

## **Invitation to Submit Proposals for Capacity Building Sub-Projects**

Your organization was recommended by the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)-Capacity Building on REDD+ for Forest Dependent Indigenous Peoples in East Asia Pacific (EAP) and South Asia Regions (SAR) Project to submit a sub- project proposal for possible funding. The amount you can apply should not exceed *US\$50,000* for a duration of not more than *15 months* inclusive of completion, finance and audit reports preparation and submission.

The objective of the project is to strengthen the knowledge of targeted forest-dependent indigenous peoples<sup>1</sup> on REDD+ Readiness, thereby allowing them to increase their participation in REDD+ processes at the national level and strengthen knowledge exchange at the regional level. Specifically, proposed capacity building activities on REDD+ should be undertaken by indigenous peoples' organizations that will strengthen communities and effectively engage governments at local and national levels.

### **Activities should enable participants to:**

- Understand the phenomenon and impacts of climate change on indigenous peoples and their communities, including the issues of land tenure, land/forest management, non-carbon benefits, carbon accounting/Monitoring Reporting and Verification, locally-based sustainable livelihoods, and governance issues in the context of REDD+ Readiness;
- Understand the REDD+ mechanism, including its threats and opportunities for indigenous peoples, and allow communities to voice their concerns and objectives;
- Realize indigenous peoples' respective roles and responsibilities related to climate change mitigation and adaptation through sustainable management of forests and other resources;
- Participate in REDD+ processes, including: consultations conducted by governments through readiness activities and ER program design, national Strategic Environmental and Social Assessments (SESAs), Safeguards Information Systems (SIS), and community-level monitoring and reporting;
- Affirm the need for a rights-based and ecosystem approach to climate change;
- Conduct monitoring of national REDD+ activities; and

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<sup>1</sup> The World Bank Operational Policy on Indigenous Peoples describes the term "Indigenous Peoples" in a generic sense to refer to a distinct, vulnerable, social and cultural group possessing the following characteristics in varying degrees: (a) self-identification as members of a distinct indigenous cultural group and recognition of this identity by others; (b) collective attachment to geographically distinct habitats or ancestral territories in the project area and to the natural resources in these habitats and territories; (c) customary cultural, economic, social, or political institutions that are separate from those of the dominant society and culture; and (d) an indigenous language, often different from the official language of the country or region. A group that has lost "collective attachment to geographically distinct habitats or ancestral territories in the project area" because of forced severance remains eligible for coverage under this policy. Ascertaining whether a particular group is considered as "Indigenous Peoples" for the purpose of this policy may require a technical judgment. For more information

- Determine the ways forward vis-à-vis REDD+ and other international processes and measures.

**When applying, applicant organizations should provide proof of:** (a) their legal registration status in the country where activities will be carried out; (b) the extent of representation of relevant forest-dependent indigenous peoples and previous direct work with indigenous peoples' communities; (c) experience in work on REDD+ and related strategies, and/or issues related to forestry; (d) technical, financial management (including an organizational bank account), procurement, M&E and reporting and safeguards compliance capacities that would allow timely implementation and reporting; (e) ability to communicate with Tebtebba, network with national and regional partners, and communicate with targeted communities in relevant languages; and (f) the existence of a grievance redress mechanism in place and the organization's capacity to address grievances.

**General criteria for sub-project proposals:** Proposed activities are to be implemented in eligible FCPF Country Participant (Bhutan, Fiji, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Vietnam) for the benefit of forest-dependent indigenous peoples; and activities are to be designed by networks or organizations of forest-dependent indigenous peoples or are explicitly endorsed by the proposing networks/organizations.

**The eligibility criteria for sub-project proposals are:**

- a. The main focus of the capacity building activities (activities under Sub-Component 1) is on strengthening the knowledge of targeted forest-dependent indigenous peoples on REDD+ Readiness at the national level and a description of the methodology for the planned activities is included in the proposal;
- b. Activities reinforce national REDD+ Readiness efforts;
- c. Activities are aligned with the relevant country's agreed engagement strategies with the World Bank (see links below);
- d. Activities include national capacity building workshops in line with related initiatives on REDD+ in the country; in this regards, it is highly recommended that applicant organizations share their proposal with their respective REDD+ focal point for feedback before sending their proposal to Tebtebba.
- e. Activities may include capacity building to improve existing indigenous peoples' traditional livelihoods.
- f. The proposal ensures active and proportionate participation of forest-dependent indigenous women and youth (including scheduling of meetings that take account of restrictions on women's time and travel for cultural and workload reasons), and includes activities that build women and youth's capacity and awareness in appropriate methods; and
- g. Proposals show how the support will be leveraged to attract additional financial support (cash and/or in-kind).

Proposals are also expected to allocate a portion of the funding to facilitate dialogue between

indigenous peoples' organizations and institutions with the respective REDD+ focal point, FCPF indigenous peoples observers, and local and national government offices engaged in REDD+ (activities under sub-component 1.2).

Importantly, all actions are to be conducted in culturally appropriate languages respecting the rights, traditional and culture of targeted forest-dependent communities and their rights to free, prior and informed consultation leading to broad community support in accordance to the World Bank Operational Policy on Indigenous Peoples, OP 4.10.

#### Selection Process

1. All the submitted sub-project proposals will be forwarded by Tebtebba to an independent Regional Steering Committee (RSC) comprising representatives from the East Asia and Pacific and South Asia regions selected by stakeholders, and from the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) for review and ranking based on the above eligibility criteria for activities and organizations;
2. The RSC will communicate the prioritized sub-project proposals to Tebtebba;
3. Tebtebba will conduct a technical review of the prioritized proposals and a due diligence on the proposing indigenous peoples' organizations;
4. Tebtebba will approve a final list of eligible proposals and informs the RSC;
5. Tebtebba will seek World Bank no objection on the list of approved proposals
6. As part of the review and approval process, the World Bank will seek no-objection from the respective countries' ministries of finance; and
7. Following the World Bank no objection, Tebtebba will inform applicants of the results of the selection, and finalize and sign a Sub-Recipient Agreement with the selected indigenous organizations.

Enclosed is a Sub-project Application Form. Your proposal must be received by Tebtebba not later than **5:00 PM Philippine time, 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2017**. You can send your proposal through email ([h.valdez@tebtebba.org](mailto:h.valdez@tebtebba.org) or [bong@tebtebba.org](mailto:bong@tebtebba.org)), facsimile (+6374-4439459) or fast courier to Tebtebba Foundation, #1 Roman Ayson Road, Campo Filipino, Baguio City 2600, Philippines. For any questions, please call Helen Valdez at +6374-4447703 or send an email to [h.valdez@tebtebba.org](mailto:h.valdez@tebtebba.org).

Yours truly,



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For more information on the project, please visit

<http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/docsearch/projects/P153585>

For more information on Tebtebba, please visit <http://tebtebba.org/>

For more information on World Bank Policy OP 4.10, please visit

<https://policies.worldbank.org/sites/ppf3/PPFDocuments/090224b08230184e.pdf>

For information on countries' engagement strategies with the World Bank, please visit:

Bhutan: <http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/612871468205491416/Bhutan-Country-partnership-strategy-for-the-period-FY2015-19>

Fiji: <http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/653091468333012994/Fiji-Country-engagement-note-for-the-period-FY2015-2017>

Pakistan: <http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/886791468083329310/Pakistan-Country-partnership-strategy-for-the-period-FY2015-19>

Papua New Guinea: <http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/617181468284668152/Papua-New-Guinea-Country-partnership-strategy-for-the-period-FY2013-2016>

Vanuatu (Pacific Regional Strategy):

<http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/797421468774275109/Pacific-regional-strategy>

Vietnam: <http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/849061468133768943/Vietnam-Country-partnership-strategy-for-the-period-FY12-FY16>