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BENIN

Collaborative lead: LES JARDINS DE L’ESPOIR

Proposal Title: From the Shovel to the Fork - Initiative for Quality Insurance and Financial Management of Peasant Agroecology Systems

Grant size: $120,000

Date of implementation: June 01, 2022 - Mai 31, 2024

Collaborative partners: Fédération Agroécologique du Bénin (FAEB); Comité Ouest Africain des Semences Paysannes (COASP); Africa Design School; Ecocity

Intervention area: Strengthening local food systems

Proposal summary: In 2018, Les Jardins de l’Espoir launched an intensive training program on peasant agroecology called the AgroBootCamp for Development (ABC4D). Two years later, it created the first collaborative farmer's market in Benin, which allows farmers to sell their products directly to consumers and get better prices for their produce. This proposal aims to extend this approach to the entire Agroecological Federation of Benin and to lay the foundations for a quality control system for farmers' seeds in West Africa. The goal is to develop tools for a quality control system that will provide farmers with proper methods to demonstrate the quality of their products. These tools will be used to influence national policies to take better account of farmers' initiatives and to facilitate access to institutional markets.

CAMEROON

Collaborative lead: SERVICE D’APPUi AUX INITIAtIVES LOCALES DE DÉVELOPPEMENT - SAILD

Proposal Title: Strengthening Food Security Through the Promotion of Agroecology in Cameroon

Grant size: $120,000

Date of implementation: April 2022 (18 months)

Collaborative partners: Réseau des Acteurs du Développement Durable (RADD); Conseil Régional des Organisations Paysannes de la Partie Septentrionale du Cameroun (CROPSEC)

Intervention area: Strengthening the agroecology movement

Proposal summary: This collaborative aims to contribute to the promotion of agroecological practices and policies in order to improve food security in Cameroon. More specifically, SAILD and its partners plan to (i) structure movements promoting agroecology in Cameroon, (ii) conduct advocacy in favor of agroecology with policy makers in Cameroon, and (iii) support farmers' organizations implementing agroecological practices in Cameroon. The members of the different movements identified for the promotion of agroecology in Cameroon will be mobilized around a network and strengthened, particularly on the communication aspects. Agroecological initiatives promoting sustainable land management and the use of natural inputs in Cameroon will be supported and their good practices highlighted. At the end of this initiative, it is expected that a structured and dynamic network will promote agroecology through a pool of communicators.
CÔTE D’IVOIRE

**Collaborative lead:** JEUNES VOLONTAIRES POUR L’ENVIRONNEMENT - JVE CÔTE D’IVOIRE

**Proposal Title:** Towards a Consolidation of the Voices of the Young and Women Farmers to Scale-Up Agroecology and Fight for Climate Justice in Côte d'Ivoire

**Grant size:** $50,000

**Date of implementation:** June 2022 - December 2023

**Collaborative partners:** Garden of Eden Park of Daloa; 7 Cooperatives of the Prikro area; 5 Cooperatives of the Daloa area; Genetic Resources Action International (GRAIN); Global Alliance for Green and Gender Action (GAGGA)

**Intervention area:** Agroecological production

**Proposal summary:** This proposal builds on the success of the previous AEF small grant to respond to Covid 19, which supported 5 cooperatives in transitioning to staple food production. This proposal aims at extending the work to other 7 cooperatives based in the Central-Eastern Region of Côte d’Ivoire. This region has been strongly impacted by deforestation and monoculture (primarily rubber and cashew), requiring immediate action to recover its food sovereignty. Together with the women and young people of the targeted rural areas, actions will be put in place to support the local production of peasant seeds and staple foods. The advocacy component will promote agroecology at policy level, such as climate actions defined in the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), the National Adaptation Plan (NAP), the Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) strategy, among others.

ETHIOPIA

**Collaborative lead:** MOVEMENT FOR ECOLOGICAL LEARNING AND COMMUNITY ACTION - MELCA

**Proposal Title:** Strengthening Sustainable Farming and Local Food Systems Through Promotion of Agroecological Farming Practices

**Grant size:** $50,000

**Date of implementation:** June 01, 2022 - September 30, 2023

**Collaborative partners:** Endelebe Local Seed Conservators and Producers Farmers’ Association

**Intervention area:** Agroecological production; Territorial markets

**Proposal summary:** This initiative aims at promoting agroecological farming practices through raising awareness and enhancing capacity of surrounding smallholder farmer families. The planned actions include the restoration of displaced local seed varieties and facilitating access to farmers who want to produce them. The farmers’ field school will promote knowledge sharing and learning on agroecological practices, such as participatory variety selection. The initiative will support women organized into self-help groups (SHGs) and cluster Level Associations (CLAs) in the production and marketing of agroecology healthy foods.

GHANA

**Collaborative lead:** CENTER FOR INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT - CIKOD

**Proposal Title:** Community Seed Development Collaborative (CSDC)

**Grant size:** $50,000

**Date of implementation:** April 2022 - March 2023
Collaborative partners: Abrono Organic Farming Program (ABOFAP); Tanchara Seed, Soil and Culture Project (SSCP); Ghana Agroecology Movement (GAEM)

Intervention area: Agroecological production; Territorial markets; Advocacy

Proposal summary: This is a proposal for scaling up an on-going initiative that is jointly implemented by CIKOD and Abrono Organic Farming Program - ABOFAP as focal members of the Ghana Agroecology Movement (GAEM). This initiative will support the completion of the ongoing construction of traditional seed storage structures and processing facilities. Farmers will receive training to identify, collect, document, select, multiply and store local and indigenous seeds. Additionally, seed exhibitions will be organized to showcase local varieties and sell seeds at affordable prices. Collaborative partners will organize an African Learning Institute event on Indigenous and Local food systems in Transition and Savannah zones to create awareness on the political economy of the local food systems.

KENYA

Collaborative lead: KENYAN PEASANT LEAGUE - KPL

Proposal Title: Transitioning to Agroecology to Strengthen Local Food Systems

Grant size: $50,000

Date of implementation: May 2022 - April 2023

Collaborative partners: Extension Providers & Research Kenya Ltd (EPRK); Socially Organized Educative Team (SOET)

Intervention area: Agroecological production

Proposal summary: This initiative aims at enhancing food production both in rural and urban areas, including the following activities: building granaries to improve food storage; establishing medicinal plant gardens native tree nurseries; soil conservation trainings; (d) establishing partnerships with urban schools to produce food; (e) reclaiming dumping sites and waste land for urban farming. This collaborative will also seek to establish a Food Cooperative from the Solidarity Fund that was created during the pandemic. The Participatory Action Research (PAR) approach will guide the documentation of local knowledge, which will be instrumental to the advocacy work. PAR will also provide inputs to the Peasant Agroecology Curriculum and the Peasant Agroecology Fellowship Program that is being developed by the KPL.

Collaborative lead: SEED SAVERS NETWORK KENYA - SSN KENYA

Proposal Title: Improved Access to Local Fruits Seedlings in Kenya

Grant size: $50,000

Date of implementation: June 2022 - December 2023

Collaborative partners: Dryland Natural Resources Centre (DNRC); Sustainable Agriculture Development Initiatives (SADI); COSDEP; Rural Farmers groups; HCDA; KEPHIS; Service providers (Safaricom/Airtel); Media (local radios and newspapers).

Intervention area: Agroecological production; Territorial markets

Proposal summary: This initiative aims to create 20 local variety nurseries/farm models in strategic locations in Kenya (Eastern, Western, and Rift Valley regions) and link them through the online local fruit’s seedlings market. This will be accomplished by training 40 lead small-scale farmers/tree nursery operators and youth Agri-entrepreneurs. By the end of the proposal implementation, the online seedlings market shall have 400 local fruits nurseries. The collaborative partners will engage other stakeholders to analyze existing policies on
tree nurseries. A policy guide will be published and later shared with relevant authorities to start a dialogue on the development of the necessary regulations.

**Collaborative lead: Ogiek Peoples’ Development Program - OPDP**


*Grant size:* $120,000

*Date of implementation:* May 2022 - May 2024

*Collaborative partners:* Hunter-gatherer Forum; Sengwer of Embobut and Environs; Yiaku Young Moms

*Intervention area:* Strengthening local food systems

*Proposal summary:* OPDP leads an alliance (Hunter-gatherer Forum) formed in 2019 with a vision to amplify the voices of Indigenous communities. The livelihood means of the hunter gatherer communities include pastoralism, beekeeping, wild fruits and tubers gathering, and subsistence farming. Increasing the production capacity is one of the measures to address food security. This proposal aims to support these traditional economies on subsistence farming and traditional beekeeping. The main activities are the following: documentation and sharing of Indigenous knowledge of nutritious vegetables species; promotion of organic fertilizers; improvement of packing for adding value and better storage, both for honey and vegetables.

**Collaborative lead: Participatory Ecological Land Use Management - PELUM Kenya**

*Proposal Title:* Inclusive and Enabling Policies for Agroecology in Kenya

*Grant size:* $120,000

*Date of implementation:* May 10, 2022 - May 31, 2024

*Collaborative partners:* INADES Formation Kenya; Utooni Development Organization; ISFAA; YALTA; BIBA Kenya; Action Aid International; Biovision Africa Trust

*Intervention area:* Strengthening the agroecology movement

*Proposal summary:* This proposal aims to promote inclusive and enabling policies and environments for agroecology in Kenya. One county will be identified to establish a multi-stakeholder platform to bring together agroecology actors to push for the adoption of agroecology policy. The initiative will focus at: (a) establishing a multi-stakeholder platform at county level to promote inclusive and equitable policy process with action from food system actors; (b) influencing an enabling policy environment for farmers managed seed systems; (c) promoting the expansion of agroecological programs and projects supported by national and local government, private sector and CSOs through increment of budget allocation and investments for agroecology.

**Tanzania**

**Collaborative lead: Mtandao Wa Vikundi Vya Wakulima Tanzania - MVIWATA (National Network of Farmers’ Groups in Tanzania)**

*Proposal Title:* “Kilimoikoilojia”: Promoting Agroecology for Sustainable Food Systems in Tanzania

*Grant size:* $50,000

*Date of implementation:* April 2022 - March 2023
Collaborative partners: Local farmers networks of MVIWATA; Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA); Eastern and Southern African Farmers Forum (ESAFF)

Intervention area: Agroecological production; Advocacy

Proposal summary: This proposal seeks to contribute to building sustainable national and local food systems by increasing awareness on agroecology, increasing the number of farmers who practice agroecology and trigger policy changes that elevate the position of agroecology in the national and local food systems. The proposed activities include training smallholder farmers on agroecology; collection, documentation and dissemination of successful agroecology case studies for scaling up; and policy advocacy on agroecology. This proposal is in line with the MVIWATA Strategic Plan 2022-2026 and builds on the existing MVIWATA work on agroecology.

TOGO

Collaborative lead: JEUNES VOLONTAIRES POUR L’ENVIRONNEMENT - JVE TOGO

Proposal Title: Youth Leadership Transitioning Local Food Systems to Agroecology in the Grand Kloto, Togo

Grant size: $50,000

Date of implementation: April 2022 - April 2023

Collaborative partners: National Institute of Agricultural Training (INFA de Tové); Rural Development Action Center (CADR); Agroecology Study and Training Center (CETA); Youth Network on Agroecology; Rural women groups; National Farming Platform (PNAFAT), Togolese Coordination of Farmers’ and Agricultural Producers' Organizations (CTOP), INADES, University of Lomé, Christian Support Service for Rural Affairs (SECAAR), Women and Youth organizations

Intervention area: Territorial markets; Advocacy

Proposal summary: JVE is a youth oriented non-profit organization with 20 years of experience working in Africa. This proposal will focus on advancing youth leadership and reinforcing their capacity to engage and fully support the transition to agroecology. It intends to train and support 200 young people in setting up and integrating green entrepreneur ventures using local resources based on an agroecologically supported system. Peasant groups will get support to conserve their local knowledge and develop their business value chain in the region. Municipalities also will gain support and knowledge and will play a key role in taking local policies to support agroecology-based food systems.

Collaborative lead: INADES-FORMATION TOGO

Proposal Title: Providing Healthy Food Through Agroecology

Grant size: $50,000

Date of implementation: May 2022 - July 2023

Collaborative partners: Regional Union of Organizations of Cereal Producers of the Savannahs (UROPC-S); Cantonal Union of Producers' Organizations (UOPC) of Sissiak; Cantonal Union of Producers' Organizations (UOPC) of Doukpergou; Center for Services and Processing of Fonio; Commune of Amou 3; Commune of Tandjoaré 2

Intervention area: Territorial markets

Proposal summary: This proposal aims to: (i) support the establishment of a pool of local facilitators for the development of agroecological practices, (ii) realization of mini-documentaries about the production and use of organic inputs as well as the production of organic fonio, (iii) providing support for the production and
marketing of organic inputs, (iv) organizing the production and marketing of seedlings for the promotion of agroforestry, (v) developing ecological horticulture for the benefit of women; (vi) developing the processing and marketing of fonio (bio-local certification, fairs, support in packaging equipment and materials, etc.). The implementation of these actions will contribute to the scaling up of agroecological practices that mitigate the adverse effects of climate change and anthropogenic activities.

UGANDA

Collaborative lead: CENTER FOR FOOD AND ADEQUATE LIVING RIGHTS - CEFROHT

Proposal Title: Using a Human Rights Based Approach in Agriculture and Local Food Systems’ Post COVID-19 Recovery Through Legal Empowerment and Social Accountability to Build Back Better and Greener with Agroecology.

Grant size: $50,000

Date of implementation: April 2022 - March 2023

Collaborative partners: Center for Ecological Research and Development (CERD); Center for Economic Empowerment and Development (CECEEDE); Abagalana Women Farmers Association

Intervention area: Agroecological production

Proposal summary: The collaborative proposes to scale agroecology up and out to enable small scale farmers particularly women and the youth to take advantage of emerging market opportunities while empowering them on their rights to a clean and healthy environment. The members in the collaborative and communities where they live will be legally empowered on their rights and Earth rights. Local governments in the districts of operation and urban councils will be engaged to understand agroecology as a human right and establish two earth markets. Community radio will be used to promote awareness for the critical need for agroecology production and consumption of healthy food.

Collaborative lead: EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA SMALL-SCALE FARMERS’ FORUM - ESAFF UGANDA

Proposal Title: Positioning Agroecology as a Pathway to Sustainable Food Systems in Uganda

Grant size: $50,000

Date of implementation: April 2022 - March 2023

Collaborative partners: Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Uganda; Kamuli District Local Government; Mbale District Local Government

Intervention area: Advocacy

Proposal summary: This proposal aims to build cooperation and collaboration with different stakeholders and mainstreaming of agroecology into policies. The collaborative partners will organize community and national dialogues on policies to advance agroecology. It also will support the development of standard operating procedures for extension service providers focused on agroecological farming practices. The main activities are the following: support the running of Agroecology Clubs in secondary and primary schools and the Community Agroecology Schools; support an online Agroecology School for journalists and communicators from different region; produce and distribute videos and podcasts on agroecology targeting the consumers and the public in Uganda. Advocacy work will contribute to the development of the National Agroecology Policy and Action Plan.
ZIMBABWE

**Collaborative lead:** PARTICIPATORY ECOLOGICAL LAND USE MANAGEMENT - PELUM ZIMBABWE

**Proposal Title:** Recognizing, Supporting Agroecology Through Protecting Mass Markets in Seven Districts of Zimbabwe

**Grant size:** $120,000

**Date of implementation:** May 2022 - April 2024

**Collaborative partners:** Knowledge Transfer Africa (KTA)

**Intervention area:** Strengthening local food systems

**Proposal summary:** This collaborative is a multi-year joint learning program by PELUM Zimbabwe and KTA, which places markets at the center for transforming current agriculture/food systems. The main objectives are the following: strengthening the establishment/broadening of markets for agroecological products from seven districts; influencing the development of at least two policies toward creating a conducive environment that recognizes, supports and protects agroecological products and markets; document and share lessons on agroecology contribution through mass markets, public policy and support from key economic actors in the form of investment and protection. By using food systems approach, emphasizing farmers’ rights, agroecology and gender justice, the collaboration goes beyond supporting small-scale farmers to develop recognized supply corridors and organized markets.

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES - KENYA, MALAWI, UGANDA, ZAMBIA AND ZIMBABWE

**Collaborative lead:** THE REGIONAL SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES PERMACULTURE (RESCOPE) PROGRAMME

**Proposal Title:** Rooting a Youth Led Agroecology Movement in 5 Southern and East African Countries

**Grant size:** $115,000

**Date of implementation:** June 2022 - November 2023

**Collaborative partners:** SCOPE Kenya; SCOPE Uganda; SCOPE Malawi; SCOPE Zambia; SCOPE Zimbabwe

**Intervention area:** Strengthening the agroecology movement

**Proposal summary:** The ReSCOPE collaborative has worked together since 2006 to develop the Integrated Land Use Design, a process in which schools play a leading role in transforming minds and landscapes. It has evolved over the years, being informed by practice, participatory methodologies, permaculture and related approaches. Some participating schools have become vibrant centers of excellence in demonstrating nature friendly farming as well as empowering children, teachers and parents to replicate it in their communities. It is now imperative to grow this network of healthy food producers and link them with consumers to build a movement for sustainable living. This initiative proposes to bring in more coherence across various levels of engagement with youth, starting at their local school, village, towards a stronger agroecology movement at the national and regional level.
MULTIPLE COUNTRIES - BURKINA FASO, MALI, SENEGAL AND GHANA

**Collaborative lead:** GROUNDSWELL INTERNATIONAL

**Proposal Title:** Agroecology for Systems Change in the Sahel

**Grant size:** $150,000

**Date of implementation:** July 2022 - Dec 2023

**Collaborative partners:** Agrécol Afrique; Sahel Eco; Association Nourrir Sans Détruire (ANSD); Centre for Indigenous Knowledge and Organizational Development (CIKOD)

**Intervention area:** Strengthening local food systems

**Proposal summary:** The Groundswell West Africa network has developed an innovative approach and proof of concept called Agroecology for Systems Change (ASC). ASC builds upon grounded practice, affirms the 10 principles for agroecology and proposes key innovations for effective implementation and transition towards agroecological farming systems. This proposal requests vital support to strengthen our holistic program across four countries; facilitates action-learning and documentation to leverage local impacts for wider influencing; strengthen farmer-to-farmer agroecology networks in each country; strengthen women’s groups and their engagement in agroecology and local market initiatives; and support local Youth Storytellers to document and disseminate success stories and shape the narrative.

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES - ZIMBABWE, GHANA, SENEGAL AND TOGO

**Collaborative lead:** THE ALLIANCE FOR FOOD SOVEREIGNTY IN AFRICA - AFSA

**Proposal Title:** Mobilizing African Citizens for Healthy & Culturally Appropriate Diet

**Grant size:** $145,000

**Date of implementation:** May 2022 - October 2023

**Collaborative partners:** Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM- Zimbabwe); Centre for Indigenous Knowledge and Organizational Development (CIKOD); The Pan-African Institute for Citizenship, Consumers and Development (CICODEV-Africa)/; African Network for the Right to Food (RAPDA-Togo)

**Intervention area:** Strengthening the agroecology movement

**Proposal summary:** The citizens for sustainable food systems working group of AFSA strives to create a link between the citizenry and producers by strengthening the citizen voice to demand nutritious and healthy food. Strengthening citizen movements will boost demand for healthy, equitable, efficient, resilient, and culturally diverse food and agricultural systems and practices. “Embracing the eating of healthy and culturally acceptable food supported by a favorable food policy” will be the overall campaign outcome for AFSA. “My Food is African” will be the campaign's name. The campaign’s efforts will be concentrated at the country level, with continental support and coordination. AFSA will link country-level work to the AU, where it has connections.
ARGENTINA

Collaborative lead: UNIÓN DE TRABAJADORES DE LA TIERRA - UTT (Alliance of Land Workers)

Proposal Title: Strengthening the Sovereign Food Supply Corridors: Regional Networking, Training, and Equipment Strategies

Grant size: 120,000

Date of implementation: July 2022 - December 2023

Collaborative partners: Sol de Otoño Work Cooperative Ltd.; Center for Research and Technological Development for Agriculture (CIPAF-INTA); School of Nutrition at the University of Buenos Aires (UBA); UTT Women Secretariat and Ministry of Women, Gender and Diversity collaborative; Federation of Federated Cooperatives (FECOFÉ)

Intervention area: Strengthening local food systems

Proposal summary: The Sovereign Food Supply Plan is a strategy launched by UTT to coordinate the planning of production, supply, and food aid throughout the country. As part of the Plan, Sovereign Food Supply Corridors promote new production and distribution channels to enable coordination among productive areas in different regions of the country. The Mesopotamian Corridor (Coastal Region) was launched recently, to distribute food from Buenos Aires to the coast, trading in regional products, such as yerba mate and cassava. This proposal seeks to open new Corridors: Cuyo (Cuyo region), North (NOA region), and Patagonia (Southern region), and to strengthen the existing Coastal region.

BOLIVIA

Collaborative lead: FUNDACIÓN AGRECOL ANDES


Grant size: $50,000

Date of implementation: April 2022 - March 2023

Collaborative partners: SPG Cercado (PSG- Participatory Guarantee System); SPG Sacaba; Women Producers D9 (District #9); Association of peri-urban and urban women entrepreneurs; Women's Organization Juana Gandarillas; Ecological producers ECO HUERTOS and Cercado; BOLSALUDABLE Consumers; National Association of Ecological Producers with PGS (ANPESPG); Agroecological Movement of Latin America and the Caribbean (MAELA); CERCADO Autonomous Municipal Government; SACABA Autonomous Municipal Government; TOLATA Autonomous Municipal Government; Ministry of Rural Development and Land/Coordination Unit of the National Council of Ecological Production (MDRyT – UC CNAPE); Ministry of Rural Development and Lands/ The National Agricultural Health and Food Safety Service (MDRyT / SENASAG)

Intervention area: Territorial markets

Proposal summary: The 20 years of experience working with agroecology confirms that the development of marketing processes in shorter circuits are fundamental pillars for food sovereignty. AGRECOL and its partners have promoted the creation of specialized markets such as the Eco Fair for urban and peri-urban agricultural products with SPG seals, as well as rural markets and – in response to the health crisis – mobile sales. Response to market demands requires more information, knowledge, and awareness for consumers,
especially on the importance of healthy food. This proposal aims to continue current efforts to strengthen productive systems, manage water with the water resources management approach, transform and accredit ecological products, do promotion/marketing in short circuits, and engage in political advocacy processes, as strategic actions for sustainable development.

BRAZIL

**Collaborative lead:** ASSOCIAÇÃO DE COOPERAÇÃO AGRÍCOLA E REFORMA AGRÁRIA DO PARANÁ - ACAP (Paraná Association for Agricultural Cooperation and Agrarian Reform)

**Proposal Title:** Agroecological Restoration in Agrarian Reform Areas in the State of Paraná (Brazil)

**Grant size:** $50,000

**Date of implementation:** May 2022 - October 2023

**Collaborative partners:** Landless Rural Workers Movement (MST); Terra Livre Agroindustry and Commerce Cooperative; Latin American School of Agroecology (ELAA); Bionatur Agroecological Seeds

**Intervention area:** Agroecological production

**Proposal summary:** In 2020 MST launched the National Plan to Plant Trees and Produce Healthy Food. This is a long-term initiative (ten years) with the goal of planting 100 million trees in all biomes of the country. Multiple uses of rural areas ensure greater environmental resilience to adapt to climate change, as well as income diversification and food security for farming families through crop diversity. This strategy stems from an understanding that most of the area designated for Agrarian Reform settlements had previously been degraded, imposing the need for a process of soil and landscape restoration, based on each region’s socio-biodiversity. This proposal will address the implementation of the National Plan in the state of Paraná, with an approach that associates food sovereignty, environmental conservation and people’s health.

COLOMBIA

**Collaborative lead:** GRUPO SEMILLAS

**Proposal Title:** Seeds in the Peoples’ Commons: Actions to Defend and Promote Seeds and Agroecological Production in Ethnic and Peasant Communities in Colombia

**Grant size:** $50,000

**Date of implementation:** May 2022 - October 2023

**Collaborative partners:** National Family Farmers’ Network – RENAF; Indigenous Organization of Colombia (ONIC); RSL; Agrobiodiversity Alliance; Colombian Free Seeds Network; Multiactiva Cooperative Coosaviunidos; Young Colombia (CCI); Tolima Community Radio Stations Network

**Intervention area:** Advocacy

**Proposal summary:** Based on our experience and leadership in promoting agrobiodiversity, agroecology and territory rights, this collaborative aims to: promote a common agenda to advocate for the recognition of native and creole seeds as common goods; (b) carry out advocacy work against restriction to the use of native seeds and spread of GMOs and other regulations that affect agrobiodiversity and food sovereignty; (c) Strength the capacities of Afro-Colombian social organizations in northern Cauca and Indigenous and peasant organizations in southern Tolima on agroecological production and marketing; (d) Implement a communications strategy to increase the impact of advocacy and influence public opinion.
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

**Collaborative lead:** FEDERACIÓN DE CAMPESINOS INDEPENDIENTES MAMÁ TINGO - FECAINMAT (Mama Tingo Federation of Independent Farmers)

**Proposal Title:** Continuity of Ancestral Practices of Peasant Family Agriculture: Strengthening Marketing Systems and the Involvement of Women and Youth

**Grant size:** $50,000

**Date of implementation:** June 2022 - December 2023

**Collaborative partners:** National Confederation of Rural Women (CONAMUCA); Federation of Coffee Growers of the Southern Region (FEDECARES); United Communities Peasants’ Movement (MCCU); Light and Hope Central Farmers’ Association of Nagua (ACALEN); Confederation of Peasant and Neighborhood Organizations of the Southern Region El Retoño; Federation of Producers of the Southern Dry Forests (FEPROBOSUR); Youth Community-based Youth Organizations; Association of Young Entrepreneurs “Sowing for the Future” (ASOJESF); Ministries of Agriculture, Tourism and Culture; Dominican Coffee Institute (INDOCAFÉ)

**Intervention area:** Agroecological production; Territorial markets; Advocacy

**Proposal summary:** This proposal aims at strengthening agroecological processes organized by the CLOC-Via Campesina organizations in Dominican Republic, with the direct participation of grassroots youth and women's organizations. We will strengthen our seed banks and local markets network. The purpose is to guarantee native and locally produced seeds for agroecological production, expanding food markets to connect local farm culture with the food needs of Dominican families. Communication tools will be used to support the advocacy work towards food sovereignty.

GUATEMALA

**Collaborative lead:** ASOCIACIÓN DE ORGANIZACIONES DE LOS CUCHUMATANES - ASOCUCH (Association of Cuchumatanes Organizations)

**Proposal Title:** Strengthening Agroecological Production in Indigenous Communities of the Sierra de los Cuchumatanes, Huehuetenango, Guatemala.

**Grant size:** $50,000

**Date of implementation:** June 2022 - May 2023

**Collaborative partners:** Association of Forest-Based Peasants (ADECAF); Association of Tineco Farmers (ADAT); Joya Hermosa de las Tres Cruces Cooperative; Rural Extension Agencies/Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food

**Intervention area:** Agroecological production

**Proposal summary:** The project will focus on strengthening agroecological production involving highly vulnerable populations. The main actions are the following: production of 2,250 quintals of bokashi organic fertilizer by 150 indigenous families; strengthening the production of 30 hectares of crops that are important for food security, through the incorporation of organic fertilizer; training on the preparation of biofertilizers; providing technical support to small farmers according to the peasant-to-peasant approach; implementing a radio campaign in Mayan languages on the importance of producing food using an agroecological approach; preparation of a business plan for the Biofactory; promotion and marketing campaign for the products produced in the Biofactory.
MEXICO

**Collaborative lead:** UNIÓN DE COMUNIDADES INDÍGENAS DE LA ZONA NORTE DEL ISTMO - UCIZONI (Indigenous Communities Union of the North Isthmus)

**Proposal Title:** Collective for the Recovery of Native Seeds and Agroecological Farming

**Grant size:** $50,000

**Date of implementation:** March 2022 - February 2023

**Collaborative partners:** Tierra Bonita Agroecology Center; De la Chinantla Farmers’ Group; Maize Community Center; National Forestry and Agricultural Research Institute; Agroforestry Cacao Growers’ Group in Chinantla, Oaxaca; San Martín Soyolapam Women’s Group, Chinantla, Oaxaca; Rural Studies and Peasant Consulting (ERA)

**Intervention area:** Agroecological production

**Proposal summary:** The proposal seeks to promote collaboration with Indigenous and peasant groups in Central and Southern Mexico to recover native varieties of seeds that are part of traditional Mesoamerican agricultural systems (agroecosystems). To this end, we propose the formation of a network to develop agroecological production training actions, strengthen the milpa and agroforestry cacao systems. This initial group, made up of 3 grassroots organizations and 10 community work groups, will recover native corn and native leafy greens (quelites) with high nutritional value, as well as agroecological practices. They will also work with native varieties of cacao and associated species, mainly fruit and aromatic plants. At the end of the first year, the Native Seed Network will have a collection of cultivated germplasm of maize, squash, beans, cacao, and edible greens from Central and Southern Mexico and will hold a forum on agroecology.

PERU

**Collaborative lead:** ASOCIACIÓN NACIONAL DE PRODUCTORES ECOLÓGICOS DEL PERU - ANPE (National Association of Ecological Producers of Peru)

**Proposal Title:** Strengthening the Resilient Agroecological Production Systems of Small Farmers From Nine Local Territorial Organizations.

**Grant size:** $120,000

**Date of implementation:** May 2022 to October 2023

**Collaborative partners:** Regional Associations of Ecological Farmers in the: Amazon (ARPEAN), Ayacucho (ARPOA) and Cajamarca (ARPEC); Association of Agrobiodiversity Mothers’ Clubs; Women’s Association in Luya Viejo; Native Community of the Awajum Indigenous People – Imaza- Bagua Amazon; Native Communities of the Awajum People: Nayumpim and Tees, Uyuentsa and Kuyumatak; Manallasac Cooperative, Chiara District – Huamanga Ayacucho; Organic Farmers’ Associations in: Campo Sano, Huanta District – Ayacucho, and Vida Vede Bambamarca Hualgayoc Cajamarca; El Horizonte Bambamarca Agrarian Cooperative – Hualgayoc, Cajamarca; Human Development School; Antonio Ruiz de Montoya University.

**Intervention area:** Strengthening local food systems

**Proposal summary:** This proposal aims at promoting diversified agroecological systems to produce high-quality, healthy food for peasant and Indigenous families. Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS) and digital technology tools will be expanded to increase market access to ecological food producers, especially women groups. The proposal also aims to develop a national Agroecology Program at the three levels of government (local, Department, National), which in the future could be implemented with public funding. This approach will contribute to increasing resilience to climate change and household income, which will in turn help improve food security, food sovereignty and local economic development.
MULTIPLE COUNTRIES - MEXICO, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA AND PANAMA

**Collaborative lead:** MESOAMERICAN ALLIANCE OF PEOPLES AND FORESTS - AMPB

**Proposal Title:** Strengthening the Agroecological Agenda in Forest Landscapes of Mesoamerican Peoples

**Grant size:** $120,000

**Date of implementation:** June 01, 2022 - November 30, 2023

**Collaborative partners:** Mexican Network of Peasant Forestry Organizations A.C. (RED-MOCAF); Federation of Honduran Agroforestry Producers (FEPROAH); Bribri and Cabecar Indigenous Network (RIBCA); Guna General Congress; Association of Ipeti Embera Craftswomen (AMARIE)

**Intervention area:** Strengthening local food systems

**Proposal summary:** AMPB intends to develop a participatory roadmap that will allow us to envision empowerment opportunities that we can promote through this collaboration. To begin with, we will support four existing agroecological initiatives and then, with the roadmap, integrate this approach into the forest, climate, and biodiversity agenda and be able to include agroecology in regional and national public policies with direct impacts on the food and productive sovereignty of the AMPB's member organizations.

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA

**Collaborative lead:** EL COLEGIO DE LA FRONTERA SUR - ECOSUR

**Proposal Title:** Latin American Professional Master’s Program in Agroecology to Strengthen Grassroots Processes

**Grant size:** $120,000

**Date of implementation:** May 2022 - April 2024

**Collaborative partners:** Center for the Study of the Americas (CENSA); Latin American Coordinating Committee of Rural Organization – La Via Campesina (CLOC-LVC); Latin American Agroecology Scientific Society (SOCLA); Ka’ Kuxtal Much’ Meyaj; Agroecology Fund of Yucatan Peninsula (FAPY); + The home organizations of the first cohort of students

**Intervention area:** Strengthening the agroecology movement

**Proposal summary:** ECOSUR is beginning work with the first cohort of students in a new agroecology master’s program, the Maestría en Agroecología (MAE). The hallmark of the MAE is horizontal engagement with non-academic knowledge systems. All courses emphasize transdisciplinary collaboration through participatory action research and similar approaches. Throughout their training, students will learn from peasant and Indigenous farmers, technicians, educators, organizers, artists, and others engaged in agroecological practice and transformation. In the process, we will scientifically document and publicize agroecological success stories, and develop a multi-media library showcasing movement- and community-based agroecological transformations.
**INDIA**

**Collaborative lead: GRAMIN VIKAS VIGYAN SAMITI - GRAVIS**

**Proposal Title:** Food Security and Drought Mitigation (FSDM)

**Grant size:** $50,000

**Date of implementation:** April 2022 - March 2023

**Collaborative partners:** Village Development Committees (VDCs); Self Help Groups (SHGs)

**Intervention area:** Agroecological production

**Proposal summary:** This initiative will be implemented in 5 remote villages of the Thar Desert of Rajasthan, which is a very dry area and the most densely populated desert ecosystem in the world. Amid droughts, there is severe poverty and gender inequality. The overall goal is to enhance food security and to reduce poverty by supporting agriculture and horticulture. People’s existing knowledge will be utilized by blending those with modern technology. Short-term objectives include: to strengthen rural communities organization; enhance their understanding of rain-fed and organic farming; increase agricultural and horticultural production at household and community levels; document and disseminate learning for replication.

**Collaborative lead: NATIONAL COALITION FOR NATURAL FARMING - NCNF**

**Proposal Title:** Mainstreaming Natural Farming Across India

**Grant size:** $120,000

**Date of implementation:** July 2022 - December 2023

**Collaborative partners:** Watershed Support Services and Activities Network (WASSAN); Rythu Sadhikara Samstha (RySS); Revitalising Rainfed Agriculture Network (RRAN); Foundation for Ecological Security; Aga Khan Rural Support Programme; Self Reliant Initiatives Through Joint Action (SRIJAN); Working Group for Women and Land Ownership (WGWLO); Thanal; Samag Pragati Sahyog; Rural Technology & Development Centre (RTDC); Sajjata Sangh; MS Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF); Professional Assistance for Development Action (PRADAN); People’s Science Institute; Watershed Organization Trust (WOTR); Bajaj Foundation; Odisha Millet Mission; Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad; Chinmaya Organization for Rural Development (CORD); Vaagdhara; Zero Budget Natural Farming Farmer Forum; Alliance for Sustainable and Holistic Agriculture (ASHA); Maitri; Mahila Kisan Adhikaar Manch (MAKAAM); Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA); Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR); World Agroforestry (ICRAF); Vaagdhara; Indian Council of Agricultural Research Krishi Vigyan Kendra Banaganapalli and Sindhudurg, (ICAR); Gramin Vikas Vigyan Samiti (GRAVIS); Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD); Living Farms; Welthunger Hilfe

**Intervention area:** Strengthening the agroecology movement

**Proposal summary:** This proposal aims at broadening and strengthening the coalition of multiple stakeholders by forming state coalitions in multiple Indian states for furthering natural farming. Through these coalitions, the effort will be to support capacity building, knowledge sharing and foster engagement amongst key local stakeholders. Our work through these coalitions across states will focus on helping build necessary partnerships, including state agencies and farmers’ groups. This strategy will facilitate wider understanding of multiple natural farming issues, especially among governments. At the same time, the work will focus on
enhancing capacities of the grassroots ecosystem to thereby develop a cadre of resource persons, master trainers and champion farmers who will further scale natural farming across India.

**Collaborative lead: SAMERTH CHARITABLE TRUST**

**Proposal Title:** Strengthening Local Food Systems of the Forest Dependent Communities  
**Grant size:** $50,000  
**Date of implementation:** April 2022 – September 2023  
**Collaborative partners:** Commonland Foundation; District Administration/Forest Department/Line Departments such as Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries; Self Help Groups (Rural Women groups); Joint Forest Management Committee; Gram Sabha/Gram Panchayat; The Nature Conservancy (TNC India)  
**Intervention area:** Agroecological production; Territorial markets  
**Proposal summary:** In 2020 Samerth Charitable Trust initiated together with partner organizations a pilot program in 10 tribal villages in the forested hill range of Kabirdham district, Chhattisgarh state. This Central Highland Restoration Program (CHiRP) aims at improving livelihoods and food security of forest dependent communities through increasing productivity of forest and agricultural systems in a regenerative manner. It also includes actions to build market linkages that allow better prices for forestry and agroforestry products. This proposal aims at expanding the work to 9 villages adjacent to the pilot area, strengthening community organizations (Self Help Groups) and building sustainable market linkages.

**Collaborative lead: SHIKSHANTAR SANSTHAN**

**Proposal Title:** Protecting Indigenous and Tribal Food System Through Collective Entrepreneurship  
**Grant size:** $50,000  
**Date of implementation:** April 2022 - May 2023  
**Collaborative partners:** Center for Natural and Organic Life; Banyan Roots Organics Pvt. Ltd.; (Newly formed farmer producer company as cooperative under this project); Seva Mandir; Ajeevika Bureau; Mahan Seva Samiti; Astha; Slow Food Udaipur; Organic Farming Association of India; National Coalition of Natural Farming; Alliance for Sustainable and Holistic Agriculture; Ecovercities - Indian Multiversities Alliance  
**Intervention area:** Agroecological production; Territorial markets; Advocacy  
**Proposal summary:** This proposal aims at promoting sustainable food security and farming knowledge of Indigenous people, creating local markets of millets and uncultivated forest produce. Through our Farmversity, we will train young leaders from farm to fork supply chain and will document traditional knowledge on sustainable farming. These youth will mobilize female and male farmers to create an organic and natural farmers’ cooperative composed of several clusters. We will create a consumer forum and local market for Southern Rajasthan through the Center for Natural and Organic Life which is a group of organic stores and women entrepreneurs in urban areas. In this forum, we will run a campaign encouraging consumption of local food and creating awareness on local millets and uncultivated food.

**Collaborative lead: SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING PARTICIPATIVE ECO-SYSTEM MANAGEMENT - SOPPECOM**

**Proposal Title:** Women Farmers Show the Way! Consolidating the Agroecological Model in Five Districts of Maharashtra  
**Grant size:** $50,000
Date of implementation: June 1, 2022 - November 30, 2023

Collaborative partners: Mahila Kisan Adhikar Manch (MAKAAM)

Intervention area: Agroecological production

Proposal summary: In response to agribusiness, SOPPECOM mobilized resources during the pandemic and after consultations with the women farmers initiated an alternative model of farming. This cropping model implemented in 2021-22, laid an emphasis on strengthening the local food and agricultural systems with use of local seed varieties, no chemical inputs and drawing on women’s knowledge. The long term goal of this program is to propose recommendations for a gendered policy and practice that creates a pathway for a transition from the current chemical intensive paradigm to one that respects nature and builds on local knowledge systems and practices. In the short term, the initiative will build capacities of women farmers for agroecological farming to bring dietary diversity on their plates.

Collaborative lead: THANAL

Proposal Title: Strengthening Agroecological Collectives: a Multi-Locational Initiative to Create Climate Resilient Food System in Kerala

Grant size: $50,000

Date of implementation: May 01, 2022 - November 30, 2023

Collaborative partners: Pesticide Action Network (PAN-India)

Intervention area: Agroecological production

Proposal summary: This is a multi-stakeholder initiative to expand knowledge and agroecological practices skills among farmers, creating an environment for a climate resilient food system in Kerala, a south-Indian state. The proposal builds on the “Seeding the Change” initiative implemented in 2020, which provided COVID-19 emergency response to farmers from vulnerable communities. The main activities are the following: awareness campaigns about agroecology and its potential towards eradicating hunger and malnutrition; distributing a farming kit to all beneficiaries; agroecology training and workshops; events to showcase indigenous seed varieties and traditional food culture to the public; creation of an agroecology farmers collective to facilitate access to market. Through these interventions, this collaborative aims to improve local food production and crop diversity, empower vulnerable communities and reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions.

MALAYSIA

Collaborative lead: MALAYSIAN FOOD SOVEREIGNTY FORUM - FKMM

Proposal Title: Community Seed Reserved Initiative (Inisiatif Rizab Beni Komuniti, IRBK)

Grant size: $119,500

Date of implementation: June 01, 2022 - June 01, 2024

Collaborative partners: IDRIS; Third World Network (TWN); PeSAWAH; Sahabat Alam Malaysia (SAM); Consumer Association of Penang (CAP); Pertubuhan Alam Sekitar Sejahtera Malaysia (GRASS); SRI-Mas; Min House Camp; Airis Health Trading; Gabungan Darurat Iklim (GDI)

Intervention area: Strengthening local food systems

Proposal summary: Currently, the farmer's seed system is considered by the government as an alternative seed supply chain system and is often discriminated against in food security policy planning. This is because
information on seed saving, sharing and sale activities by farmers is rarely formally recorded. The Community Seed Reserved Initiative (IRBK) is a web-based database of the inventory of individuals or groups that save seeds and the types of seed collections they have. Once the preliminary data is complete, IRBK will be officially launched and the annual report along with the relevant analysis and statistics will be published on the website. Apart from data collection, seed sharing and sale activities, IRBK committees and staff will also conduct workshops and training for the public on agroecology, permaculture and organic farming as well as proper seed collection management methods. Therefore, IRBK will contribute to strengthening local food systems by being the tool for research, networking, training and advocacy.

MYANMAR

**Collaborative lead:** KAREN ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK - KESAN

**Proposal Title:** Thawthi Taw-Oo Indigenous Park (TTIP): an Alternative Model for Indigenous-based Resource Management and Livelihoods

**Grant size:** $120,000

**Date of implementation:** May 2022 - April 2024

**Collaborative partners:** Thawthi Taw-Oo Indigenous Park Steering Committee (TTIP-SC); TTIP Advisory Group; Political Organizations; Local Karen CBOs; + Other organizations

**Intervention area:** Strengthening the agroecology movement

**Proposal summary:** The Thawthi Taw-Oo Indigenous Park (TTIP) is grassroots, people-centered initiative that offers an alternative to the top-down development approach. TTIP supports hundreds of Karen Indigenous communities who have been living with and protecting their forests and its resources for generations. This proposal will provide support to the TTIP’s local food systems through strengthening land governance structures, securing peoples’ access to land and livelihoods and promoting Indigenous foods and traditional agroecological farming methods. Guided by communities, KESAN will collaborate with local people, the TTIP Steering Committee, KNU government departments, and other Karen CBOs and CSOs, to secure land rights through participatory land use zoning and demarcation of customary lands. Governance will be strengthened through recording traditional rules and regulations, local practices and history, as well as awareness raising about TTIP initiatives within communities and for external advocacy.

PAKISTAN

**Collaborative lead:** ROOTS FOR EQUITY

**Proposal Title:** Strengthening Agroecology Through Farmer Exchanges, Campaigns and Advocacy in Pakistan

**Grant size:** $120,000

**Date of implementation:** July 2022 - June 2024

**Collaborative partners:** Pakistan Kissan Mazdoor Tehreek (PKMT); Karachi Farmers Market (KFM); Department of Agronomy, NSU, Multan; Asian Peasant Coalition

**Intervention area:** Strengthening the agroecology movement

**Proposal summary:** This initiative aims at strengthening the agroecology movement in Pakistan both amongst small producers as well as consumers. We intend to focus on campaigns and awareness raising among various groups both in the rural and urban areas on these issues: (i) adopting chemical-free agricultural production food systems that are based on agroecology, (ii) consumption of safe and nutritious foods, and (iii) strengthening advocacy platforms promoting safe and nutritious foods. A broad base CSOs platform (Sanjhi
Dharti) will be further strengthened through capacity building of the new and existing member organizations of the platform. Campaigns will include street theatres, the production of documentary and information, education and communication materials. The collaborative will also work with the livestock and dairy sector, which is being destroyed by new policies that support corporate capture of the sector.

SRI LANKA

**Collaborative lead:** MOVEMENT FOR LAND AND AGRICULTURE REFORM - MONLAR

**Proposal Title:** Strengthening Food Sovereignty-Based Agroecology and Farmer Cooperatives in Sri Lanka

**Grant size:** $50,000

**Date of implementation:** April 01, 2022 - March 31, 2023

**Collaborative partners:** Ecological Agricultural Producers' and Entrepreneurs' Cooperative Society (EcoAPECoop); Agricultural and Environmental Professionals' Cooperative Society (AgEnCoop); National Movement of Farmer Voice; Law and Society Trust; National Fisheries Solidarity Movement (NAFSO); Naula Kantha Maha Sangamaya

**Intervention area:** Territorial markets

**Proposal summary:** This proposal aims to provide long term and sustainable solutions to the current food crises in Sri Lanka by transforming local food systems towards agroecology-based approaches. The main activities are the following: training on agroecological practices; developing farmer based and public institutional based models; conducting participatory research and farmer led policy studies, consultations, advocacy and defense of farmer rights; mobilization against resource grabbing and for favorable policy changes in agriculture. An important goal of this collaborative is strengthening the Ecological Agricultural Producers and Entrepreneurs Cooperative Society (EcoAPECoop), which includes the creation of a revolving fund to support farmers and small and medium social enterprises.

TAJIKISTAN

**Collaborative lead:** RUSHNOI

**Proposal Title:** Biodiversity and Agroecological Services for Strengthening Local Food Security Systems in the Context of Climate Change

**Grant size:** $50,000

**Date of implementation:** May 2022 - November 2024

**Collaborative partners:** Farmers' Association of “Mirzo Rahmat;” Farmers' Association of “Shogadoev;” Farmers Association of “Kuhsori Ajam;” Farmers Association of “Guliston;” Farmers’ Association of “Karim;” Rural women group; School № 24 named after “M Rahmatov;” School of “Mazor” village; School of “Obi Lurt” village; School of “Khumdon” village; School of “Kapali” village; School of “Langari Shoh” village

**Intervention area:** Agroecological production; Territorial markets

**Proposal summary:** “Rushnoi” is one of the well-known organizations of the Rasht Valley community because the botanical garden “Kuhsori Adjam.” In this garden we keep gene pool of local varieties of fruit trees, 64 varieties of apples, 36 varieties of apricots, 22 varieties of apricots, and many varieties of plums, cherries, walnuts, grapes and other varieties. This collaborative will develop the following activities: organize field schools for trainings on agroecology and farming practices; provide support to farmers with plants and seeds of local crops resilient to climate change; install drip irrigation where needed; support farmers with fruit packing materials, gardening tools and tillage tools. The younger generation is the future of society.
Therefore, part of the proposed activities will be developed in partnership with 6 local secondary schools in 3 districts of Rasht valley.

THAILAND AND VIETNAM

**Collaborative lead: THE FIELD ALLIANCE - TFA**

*Proposal Title:* Linking Agroecological Farmers to School Lunch and Hospitals

*Grant size:* $120,000

*Date of implementation:* May 2022 - April 2024

*Collaborative partners:* Thai Education Foundation (TEF) for Thailand; Initiative for Community Empowerment and Rural Development (ICERD) for Vietnam; Maejo University, Thailand; Thai Nguyen University Lao Cai Branch; Local government agencies; FAO Agroecology Programme

*Intervention area:* Strengthening local food systems

*Proposal summary:* The collaborative partners will collaborate with provincial governor offices, concerned agencies, farmers’ network, academics and private sectors to integrate the agroecology training for farmers and establishment of a database of farmers to supply safe food for schools and hospitals into the provincial strategic plans. Through support from FAO, agroecology curriculum guidelines will be used and adapted for a farmer training program to be implemented by Community Learning Center (CLCs) and schools. Participatory guarantee systems (PGS) will be applied to ensure the quality and safety of produce. Mobile phone applications and/or social media platforms will be piloted by local universities to support agroecological farmers and schools/hospitals for listing, procurement and delivery systems of safe food goods. Provincial, national and regional forums will be held to disseminate lessons learned and policy recommendations to concerned policy makers.

VIETNAM

**Collaborative lead: SOUTHEAST ASIA REGIONAL INITIATIVES FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT - SEARICE**

*Proposal Title:* Vuot Len (Rise Up)

*Grant size:* $50,000

*Date of implementation:* July 2022 - December 2023

*Collaborative partners:* ICERD; Crop Production and Plant Protection Sub-Department of Lao Cai province (CP & PPSD); Vietnam Farmers’ Union (commune level); Vietnam Women’s Union (commune level)

*Intervention area:* Agroecological production; Territorial markets; Advocacy

*Proposal summary:* The collaborative builds on the accomplishments of the emergency response project implemented in Vietnam and Laos in 2020. It will be implemented in Vietnam where local governments tend to be more responsive to such initiatives, thereby presenting opportunities for policy reforms in support of agroecology. The main goal is to build resilience of smallholder communities and sustainability of their food production systems resulting in food and nutrition security of households. The proposed work will provide more experience and lessons on the ground on the need to transform all policies that affect agri-food systems toward sustainable agri-food systems, respecting farmers’ rights and the right to food of all individuals.
GLOBAL AND INTERREGIONAL

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES IN EAST EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

Collaborative lead: SCHOLA CAMPESINA APS

Proposal Title: Sharing Knowledge for a Stronger Agroecology Movement in ECA Region

Grant size: $120,000

Date of implementation: June 2022 - November 2023

Collaborative partners: Ecoruralis; Elkana; ADI; ANRD; Alica Foundation; “Agro-Vlera” SHPK; ZZ Eko-Illinden; Farmers Association Subotica; KP – AD&RI; Grădina Moldovei; Cifti-Sen; Mohira Bonu; Tomiris; Zher Ana-Astana; Nomadic Livestock Keepers DPF; Agro-Perma-Lab; Hungarian Agroecology Network; FAO REU; Jengalab

Intervention area: Strengthening the agroecology movement

Proposal summary: This collaborative network is the result of several years of active collaboration of its partners in Eastern and Central Europe, the Balkans, Caucasus and Central Asia. The collaborative partners are mainly women organizations or organizations with strong women leadership. The agroecology schools are key to supporting food producers in their farming activity (economic viability, access to markets, food processing, local policies, organizational model, and political advocacy, among others.). This proposal will support the strengthening of the existing agroecology schools, the organization of a pilot agroecology school in Central Asia, and the implementation of a digital platform to facilitate knowledge sharing among the network members.

GLOBAL - ASIA, AFRICA, EUROPE AND AMERICAS

Collaborative lead: INTERNATIONAL PEOPLE’S AGROECOLOGY MULTIVERSITY - IPAM/PAN UK

Proposal Title: International People’s Agroecology Multiversity (IPAM): Strengthening the Agroecology Movement Through Field Learning Sites and Policy Advocacy

Grant size: $120,000

Date of implementation: June 2022 - December 2023

Collaborative partners: PANs Asia Pacific, North America, Germany and Africa; People’s Coalition on Food Sovereignty groups; RAPAAL; Asian Rural Women Coalition groups in Pakistan and Sri Lanka

Intervention area: Strengthening the agroecology movement

Proposal summary: This initiative aims to promote cross-regional learning exchanges strengthened among women and men farmers, Indigenous peoples, practitioners, scientists, CSOs through online processes and actual exchanges when/where possible. The main activities are the following: identification and strengthening of potential Field Leaning Schools in each region; learning exchanges; expansion of the IPAM portal; documenting and sharing of new case studies on benefits of agroecology; networking and movement-building; strengthening the policy advocacy campaigns and building national policymaker interest in agroecology.
GLOBAL

**Collaborative lead: INTERNATIONAL INDIAN TREATY COUNCIL - IITC**

**Proposal Title:** Indigenous Peoples Alliance for Food Sovereignty, Traditional Knowledge and Climate Change - Continuing to Build and Strengthen Indigenous Peoples’ Food Sovereignty and Resiliency

**Grant size:** $150,000

**Date of implementation:** July 2022 - December 2023

**Collaborative partners:** National Coordination of Widows of Guatemala (CONAVIGUA), Kuna Youth Movement, Seminole Sovereignty Protection Initiative, Sami Parliament, Association of World Reindeer Herders, Arctic Athabaskan Council, Shiprock Traditional Farmers’ Association, Te Rau Ora, Te Whanua o te Rau Aroha, Te Kopu Pacific Indigenous and Local Knowledge Centre of Distinction, Traditional Native American Farmers Association, Shiprock Traditional Farmers’ Cooperative, Indigenous Desert Farmers Alliance, International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC)

**Intervention area:** Strengthening Local Food Systems

**Proposal summary:** The Indigenous Peoples Alliance for Food Sovereignty, Traditional Knowledge and Climate Change (Alliance) was founded in 2016 as a multi-regional collaborative of Indigenous Peoples, organizations, Nations and communities. The distinct expertise of each partner, their unique knowledge and ongoing work related to Food Sovereignty, food security, traditional food and ecological knowledge, agroecology and climate mitigation, are its primary strengths. Shared concerns over loss of biodiversity, land and habitats, climate change and other common threats brought them together to find solutions so that future generations will have their ancestors’ knowledge and foods. This proposal aims to expand the Alliance to include new partners to respond to the climate crisis, build mutual support, and address the urgent collective need to build, enhance, strengthen and restore Indigenous Peoples’ food resiliency based on traditional knowledge and defending rights to land, water, productive ecosystems, seeds and cultural heritage.

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**Collaborative lead: LA VIA CAMPESINA - LVC**

**Proposal Title:** Peasant Agroecology for Food Sovereignty: A Long Term Partnership between La Via Campesina, GRAIN and the ETC Group

**Grant size:** $150,000

**Date of implementation:** July 2022 - December 2023

**Collaborative partners:** ETC Group, GRAIN

**Intervention area:** Strengthening the agroecology movement

**Proposal summary:** The major activities present in this proposal are related to the LVC's 8th International Conference, the Food Sovereignty Movement's 3rd Nyéléni Forum, and The UN Decade of Family Farming. For each of these, the further articulation of LVC's network of peasant agroecology schools and training processes will host the many grassroots dialogues required for a successful realization of the aforementioned activities. GRAIN and ETC will continue to contribute vital research and inputs to the strategic reflections being carried out by grassroots leaderships of the Food Sovereignty Movement, including in relation to the rapidly changing geopolitical and technological contexts.