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LONG-TERM PARTNERS

1. ALLIANCE FOR FOOD SOVEREIGNTY IN AFRICA - AFSA

Proposal Title: Towards an Africa Food Policy

This proposal aims to bring together multi-actors working on food systems and create a broad-based agreement on what the food system should look like in the future. The collaborative partners will work towards an Africa Food Policy, both at continental policy level and as a framework and principles for context specific approaches at country level. The process and the outcomes of the discussion will facilitate citizens’ engagement in national and regional food system related issues.

Priority areas: advocacy, communication, network

Award: $125,000 over 12 months

2. GROUNDSWELL INTERNATIONAL

Proposal Title: Scaling agroecology through women’s empowerment in the West African Sahel

This proposal will layer interventions that emphasize gender equity and a strong enabling environment for agroecology on existing initiatives. Using the comprehensive Agroecology Plus Six approach and targeting 600 women farmers in 40 villages, the collaborative will use strategies to integrate gender, equity and nutrition into agroecology practice and improve local and district government capacity to support and promote agroecology.

Priority areas: production, market, learning and education, network, women

Award: $125,000 over 12 months

3. INTERNATIONAL INDIA TREATY COUNCIL- IITC

Proposal Title: Building and strengthening indigenous peoples’ food sovereignty and resiliency in response to the duel Covid-19 and climate crisis of the Indigenous Peoples Alliance for Food Sovereignty, Traditional Knowledge and Climate Change

Building on the successful collaborations of 2020, the Alliance will continue supporting sustainable and resilient food/seed systems and food sovereignty projects in 10 Indigenous communities in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. An ongoing major activity will be to expand the Alliance to include new partners and to incorporate, in addition to responses to the climate crisis, the urgent need to build, enhance, strengthen and restore Indigenous Peoples’ food resiliency in the face of Covid-19.

Priority areas: advocacy, learning & education, network, climate, traditional knowledge

Award: $125,000 over 12 months

4. LA VIA CAMPESINA – LVC / ETC Group / GRAIN

Proposal Title: Strengthening the food sovereignty movement by defending and amplifying peasant-led agroecology: A long-term partnership between La Via Campesina, GRAIN and ETC Group

The collaborative will build on the 2018 adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas (UNDROP), analyzing, influencing and holding governments, agencies and the private sector accountable for policies and practices. The collaborative will focus on promoting evermore widespread understanding that agroecology is an integral part of the full realization of peasants’ rights. It will continue to strengthen the network that links peasant agroecology schools in Asia, Africa, America and Europe, supporting territorial processes to bring agroecology and peasant seed systems to scale, so that they involve more families and larger territories.

Priority areas: advocacy, communication, network

Award: $125,000 over 18 months
MEDIUM-TERM GRANTS

AFRICA

5. INDIGENOUS MOVEMENT FOR PEACE ADVANCEMENT AND CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION – IMPACT

Country: Kenya

Proposal Title: Securing pastoralists rights and guardianship of their land through advancing agroecological solutions in Kenya’s northern rangelands

Pastoralists Alliance for Resilience and Adaptation in Northern Rangelands – PARAN is a collective social movement made up of pastoralists institutions and organizations, including indigenous customary/traditional institutions, indigenous people’s organization, women groups, youth groups, and community-based organizations. This proposal looks into agroecology to restore and revitalize landscapes and livelihoods of pastoralist by providing promising pathway forward and to reconnect the young generations to knowledge holders. The main activities include pastoralists food festivals, food camps for intergeneration knowledge transfers to the youth, documentation of the alternative medicinal plants, promotion of nature base solutions and linking the indigenous peoples to market.

Priority areas: production, market, pastoralism, traditional knowledge, youth

Award: $120,000 over 24 months

6. CONVERGENCE DES FEMMES RURALES POUR LA SOUVERAINETE ALIMENTAIRE - COFERSA

Country: Mali

Proposal Title: Mali's rural women bring biodiversity to life and lead the fight for peasant agroecology

COFERSA is the voice of more than 5000 rural women, mainly from the southern regions of Mali. Its members are part of an innovative mechanism called "living house garden for peasant seeds", a strategy to regain seed and food autonomy. This grant will allow to strengthen 5 member women cooperatives on agroecological production. Another key activity is women's capacity building in participatory video, as a tool to amplify the voices of rural women. Working together with other partner organizations, COFERSA will advocate for a new national seed policy that recognizes peasant seed systems and rights.

Priority areas: production, advocacy, communication, women, traditional knowledge

Award: $120,000 over 18 months

7. FAHAMU

Country: Senegal and Burkina Faso

Proposal Title: Promotion of traditional rice biodiversity in West Africa

This proposal is a continuation of the previous collaborative funded by the Agroecology Fund (AEF). The objective is to support rural family farms in the Cascades and Hauts Bassins regions (Burkina Faso) and in Casamance (Senegal). Special emphasis will be placed on seed production and seed saving, strengthening farmers capacity to select and save their own seeds. A booklet on local rice varieties in West Africa will be published. The collaborative also includes advocacy work led by Fahamu and the women movement “Nous Sommes la Solutions” to increase awareness among police makers and other development stakeholders regarding the importance of peasant seed systems.

Priority areas: production, advocacy, communication, women, traditional knowledge

Award: $120,000 over 24 months
8. RESEAU DES ORGANIZATIONS PAYSANNES ET DE PRODUCTEURS DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST – ROPPA

*Country:* West Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Senegal, and Togo)

*Proposal Title:* Strengthening the agroecological transition: The Alliance for Agroecology in West Africa (3AO)

The Alliance for Agroecology in West Africa (3AO) was created in 2018 to simultaneously address the multiple obstacles to sustainable transition, while also moving the debate on agroecology in West Africa forward. Currently it is composed of 69 member organizations, including peasant organizations, civil society organizations, international NGOs and international research and development organizations active in the region. This proposal aims at building bridges between food system actors; consolidating, disseminating, and exchanging agroecological knowledge among peasants; as well as developing advocacy tools.

*Priority areas:* network, advocacy, communication

*Award:* $120,000 over 24 months

9. SLOW FOOD INTERNATIONAL

*Country:* Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Democratic Republic of Congo

*Proposal Title:* Foster community-led initiatives in East Africa by enhancing agroecological productions and market access in response to the global crisis

This proposal will continue the collaborative funding by AEF in East Africa. While the previous project focused on strengthening farmers’ agroecological knowledge (Food Academies) and applying these agroecological theories in the field (Food Gardens), this new collaborative aims to enhance market opportunities (Earth Markets and Cooks Alliance), strengthening food value chains (Presidia) and raise awareness of the importance of choosing these cultural agroecological healthy foods. Slow Food international will lead the collaborative as an umbrella organization, ensuring coordination, sound knowledge-sharing practices and advancing the role of its African partners on the global stage.

*Priority areas:* production, market, advocacy, network, traditional knowledge

*Award:* $120,000 over 18 months

10. THE SEED AND KNOWLEDGE INITIATIVE - SKI

*Countries:* Malawi, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe

*Proposal Title:* Collaborating towards landscape level agroecology in Southern Africa

SKI is a regional program implemented by 16 partners across four countries. The impetus to implement AE on landscape level has arisen from the experience that focusing only on household gardens and field crops does not address the elements in the larger system that enables and supports a healthy food web. As one of the partners experienced with cyclone Idai in 2019, degraded landscapes also result in devastating damage when disaster hits. The intervention is based on a holistic and participatory approach, focused on building agency, healing relationships and deepening connections between people and nature. As this is new work with a long-term view, communication and outputs will be focused on raising awareness, interest and support for the long term sustainability of the initiative.

*Priority areas:* production, participatory research, network, climate, women

*Award:* $120,000 over 18 months
11. CENTRO DE DESENVOLVIMENTO AGROECOLÓGICO DO CERRADO – CEDAC

**Country:** Brazil

**Proposal Title:** Strengthening the networks for cooperative agroecological marketing circuits

A dialogue process and some pilot marketing initiatives among agroecological networks in have confirmed the potential supply and demand for agroecological produces. This proposal will allow us to accelerate this process of cooperation, expanding CoopCerrado’s capacity to market partner networks products and distribute more perishable products (fruits and vegetables) through multi-cooperative marketing circuits. The marketing strategy prioritizes women farmers through the implementation of 20 hectares of agroforestry systems with medicinal plants, vegetables and fruits, as well as poor consumers living in the peripheries.

**Priority areas:** production, marketing, network, women,

**Award:** $100,000 over 24 months

12. COLECTIVO AGROECOLÓGICO DEL ECUADOR

**Country:** Ecuador

**Proposal Title:** Agroecological response for a world in crisis

The Agroecological Collective of Ecuador is a national platform that joins a diversity of stakeholders whose common goal is to expand and radicalize agroecology. The main objective is to strengthen and expand the scope of five of the main activities the Collective has been supporting: agroecological schools; agroecological market, particularly farmers markets; the Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS); forums for nation-wide advocacy and coordination, and educommunication strategies. The proposal includes research and participatory actions in priority territories to identify weaknesses, strengths, potentials and strategies that can help strengthen our initiatives. This diagnosis will allow us to focus local strategies aimed at broadening networks, strengthening existing initiatives and enhancing their scope and impact.

**Priority areas:** production, marketing, learning and education, communication, advocacy, youth

**Award:** $100,000 over 18 months

13. GRUPO AUTÓNOMO PARA LA INVESTIGACIÓN AMBIENTAL

**Country:** Mexico

**Proposal Title:** Dialogues for small-scale agriculture and capacity building in agroecological soil management to make agriculture more resilient in Mexico

This proposal is a continuation of the Water and Soils for Agriculture (WSA) program implemented by Catholic Relief Service (CRS) in Mexico in partnership with GAIA. At the end of 2019, the Agroecology Fund provided additional support to this initiative. This proposal will support nine farmers organizations to implement Agroecological Management Models (AMM), with an emphasis on soil fertility (coffee and basic grains) in four states (Tlaxcala, Oaxaca, Chiapas and Quintana Roo). Inputs from the Bio input Production Units set up in 2020 will be the basis for designing the organizations' scalability strategies in their territories. A technological platform will be implemented to promote learning exchange among farmers, research bodies and government agencies.

**Priority areas:** production, advocacy, communication, network, climate

**Award:** $100,000 over 16 months
14. XILOTL ASOCIACIÓN PARA EL DESARROLLO SOCIAL

*Countries:* Mexico, Cuba, Guatemala

*Proposal Title:* Mainstreaming Agroecology as a strategy for Food Sovereignty in Mesoamerica and the Caribbean

The proposal is part of an effort to strengthen local agroecological production, with focus on peasant-to-peasant learning, local indigenous marketing. It also includes advocacy work to promote local public policies in favor of agri-food and agroecological systems. It is expected that this collaborative will strengthen existing local platforms to advance towards food sovereignty and greater resilience in communities vulnerable to disasters, emergencies and the effects of climate change. The experiences of the collaborating organizations will be systematized and reworked into popular terminology to be socialized among the organizations participating in the project and other organizations in the Mesoamerican and Caribbean region.

*Priority areas:* production, marketing, advocacy, network, women, climate

*Award:* $90,000 over 12 months

15. ASOCIACIÓN ANDES

*Country:* Peru

*Proposal Title:* Good Living and eating in the Peruvian Andes: protection of indigenous agri-food systems and life strategies for food and nutritional security and sovereignty

In the last 25 years, the ANDES Association has generated biocultural territorial models to conserve and innovate through agrobiodiversity for food sovereignty and for defense of territory, combining ancestral indigenous practices with regenerative and sustainable livelihoods. "Chalakuy" barter markets are at the center of the agri-food system in the Lares Valley, Cusco (between 300 and 5500 meters above sea level). This collaborative will generate evidence on the role of barter markets ("chalakuy") as regenerative strategy to achieve food sovereignty in response to Covid-health crisis and climate change. The outcomes will inform the strategies of other mountain communities on agroecology and food sovereignty through the Yachay Kuichi Pluriversity, an intercultural education and research center of excellence in indigenous food systems and biocultural landscapes.

*Priority areas:* production, market, learning and education, participatory research, traditional knowledge

*Award:* $100,000 over 12 months

16. NATIVE AMERICAN FOOD SOVEREIGNTY ALLIANCE - NAFSA

*Country:* United States of America

*Proposal Title:* Rematriation of Indigenous and Traditional Seeds: Building a Regional Cooperative Seed Hub for Seed-to-Table Resilience

NAFSA is an Alliance that represents a network of practitioners, activists and educators through a broad base of Native American food sovereignty organizations, educational institutions, and Indigenous partner communities. In our listening sessions, we have uncovered a huge need for scaled-up seed production to support the seed needs in our Indigenous communities. This collaborative will involve a regional collective of growers to develop a Cooperative Regional Seed Hub, serving over 25 local tribal communities. This seed cooperative hub will align with cultural values that honor seeds as relatives. Merging existing efforts as a regional hub strengthens the overall seed security of a region and is a critical investment in regional and local food/seed security in uncertain times.

*Priority areas:* production, market, communication, network, traditional knowledge

*Award:* $120,000 over 18 months
17. PEACE BUILDING CENTER - PBC

*Countries*: Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan

*Proposal Title*: Promoting food, environmental, spiritual-cultural security of indigenous peoples of Pamir, Tien-Shan and Sayan-Altai through indigenous livestock breeding in the conditions of global crisis

This proposal is the third phase of the collaborative work on promotion of indigenous livestock breeding conducted by Golden Hoof Collaborative (GHC) since 2017. This collaborative joins several organizations and individual experts representing seven indigenous peoples inhabiting three linked Eurasian mountain systems called Pamir, Tien-Shan and Sayan-Altai (PTS region). The work strategy has three components: (a) revival of gene pool of indigenous livestock; (b) re-activation of related traditional agroecological technologies; and (c) consolidation of indigenous leaders around the issues of spiritually oriented and ecological models of development. First two phases of the project were focused on revival of the Buryat cow using genetic material from the cross-border communities of Mongolia, and study of the Kyrgyz horse using genetic material from Kyrgyzstan itself. The 3d phase will add other 5 indigenous peoples and will focus on their agroecological potential and development of a roadmap for further joint revival of nomadic indigenous livestock breeding.

*Priority areas*: production, advocacy, network, climate and traditional knowledge

*Award*: $120,000 over 18 months

18. NATIONAL COALITION FOR NATURAL FARMING - NCNF

*Country*: India

*Proposal Title*: Mainstreaming Natural Farming across India

NCNF is a multi-sectoral network created in 2020 to promote natural farming in India. It comprises a core team of 40 organizations, with expertise in different areas. Our goal is to have 50 million farmers adopting natural farming practices in the next 10 years. Natural farming in all its variants have been practiced in various Indian states. These processes, however, need to be researched, innovated upon if needed, and consolidated to take them to scale across the country. This collaborative will develop, set up systems and test them in 4 states, involving at least 25,000 farmers. NCNF will also work with the state governments and the central government in evolving innovative learning, providing feedback loops into policy making.

*Priority areas*: production, communication, learning and education, network, women

*Award*: $120,000 over 12 months

19. SERIKAT PETANI INDONESIA - SPI

*Country*: Indonesia

*Proposal Title*: Building food sovereignty-based society

In the last 22 years, SPI has been promoting agroecology through massive training, demo plots, seeds center and even bringing food sovereignty concept to the Indonesia government. SPI has 20 provincial chapters across the country with structure from village level to national level. This proposal builds on previous SPI work and is focused on strengthening agroecology field schools, peasant-based research and development, territorial markets and advocacy campaigns. All work will be directly connected to SPI’s longstanding campaigns, with massive public education and advocacy work on peasants’ rights, land and agroecology, at national, provincial and district level. This approach will move towards establishing territories where food sovereignty is a reality.

*Priority areas*: production, market, advocacy, learning and education, communication

*Award*: $120,000 over 24 months
20. CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION OF PENANG - CAP

Country: Malaysia

Proposal Title: Supporting agroecological food production and farmer seed systems in Malaysia

This collaboration is between the lead organization Consumers’ Association of Penang (CAP) and Sahabat Alam Malaysia (SAM). Both organizations have been working in agroecology and are partners of the Third World Network and the Malaysian Food Sovereignty Forum. This proposal will scale the ‘grow your own food’ campaign based on nutritiously diverse and sustainable agroecological practices, expanding the work to other farming communities. The collaborative will involve a broad range of grassroots communities, urban households, indigenous peoples and small farmers, trying to demonstrate the viability of agroecological practices. The evidence based successes will be used to advocate for policies to scale up agroecology and farmer seed systems in Malaysia

Priority areas: production, advocacy, communication, learning and education, network

Award: $120,000 over 18 months

21. HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION - HDO

Country: Sri Lanka

Proposal Title: Citizen’s action for agroecology & food security in Sri Lanka

This collaborative is a joint initiative of HDO, Women’s Solidarity Front (WSFV), Vikalpani National Women’s Federation (VNWF) and six community women groups. The main objectives are (a) to increase awareness and capacity building on agroecology and food sovereignty; (b) to support farmers, rural workers, youth and women’s groups to undertake local marketing; (c) to implement policy advocacy campaigns towards agroecology, food security, governance and sustainable policy towards to combat Covid-19. Target beneficiaries include different ethnic and religious groups, particularly women, youth and vulnerable groups in tea plantations, rural villages and post conflict areas.

Priority areas: production, market, advocacy, learning and education, network, women, youth

Award: $108,000 over 24 months

22. SOUTHERN PEASANTS FEDERATION OF THAILAND – SPFT

Country: Thailand

Proposal Title: Protecting and promoting food sovereignty in Thailand

This collaborative is a joint initiative involving SFT and Isaan Land Reform Network (ILRN). SPFT is southern Thailand’s greatest proponent of community rights and a vital ally of landless communities and small farmers. ILRN plays a similar role in Thailand’s northeast where the rights of small farmers and local communities are repeatedly trampled upon. Both organizations have been working with agroecology since 2008, developing a complex land management model and implementing the School of Peasantry and Agroecology. This proposal aims to strengthen community land rights and collaboration on alternative models of sustainable agricultural development, promoting women’s roles in agroecological food production and processing and seed conservation. The intervention strategy includes collaborations with influential Thai academics to better frame policy debates and strengthens advocacy towards food sovereignty.

Priority areas: production, advocacy, learning and education, participatory research, women

Award: $120,000 over 24 months
23. SAVE PNG

Countries: Melanesia including Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Vanuatu and New Caledonia

Proposal Title: The Arise Pasifika Project: harnessing the power of Agroecology in times of crisis through media awareness, farmer-to-farmer trainings and peer education programs in Melanesia

Save PNG is a Papua New Guinean founded organization and has played an instrumental role in addressing food, health and climate issues through media education and intercultural exchanges. This proposal complements Save PNG long running and high impact ‘Food is Life’ Melanesia campaign, which encourages farmers to become more independent by learning from the experiences of the past, adopting appropriate technologies of the present and preparing sustainable models of agroecology for the benefit of future generations. Our comprehensive communication strategies, inclusive gender practices and digital storytelling will empower vulnerable communities with essential information to overcome natural disasters, enhance economic prosperity and share indigenous food and farming messages for the whole society. In addressing ‘Governance and leadership’, this collaborative work seeks to influence relevant authorities to support local food and agriculture initiatives as a driving force in sustainable economic development.

Priority areas: nutrition, communication, learning & education, women, climate and traditional knowledge

Award: $100,000 over 12 months
COVID FOLLOW-UP GRANTS

AFRICA

24. CONCERTATION NATIONALE DES ORGANISATIONS PAYSANNES AU CAMEROON - CNOP-CAM

Country: Cameroon

Proposal Title: Logistical support project for women agroecological and local food producers, vulnerable to the impacts of COVID-19 for the consolidation of market access for food and nutritional sovereignty in the Central Region of Cameroon

Since 2000, CNOP-CAM has been building a network linking cooperatives and farmers associations. The main objective of this proposal is to facilitate women access to market, setting up a warehouse/showroom space for marketing agroecological products. The operationalization of a community transport unit will enable a circuit with five agroecological produce collection points. In return, women farmers will be supplied with inputs, agroecological seeds, small tools and products necessary to comply with the sanitary measures related to Covid-19. The collaborative will carry out advocacy work to promote agroecology, market access and food sovereignty.

Priority areas: market, advocacy, communication, network, women

Award: $49,500 over 12 months

25. AFRICAN WOMEN'S COLLABORATIVE FOR HEALTHY FOOD SYSTEMS

Countries: Kenya, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe

Proposal Title: Peasant and pastoralist women in the struggle for food sovereignty in times of crisis

Founded in March 2017, the Collaborative rose from collective concern about rural women’s rights and food sovereignty. The main goal is to inform key stakeholders of the importance of local, agroecological and equitable food systems in times of crisis and to raise awareness of the contribution made by peasant and pastoralist women. The documentation of local responses to Covid-19 will focus on communities represented by Pastoralist Women for Health and Education (PWHE), Eastern and Southern Africa Small Scale Farmers Forum Uganda (EESAFF Uganda), Rural Women’s Assembly (Zambia chapter) and Zimbabwe Smallholders Organic Farmers Forum (ZIMSOFF). The proposed work will give visibility to an existing intervention to promote women’s seeds as a source of nutritious food.

Priority areas: production, advocacy, communication, network, women, nutrition

Award: $50,000 over 12 months

26. PARTICIPATORY ECOLOGICAL LAND USE MANAGEMENT - PELUM Zimbabwe

Countries: Zimbabwe

Proposal Title: Transforming how marketing is approached and supported by various actors in Zimbabwe during and post Covid-19

This collaborative is a long term initiative piloted by PELUM Zimbabwe and Knowledge Transfer Africa in five districts in Zimbabwe. The main goal is to transform how marketing is approached and supported by various actors during and post Covid-19. The collaborative will link the production of biodiverse food crops produced in ecologically sustainable ways, with the nutritional and food security of smallholder farmers and consumers. By documenting and digitally mapping Zimbabwe’s agroecology produce we hope to inform decision making by multi-stakeholders. The collaborative will include an advocacy campaign to create an enabling environment for resilient food systems.

Priority areas: production, market, advocacy, communication, network

Award: $50,000 over 12 months
27. AMRITA BHOOMI

Country: India

Proposal Title: Women’s collectives and youth build agroecological solidarity economies

This initiative was kick-started as a result of AEF’s Emergence Response small-grant received during the initial days of the pandemic lockdowns. This proposal aims to consolidate and scale up this effort by creating a solidarity based local marketing model for food security and sustainable livelihoods in southern Karnataka in India. It will bring together local agroecology farmers, women’s collectives, and youth as part of a cooperative marketing platform, under a common brand name called “Namdu” (meaning ours in Kannada language). The women’s collectives have been purposefully envisioned to be small, so that the decisions are taken by the group members collectively. The youth will play critical roles in the implementation of the project- in all day to day logistical work on all fronts from aggregation to marketing. The produce will be aggregated, processed, and marketed to rural consumers as well as urban consumers, as well as institutional consumers like school meals programs.

Priority areas: production, market, learning and education, women, youth

Award: $50,000 over 12 months

28. THALAVADY FARMERS ASSOCIATION

Country: India

Proposal Title:

This initiative is proposed by the South Indian Coordination Committee of Farmers’ Movements (SICCFM), a network of South Indian farmers movements. The main goal is to establish a new farmers marketing association in the Thalavady district of Tamil Nadu state of India. SICCFM will facilitate the creation and functioning of Thalavady Farmers Association, which will bring together small farmers and landless farm laborers. In Thalavady area the main collaborators include successful agroecological farmers, panchayat level vegetable traders, farmers movements and Dalit movements leaders. The Association will support farmers to aggregate their produce and find assured markets in the neighboring areas of Tamil Nadu and other South Indian states. It will also provide training for farmers on agroecological practices. Collaborative partners will work very closely with the Horticulture Department and universities to better access the existing government programs.

Priority areas: production, market, learning and education, traditional knowledge

Award: $50,000 over 12 months

GRANTS TO BE APPROVED IN MARCH 2021

In March 2021, the Advisory Board will review a second group of proposals in response to Covid-19 (four proposals from the Americas and three from Asia), recommending 4 proposals for funding. This list will be updated as soon as the review process is completed.