

Clarifications #1:

GUIDELINES ON CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO APPLY FOR YELLOW SEA GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE UNDP/GEF YELLOW SEA LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEM PHASE II PROJECT

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To Whom it May Concern,

Please see below a request for clarification received for this Call for Proposal, as well as UNOPS answers.

1. Question: Looking at the guidelines for the YS Small Grant Program, it states that the application is open to an organization of any of the following types that can legally operate in mainland PR China. This means that it will be difficult for an organization based in ROK to apply for the funds since they will not likely have registered in China. How would the grant work in this case?
Answer: PR China and RO Korea are the two participating countries in the UNDP/GEF YSLME Phase II Project, with China as the only eligible country to use the grant. This implies that the project cannot support on-the-ground activities in RO Korea implemented by organizations registered in either PR China or RO Korea. In the case of PR China, Law of the People's Republic of China on Administration of Activities of Overseas Nongovernmental Organizations in the Mainland of China requires the certification of overseas NGOs to work in PR China, and therefore Korean non-for-profit organizations must meet this requirement at the time of application for grants to work in PR China. Yet according to Article 16 of this Law, overseas NGOs that have not established representative offices but need to conduct temporary activities in the mainland of China shall do so in cooperation with State organs, people's organizations, public institutions and social organizations. This means that a Korean organization can only join a Chinese organization in a consortium with the Chinese organization as the principal applicant to apply for the grant. We understand under this circumstance the preparation of the joint proposal might take longer time with the tight deadline and therefore we have a plan to launch a second call to give more time for these collaborators to prepare the documents. YSLME II Project office can provide assistance in finding partners in PR China through our network.
2. Question: Would it be okay for one organization/association/institution/university to serve as the leading applicant and for another organization/association/institution/university to serve as a technical supporter?
Answer: Yes. A joint proposal can be submitted to apply for the fund under scope 4. The cooperation arrangements should be specified in the relevant sections of application document.
3. Question: Could we consider introducing more tools on top of integrated multi-trophic aquaculture (IMTA). We understand that IMTA is a great model and we plan to promote it wherever feasible. But we are also aware that IMTA has spatial and market limitations as any other good tools and models. Therefore we would like to introduce complementary science and market-based tools (such as the globally recognized Aquaculture Steward Council responsible aquaculture standards) to encourage and guide the wider Yellow Sea mariculture and seafood enterprises to assume more environmental and social responsibilities. Would like to double check whether this idea is a found-able one.
Answer: Environmental and social responsibilities are key considerations in aquaculture sector and therefore can be supported so long as the designed activities can contribute in a measurable way to the reduction of nitrogen and other nutrients in the aquaculture area. Such activities may include the preparation of training modules, organization of trainings, support to monitoring the environmental performance of applied tools, promotional activities, etc.

4. Question: Understand the Grant can cover Personnel (staff) cost of the applicants. Is there any recommended "cap" in terms of amount or percentage of the total funding applied?
Answer: There is no cap on the amount of staff costs in the project proposal. However, the Grant Review Committee will use a set of criteria specified in the Guidelines to assess the strength and cost effectiveness of any proposal.

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