the following costs eligible in this call:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Study trips to a neighbouring country for private sector partners.</li> <li>2. Interest free loans to purchase plant equipment.</li> <li>3. A contribution to subsidize plant equipment.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>A.17.</b></p>



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1. LIFT funds **cannot** be used for international travels to conferences, training, workshops or any other activity outside the country directly related to project implementation. Please refer to LIFT operational guidelines [here](#).

2. & 3. Yes. As LIFT's budget is limited, however, LIFT encourages applicants to link their interventions and support with available financial institutions in the targeted implementation areas.



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