

LMP Program

Call for Innovation Grants

CF Bangladesh

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Background

The LMP innovation grants (IG) aim to support the development and testing of innovations in extension services with the aim of better reaching small producers and providing them with better services.

In this perspective, **innovation is perceived** as a product, idea or approach that adds value or solves a problem in new ways. Value addition in the sense of empowering the rural poor to overcome poverty. New forms in the meaning of new context, scale, domain, discipline, or line of business.

Innovations may be related to mechanisms for the delivery of extension services to small producers, how to link them with other stakeholders or with appropriate technologies. In essence, the innovations supported by the grant should reflect or lead to direct benefits for small producers.

The **main objective** of the IG is to stimulate innovation in extension and therefore the IG can be used as a contribution to a wider initiative funded through other sources.

IG are competitive, which means that several member organizations of the Country Fora (CF) those who are the members of BAEN or potential organizations interested to be a member of BAEN will apply for grants and only the best proposals will be awarded. Grants shall be unique and shall focus on temporary projects specific to the duration of the innovation. For this **round of the year 2022, in Bangladesh a total of USD 15,000 is available to finance (two) 2 projects of USD\$7500 each, whose duration will not be greater than 12 months** (between the signing of the agreement and the receipt of reports and results).

Schedule & Procedures

1. Issuance of the Call for Proposals	15 June 2022
2. Final deadline for submission of applications	7 July 2022
3. Application Eligibility Assessment	18 July 2022
4. Review of eligible applications and approval of awarded applications (Technical Review Team) ¹	25 July 2022
5. Announcement of winners	28 July 2022
6. Signing of agreement	7 August 2022

- **Proposals:** proposals must be submitted in the format presented in Annex 1. The final deadline for the receipt of proposals is that established in point 2 of the schedule and they must be sent by email to ashokebau@gmail.com; dryounusali1972@gmail.com; with a copy to the LMP coordinator of the BAEN, afzalhb1062@gmail.com; Receipt of each proposal will be acknowledged with an email confirmation.
- **Clarification questions submitted by applicants:** applicants can send questions by email on issues related to the application (ashokebau@gmail.com; dryounusali1972@gmail.com; and with a copy to the coordinator the CF afzalhb1062@gmail.com; or call over the phone **01791459730, 01720516804, 01716500276**; until one day before of the deadline mentioned in point 2 of the schedule. The answers to all the questions will be sent by email or over phone to the people who sought the answers.
- **Evaluation, review, and approval of proposals:** proposals that are incomplete or received after the mentioned date will not be taken into consideration. The technical review team will review eligible applications. Applications will be evaluated according to predefined criteria according to the evaluation guideline (Annex 2).
- **Announcement of winners:** for reasons of transparency, information on both awarded and unawarded applications will be announced to all the applicants, as well as published in BAEN website (www.baenbd.org). The deadline is mentioned in point 5 of the schedule.
- **Signing agreement:** an agreement will be signed between the Country Fora (CF-BAEN), and the winner of the IG where the procedure is formalized. BAEN will be responsible for disbursing the funds in accordance with the items budgeted in the proposal.

Grant Fund Management

The Grantor, will operate the grant fund by disbursing the amounts in accordance with the approved budget. That is, the entire prize will not be given to the winner, but the expenses will be paid directly. The grant agreement will detail the requirements for this operation.

Eligibility Criteria

In the LMP Innovation Fund scheme the **recipient**, the organization receiving the fund, are actors related to extension services, in particular consortia of organizations. The **grantor**, the granting entity, is the CF (with support from the AESA). Like the rest of the project activities, BAEN will be the **administrator** of the IG resources based on a work plan and budget established in the selected proposal.

Requirements for IG Recipients:

- Eligible organizations must be formal organizations; individuals are not eligible as recipients.
- Eligible organizations must be active and related to agricultural extension services.
- Applicant must become an active member of the CF/BAEN or those who are interested to be a member of BAEN. The awarded organization must be a member of BAEN before agreement signing.
- It is sought that the applications come from consortia of organizations to promote alliances (public sector, private sector, civil society, producers' organizations, etc.). In exceptional cases, a single organization may receive an IG.
- If Eligible organization has an ongoing innovative project which need more fund to complete the project activities successfully can also apply for IG.

Application of consortia

As indicated above, the IG aims to stimulate collaboration between parties involved in extension services, in particular public-private partnerships (PPPs), in the production of innovations for the strengthening of extension services. Therefore, applications from consortia of organizations will be favored. The consortium applying must designate one of its members as the main partner (an organization that is a member of the CF and or are interested to be a member of CF/BAEN). The main partner has the following functions:

- acts as an intermediary in the interaction between the consortium and the grantor
- will be the interlocutor to coordinate and guarantee the correct management of the grant funds
- ensures reporting on progress and achievements
- collaborates in the subsequent dissemination of innovation among CF members where appropriate.

Annex 1: LMP Innovation Grant(IG) Application Form

Innovation information

Name or title of the proposal

[One or maximum two lines]

Brief description of the innovation

[Express in one para (max 5 lines) what the proposed innovation is about]

Objectives of the innovation:

Focus area(s)

[Name of the area(s) in which innovation is concerned; e.g. training, methods of service delivery/communication, agricultural technologies, etc.]

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Problem Statement

[Describe what constraints innovation will address and why these constraints are restricting the provision of appropriate service delivery to smallholders]

Output of the innovation:

Proposed innovation

[Describe what exactly this innovation is all about; highlight what is new or unique]

Target group

[Describe who will directly benefit from the innovation, indicate the number of people who will benefit directly and what these benefits are (what will change for the target people); if available disaggregate the information for men, women, and young people]

Relevance

[Describe the importance of innovation in strengthening the provision of appropriate agricultural extension and advisory services to smallholders; please consider the aspects listed below where relevant and/or mention others.]

Reaching smallholder farmers *[how smallholders are best reached; if possible, estimate the number of smallholder families]*

Benefiting young people and women producers *[how they are benefiting in particular and add value to producers by gender]*

Sustainable agriculture *[how innovation will contribute to viable and more environmentally friendly agriculture]*

Use by other stakeholders of the Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services(EAS) *[what are the prospects that the innovation will be used by stakeholders in the country not participating in the project.]*

Sustainability

[Briefly describe how the use of innovation will continue after the awarded project ends]

Information about applicants

Name of the Member(s)

Number	Address	Contact person(s)	Contact details (phone, email)	Sector of activity ¹	Member of the BAEN/CF (yes/no)
Lead Partner					
[Name]					
Associate Partners					
[Name]					
[Name]					
[Name]					
[Name]					

¹ For example: delivery of agricultural extension and advisory services(EAS), training/teaching, supply of inputs, processing, communication

Contribution of the Partner(s)

[Describe for each of the partners their role in the project]

Lead Partner [Name]:

Associate Partner 1: [Name]:

Associate Partner 2: [Name]:

[Add partners if necessary]

Implementation

Process

[Describe how innovation will be launched.]

Outputs, expected results and indicators

[You can make chart or table]

Work plan

[Specify the activities to be carried out, the calendar and the partners involved]. At most it can last 12 months.

Activity	Duration of the activity (weeks)	Implementation period (months)	Key partners involved



<i>[add lines if necessary]</i>			

Resources

Project budget

Activity	Budget line ²	Costs (local currency)	Change rate	Costs (USD)
total				

If an activity involves several items, they must be disaggregated (for example, a workshop may involve the cost of a facilitator, the rental of the premises, food, lodging, etc.)

Project Financing Plan

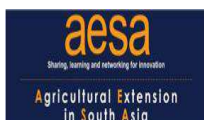
Source of funding	Attribution (Local currency)	Change rate	Contribution (USD)
Amount of LMP funds requested (Innovation Fund):			
Financial contribution from the lead partner (if applicable)			
Financial contribution from partner partners (if applicable)			
Partner (name)			
Partner (name)			
Partner (name)			
total			

In-kind contribution to the project

[If the applicant from other consortium partners provides a contribution in kind, please mention it in the table below. It is very important to value non-monetary contributions, for example coordination time or students, classrooms, etc.]

Contributing organization	Type of contribution in kind
Lead Partner [Name]	
Associate Partners	
[Name]	
[Name]	
[Name]	

² Available budget lines: 1. Consultants and specialists, 2. Goods, Services (incl. communication tools), 3. Materials and supplies, 4. Travel and per diem 5. Events (workshops, trainings, venue, etc. It does not include payments to professionals).



In case the Innovation Grant is a contribution to a wider initiative to promote innovation in Agricultural Extension and advisory services, please indicate the costs covered through the IG in the budget table and mention the overall budget and funding below.

The Innovation Fund as a contribution to a wider initiative

Total initiative budget: (USD)

Amount requested in this proposal: (USD)

