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Safe Food System
Transitions



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Agro-ecology Learning alliance in South East Asia

SMALL GRANT FACILITY

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Overall objective

This small grant call is to strengthen **ALiSEA members and its partners** on three major topics in support to agroecology transition in the Sub-Mekong Region.

Specific objectives of this small grant are:

- To strengthen partnerships between the ALiSEA members and encourage joint actions;
- To reinforce members' skills through building partnership with non-members;
- To broaden the network efforts of inclusiveness, representativeness of the variety of stakeholders in agriculture and food systems.

Results of call 2022

Topic	Organization	Title of Proposals	Location	Period	Country
3	CLICK	Revealing sustainable agro ecological practices and food systems result in livelihood implement, food and nutrition security in ethnical mountainours areas: Case study of Khao Kai Noy GI farming system in Xiengkhouang provice	All provinces	18 months	Laos
2	CDEA	Promotion of renewable energy into agriculture post-harvesting for smallholders	Vientiane province	18 months	Laos
2	HEKS	Research and demonstration of climate-resilient and agro-ecological cashew nuts production	Kampot & Kompong Thom Provinces	18 months	Cambodia
3	ECOLAND	Multidimensional Evaluation of Agroecological (MuLAgE)	Battambang Province	12 months	Cambodia

Results of call 2022

Topic	Organization	Title of Proposals	Location	Period	Country
2	CGFED	Strengthening community capacity in monitoring pesticides use and promoting agroecology- FOR A NON-TOXIC ENVIRONMENT	Nam Dinh province	12 months	Vietnam
2	SPERI	Supporting the transition towards more diversified farming system by developing experimental cultivation of native medicinal herbs and edible herbs on upland farming areas	Kon Tum province	14 months	Vietnam
2	CARES	Eco-weed control: a participatory experimentation PGS organic vegetable farms.	Hanoi & Hoa Binh provinces	12 months	Vietnam

SMALL GRANT FACILITY 2022: Topic

- 1. Assess the impact and effect of public policy supporting agroecology and food systems**
- 2. Test and support agroecological innovations (technical, organizational and institutional)**
- 3. Evaluation of the performances and impacts of agricultural and food system**

SMALL GRANT FACILITY 2023: Topic

- 1. Support and improve market access for Agroecology Products**
- 2. Link field experience in Agroecology and Food Systems to Public Policy framework**
- 3. Empower and strengthen Youth involvement in Agroecology**

Topic N°1: Support and improve market access for Agroecology Products

To Addresses the lack of market access for agroecological products, the need to move beyond creating niche markets and the crucial leverage effect of market linkage to support the development of agroecology.

To create or strengthen sustainable markets for agroecological products, in a holistic way, by providing mechanisms that could support producers to better respond to market demands, gain better access to domestic markets.

To enable farmers to sell more reliably and better quality to consumers and at more remunerative prices. More specifically

Examples:

- Fostering connections between value chain actors for fair, trust-based and transparent collaborations.
- Supporting farmers' organizations to improve products quality and traceability in order to guarantee reliable products for consumers.
- Raising consumer awareness of agroecological products in a way as to increase demand.

Topic N°2: Link field experience in Agroecology and Food Systems to Public Policy framework

The public policies are essential drivers to enable changes towards more sustainable agriculture and food systems and remain fragile and insufficiently enforced and implemented to trigger wider agroecological transition at all levels.

To strengthen ALiSEA members as recognized contributors to national and regional policy dialogue debates.

To highlight the impacts of the agroecological transition and to push policy-makers toward integrating more agroecological practices in policies.

Examples:

- Develop, pilot and document community-based practices which, through their positive impacts, involve local authorities, help to raise awareness among policy makers at different levels (local, province, national, regional) and contribute to wider adoption of agroecology in their policies.
- Undertake comparative analyses of the impacts of implementation and enforcement of agroecology-related policies between different countries in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region.

Topic N°3: Empower and strengthen Youth involvement in Agroecology

To address the declining interest of the younger generation in farming and the limited involvement of youth in agroecology.

To encourage youths in understanding, applying, and benefiting from innovative agroecology farming and approaches.

Examples:

- Supporting exchanges, networking and capacity building for and between young farmers.
- Supporting the development and implementation of agricultural and food innovations by young farmers.
- Raising awareness among youth and their families to improve knowledge of agroecology and increase their adoption.

Expected outputs

1. Produce **one case study report** following a specific template;
2. Brief **narrative and financial report** will be expected (template for this will also be provided);
3. Develop **at least two knowledge products to capture the approach, the lessons learned and results of the grant**. For this, the format is more flexible and shall be relevant to topic of the small grant: it could be additional case studies reports, policy paper, video, communication to conferences, etc.;
4. Participate to at least **two lessons-sharing and cross-learning events** (webinar, exchange visit etc.) as part of the Small Grant Monitoring Process.

These lessons-sharing and cross-learning events aim, notably, **to enrich debates at local, national and regional levels within ALiSEA network and with flagship actors**;

Various of the above grants expected outputs will feed **the ALiSEA/ASSET Knowledge Hub** and will support dissemination of the knowledge produced.

Applicant

The Lead applicant must:

- Be a member of the ALiSEA Network
- Have at least six months of seniority in the ALiSEA Network and
- Be an organization (individuals are ineligible)
- Be directly in charge of planning, implementing and managing the action
- Be able to lead the entire action with the consortium and not be an intermediary
- Be able to justify all the costs spent under the action

Applicants must apply via a consortium.

- A minimum of two co-applicants (organizations) is required.
- No maximum number of co-applicants (organizations) in the consortium.

Budget: size of the grants

Any grant application budget under this call must fall between the following minimum and maximum amounts with proper justification regarding the expected expenses in relation to the proposed work:

- Minimum amount: 15,000 Euros (Fifteen thousand euros)
- Maximum amount: 18,000 Euros (Eighteen thousand euros)

The total amount made available for the calls for this 2023 calls for proposal is one hundred sixty thousand euros (160,000.00 € which includes 40,000 € funding from Uni4Coop targeting Cambodia only).

Nine (9) initiatives will be rewarded, including two (2) grants funded by Uni4Coop through DPA in Cambodia and seven(7)grants funded by the ASSET project through GRET

Budget: Number of Grants

Country	Number of Grants for 2023	Number of Grants awarded on 2022	Total Number of Grants
Cambodia	3	2	5
Lao PDR	3	2	5
Vietnam	2	3	5
Thailand	1	0	1

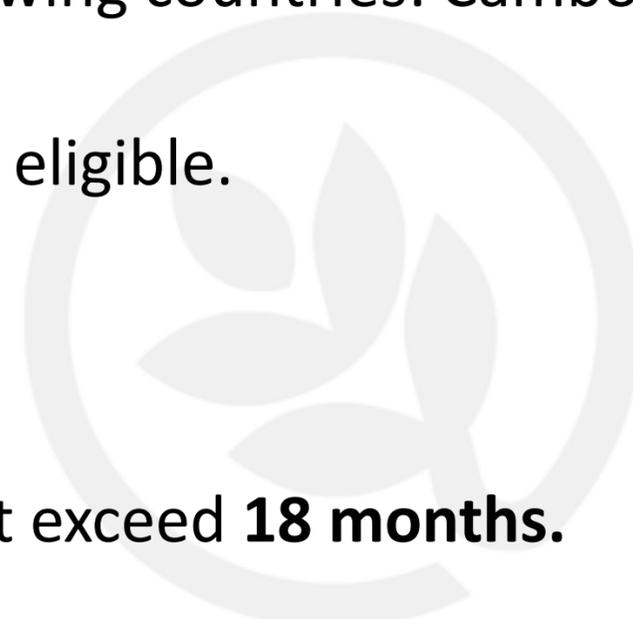
Myanmar Grants will be retained for direct ALiSEA activities implementation in 2023

Budget: Instructions for completing the detailed budget

- **Staff costs section:** this section covers the salary and insurance costs of the staff employed by the applicants and co-applicants (NOT external service providers). A separate budget line must be used for each staff. The total staff costs should not exceed 40% of the total budget.
- **Activities costs section:** refers to all the operational cost of the proposed project (workshop, training, per diem for field mission, communication (translation, printing, editing), external service provider etc.)
- **Local Transport costs section:** refers to the travel cost (gasoline, bus, vehicle rental etc.)
- **Equipment costs selection:** refers to the purchase of goods for (communication tools: tripod, microphone, SD card, agricultural inputs)
- **Overheads:** a maximum of 10% of the grant may be used for overheads (office rental, offices services: electricity, internet, water, supporting staff etc.).

Geographical location for 2023 & implementation period

- Actions must take place in the following countries: Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam.
- All provinces of these countries are eligible.
- Multi-country consortia are eligible
- The small grant duration should not exceed **18 months**.



13 Principles of Agroecology

No	Principles
1	Recycling: Preferentially use local renewable resources and close as far as possible resource cycles of nutrients and biomass.
2	Input reduction. Reduce or eliminate dependency on purchased inputs and increase self-sufficiency.
3	Soil health: Secure and enhance soil health and functioning for improved plant growth, particularly by managing organic matter and enhancing soil biological activity.
4	Animal health: Ensure animal health and welfare.
5	Biodiversity: Maintain and enhance diversity of species, functional diversity and genetic resources and thereby maintain overall agroecosystem biodiversity in time and space at field, farm and landscape scales.
6	Synergy: Enhance positive ecological interaction, synergy, integration and complementarity amongst the elements of agroecosystems (animals, crops, trees, soil and water).
7	Economic diversification. Diversify on-farm incomes by ensuring that small-scale farmers have greater financial independence and value addition opportunities while enabling them to respond to demand from consumers.

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8	Co-creation of knowledge: Enhance co-creation and horizontal sharing of knowledge including local and scientific innovation, especially through farmer-to-farmer exchange.
9	Social values and diets: Build food systems based on the culture, identity, tradition, social and gender equity of local communities that provide healthy, diversified, seasonally and culturally appropriate diets
10	Fairness: Support dignified and robust livelihoods for all actors engaged in food systems, especially small-scale food producers, based on fair trade, fair employment and fair treatment of intellectual property rights
11	Connectivity: Ensure proximity and confidence between producers and consumers through promotion of fair and short distribution networks and by re-embedding food systems in to local economies.
12	Land and natural resource governance: Strengthen institutional arrangements to improve, including the recognition and support of family farmers, smallholders and peasant food producers as sustainable managers of natural and genetic resources.
13	Participation: Encourage social organization and greater participation in decision-making by food producers and consumers to support decentralized governance and local adaptive management of agricultural and food systems.

Criteria of selection

N°	Criteria	Note max.
1	Topic and partnership relevance of the proposal	15
1.1	Relevance of the proposal with the topic	5
1.2	Relevance of the proposal with the 13 Principles of Agroecology and its contribution	5
1.3	The proposal broadens the network efforts of inclusiveness, representativeness of the variety of stakeholders in agriculture and food systems.	5
2	Technical offer review	45
2.1	Analysis and understanding of the context and main challenges	5
2.2	Clarity of the methodology and objectives	10
2.3	The proposal aims to strengthen partnerships between the ALiSEA members and/or ASSET members and/or relevant non-members engaged in Agroecology	5
2.4	Relevance of the expected outputs	5
2.5	Relevance and feasibility of the project activities	10
2.6	Analysis of potential risks and relevancy of short mitigation plan	5
2.7	Sharing & dissemination of the findings lesson learnt from the proposed project	5

Criteria of selection

3	Consortium: Experience of the lead applicant, Team composition Partnership	25
3.1	Experience of the lead applicant in line with the topic	5
3.2	Action/Research or Research for Development experience (references and previous works)	5
3.3	Knowledge of the intervention target area (previous work, past experiences...)	5
3.4	Technical skills and competencies of the team	5
3.5	Relevance, efficiency and added value of the partnership	5
4	Work plan & Budget	15
4.1	Time frame and flexibility of the planning proposed	5
4.2	Activities appropriately reflected in the budget	5
4.3	Realistic budget and timeline based on the proposed research/project topic	5
	TOTAL	100



Organization's Administrative Information

Full Name of the organization	
Acronym	
Organization registered or whose operational address (office, secretariat...) is located in a red zone city?	
Telephone	
Website	
Contact of the focal person for this project	Name; Position; Email
Full name of director	
Date of creation	
Legal status	
Full name of president	
List of management board members (chairman, treasurer, director, etc.)	



Organization's Administrative Information

Organization's corporate purpose	
Main areas of intervention and target beneficiaries	
Number of employees and volunteers	
Total annual budget in euros	
Main donors	
Audit of organization accounts	
Name of auditor	
Name of accounting software	
Membership of networks, federations, collectives, etc.	
Nature and location of project activities	
Reference Project N1	Donors; Partners; Total budget; Budget under own management.
Reference Project N2	Donors; Partners; Total budget; Budget under own management.
Reference Project N3	Donors; Partners; Total budget; Budget under own management.

Indicative Timeline for the call 2023

	DATE
Open the call for small grant	02/08/2023
VIETNAM Morning: information session on guidelines and templates Afternoon: Proposal writing session	1 session per day from 15/08/2023
LAO PDR Morning: information session on guidelines and templates Afternoon: Proposal writing session	1 session per day from 16/08/2023
CAMBODIA Morning: information session on guidelines and templates Afternoon: Proposal writing session	1 session per day from 17/08/2023
Deadline for submission of applications	16/10/2023
Information to lead applicants full proposal non-selected for the evaluation round 1	17/11/2023
Information to lead applicants to full proposal selected and non-selected for the evaluation round 2	20/12/2023
Notification of award	10/01/2024

Deadline for submission and How to Apply

The deadline for submission of the full application including detailed budget is **Monday 16th October 2023**.

To apply for this call the lead applicants need to:

- To submit the full proposal, detailed budget and Organization's administrative information (included an official registration documents of the organization, organization chart, fulfilled the organization's administrative information sheet and consortium agreement between the lead applicant and the co applicants (one page joint-venture)) **at the same time;**
- To submit online via this link: <https://ee.humanitarianresponse.info/x/eJhiN7Zb>
- In case of technical issues, please contact Mr. Tik Lathsakit at this email: lathsakit.laos@gret.org

All documents must be submitted in English.

GRANT AGREEMENT

Main point

- **Supporting documents**

- ✓ The Beneficiary is responsible for archiving original supporting documents during five (5) years after the end of the project and for making them available for any verification upon specific request from GRET.

- **Auditing**

- ✓ As part of ASSET annual audit, small grant expenditures might be included

- **Installments payments**

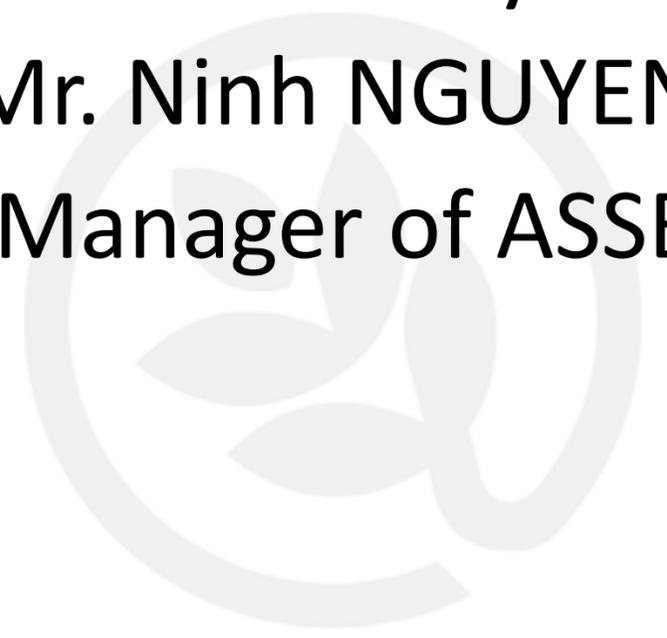
- ✓ First installment (~ 40% of the total sum) at the **signature of the Agreement and submitted request for pre-financing payment by bank transfer;**

- ✓ Second installment: (~ 30% of the total sum) after the submission of the intermediate narrative and financial reports and submitted request for pre-financing payment by bank transfer;

- ✓ Final payment (~ 30% **of the total sum**) **after the final report and other deliverables (case study report and evidences of the participant to at least two (2) knowledge products)** are submitted by Beneficiary and approved by GRET **and request for payment.**

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