Approved GCF Project Preparation Facility application

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Funding Proposal	Building sustainable, resilient and gender-sensitive agrifood systems in Colombia
Accredited Entity	Fondo para la Acción Ambiental y la Niñez (Fondo Acción)
Country	Colombia
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A. Executive Summary				
A.1	**Accredited Entity (AE)**	Fondo para la Acción Ambiental y la Niñez		
A.2	**Title of concept note submitted with PPF application**	Building sustainable, resilient and gender-sensitive agrifood systems in Colombia		
A.3	**PPF no-objection letter issued by NDA**	Colombia – 29 August 2025		
A.4	**PPF support requested**	PPF Funding - AE will receive grant funding from GCF & directly acquire the services of international or local consultants, as well as specialized service providers, required for the development of the Funding Proposal. The AE will also provide co-financing equivalent to USD 162,084 (162,084 in-kind), consisting exclusively of staff time and technical expertise contributed to the formulation process. In addition, partner foundations will contribute USD 60,368 (USD 60,368 in-kind), covering costs associated with staff time, field travel to the targeted territories, and the logistical support required to organize and implement regional and local stakeholder consultation workshops.		
A.5	**Cost of PPF activities**	Amount requested from GCF Only applicable to PPF Funding	☒ Grant	USD 484,650.00
			☐ Repayable grant	USD 0.00
			☐ Equity	USD 0.00
		Co-financing from AE	USD 162,084.00 (in-kind)	
		Co-financing from other sources	USD 60,368.00 (in-kind)	
		Total project preparation cost	USD 707,102	
A.6	**Implementation period**	13 months		
A.7	**Summary of PPF request**			

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The Project Preparation Facility (PPF) will support the development of a full GCF funding proposal aimed at enhancing climate resilience in Colombia's agrifood systems by increasing the adaptive capacity and economic resilience of smallholder producers—particularly women—in climate-vulnerable regions through climate-smart production systems, financial inclusion mechanisms, and territorial governance models.

The preparation activities will focus on generating the technical, financial, social, and institutional inputs required to structure the project in line with GCF investment criteria and national priorities.

Key activities include:

- A feasibility study with technical, economic, and climate rationale assessments;
- The design of a grant facility, including its governance, selection criteria, and sustainability model;
- Preparation of the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and safeguard tools;
- A gender assessment and development of a Gender Action Plan;
- A stakeholder engagement strategy ensuring inclusive participation and prior informed consent;
- Definition of the results framework, theory of change, and baseline indicators;
- A detailed implementation and disbursement plan;
- Drafting of the full funding proposal and supporting annexes.

Fondo Acción will lead the implementation as both Accredited and Executing Entity, in coordination with Colombia's National Designated Authority (NDA), the National Planning Department (DNP). A Steering Committee will be convened to validate deliverables and ensure alignment with national adaptation priorities, the NDCs, and sectoral planning instruments.

The PPF will ensure that the full proposal is technically sound, financially viable, socially inclusive, and environmentally compliant—providing a strategic opportunity to scale nature-based solutions and financial instruments that support climate-resilient development in Colombia's most vulnerable territories.

B. Justification for Project Preparation Support

Please explain the AEs' need for project preparation funding from GCF, including any cash or in-kind resources from the AE and co-financing for funding proposal development.

1. Context

This Project Preparation Facility (PPF) request is submitted to support the development of a full project proposal building upon the approved concept note titled "Building sustainable, resilient and gender-sensitive agrifood systems in Colombia".

The project described in the Concept Note aims to enhance the climate resilience of smallholder agricultural systems through climate-smart production models, financial inclusion, and market integration, addressing smallholder farmers, in particular women-led families[1]. While the technical concept has been preliminarily defined and described in the Concept Note, significant technical, environmental, social,

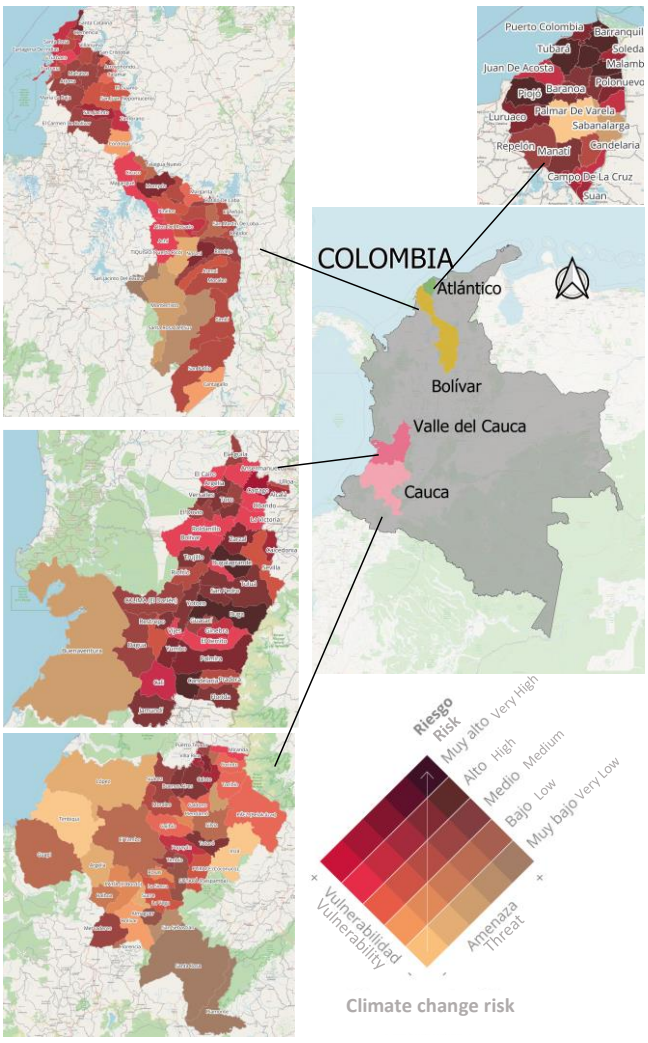
[1] Women-led families are those that are headed by an adult female who acts as the main income producer and decision-maker.

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financial, and institutional elements still require further development to meet the standards of a full Funding Proposal that complies with the standards of the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

Colombia's Caribbean and Pacific regions exhibit some of the highest levels of agricultural vulnerability to climate change, as reflected in the national risk maps presented in the Third National Communication to the UNFCCC. These maps indicate that all municipalities in the country face some degree of climate risk, and that both regions concentrate a significant proportion of municipalities categorized as high and very high risk due to the combined effects of exposure, sensitivity of agrifood systems, and limited adaptive capacities.

Figure 1. Municipal climate change risk maps for the four departments in Colombia initially prioritized.



In alignment with the Concept Note, the project preliminarily identifies target municipalities located in the departments of Atlántico and Bolívar in the Caribbean region, and Cauca and Valle del Cauca in the Pacific region. These areas were selected based on their documented vulnerability to climate hazards and the presence of communities, particularly small-scale producers and women, whose livelihoods depend heavily on climate-sensitive agricultural systems.

In the Caribbean region, climate-related risks are shaped by coastal exposure and the prevalence of dry agroecosystems. The region is highly susceptible to hurricanes and intense storms that reduce crop productivity and damage agricultural infrastructure. Sea-level rise and coastal erosion threaten agricultural lands and the livelihoods of coastal populations. Areas known as "Caribe seco" face chronic water scarcity that affects livestock production and key crops such as rice, maize, cassava, and plantain. Strategic assessments led by the Ministry of Environment have documented these vulnerabilities and highlighted the region's limited adaptive capacity.

In the Pacific region, one of the world's wettest, risks arise from excess rainfall, flooding, and waterlogged soils, especially during La Niña events, which result in frequent crop losses. During El Niño, the region may experience severe reductions in precipitation, affecting water availability for agriculture and domestic use. Socioeconomic vulnerability, geographic isolation, and limited emergency-response capacity exacerbate these climate risks. Existing analyses from FAO, UPRA, and the Ministry of Environment provide detailed evidence of agroclimatic stressors affecting the region.

These regional patterns underscore the need for an evidence-based approach to site selection. Building on the Concept Note and available assessments, the PPF will integrate subnational vulnerability maps, livelihood-sensitive exposure indicators, and hazard analyses, including drought, heat stress, and excessive rainfall, into the Feasibility Study. This will ensure a transparent and technically sound rationale for confirming or refining the selection of municipalities in Atlántico, Bolívar, Cauca, and Valle del Cauca. Strengthening

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the climate-risk analysis will allow the project to prioritize territories where impacts on agrifood systems are most severe and where targeted adaptation measures can generate the greatest resilience benefits.

The project will further develop climate-resilient technological packages inspired by the *Aulas Agroalimentarias* (Agrofood classrooms) model, which promotes hands-on learning, community innovation, and the strengthening of local food systems. These technological packages will be designed for each target territory based on its agro-ecological and microclimatic conditions, incorporating appropriate species and variety mixes, soil and water considerations, and locally relevant production practices. The PPF will also assess opportunities to introduce and scale climate-tolerant and nutritionally relevant crop varieties that can strengthen healthy diets, dietary diversity, and household food security.

In addition, the project will integrate ecosystem-based practices that enhance pollinator populations and natural enemies of agricultural pests, improving biological control and reducing dependence on external inputs. This approach will be complemented by investments in improved post-harvest handling, low-cost and energy-efficient storage solutions, and small-scale processing capacities to extend shelf life, reduce losses, and increase the value of agricultural products.

Building on the Aulas Agroalimentarias methodology, the project will also create opportunities for beneficiaries to learn culinary techniques that improve food preservation, add value through transformation, and support the development of new income-generating activities. These capacities may include the preparation of processed products with extended shelf life, the development of local food services, and the use of traditional and innovative recipes that promote healthy, climate-smart diets. The PPF will further explore options to reduce food waste along the production and consumption chain, including innovations in upcycling and recycling of food residues, circular-economy practices, farm-to-table linkages, and direct marketing strategies that strengthen traceability and reduce methane emissions from organic waste.

Together, these measures will support the development of resilient local food systems, promote diversified livelihood opportunities, enhance nutritional outcomes, and contribute to the creation of green jobs anchored in climate-adaptive production, processing, culinary innovation, and sustainable consumption.

The Funding Proposal will incorporate a detailed analysis of water availability across the target regions and ensure that all proposed technological packages, including drip irrigation systems, are designed in alignment with local hydrological dynamics and the principles of agroecology to avoid the risk of maladaptation. In the Caribbean region, where water scarcity and climatic variability significantly constrain agricultural production, drip irrigation can substantially increase water-use efficiency, reduce evaporation losses, and support precise nutrient application. Synergies with ongoing initiatives, such as silvopastoral systems that reduce heat stress and improve soil moisture retention, rainwater harvesting programs deployed in dry zones such as La Guajira, and integrated watershed management efforts in basins such as the Sinú and the Canal del Dique, will be explored to reinforce climate resilience and strengthen the sustainability of water resources.

In the Pacific region, abundant rainfall coexists with water-quality challenges and periods of reduced precipitation associated with El Niño. In this context, controlled irrigation technologies can support high-value crops while preventing soil saturation and minimizing runoff that carries sediments and agrochemicals into fragile aquatic ecosystems. The Funding Proposal will therefore examine synergies with ecosystem-management initiatives, including mangrove conservation, watershed restoration, and improvements in wastewater management in river systems, to reduce pollution pressures and strengthen hydrological regulation.

To minimize maladaptation risks in both regions, the design will incorporate soil and water monitoring, crop selection suited to local environmental conditions, and community-based decision-making processes that ensure that irrigation solutions do not lead to groundwater over-extraction, soil salinization, or increased dependence on external inputs. The proposal will also draw on national resources provided by the Ministry of Agriculture and UPRA, including agroclimatic analyses, soil suitability studies, and technical guidance for

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irrigation modernization, to ensure that all investments in water management are technically sound, environmentally sustainable, and coherent with national strategies for water conservation and climate adaptation.

The project's approach to GMOs has been carefully considered to ensure full alignment with Colombia's regulatory framework, international market requirements, and environmental safeguards. The proposed intervention prioritizes agroecological and climate-resilient production systems, which by design avoid the use of GMOs and instead promote locally adapted, diverse, and non-transgenic seed varieties that strengthen ecological resilience and food security. This approach is compatible with national norms, including the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, ICA regulations on the introduction and commercialization of genetically modified plants, and labeling and traceability requirements for products containing GMOs.

While the project does not intend to introduce or promote GMOs, the Funding Proposal will work closely with communities to ensure that productivity gains achieved through agroecological and climate-resilient practices do not unintentionally create incentives for the later adoption of GMO-based intensive production systems. To address this risk, the PPF will assess local seed systems, promote the conservation and use of native and creole seeds, and incorporate measures to prevent genetic contamination, including spatial and temporal isolation where relevant. The project will also evaluate market requirements, particularly for organic or non-GMO value chains, and ensure that beneficiaries understand the implications of GMO use for certification, traceability, and access to domestic and export markets.

By strengthening agrobiodiversity, reducing dependence on external inputs, and supporting production models that enhance soil health, water conservation, and biological control, the project adopts a precautionary and ecosystem-based approach that minimizes environmental risks associated with GMOs and supports long-term sustainability. The PPF will support Accredited Entity Fondo Acción and its partners to close these gaps, by producing the analyses, technical studies, stakeholder consultations, and institutional arrangements required to submit a complete and high-quality Funding Proposal. The PPF is particularly relevant given the multi-actor, multi-sector nature of the proposed intervention, which includes local organizations, private foundations, financial institutions, and vulnerable rural communities. The PPF is an essential step to guarantee the analytical depth and operational clarity needed to attract co-financing, maximize the impact and scalability of the proposed investment, and secure GCF endorsement. PPF activities will be developed in close coordination with the National Designated Authority (DNP) to ensure coherence with Colombia's adaptation and climate finance frameworks.

2. Rationale - Why is GCF funding necessary to undertake the project preparation activities?

The project aims to benefit highly vulnerable rural communities, particularly small-scale producers and women, in areas where public investment and technical capacity are limited. The scope and complexity of the proposed intervention, including its multi-sectoral nature (resilient livelihoods, climate information services, market access, and financial inclusion), requires a robust and participatory project preparation process that goes beyond the capacity of the delivery partners and executing entities alone.

GCF support is essential to conduct the necessary technical studies, participatory design processes, gender and environmental assessments, and to define implementation arrangements with a high degree of certainty. Without this support, the quality and completeness of the funding proposal would be compromised, and the capacity to mobilize complementary co-finance would be reduced.

As part of the project preparation process, the GCF will finance the development of the ToRs required to contract key goods, services, and specialized teams during the implementation phase of the future project, should it be approved by the GCF. These ToRs are necessary to ensure that the Funding Proposal is supported by a complete, implementation-ready package. Identifying these needs and drafting the

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corresponding ToRs is a core output of the PPF and will help ensure a smooth and timely project start-up upon approval of the Funding Proposal.

In particular, the GCF funding will enable the delivery of outputs such as the Feasibility Study, the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), the Gender Action Plan, the Grant Facility operational model, and a complete set of Terms of Reference (ToRs), all of which are critical annexes for a successful full funding proposal. The PPF will also finance the preparation of a strong

Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) that integrates SEAH risk screening, conflict sensitivity analysis, subgrant-level E&S risk procedures, and an Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework (IPPF) to guide FPIC processes. These instruments are essential to ensure that the final project design complies with GCF's Revised Environmental and Social Policy and interim ESS standards, while maintaining eligibility under ESS Category C for the SAP modality.

3. AE's co-financing for funding proposal development.

For Fondo Acción, as an Accredited Entity to the GCF, but also a key player in the development of high-impact projects aimed at strengthening climate resilience in vulnerable sectors in Colombia, as well as influencing public policy and fostering alliances with public institutions, private sector organizations, and community-based groups, this project represents a strategic opportunity. Supporting the preparation of a Project Preparation Facility (PPF) focused on agricultural systems aligns directly with its mission to promote sustainable development and environmental conservation, with a focus on community-driven solutions. By investing in the resilience of agricultural systems, Fondo Acción advances its goal of strengthening adaptive capacities in rural areas, protecting livelihoods, and contributing to global climate and biodiversity targets.

To support the preparation process, Fondo Acción will contribute USD 162,084 entirely as in-kind co-financing, consisting exclusively of the time of its technical staff assigned to the Project Preparation Facility (PPF). This amount equivalent to approximately 27 percent of the GCF contribution. No expenses related to fiduciary management, administrative support, or office facilities are included, as these fall under the Project Management Cost (PMC).

In addition, a group of Colombian private-sector foundations engaged in the Concept Note, such as Fundación Promigas, Fundación Alpina and Fundación Smurfit Westrock Colombia, will provide USD 60,368 in-kind co-financing. These resources will cover the direct costs of field travel of their team works to the targeted territories and the implementation of local consultation workshops required during project preparation. These resources are strictly allocated to cover the direct operational and logistical costs required for stakeholder engagement and field data collection during the project preparation phase. Specifically, this cash co-financing covers the following formulation activities: USD 27,408 for the organization and execution of regional stakeholder workshops lead by the foundations; USD 2,568 to support local community-level consultation workshops; and USD 30,392 to cover the time, travel and field mission expenses of professionals from these foundations as they support the technical design of the funding proposal in the targeted territories.

Together, these contributions total USD 222,452 and reflect strong institutional commitment, financial ownership, and collaboration among national partners in advancing a robust and implementation-ready Funding Proposal. The Project Preparation Facility will enable the development of a high-quality, evidence-based funding proposal that is technically robust, socially inclusive, and environmentally sound. Through coordinated efforts with the National Designated Authority and key sectoral partners, the PPF will ensure that the resulting proposal meets GCF standards and effectively contributes to strengthening climate resilience and food security in Colombia's most vulnerable agrifood systems.

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C. Implementation Arrangement, Risks & Mitigants

Please describe implementation arrangements for project preparation activities, including a diagram and narrative description of the roles and responsibilities of the entities involved (NDA, AE, executing entities, procured parties, sub-grantees, as applicable), legal relationships between entities, flow of funds (not applicable to PPF Service), steering committees, and AE staff and consultant contribution arrangements. If seeking PPF Funding with procurement of international or local consultants by the AE, please provide the AE's procurement plan. Also identify any risks and mitigants to implementation.

The implementation of the Project Preparation Facility (PPF) will be led by Fondo Acción as the Accredited Entity (AE), in close coordination with the National Designated Authority (NDA) — the National Planning Department (DNP) — and other technical and sectoral partners. The arrangements are designed to ensure efficient coordination, transparency, and strong alignment with Colombia's national adaptation and agrifood system policies.

C.1. Executing Entity and Overall Coordination

Fondo Acción, a Direct Access Entity (DAE), will serve as the executing entity for the Project Preparation Facility (PPF) and will be responsible for overall coordination, fiduciary management, and technical oversight of all project preparation activities.

Fondo Acción will implement the PPF in close coordination with the NDA of Colombia, represented by the National Planning Department (DNP).

C.2. Governance Structure

Steering Committee

A ***preliminary*** **Steering Committee** will be established as a preparatory governance body for the full project. Its relevance will be towards the end of the PPF to validate the resulting outputs and to provide recommendations towards the strategic governance of the full funding project, including the design of the Grant Facility and overall project design.

Members of the Steering Committee will include representatives from:

- Fondo Acción (AE and Executing Entity)
- National Planning Department (DNP – NDA)

An **Operational Manual** will formalize governance arrangements, including responsibilities, decision-making procedures, and operational guidelines during the implementation of the Full Funding Proposal.

Main responsibilities of the Steering Committee include:

- Validate operational manuals and key project frameworks (e.g., Grant Facility Manual).
- Approve eligibility criteria, financial models, and safeguard frameworks.
- Ensure project alignment with Colombia's national adaptation priorities in the agricultural sector.
- Share PPF progress and final documents with the main stakeholders that will be involved in the implementation of the Full Funding Proposal, i.e. Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Private Sector Partners, relevant regional and local institutions.

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Coordination Committee

To manage day-to-day PPF implementation, a **Coordination Committee** will be formed, led by the Technical Director of Fondo Acción. Its members will include:

- Team Leader
- PPU Technical Experts
- Grant Facility Manager
- DNP focal point

Main responsibilities of the Coordination Committee include:

- Monitor the progress of all PPF deliverables, technical progress, indicators and reports.
- Review and approve all technical proposals for the Grant Facility.
- Address operational bottlenecks and propose solutions.
- Review and validate technical outputs before Steering Committee submission.
- Facilitate coordination with national and territorial stakeholders.

Fondo Acción (Accredited Entity): 3 representatives — from the Project Preparation Unit.

National Designated Authority (DNP): 1 representative — from the Climate Change and Risk Management Directorate, responsible for ensuring alignment with national priorities and facilitating coordination with relevant ministries.

Additional observers may be invited to specific meetings (e.g., Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, IDEAM, private-sector foundations, or gender and social inclusion experts) depending on the agenda.

The Committee will meet quarterly, or as needed, to review progress, validate deliverables, and provide strategic guidance to the project implementation.

Project Preparation Unit (PPU)

Fondo Acción will establish a **Project Preparation Unit (PPU)** to manage daily operations of the PPF, including technical and administrative activities, procurement, financial monitoring, and reporting to the GCF. The PPU will be the operational arm of the PPF. The PPU will also oversee the operation of the Grant Facility, ensuring efficient administration and pertinent allocation of grants.

PPU Structure:

- Team Leader
- Procurement Professional
- Technical Lead – Climate Resilience
- Technical Lead – Productive Systems
- Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist
- Gender and Social Inclusion Specialist-GESI Specialist
- Grant Facility Grant Facility Design Expert
- Stakeholder Engagement Lead
- Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist
- Knowledge Management and Communications Specialist
- Regional Liaison Officers (x2)

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C.3. Roles of Project Partners and Institutional Arrangement

Fondo Acción: Act as the PPF lead and fiduciary manager, responsible for the overall coordination, financial management, procurement, and reporting to the GCF. Fondo Acción will manage the Project Preparation Unit (PPU), supervise consultants, and ensure quality assurance of all technical outputs.

National Designated Authority (DNP): Provide strategic oversight and policy alignment to ensure consistency with Colombia's National Adaptation Plan, NDCs, and agrifood system policies. DNP will participate in the Coordination Committee, review key deliverables, and facilitate inter-institutional coordination with relevant ministries.

Private Sector Foundations: Participate in project co-design, provide private sector perspectives, validate technical and financial models, and potentially mobilize co-financing. Facilitate project interventions at the local level and engagement with local communities and organizations.

During the PPF phase, the foundations will:

- Contribute technical expertise and field knowledge for the co-design of the Grant Facility and the feasibility study;
- Facilitate access to local networks and community organizations in target territories;
- Provide in-kind co-financing, including expert time, logistical support for stakeholder consultations, and access to baseline data from their ongoing programs (valued collectively at approximately USD 60,368); and
- Participate in Coordination Committee meetings when required.

National Government Entities: Will contribute technical expertise, data, and networks to support specific studies (e.g., climate risk mapping, financial modeling, grant facility design). Strategic guidance to ensure project alignment with national policies. DNP will review and endorse key deliverables. Ministries of Environment and Agriculture will participate in technical validation and governance mechanisms.

Territorial Organizations, local governments, and Community-Based Partners: Support stakeholder engagement, risk mapping, baseline validation, and preliminary design of adaptation activities. Also, facilitate community access, and support territorial coordination.

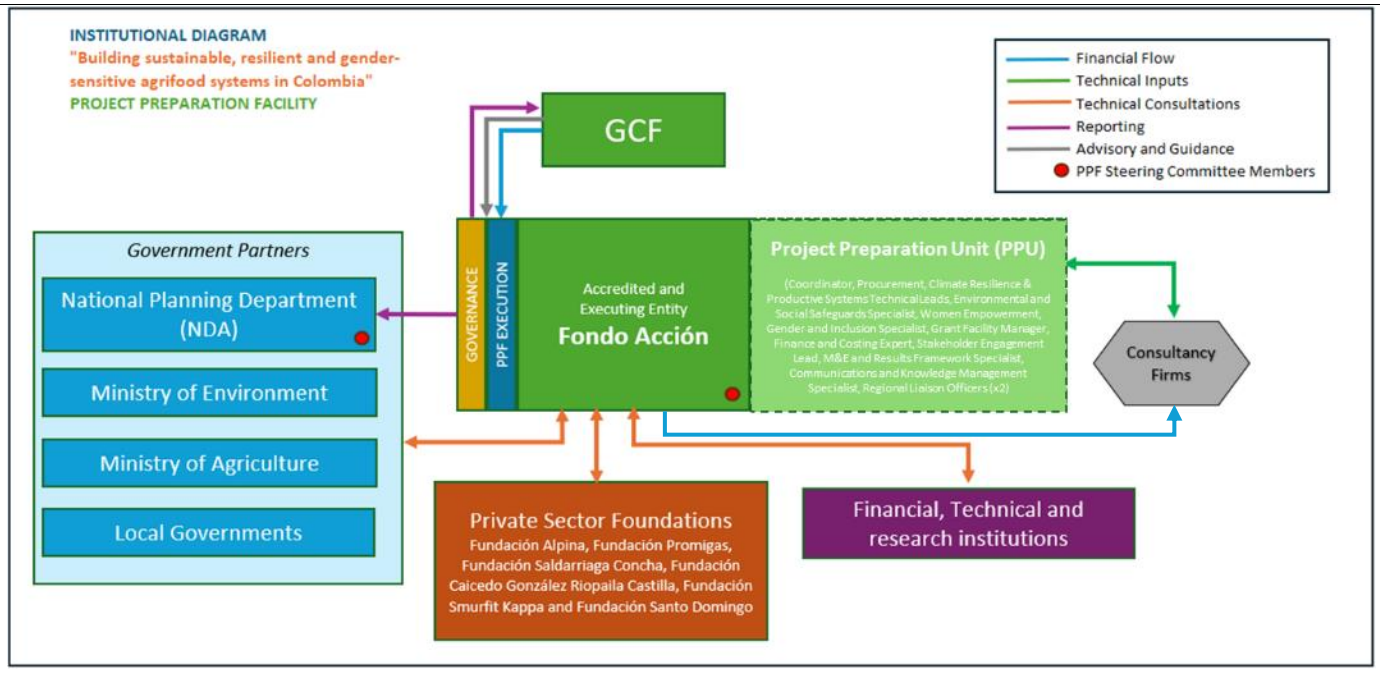
A more detailed consultation plan will be arranged during the preparation of the funding proposal. This will involve in depth dialogues with the NDA (DNP), the Agricultural Minister, research institutes like Agrosavia and Alliance Biodiversity & CIAT, international cooperation agencies like FAO, CAF, UNEP, GIZ and AFD, agricultural Banks (Banco Agrario and FINAGRO), investors (e.g. ACUMEN), fintech institutions, academic institutions like the Colombian National University and regional universities, regional and local authorities, and beneficiaries. Consultations with communities will ensure that free, prior and inform consent is given before the start of the project.

C.4 Legal Relationships and Flow of Funds

All PPF contracts and procurement processes will be directly managed by Fondo Acción under GCF fiduciary standards. No direct transfer of funds to external organizations is anticipated during the PPF stage. Fondo Acción will also retain full fiduciary responsibility for managing PPF resources, in compliance with its internal procedures and GCF procurement policies.

C.5. Institutional Diagram

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C.6 PPF Staffing and Procurement Plan

Fondo Acción will assign core staff to oversee technical implementation, manage contracts, and ensure quality control, through the PPU. All procurement processes under the PPF will follow Fondo Acción's procurement policy, which is aligned with GCF's procurement guidelines.

The **Procurement Plan** is attached as **Annex II** to the PPF, including indicative timelines and selection criteria.

C.7. Risks and Mitigants

The implementation of the Project Preparation Facility (PPF) entails certain risks that could impact the delivery or the timeline of activities. Fondo Acción has identified the main risks at this stage and has designed mitigation measures to proactively manage them. The Coordination Committee and the Project Preparation Unit (PPU) will regularly monitor risk indicators and implement corrective actions as necessary to ensure the technical rigor and relevance of all outputs for successful execution of the PPF.

The following table summarizes key risks in PPF implementation and proposed mitigants:

Risk	Description	Impact Level	Mitigation Strategy
1. Delays in recruitment and availability of specialized consultants	Delays in procurement processes and/or limited availability of qualified experts with the required technical	Medium	Early preparation and approval of Terms of Reference (ToRs) and the Procurement Plan; advance market engagement; launch of procurement processes at the start of the PPF; close coordination with Fondo Acción's

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	profiles could affect the timely onboarding of consultants.		operations area and procurement team; and maintenance of a pre-identified pool of qualified backup experts to ensure continuity if initial candidates are unavailable.
2. Delays in validation of deliverables	Potential delays in review and endorsement by the reviewing entities.	Medium	Establish service agreements and joint review schedules in Governance mechanisms, with regular progress meetings.
3. Weak institutional coordination	Lack of role clarity or engagement from key partners.	High	Establish the Coordination Committee at an early stage and define clear governance rules.
4. Limited stakeholder engagement	Geographic dispersion, logistical challenges or lack of trust in stakeholder consultations.	High	Work with partners to facilitate engagement with territorial institutions at an early stage, build trust and facilitate outreach. Prefer in-person consultation methods but keep engagement through hybrid methods (virtual and in-person).
5. Misalignment of deliverables with national priorities	Outputs may not fully reflect evolving government policies or stakeholder expectations.	Medium	Continuous engagement of the NDA and key ministries through the Coordination Committee. Perform early validation of key outputs with stakeholders in order to build appropriation.
6. Shifting institutional priorities	Changes in government priorities or staff that could affect project relevance.	Low	Aligning PPF activities with national frameworks (e.g., National/Sectoral Adaptation Plan, Territorial Development Plan). Monitor policy developments regularly.
7. Financial management or disbursement delays	Administrative or fiduciary bottlenecks impacting disbursement of funds.	Medium	Strict application of Fondo Acción's fiduciary procedures, deployment of a dedicated Procurement and Admin Officer.
8. Environmental and social risks	Potential issues during stakeholder engagement.	Low	Application of the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and operationalization of a Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM).
9. Security conditions	Security conditions deteriorate in targeted regions that impede activity's implementation	High	Build trust with local authorities and communities to legitimize PPF activities and stakeholder engagement. Also keep monitoring security conditions.

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Summary of activities and Outputs

Please select *PPF activity* and add rows as needed. Submit detailed terms of reference outlining scope of work and deliverables as a separate annex.

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Activity 0	*Inception phase analysis*		■												
Activity 1	**Pre-feasibility and feasibility studies, and project design**			■	■	■	■	■	■	■					
	Design climate-resilient technological packages (Aulas Agroalimentarias).			■	■	■	■								
	Draft and consolidate the Technical Feasibility Analysis.	*Technical Feasibility Report & Tech Packages*						■	■						
	Address coordination committee and GCF observations.											■	■	■	■
	Baseline market research and value chain/infrastructure field assessment.						■	■							
	Define circular economy inputs and non-GMO/organic market access plan.	*Market Demand and Value Chain Assessment*							■	■					
Activity 2	**Environmental and social studies, including Indigenous Peoples studies**				■	■	■	■							
	E&S baseline screening and Category C eligibility confirmation.				■										
	Conduct SEAH, conflict sensitivity, and Indigenous Peoples screening.				■	■									
	Develop ESMF including sub-grant screening and Draft IPPF if applicable.	*Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)*					■	■							
Activity 3	**Gender studies**					■	■	■	■	■	■				
	Methodological framework and baseline data collection tools.					■	■								
	Fieldwork and participatory consultations with women-led groups.							■	■						
	Data analysis and Gender Assessment Report drafting.								■	■					
	Draft Gender Action Plan (GESI Plan) and Logical Framework inputs.	*Gender Assessment and Action Plan (GAP)*								■	■				
	Validation and finalization based on stakeholder and GCF feedback.											■	■	■	■
Activity 4	**Development of stakeholder engagement plans**			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				
	Conduct stakeholder mapping, risk analysis, and draft SEP.				■	■	■	■							
	Facilitate on-the-ground territorial consultations and event logistics.			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				
	Consolidate consultation summaries and finalize SEP for the FFP.	*Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) & Consultation Records*							■	■	■				
	Risk assessments							■	■	■	■				

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Activity 5	Design accountability mechanisms and the project-level GRM.	*Project-level Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)*						■	■						
	Consolidate ESS compliance inputs and project risk mitigation notes.	*Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategy*								■	■				
Activity 6	**Assessment of climate impact potential for mitigation and adaptation**			■	■	■	■	■	■						
	Baseline data collection, methodology definition, and hazard analysis.			■	■	■									
	Sub-national vulnerability mapping and evidence-based site selection rationale.				■	■	■								
	Finalize Climate Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Report.	*Climate Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Report*					■	■							
	Crop and system productivity simulations under climate scenarios.	*Productivity Modeling Annex*				■	■	■	■						
Activity 7	**Identification of program- and project-level indicators**					■	■	■	■	■	■				
	Develop and validate Theory of Change and Results Architecture.					■	■	■	■	■	■				
	Develop Logical Framework (outcomes, baselines, targets).						■	■	■	■	■				
	Design MEL Methodology, Data Collection Tools, and Implementation Plan.	*Logical Framework and MEL Methodology*							■	■	■				
Activity 8	**Pre-contract services, including the revision of tender documents**		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				
	Prepare and update PPF Procurement Plan.			■											
	Manage end-to-end procurement processes, ToRs, and contract management.	*PPF Procurement Plan and Documentation*	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				
Activity 9	**Advisory services to financially structure a proposed activity**					■	■	■	■	■	■				
	Institutional mapping, governance, and eligibility criteria design.					■	■								
	Design financial flow, disbursement strategy, and oversight mechanisms.							■	■						
	Finalize Operations Manual and integrate feedback from private sector partners.	*Grant Facility Operations Manual*								■	■				
	Deliver technical cost inputs (Capex/Opex) to the Financial Structuring Expert.	*Economic and Financial Analysis Inputs*								■	■				
Activity 10	**Other project preparation activities**														
	Establish Communications Strategy and Knowledge Management System.			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
	Consolidate primary territorial evidence and operational field reports.			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				
	General coordination, technical review, and quality control of all annexes.			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

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Summary of activities and Outputs

Please select *PPF activity* and add rows as needed. Submit detailed terms of reference outlining scope of work and deliverables as a separate annex.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Consolidate technical synthesis notes and draft FFP narrative inputs.	*Main SAP Funding Proposal & Knowledge Package*							■	■	■				
	Incorporate GCF revisions and finalize the Funding Proposal package.											■	■	■	■
Submission of funding proposal											■				
Additional period for review by GCF Secretariat and Independent Technical Advisory Panel												■	■	■	■

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E. Terms of Reference for Project Preparation Activities

Please provide detailed terms of reference for each project preparation activity, including expected scope of work, planned deliverables, no. of days per deliverable, technical qualifications of consultants of consultancy firms expected to undertake specific activities. A separate word file may be provided.

Annex I contains the detailed Terms of Reference (ToRs) developed under the Project Preparation Facility (PPF) to support the elaboration of the full Funding Proposal for the project *"Building Sustainable, Resilient and Gender-Sensitive Agrifood Systems in Colombia."*

Each ToR outlines the objective, scope of work, expected deliverables and timelines, required technical qualifications for the consultancy or technical service to be procured.

The development of these ToRs is aligned with the activities described in Section D of the PPF application and reflects the needs identified during the Concept Note phase.

The following is a list of 11 Terms of Reference (ToR), included in Annex I, prepared for 12 positions, since the ToR for Regional Liaison Officer No. 11 are the same for positions 11 (Caribbean region) and 12 (Pacific region)

Individual Contracts

Terms of Reference 01 - Team Leader -Technical Lead-Sustainable Agrifood Systems.

Terms of Reference 02 - Climate Vulnerability and Agro-climatic Assessment - Climate Vulnerability Analyst.

Terms of Reference 03 - Technical Appraisal of Climate-Smart Production Models - Climate-Smart Agriculture Specialist

Terms of Reference 04 - Environmental and Social Risk Screening - E&S Safeguards Specialist

Terms of Reference 05 - Gender Assessment and Action Plan - Gender and Social Inclusion Expert

Terms of Reference 06 - Grant Facility Operational Design - Grant Facility Design Expert.

Terms of Reference 07 - Value Chain and Market Research - Agricultural Economist.

Terms of Reference 08- Stakeholder Engagement and Grievance Mechanism - Stakeholder Engagement Specialist

Terms of Reference 09 - Project Preparation Unit - Monitoring, Evaluation and Results Framework Specialist

Terms of Reference 10 - Project Preparation Unit - Communications and Knowledge Management Specialist

Terms of Reference 11 - Project Preparation Unit - Regional Liaison Officer (x2, 1 Caribbean & 1 Pacific)

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F. Budget Summary (applicable to PPF Funding applications only)				
Outputs or Activities level budget summary Please fill out the detailed budget template and submit it along with this application. Add rows as needed.		**USD from GCF**	**USD from AE / co-finance**	**Total cost, USD**
Activity 1	Pre-feasibility and feasibility studies, and project design	46,002	10,941	56,943
Activity 2	Environmental and social studies, including Indigenous Peoples studies	25,114	11,785	36,899
Activity 3	Gender studies	42,604	5,985	48,589
Activity 4	Development of stakeholder engagement plans;	52,016	33,208	85,224
Activity 5	Risk assessments	39,044	16,083	55,127
Activity 6	Assessment of climate impact potential for mitigation and adaptation activities	30,016	8,370	38,386
Activity 7	Identification of program- and project-level indicators	21,018	14,932	35,950
Activity 8	Pre-contract services, including the revision of tender documents	0	14,054	14,054
Activity 9	Advisory services and/or other services to financially structure a proposed activity	27,210	16,080	43,290
Activity 10	Other project preparation activities, where necessary, and with sufficient justification	135,298	91,015	226,313
Total activity-level costs		**418,322**	**222,452**	**640,774**
Additional costs and fees				
Audit Fee		8,000		8,000
Contingency (up to 5% of total activity-level costs)		12,550		12,550
Project Management Cost (up to 7.5% of total cost + contingency)		22,700		22,700
Sub-total of project preparation costs		**461,572**	**222,452**	**684,024**

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Accredited Entity Fee (up to 8.5% of sub-total)		23,078
Total GCF PPF funding requested (sub-total + AE fee)		**USD 484,650**

G. Budget Summary (applicable to PPF Funding applications only)

G.1 For AEs without framework readiness and preparatory support grant agreement with GCF

For PPF Funding requests of 12 months or less	1st tranche	90% of total grant, equating to USDamount, to be disbursed upon or after effectiveness of the Grant Agreement and fulfilment of conditions in Grant Agreement Standard Conditions.
	Final tranche	10% of total grant, equating to USD amount, will be disbursed upon submission of a completion report and final audit report.
For PPF Funding requests of 12 months or more	1st tranche	50% of total grant, equating to USD 242,325, will be disbursed upon or after effectiveness of the Grant Agreement and fulfilment of the conditions specified in Grant Agreement and Standard Conditions.
	2nd tranche	40% of total grant, equating to USD 193,860 , will be disbursed (provided that at least 70% of the 1st Tranche has been committed) upon submission of an interim progress report and Certified Financial Report from CFO/Head of Finance or designated official and upon fulfilment of conditions in Grant Agreement and Standard Conditions.
	Final tranche	10% of total grant, equating to USD 48,465, will be disbursed upon submission of completion report and final audit report.

G.2 For AEs with framework readiness and preparatory support grant agreement with GCF

The following paragraph to be completed by the AE:

Disbursements will be made in accordance to [Clause xx] "Disbursement of Grants" and [Clause xx] "Use of Grant Proceeds by the Delivery Partner" of the Framework Readiness and Preparatory Support Grant Agreement entered into between GCF and [AE's name] on [date].

H. Reporting Obligations & Acknowledgements by AE

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E.1	The AE will submit a Funding Proposal to the GCF that is supported by the PPF resources within 2 years of approval of this application, as per GCF Board Decision B.37/22.	X Agree
E.2	All outputs as approved in the PPF application together with a draft Funding Proposal should be provided no later than 24 months from approval of this PPF application. If PPF grant duration is over 12 months, an Interim Progress Report, and for all grants, a Completion Report, and Certified Financial Reports will be submitted by the AE. Templates can be found on the GCF PPF website.	X Agree
E.3	If requesting project preparation support via **PPF Funding**, the AE will be responsible for [and accountable to the GCF under terms of the Grant Agreement to be entered into between GCF and the AE in case of direct grants, or between United Nations Office of Project Services (UNOPS) and the AE in case of grants administered by UNOPS] the overall design, development, management, implementation and supervision of activities financed through the PPF. The AE will be responsible for determining that any sub-grantee(s) have the ability to successfully perform the activities under its overall guidance, management or supervision, according to the terms and conditions of the agreement between the GCF and the AE.	X Agree
E.4	If requesting project preparation support via PPF Service, the AE will be responsible for managing the independent consultancy firm selected to provide PPF Services; providing instructions to the independent consultancy firm selected to provide PPF Services; and the quality control of the final products of the independent consulting firm. The AE shall provide to the GCF written confirmation that the deliverables by the PPF Services firm are satisfactory and meet the requirements of the AE within thirty [30] days from the date of completion of services by the consultancy firm. The GCF shall have no liability for the performance or quality of the services provided by the independent consultancy firm. To the maximum extent permitted by law, the AE agrees to release the GCF, and its employees, agents and representatives from any and all liability related to damage, loss, cost, expense incurred or injury suffered by the AE or any other party as a result of the project preparation services.	☐ Agree