



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) FROM CSO/NGO

1. OBJECTIVE

This is a Request for Information (RFI) from national CSOs/NGOs for potential partnership with UNDP in delivering outputs for Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project (CRIWMP) requiring expertise and experience in local level planning and social mobilization; local planning, rehabilitation of village irrigation systems, Community water supply, disaster risk reduction, livelihood development, and promoting eco-friendly agriculture.

2. INFORMATION REQUESTED

Interested CSOs/NGOs are requested to fill out the below questionnaire, attaching all supporting documentation where specifically requested.

Please note that attachments should be provided to support each answer to the questions. All questions must be answered directly and clearly. Extraneous information that are not directly responding to the questions will only constrain the ability of UNDP to positively assess the CSO/NGO's alignment with UNDP requirements.

All CSOs/NGOs whose information are found to be consistent with UNDP programme needs will be sent a subsequent questionnaire to enable UNDP to conduct a Capacity Assessment. Based on the results of this Capacity Assessment Checklist (CACHE), UNDP will determine if the CSO/NGO may or may not be placed on a roster, for rapid engagement when required.

A copy of the CACHE is attached **for information only**. **Please do not submit the CACHE form at this stage.**

Topic	Areas of Inquiry/ Supporting documentation	Response
1. Proscribed organizations	<i>1. Is the CSO/NGO listed in the UN's list of proscribed organizations, UNDP Vendor Sanctions List, or indicted by the International or National Criminal Court?</i> <i>2. Is the CSO/NGO banned by any other institution/governments? If, yes, please provide information regarding the institution/Government and reasons.</i>	
2. Legal status and Bank Account	<i>1. Does the CSO/NGO have a legal capacity to operate in Sri Lanka, and does it comply with the legal requirements of the country to</i>	

	<p><i>register and operate as NGO/CSO? <u>Please provide copies of all relevant documents evidencing legality of operations.</u></i></p> <p><i>2. Does the CSO/NGO have a bank account? (Please Submit proof indicating latest date)</i></p>	
3. Certification/ Accreditation	<p><i>Is the CSO/NGO certified in accordance with any international or local standards (e.g., ISO), such as in:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership and Managerial Skills • Project Management • Financial Management • Organizational standards and procedures • Other 	
4. Date of Establishment and Organizational Background	<p><i>1. When was the CSO/NGO established?</i></p> <p><i>2. How has the CSO/NGO evolved since its establishment? (no more than 2 paragraphs)</i></p> <p><i>3. Who are your main donor/ partners?</i></p> <p><i>4. Please provide a list of all entities that the CSO/NGO may have an affiliation with.</i></p> <p><i>6. In how many divisional secretariat divisions/districts/provinces do you have capacity to operate in? Please provide a complete list and indicate the size of the offices in each location.</i></p>	
5. Mandate and constituency	<p><i>1. What is the CSO/NGO's primary advocacy / purpose for existence?</i></p> <p><i>2. What is the CSO/NGO's mandate, vision, and purpose? (no more than 2 paragraphs)</i></p> <p><i>3. Is the CSO/NGO officially designated to represent any specific constituency?</i></p>	
6. Areas of Expertise	<p><i>1. Does the CSO/NGO have expertise in any of the key areas identified above in this RFI?</i></p> <p><i>2. What other areas of expertise does the CSO/NGO have?</i></p>	

7. Financial Position and Sustainability	<p>1. <i>What was the CSO/NGO's total financial delivery in the preceding 2 years? Please provide audited financial statements for the last 2 years. If audited financial statements are not available, please provide an explanation regarding why it is not possible to obtain them.</i></p> <p>2. <i>What is the CSO/NGO's actual and projected inflow of financial resources for the current and the following year?</i></p> <p>3. <i>Please provide a list of projects with description, duration, location and budget over the past 2 years (arrange from biggest budget to the lowest).</i></p>	
8. Public Transparency	<p>1. <i>What documents are publicly available?</i></p> <p>2. <i>How can these documents be accessed? (Pls provide links if web-based)</i></p>	
9. Partnerships with CBOs	<p>1. <i>Do you currently, or have in the past, been involved in a formal alliance with CBOs in the targeted project districts?</i></p> <p>2. <i>Do you have a formal alliance with other CSOs/NGOs? If yes, pls. identify and provide details.</i></p>	

3. CLOSING DATE

A completed RFI with requested attachments must be electronically delivered as a single document preferably in PDF format to:

procurement.lk@undp.org
Subject: RFI/GCF/01/2017

They should be received no later than 2.00pm on 27th January 2017 .

Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project (CRIWMP)

Background

The Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment (MMDE) with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme and in collaboration with the Department of National Planning (NPD), Ministry Irrigation and Water Management (MIWM) Ministry of Agriculture (MA), Ministry of City Planning and Water Supply and Ministry of Disaster Management, secured financing from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to implement a USD 38.1 million project aimed at strengthening the resilience of Smallholder farmers in the dry Zone to climate variability and extreme events.

This Project will support the Government to implement integrated solutions to water management in three river basins in the Dry Zone of Sri Lanka, namely; Mi Oya, Yan Oya, and Malwathu Oya. Seven districts (Kurunegala, Puttalam, Anuradhapura, Vavuniya, Mannar, Polonnaruwa and Trincomalee) will be covered under the Project. The Project aims to achieve higher levels of food, livelihoods and water security for flood and drought affected poor communities. GCF resources will be invested in improving access to irrigation and eco-system based agricultural practices, improved community managed drinking water infrastructure, scaling up decentralized drinking water systems and strengthening early warning, forecasting and climate advisories to protect farmers, particularly women from climate related impacts.

The Project will benefit 750,000 people living in the three river basins directly through investments in irrigation, drinking water and disaster risk management. Moreover, around 770,000 people living in these districts will indirectly benefit from the project interventions in capacities and early warning systems. Under this Project, which will be implemented from 2017 to 2024 UNDP will work with a number of government institutions to deliver the Project outputs and activities and measures its impacts.

The Project covers three key components:

1. Component 1: Climate resilient investment to rehabilitate small tank-based cascading systems and related infrastructure and facilitate sustainable, climate-proof agricultural practices in targeted areas
2. Component 2: Investments to increase access to and quality of drinking water in remote and rural areas through a multi-pronged partnership approach that seeks to replenish sources, build storage, purify contaminated water and address root causes of water quality issues
3. Component 3: Improve community access to timely early warning for flood and drought to avoid losses and impacts on key livelihood assets. This includes the generation, coding, modelling, dissemination and access to weather related data/knowledge including advise and early warning.

The Project implementation modality includes a Project Management Unit established under the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment with the Project Director, A Deputy Project Director

responsible for project implementation in the three river basins, Project Accountant and other project staff and field offices established in the project area. UNDP as the responsible party for Project assurance will provide technical assistance to implement the Project.

The project, which will be implemented from 2017 to 2024 will engage multiple stakeholders at national and local levels. This includes relevant government agencies who are responsible parties to the project and provincial agencies; divisional secretariats; agrarian service centers; farmer organizations; community based organizations; including women organizations; private sector; and NGOs to implement and monitor project impact. The project specifically targets women and youth groups in planning, implementation, maintenance, and monitoring of project investments.

The project intends to work with civil society organizations in targeted districts to enhance the resilience of small-holder farmers through strengthened District and field level coordination of project activities; Local level planning and social mobilization; Building community and stakeholder awareness on climate change impacts and climate change adaptation measures promoted under the Project; mobilizing communities to engage in development of rural infrastructure, including rehabilitation of village irrigation infrastructure and community water supply; Promoting climate smart agriculture and creating market linkages; and Disaster preparedness and response planning for climate change induced disasters.