



Call for Concept Note

Agriculture for Nutrition Project Phase II (AFN II) has been implemented by the Department of Planning and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. It is building on the results of the first phase with the continued support from the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP), the Government of Lao PDR and the new funding from the Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme (GAFSP) to implement the project as outlined in the funding proposal.

Project Goal and Objective:

The Goal of the Project is to enable 28,000 vulnerable households living in the project area to improve their income by 20 % by 2030.

Significance and Scope of the Concept Note:

AFN II encourages experienced and qualified CSOs, who are interested in providing services to vulnerable rural households in AFN II target areas, to apply for the 'challenge fund' by submitting concept note, following AFN II requirements (please see the template in the challenge fund user manual).

Timeline:

The project's length minimum is 12 months and not exceed 24 months from February 2025 onward.

Required qualifications and experiences:

Interested Lao CSOs must align with the following criteria to be longlisted:

- Are registered or in the process of registered under decree 238.
- Have at least 3 years of proven activity track record in at least one of the following sectors: climate smart agriculture, climate change adaptation, nutrition sensitive interventions, business and financial literacy training, capacity building, gender mainstreaming, social inclusion (youth, ethnic groups, people with disability, monitoring and evaluation, Knowledge management and communication).
- have proven prior experience of working with remote rural communities in the AFN2 target provinces
- maintain adequate accounting and financial management systems.

How to apply:

Interested Lao CSOs shall complete the concept note and send it to npcoco@afn2.org.la in time before the deadline following the instructions given in the challenge fund user manual. Applications preferred to receive by soft copy, however, the hard copy can also be submitted to the address of AFN II below.

Selection Process:

- Shortlist: upon receipt of the concept notes, AFN II will review the necessary documents for shortlisting potential CSOs, and
- Shortlisted CSOs will be notified to submit the full proposals.

- Youth (age 15-35); and
- Others (ensuring 50% female).

Budget:

The budget is **USD 30,000 – USD 50,000**

Language:

The concept note will be submitted in Lao language. In case it is written in English, the Lao translation should also be provided.

Deadline for the application:

The submission of the Concept Note will be completed by **27 September 2024**.

Target beneficiaries:

The CSOs are expected to provide services exclusively to the AFN2 target groups, specifically:

- Children Under 5 years of age (CU5s);
- Adolescent girls (age 10-19);
- Women of reproductive age (WRA age 15-49 years, including PLW/G);

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