



According to the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2022 report, as many as 828 million people go to bed hungry every night, and the number of those facing acute food insecurity has soared from 135 million to 345 million since 2019. In addition, 49 million people in 49 countries are teetering on the edge of famine.¹ The drivers of acute hunger are rooted in multi-layer crises, including climate change, natural disasters, conflict, the COVID-19 pandemic, and food and fertilizer supply chain impacts resulting from the Russian-



- iii. PO-led projects are implemented directly by the PO, in partnership with a Supervising Entity (SE) select



For GAFSP, the definition of a PO includes national and sub-national POs association, union, federation, cooperative, or apex organization



The Call will finance medium- to long-term interventions that are context-specific and aim to increase

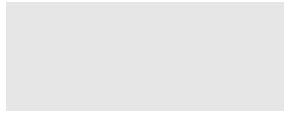


The GAFSP CU will not make any grant available for proposal preparation for this PO-Call. The PO or SE will cover proposal preparation costs or both as mutually agreed upon. These costs will not be reimbursed if the project is not approved.

The Proposal Template is organized into three sections. Proposals will be scored based on all three sections and their respective weightings.

Table 2: Selection Criteria and Weighting

| | Weight | Source |
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| Project Description | 40% | <p>The proposed project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clearly describes and is likely to achieve satisfactory development outcomes in terms of effectiveness and sustainability; is context-specific and addresses the needs of smallholder farmers expressed through their PO; clearly presents how it will upscale activity(-ies) implemented or recently closed by the PO and provides relevant track records scaled up; Includes activities that support capacity building and strengthening governance, administrative, fiduciary, technical, and/or operational capacities of POs; delineates an effective and cost-efficient set of activities; proposes activities that show measurable outcomes responding to identified needs and address medium- to long-term crisis response and recovery that is relevant in the local context; provides evidence that the proposed project would be instrumental in the achievement of food security for the project beneficiaries. |
| Thematic Areas | 20% | <p>The proposed project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> revolves around one of the three GAFSP thematic areas; identifies and addresses climate risks (adaptation and/or mitigation) to build long-term resilience; identifies the need for, and addresses gender equality and analysis and monitoring. |
| Operational readiness to implement (Including PO readiness - assessed through information shared in the PO-EOI part 1) | 40% | <p>The proposed project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is ready to be implemented with the proposed project projects in a timely and effective manner; includes a clear description of the implementation arrangements between the PO and the SE for project implementation, including fund flow and procurement; |





Disclosure: Successful proposal documentation will be publicly disclosed. If the proposal documentation

