

Webinar: GCF Support to Climate Resilient Recovery, 9-10 September 2020

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Question No.	Session No. 1	Questions	Answers
1	Session No.1	I am Sum Thy, from Cambodia NDA, could you share the preparation	Yes, the presentation and other materials will be uploaded onto the GCF website, and we will inform you after the webinars.
2	Session No.1	We had some trouble with our audio. can you please clarify if we can access all 3 options?	Yes, as explained in the Guidance Note, countries may access all options to achieve the three Outputs without duplication.
3	Session No.1	Regarding option 3, what timeframe is anticipated for the availability of TA support? In planning, should time for identification and recruitment be allowed for this assistance?	Such support is available till 28 Feb. 2021 for countries to request. Once approved, the TA support may be provided in 6-12 months to respond to countries' urgent need.
4	Session No.1	Thank you for answering our question. Is this part of the 1 million country allocation or is this additional to a country's 1million cap per year	For Option, 1, 3 and TA by firms under Option 3, the funding will be counted under the country cap (\$1 million per year).
5	Session No.1	For option 2, can we request for the additional of 50000\$ for each existing Readiness Projects	No, each country is only allowed to request Option 2 via only one readiness grant, excluding the grant for adaptation planning.
6	Session No.1	can we use option 3 to support NDA to develop the proposal for option 1	No, as explained, all the Options shall contribute to the achievement of the three Outputs.
7	Session No.1	Apologies if I missed this information in the presentation in relation to Option 3 - With the travel and border restrictions in place, how is the GCF Secretariat intending to deliver the technical assistance. Does the GCF roster of experts include (or intend to use) technical experts who	Under travel restrictions, such support will namely be provided remotely, and GCF is open to hire local experts depending on the need and the availability of the expertise by our rostered experts.
8	Session No.1	Hello, asking on behalf of the Tonga NDA, can this additional support fund prefeasibility study requirements of existing project concept notes/proposals under development?	Yes, as long as those existing Concepts Note/proposals under development will contribute to both economic recovery and climate ambitions.
9	Session No.1	We, the FSM NDA office, have utilized GCF's TA support before however, it is always short-term so how long can we engage the TA for?	Yes, it depends on the scope and nature of the work. However, for the TA of Option 3, it's supposed to be 6-12 months to respond the countries' urgent need.
10	Session No.1	If we wish to put in proposals for assistance under different options, do they have to be submitted together or can they be done at different times?	They could be submitted at different times, as long as it's clearly articulated which Option will be used for which Output, with budget and timeline defined.
11	Session No.1	Could this additional support come through a local Delivery Partner (if the activities can be implemented by the country) or does it have to come through the engaged accredited entity developing the project concept note/proposal?	Certainly it could be implemented by a local Delivery Partner as long as the Delivery Partner has passed the FMCA.
12	Session No.1	With regards to the implementation period for the request under option 2, would an extension be also approved or activities expected to be completed within the approved project duration? Thanks	The new activities requested under the Option 2 shall be completed within the approved grant duration.
13	Session No.1	For option 2, can you elaborate if there is an adjustment to the existing project document i.e. what revisions should be submitted with the request?	The existing documents, including Logical Framework, Work Plan, Budget and Procurement Plan, shall be revised and submitted.
14	Session No.1	Great Q&A so far, can the NDA submit a RS proposal for any of the 3 options without the need for a Delivery Partner?	NDAs will have to identify and agree with a Delivery Partner in advance, unless NDA has passed the FMCA and would like to implement it by itself.
15	Session No.1	Will there be another round after Feb 2021?	We will look into the countries' need, as well lessons learn in early 2021, to decide if another round will be available.
16	Session No.1	We hope the lessons can be applied in SAPs as well	SAP has different access modality, and the Secretariat doesn't have the authority to apply these Options exactly to SAP.
Question No.	Session No. 2	Questions	Answers
1	Session No.2	Good afternoon from Climate Change Division, ECD, MONREC, Myanmar.	
2	Session No.2	Budget allocation of 1 million USD/country/year is observed. Can we proposed a special request if we needed?	As presented, these options might not be able to meet the need of every single country. In that case, we encourage those countries to develop other normal readiness requests to address their specific need.
3	Session No.2	Did I hear you say that the activities in the Log frame are fixed and can not be changed?	Yes, the activities in the Logical Framework have been pre-filled for Option 1 and 2. Please take unnecessary or unrequested activities out, but please do not add any new ones, so as for the Secretariat to review and approve it rapidly.
4	Session No.2	Thank you. Can this support be requested for extended NAP process. Gyanendra Karki, Nepal	No, grants for adaptation planning are excluded for Option 2, as the previous adaptive management measures have allow the countries to adjust the budget for these grants which is more than \$50,000 of Option 2.
5	Session No.2	In addition, can the current Delivery Partner request for additional support that the project is experiencing financial shortfall due to COVID 19 and changed country priority?	Countries have been allowed to adjusted the budget for contingency, project management cost, and activities as communicated in the previous guidance for existing readiness grant. The support provided via these three Options is aiming to achieve the three Outputs related to
6	Session No.2	Are there any conditions on the use of the 50,000 USD for option 2? can it all be used for project management expenses?	No, it can't be all used to project management expense. As said, the support provided via the Option2 is aiming to achieve the three Outputs related to climate resilient recovery, not to address the budget shortfall of existing grants.
7	Session No.2	Should the request come through the NDA or the delivery partner?	NDA shall submit the request for Option 1 via the Fluxx system, send an email to DCP for Option 3, while agree and authorize DP to request for Option 2.
8	Session No.2	Urban Research Institute, Delivery Partner for Albania: Thank you for the presentation. Will the templates for option one be shared, when?	The template has been shared already together with the Guidance Note. All the documents are downloadable on GCF website: https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/readiness-crr-guidance-note
9	Session No.2	Thanks for the presentation. Could you please tell about the GCF support for preparation process of proposal to NDAs?	In addition to the Guidance Note, please feel free to reach out to GCF Regional Desks for any clarifications and supports needed.
10	Session No.2	The readiness project for Sierra Leone is yet to be finalized although it was submitted a long time ago. Will the approval process for this accelerated readiness be any faster?	The Secretariat aims to approve all requests on climate resilient recovery within 60 days.
11	Session No.2	Is the Guideline necessary for the countries who have already submitted proposal for 2021?	This Guidance Note is developed for the fast and flexible support to climate resilient recovery, thus shall not be used for other readiness proposals.
12	Session No.2	Thank you! We have one GCF readiness grant under implementation. It is extended for 6 months by using the COVID 19 extension. Can we use Option 2 for this Readiness.	Yes, if it's not a grant for adaptation planning. However, the Option 2 will have to be completed within the implementation period of the existing grant.
13	Session No.2	Good day, I have a question on Option 3 - could it also involve providing health-related technical support? If so, could WHO or other health-related organizations propose technical experts for this? Many thanks in advance, Alexandra	Yes, as long as such technical support is needed to achieve the Outputs of this initiative. GCF has roster of experts, which are selected following the procurement process.
14	Session No.2	if the country already submit the readiness proposal in the amount of 1m USD, it is possible to submit this new readiness?	Yes, the country could ask to adjust to budget for the submitted proposal, or use the allocation of 2021.

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15	Session No.2	this GCF Readiness Support to Climate Resilient Recovery is separate from 2020 GCF Readiness Support Program which is already deadline on 31st August 2020? Myanmar	Yes, the submission deadline for this support is 28 Feb. 2021.
16	Session No.2	could you paste the link of the document here	https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/readiness-crr-guidance-note
17	Session No.2	Clarification on my question: E.g. Myanmar is thinking to develop a midterm NDC before 2025 and after 2020. We may need to apply for this kind of funding support from GCF.	The Secretariat is providing support to the development of NDCs, and please reach out to Regional Desk for additional information for support.
18	Session No.2	Link to Option 1 template: https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/annex-i-standardized-rapid-readiness-grant-template.docx	
19	Session No.2	Link to Option 2 template: https://www.greenclimate.fund/sites/default/files/document/annex-ii-letter-request-additional-resources-existing-readiness-grants.docx	
Question No.	Session No. 3	Questions	Answers
1	Session No.3	La opcion2, recursos adicionales es bajo el limite del millon anual que los paises tienen asignado?	Sí, los recursos adicionales están por debajo del límite existente y los países solo pueden solicitarlo si su límite de 2020 aún no se ha agotado.
2	Session No.3	En el caso de Ecuador tenemos 2 consultores del GCF para la asesoría del FP del proyecto de Galapagos, si llegamos a necesitar mas asistencia podemos acceder a la ventana 3.	Sí, puede solicitar soporte técnico de la Opción 3, siempre que dicho soporte contribuya a los tres objetivos de este soporte.
3	Session No.3	Hay un límite en la cantidad de apoyo técnico (listas de expertos - opción 3) que podría solicitarse? (cantidad de expertos o alcance de la asistencia)	Depende del alcance y la naturaleza del trabajo.
4	Session No.3	Solamente agradecer y felicitarlos por estas iniciativas que serán de mucha utilidad para los países	Gracias
Question No.	Session No. 4	Questions	Answers
1	Session No.4	J'aimerais savoir si la version française de ce document est disponible	J'aimerais savoir si la version française de ce document est disponible
2	Session No.4	Est-ce que cette option peut servir de requête additionnelle pour un readiness grant déjà existant ?	Oui, nous traduirons la note explicative en français et la partagerons avec vous. Nous la rendrons également téléchargeable sur notre site Web.
3	Session No.4	la prolongation de la durée de mise en oeuvre retardée à cause du COVID peut elle être accompagnée d'une augmentation du budget pour couvrir les frais du personnel du projet	L'option 2 sert de demande de financement supplémentaire pour une subvention de préparation existante, à l'exclusion de la subvention de planification de l'adaptation, les nouvelles activités contribuant aux trois résultats de cette initiative.