



Call for Concept Notes of Project Proposals to SDC's Global Programme Food Security

Introduction

The SDC Global Programme Food Security (GPFS) is in the process of complementing its programme portfolio according to its strategy 2010 – 2015. Therefore, we are looking for short concept notes of project proposals fulfilling the below listed criteria. The call is divided into six lots according to the core issues of the GPFS strategy. To get a well balanced portfolio one project proposal for each of the core issues 1 to 5 and two project proposals within core issue 6 will be considered for funding. These figures are only indicative and can vary depending on the budgets and quality of the proposed concept notes.

Content of concept notes

- Clear statement of the core issue and entry point of the GPFS strategy 2010-2015 (www.sdc-ruraldevelopment.ch) into which the project proposal fits
- Proposal is relevant at global level or is implemented in a context that allows for testing, replication, up scaling and/or mainstreaming in the next 5 years
- The budget should indicatively range between CHF 300'000 and 500'000 per year
- Duration of the intervention max 2 phases of up to 3 years each
- Project should deliver expected outcomes in 3 (max 5) years
- Synergies and complementarities to existing SDC financed programmes are welcome
- Also contributions to projects together with other donors and/or contributions to ongoing projects are eligible
- The call is for development projects that fit the conditions outlined. The submission of pure research projects is discouraged.

Format of concept notes for project proposals

- Maximum 4 pages (please no annexes or links to further documentation)
- Description of the project with working hypothesis and expected results to be achieved within 3 to 5 years
- Description of expertise/capacity and the institution's network in the thematic field of the project proposal
- Description of direct and indirect partners and beneficiaries
- Assessment indicating opportunities and risks
- Budget specifying personnel, material, travelling (transport, board and lodging), and other costs
- A maximum of 2 concepts notes per institution can be submitted

Selection criteria (and weighting)

- Demonstrated thematic expertise/capacity and institutional network in the fields of the GPFS strategy's core issue into which the project proposal fits (25%)
- Relation of costs to expected outcomes of the project proposal (25%)
- Complementarity to existing GPFS portfolio (20%)
- Probability of success of the intervention, innovation potential, and selectivity (20%)
- Potential for diversifying the range of GPFS partners (10%)

Next steps

- 1 July 2011: Deadline for submission of concept notes by email to gpfs@deza.admin.ch
- 12 July 2011: Notification of GPFS staff to the authors if the concept note has been selected for further appraisal
- 21 July 2011: The authors of the max. 15 selected concept notes present their project to a selection committee at SDC in Bern (the same selection criteria as for the concept notes apply)
- From August 2011: Development of a full project document to be financed by SDC subject to approval by SDC's Operational Committee

Deadline for submission: 1 July 2011

Submission of concept notes to: gpfs@deza.admin.ch

For further information see: www.simap.ch