United Nations Development Programme

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Small Grants Programme

Global ICCA Support Initiative (GSI)

**COVID-19 support to Local Communities Conserved Areas (ICCAs) in *Jordan***

Deadline (28/2/2021)

**Objectives**

Phase 2 of the Global ICCA Support Initiative (GSI) has been extended to provide support to territories and areas conserved by local communities (ICCAs), with a focus on forty-five (45) countries participating in the GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP), implemented by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The ICCA GSI is funded by the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the German Federal Ministry of the Environment and Nuclear Safety (BMU).

In alignment with the SGP Country Programme Strategy (CPS) in *Jordan* for the SGP 7th Operational Phase (OP7) running from 2020-2024 and relevant National COVID-19 Response and Recovery Plan, applications from qualified organisations are invited to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. National and local civil society organisations (including community-based organisations, NGOs) are encouraged to apply based on the list of eligible criteria presented below.

| **ICCA-GSI thematic categories** | **COVID-19 response: examples** |
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| Communication and lessons sharing through culturally appropriate means | Translating and communicating medical and sanitary information on COVID-19 into local and vernacular languages. |
| Food production systems: agroecology and agroforestry | Strengthening sustainable and biodiversity-friendly food production systems in ICCAs focused on agroecology and agroforestry techniques. |
| Sustainable and well governed wildlife consumption | Promotion of sustainable and regulated wildlife consumption through good governance, customary regulation, and awareness raising. |
| Prevention of zoonoses and future pandemics | Strengthening of ICCAs to provide barriers for zoonotic disease transmission and habitat conservation through reduced fragmentation. |
| Transmission of traditional medical knowledge | Documentation and transmission of sustainable techniques for harvesting, quality control, and transmission of traditional medicinal practices. |
| Territorial mapping and demarcation for self-isolation and conservation | Mapping and demarcation to increase territorial zoning, self-isolation procedures, buffer zones and defence of conserved areas. |
| Deployment of traditional knowledge of fire control and management | Techniques to control bushfires (adapted to different savannah, forest and other ecosystems) leading to green recovery and employment opportunities. |
| Local bio-circular economy approaches based on reciprocity | Income-generation activities, reciprocal food exchange networks, community-based ecotourism-based ventures, provision of food to at-risk populations, locally-made personal protective equipment. |

**Criteria**

Civil society organizations (CSOs) wishing to apply to the ICCA COVID-19 initiative will be expected to submit an application in line with the prevailing socio-economic, cultural and sanitary context of the COVID-19 pandemic in *Jordan*.

Individual ICCA COVID-19 projects will be expected to last for a **duration** **up to 18 months** and to have a maximum budget of **US$50,000**. All proposals will be reviewed and approved by the SGP National Steering Committee (NSC). The organisation will compile a **plan of action** to respond to the COVID-19 crisis affecting either individual or multiple ICCAs in *Jordan*. As part of the submission, the applicant must include the following elements:

1. A **work plan** and **justified budget** about when and how it will take action to fulfil an appropriate combination of activities, indicating but not limited to: (i) overall context on the specific ICCA, or group of ICCAs; (ii) information on previous grants and partnerships to strengthen the ICCAs; (iii) proposed activities to be undertaken to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. The list of **expected activities** and **timing of delivery for a period of up to 18 months,** starting in early 2021 through to mid-2023, should be in line with and respond to the SGP OP7 Country Programme Strategy in *Jordan*. The applicant will be expected to work closely with the SGP National Coordinator (NC) in *Jordan*, as well as other partners such as the national ICCA network and/or global ICCA Consortium.
3. Details on the **specific experience and capacities of the applicant civil society organisation**, including with respect to (i) community-based conservation; (ii) facilitation of networks and joint learning; (iii) monitoring and evaluation of conservation and/or governance initiatives; and (iv) capacity to work with spatial and monitoring data.

**Qualifications**

* Demonstrated commitment to protect and defend territories and areas conserved by local communities ([ICCAs](https://www.iccaconsortium.org/));
* Knowledge and awareness of biodiversity conservation efforts at the national level;
* Experience in organizing and hosting consultations and capacity development activities with local communities;
* Capacity to produce high quality written reports according to deadlines;
* Familiarity with key issues related to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), especially as they relate to local communities, considered an advantage

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