

PROJECT:
Modernization of Vocational Education and Training (VET) system related to agriculture in Georgia (VET Phase 2)

Call for Proposals – SELECTION OF REGIONAL NGOS OR A COALITION OF REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SYSTEM OF HIGH-QUALITY VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND EXTENSION SERVICES IN AGRICULTURE THAT WILL RESULT IN IMPROVED LIVELIHOODS OF THE RURAL POPULATION

Pre-Bid Conference Minutes

27 May 2019

11:00 – 12:00

Project Office, 7 Mtskheta Str., Tbilisi, Georgia

Attendees Present:

	Name:	Organization
1	Konstantine Kobakhidze	UNDP
2	Mariam Begiashvili	UNDP
3	Tamar Sanikidze	UNDP
4	Beka Urushadze	HEKS-EPER
5	Tamar Elbakidze	"Abkhazintercont" (AIC)
6	Koba Gurgenidze	Union "Samkaro"
7	Ondrej Nádvorník	People in Need (PIN)

Mr. Konstantine Kobakhidze, UNDP, presented the background for the Call for Proposals for the Regional Support Program and emphasized the main focus areas for the program, including the strengthening of extension services in Georgia as well as working with Farmers' Consulting Boards where farmers are directly involved in identifying their own needs. In addition, Ms. Tamar Sanikidze, UNDP, emphasized the importance of short-term training/retraining program development and implementation as well as the role of the selected organization in supporting this process. Cheese Master program that was developed in the previous phase of the project will have to be implemented during the mentioned call period by the selected NGOs. Ms. Tamar Sanikidze expects the applicant organizations to provide vision and ideas on how to engage both public and private partners in extension development (PPP models). Piloting of the Monitoring & Evaluation scheme (developed by FAO) is also one of the components of the proposed call.

Questions and Answers Session

- 1. Are the topics for short-term training/retraining programs identified and agreed upfront?**
Topics for short-term training/retraining programs will be identified based on farmers' needs and in compliance with the Agricultural and Rural Strategy of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia (MEPA).
- 2. What is the approximate budget for this call?**
The budget must be realistic, including market prices for relevant services. There is no budget cap disclosed for this call for proposals.
- 3. Is there a mandatory co-funding requirement included in the call?**
UNDP welcomes the co-funding opportunities; however, it is not a mandatory requirement in the case of this Call.
- 4. How will the selected organization support the ideas coming from Farmers' Consulting Boards?**
Technical or financial support may be provided by the selected organization to help implement the Boards' ideas under the outcome of strengthening Farmers' Consulting Boards.
- 5. Can applicant organizations have access to the reports on Racha pilot study from the previous phase of the project?**
Yes, if requested, Racha pilot study report will be shared with all interested organizations via e-mail.
- 6. In the previous phase of the project, which organization was selected as a partner organization in the Racha region?**
"Abkhazintercont" (AIC) was the partner organization in the Racha region during the first phase of the project.

Signatures:

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Agriculture and Farming Specialist

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