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PISCCA 2022-2023 CALL FOR PROJECTS 2023

PISCCA stands for *Civil Society Innovative Projects and Stakeholder Coalitions* (**Projets innovants de la société civile et coalitions d'acteurs** in French).

It is a grant programme funded by the French Embassy in Lao PDR for Lao civil society organisations (CSOs).

PISCCA aims to fund small-scale projects and development initiatives that contribute to strengthening civil society in Lao PDR and promoting social, economic and environmental rights.

This call for projects is open to sustainable agricultural development projects until 13/01/2023 included.

1. MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE PISCCA PROGRAMME

- To contribute to Lao PDR's development objectives.
- To improve the living conditions and resilience of vulnerable populations.
- To promote local initiatives and strengthen capacities of civil society organisations.
- To encourage the involvement of youth and women in the design and implementation of projects.
- To foster networking and synergies between stakeholders.

Priority to the most vulnerable and marginalised populations

The French Embassy in Lao PDR wishes to develop the principles of inclusion, non-discrimination, non-stigmatisation, equality and equity, thus giving priority to the most vulnerable and marginalised populations, namely women, young people, children, rural populations located in remote areas, ethnic groups, migrants, people affected by epidemics or diseases, people with physical or mental disabilities.

PISCCA aims to promote initiatives by or for the benefit of vulnerable populations, in order to encourage their participation, representation and empowerment.

Gender and youth mainstreaming

Priority will be given to associations with an institutional gender strategy and to projects that contribute to the socio-economic inclusion of women and/or to the strengthening of their access to their rights.

Priority will also be given to projects involving Lao youth in the implementation of activities (students, volunteers, young professionals) or proposing activities in which young people will be the main beneficiaries.

Particular attention will be paid to the definition of gender indicators and the collection of disaggregated data (gender, age, etc.).

2. FIELDS OF INTERVENTION

The projects submitted must fall within one or more of the following fields of intervention:

- Development of sustainable agricultural practices.
- Sustainable management of forests and non-timber forest products.
- Strengthening of the organisation and quality of agricultural sectors.
- Efficient and sustainable agro-ecological practices from an economic, social and environmental point of view.
- Inclusive, sustainable and resilient agricultural practices.
- Integrated, systemic and unified approach to animal, environmental and human health at local level (One Health).
- Structuring of civil society organisations implementing development projects in the above mentioned fields of intervention.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligible organisations include only:

- Non-profit organisations (NPAs) registered locally or awaiting registration under Lao law (in the latter case, the grant may be paid, with its agreement, to the partner NGO).
- Consortia of CSOs with a lead organisation.
- Registered foundations.
- Civil society coalitions mentoring local associations with a lead organisation.

The eligibility criteria for projects are as follows:

- The project must fall within at least one of the fields of intervention of point 2.
- The grant requested must be between a minimum of LAK 100M and a maximum of LAK 500M.
- The share of the budget dedicated to human resources and administration (i.e. the administrative costs of the project by the CSO) must not exceed 30% of the total budget.
- The project will be implemented from March 2023 at the latest for a maximum duration of 12 months. This call for project is in the continuity of the previous one (PISCCA 2022) and NPAs beneficiaries of a PISCCA grant in 2022 will be able to propose a second phase of their project or a new project.
- Project activities cannot be limited to the organisation of one-off events without social or environmental purpose (conferences, etc.) and cannot be strictly humanitarian and/or emergency action activities.
- The project must be a genuine development project and cannot consist of the acquisition of equipment or specific measures (grants, invitations, expert missions, logistical support).
- The application file must be complete, i.e. it must contain all the documents and information requested.

Any project that does not meet these criteria will be rejected.

4. SELECTION AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE

Selection of projects

A selection committee will select projects according to the following criteria:

- Contribution to the development objectives of Laos.
- Innovative aspect of the proposed action and possible leverage effect.
- Relevance of the project to the area of intervention, the target beneficiaries and the activities of other development partners.
- Expected impact of the grant on the strengthening of the organisation and/or communities benefiting from the project.
- Inclusion of a gender and youth perspective.
- Inclusion of climate change and environmental rights issues.
- Co-financing and commitment of partners.
- Technical and financial coherence of the project.
- Sustainable approach of the support structure and the project.

Coherence of the project with actions financed by the French Cooperation is a plus. Project leaders may be invited to present their proposal to the selection committee, composed of representatives of development partners.

Implementation

A grant agreement will be signed between the French Embassy and each organisation whose project has been selected. This agreement will define the terms and conditions for payment of the grant and reporting on the use of the funds by the recipients.

5. APPLICATION FORM

The application form should be carefully completed and should be accompanied by the following documents:

- Certificate of registration or application for registration.
- Activity and financial report(s) of the organisation if available.
- Any other document that could support the project application.

All documents must be submitted in **English**.

The complete application (form in Word format and other documents in Pdf) should be sent by email with the subject "PISCCA *name of the organisation*" to:

piscca.vientiane-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr

An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent by e-mail.

Any incomplete application or application received after the 13th of January 2023 will be automatically rejected.