Leveraging Tradition and Science for Disaster Risk Reduction Project

2017 SUB-GRANT CALL FOR PROPOSALS
TO REDUCE AND MITIGATE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF DZUD

Mercy Corps Mongolia is implementing the Leveraging Tradition and Science in Disaster Risk Reduction Project 2 (LTS2) to reduce the risk of dzud to herder communities in Mongolia through on-demand weather information, increased local planning and risk reduction capacity and to mitigate the negative effects of the dzud by supporting local communities to plan and implement livestock related recovery activities that support long-term sustainability of extensive herding systems. Within the framework of LTS2 project, Mercy Corps is announcing a Call for Proposals to support recovery and protect livestock from 2015/16 dzud and the current harsh winter conditions.

The scope of the Call

The sub grants will be implemented in 15 target aimags including Hovd, Uvs, Bayan-Ulgii, Zavhan, Gobi-Altai, Huvsgul, Arhangai, Uvurhangai, Bayanhongor, Dundgobi, Dornogobi, Selenge, Suhbaatar, and Hentii under the LTS2 project funded by OFDA/USAID.

Key interventions for proposal

The project interventions should be designed and implemented as per the Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS). The interventions include destocking, supporting veterinary services, providing fodder supplies, livestock shelters and water sources, and re-stocking in accordance with carrying capacity of pastureland.

General criteria

- ✓ The proposed activities shall be in line with the above-mentioned key interventions
- ✓ The proposal can incorporate more than one key intervention as a package.
- ✓ Herders, local residents and livestock that were directly or indirectly affected by dzud in at least 5 target soums should be able to benefit from the sub-grant.
- ✓ The rationale of the proposal should be based on actual needs of dzud affected individuals and communities or communities facing current harsh winter/Dzud like situation.
- ✓ The proposal should be introduced to and supported by local community, local government organizations and Local Emergency Management Department
- ✓ Impacts of activities should sustain at least 3 years with expected long-term benefits to target community after the project completion
- ✓ The project goals, objectives and outcomes must be specific, measureable, feasible, coherent with timeline, progress monitoring and evaluation plan reflected in the proposal.
- ✓ The Sub-grantee has to cost share which should equal to at least 10% of total budget of the sub-grant and report it according to the relevant Accounting regulations.
- ✓ The Sub grant must be implemented within 80 days of signing of sub-grants agreement.
- ✓ Impact on gender and social equality, vulnerability, environmental and climate change must have been considered and reflected in the proposal

Eligibility

- ✓ Officially registered legal entities with at least 3 years of operational history: herder group, cooperative, local specialized organization, NGO and stable business entity are eligible to apply.
- ✓ The proposal could be submitted by single entity or jointly by several organizations under a consortium led by one organization.
- ✓ The sub-grantee who submitted relevant reports to the respective Agencies such as Finance, Social Insurance and Tax Departments during the last three years.

Mercy Corps will not fund the following

- ✓ Agricultural commodities
- ✓ Fertilizer
- ✓ Pesticides or pesticide-containing LLINs, ITPSs
- ✓ Pharmaceuticals – human and veterinary
- ✓ Purchase of vehicles not manufactured in the USA or leases greater than 180 days
- ✓ Used equipment (second-hand equipment)
- ✓ USG-owned excess property

Proposal funding amount	Up to MNT 50,000,000 per project
Proposal implementing period	Mar 13, 2017 – May 31, 2017 (80 days)

Sub grant review and selection

1. *Initial selection*: Only proposals meeting the above mentioned requirements shall be assessed and the initial review shall be conducted by Mercy Corps aimag and regional teams. The best 2 project proposals of the each Aimag shall be considered for the final selection.
2. *Final selection*: **10** proposals rated as the best shall be selected from the shortlisted proposals by the evaluation Committee with the consultation of Donor.

Proposal deadline	5:00 PM, Jan 31, 2017
Proposal receiving address	Aimag offices of MCM

More information

Call for Proposals, application form, and other related papers can be obtained from the local MC office