EGPS-2 - Emergency Responses – Artisanal and Small-scale Mining (ASM) Communities Impacted by Covid-19

Round 1 Additional Financing

Scope of Round 1 Additional Financing

Additional financing is being made available to successful applicants on a ‘scale-out’, ‘scope-out’ or on a ‘prolonged’ basis as defined below:

‘Scope-out’ refers to having the same beneficiaries as the Round 1 grant but with different activities (as long as the activities are eligible).

‘Scale-out’ refers to having the same activities as the Round 1 grant but with different beneficiaries (and/or locations).

‘Prolonged’ refers to keeping the same beneficiaries and the same activities as the Round 1 grant in order to prolong the benefits of project implementation.

Eligible Activities for Round 1 Additional Financing

The fund will provide grant assistance to successful applicants from international, regional, national and local organizations that have been issued grants as part of Round 1 of the EGPS-2 Emergency Responses for Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining communities impacted by Covid-19.

Eligible activities will comprise but not be limited to:

a. Health
   • Health awareness activities including Covid-19 Prevention

b. Social
   • Social protection interventions to support miners who have re-entered their home communities as a result of temporary mine closures
   • Start up, or support to existing, alternative livelihoods for miners wishing to transition out of ASM
   • Awareness campaigns and other related services to prevent escalation of violence against vulnerable groups in mining areas (SGBV)
   • Child-focused interventions to mitigate social and health vulnerabilities
   • Support to local and national women in mining groups and associations to support gendered impacts from the crisis (job loss, income reduction, childcare, and transition education)
• Establishment of networking and social platforms to bring miners, entrepreneurs and others associated with the value chain together to increase solidarity, experience sharing, and lessons learned.

c. Environmental
• Monitoring capacities to prevent encroachment into protected areas and other sensitive ecosystems

d. Economic
• Support to mining communities to facilitate trade and avoid an increase in smuggling, illicit financial flows and financing of organized crime. This could include expansion of digital-based models and means of trading minerals (mine to market) or piloting of mineral buying programs with a focus on responsible sourcing
• Support to local cooperatives to mitigate escalations in debt or other financial-related issues. This could include, but not be focused exclusively, on revolving fund or other financing schemes which are proven to function well for cooperatives and small mining entities.
• Trialing of new formalization models.

Direct procurement of equipment or goods for distribution is not allowed under the grants. However, equipment required as part of capacity strengthening initiatives can be allowed in addition to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for training sessions as a Covid preventative measure.

Monitoring and Evaluation
Each activity will be required to have a data collection and reporting component to ensure timely sharing and distribution of information of impacts and interventions for specific mining communities.

Grant Limits, Timelines and Grantee Eligibility
• Applicants can apply for a maximum of $45,000 per organisation.
• Chosen applicants must demonstrate successful delivery of at least 75% of their Round 1 project before their application will be received.
• Grant duration will include a 5-month implementation period followed by a further one month (sixth month) for final reporting.
• Organisations can choose to partner with other organisations (e.g., those that are scoping out or scaling-out their activities) as long as the implementing organisation of the grant meets all the required eligibility criteria.
• Official World Bank templates must be used including Technical and Financial Proposals, the W-8BEN-E Form (or W8 Forms for US organisations) and the Firm Questionnaire Form.
• Any proposal that is incomplete, does not meet any of the project eligibility criteria, or requests more than $45,000 will not be considered.
• Each applicant may submit only one proposal.

Criteria for selection
• Readiness for project implementation
• A clear narrative demonstrating demand / need for activities
• Consistency with results framework and impact orientation: does proposed project refer to impact/ outputs/ outcomes/ results for the grant itself or EGPS? Does technical proposal align activities with output indicators and EGPS outcome indicators?
• Successful track record from Round 1 implementation.
• Although gender share is not a criterion for project selection it will be looked upon favourably.

General Guidance
• The schedule of payments section in Annex E of the Financial Proposal needs to clearly cross-reference activities and milestones in the Work Plan in Section D of the Technical Proposal.
• Any proposal submitted acknowledges World Bank terms and conditions have been read and agreed to by the applicant.
• Schedule of payments in the Financial proposal needs to be thought through carefully by the applicant so as to ensure sufficient working capital for project implementation.

Response Time
Submission should be made between Thursday 15th April 2021 and Thursday 15th June 2021 and submitted to: charles.douglashamilton@worldbank.org and hnguyen20@worldbank.org with “Round 1 Additional Financing: COVID and ASM Emergency Response Window” in the title. The deadline for applications will be 11:59pm ET on Tuesday 15th June 2021.

An applicant has to submit their documents in English.

If you have any specific questions for clarification please address them to cdooglashamilton@worldbank.org