

Call for Proposals

For project funding under the Grassroots Mechanism of the Global Land Tools Network (GLTN).

In many countries laws and policies exist that have the potential to enhance secure access to land for poor women and men. These laws relate to issues such as adequate housing and freedom from eviction, land reform and access to all land-based resources. They relate to cross-cutting issues such as the rights of women and marginalized groups to freedom from discrimination in relation to land and housing. However, very often the implementation of these laws and policies is weak because governments lack the necessary expertise, resources or political will.

But many solutions to these problems are being developed by grassroots organizations and other civil society organizations that work closely with grassroots communities. These grassroots approaches are based upon the mobilization of grassroots groups to fill the gap left by government. But grassroots civil society often faces difficulties in replicating and scaling up these approaches beyond small-scale, local initiatives.

In 2010, GLTN, in partnership with the Hakijamii Trust, Huairou Commission, International Land Coalition and Slum/Shack Dwellers International, will provide support for the scaling up of innovative, participatory approaches to improving the secure access of poor women and men to land.

Basic criteria:

To be selected for support, projects should have the following characteristics:

- Projects must be implemented by a civil society organization belonging to one of the GLTN Partners.
- The project should focus on improving access to land and/or tenure security.
- It should focus on addressing a failure of land-related policy implementation or failure to respect basic rights.
- The impact of the project should be pro-poor (i.e. the relative economic and political empowerment of the poor within society must be strengthened).
- The benefits of the project should not discriminate against women and marginalized. Proposals are encouraged that promote the empowerment of women and marginalized groups.
- The approach or methodology used by the project should be based upon strong grassroots participation or self-mobilization as an essential element of the process.
- The approach to be scaled-up should have been already developed and piloted on a small-scale by the implementing organization.
- The scaling-up of the approach can involve building collaboration between grassroots actors and the state (local government, provincial or national government, etc.) in order to achieve more widespread impact, and/or it can involve scaling up through spreading and replication of the approach by other grassroots communities and their organizations. "Scaling up" is not intended to mean simply the expansion of operations by one organization (i.e. it must involve bringing in more stakeholders).
- Activities must be completed by the end of 2010. Nonetheless, preference will be given to proposals for projects that advance an ongoing process, contributing to the sustainability of that process.
- Selected organizations should have a strong commitment to documenting the lessons learned

by the process and sharing these with others, including evaluating progress during implementation, and final reporting.

Extent of support:

Grant size will be up to \$35,000. It is envisaged that 3 -4 projects will receive funding.

Deadline for proposal submission:

Proposals must be submitted no later than **1st December 2009**, to t.bending@gmail.com; maria-guglielma.dapassano@unhabitat.org

Proposal form

A. Basic information:

1. What is the name of your organization?
2. Which international network do you belong to?
3. What is the name of your specific project?
4. Project location:

B. The approach you wish to scale up

You should apply for support to scale up your organization's work or one element of your organization's work that meets the basic criteria described above. This is what we mean by the "approach" or methodology that you wish to scale up.

5. Please describe the general problem that your organization's approach seeks to address. If relevant, mention factors such as the political and policy context, the role of government bodies, the role of customary institutions and norms and the forms of land tenure involved.

[200 words]

[note: these indications on the number of words for each question are intended as a guide, not a fixed rule. Nonetheless, proposals that are not excessively long will be appreciated].

6. What are the objectives of your approach?

[100 words]

7. Please describe the activities you have undertaken to achieve these objectives.

[300 words]

8. What outcomes have been achieved by this approach? Please refer to specific outcomes for women, men and marginalized groups where they are different.

(hint: by "outcomes", we mean the direct effects of project activities, such as possession of documented land rights, awareness of rights, better community organization, land management plans, greater recognition of customary rights, improved services, stronger role for women in decision-making, etc.)

[100 words]

9. What has been the impact of the approach on:

a) poor households

b) women

c) other marginalized groups in the project area?

(hint: by "impact", we mean how their general situation and conditions of life will change)

[200 words]

10. How have the outcomes that you describe contributed to achieving these impacts? How may they do so in the future?

[100 words]

C. Ensuring effective grassroots participation

11. What level of control do grassroots participants have over project activities?

[100 words]

12. How do you encourage participation? Does your approach address immediate needs and priorities?

[100 words]

13. What is the role of existing networks and customary institutions?

[100 words]

14. What methods do you use to ensure the participation of women and marginalised groups?

[100 words]

15. How do you make sure participants have the capacity to participate effectively?

[100 words]

16. How do you ensure that there is clear agreement with grassroots participants on project objectives?

[100 words]

17. How is the initiative accountable to participants? How can they make complaints or evaluate the outcomes of the project?

D. Plans for scaling-up

18. Please describe your objectives for scaling up your approach over the next few years?

[100 words]

19. Please describe your specific objectives and expected outcomes for scaling up in 2010? (What are the key expected achievements? How many people/communities will benefit? What stakeholders will be brought into the process?)

[300 words]

20. Please describe in detail the activities you propose to implement in 2010.

[300 words]

E. Budget

21. Please provide a budget for the proposed activities in 2010. Please include a detailed breakdown of activities and the specific costs for each of these activities. (Use the table below if you wish - add more lines if needed).

Activity	Cost (\$)
Total	

22. What other sources of funding does your organization have that would complement funds provided by GLTN?

[100 words]

F. Ensuring your approach remains effective at a larger scale

23. As you scale up your initiative, how will you make sure that grassroots participants continue to be represented effectively in decision-making?

[100 words]

24. What minimum standards will be set for participation, and how will you ensure that they are kept?

[100 words]

25. How will you ensure that the grassroots continue to be well-informed as you scale-up? What is your strategy for communication?

[100 words]

22. How will you ensure that activities continue to be driven by the demands of grassroots participants? What contributions will participants make to the process?

[100 words]

23. What are the costs involved for different stakeholders? What are the benefits? How do you

know the costs will be affordable and outweighed by the benefits?

[100 words]

24. How will you deal with conflicts that arise as your initiative confronts vested interests?

[100 words]

25. How will you address the need for wider political support as your initiative begins to impact on a larger scale?

[100 words]

26. What factors are important to the success of the project but not under your control?

[100 words]

G. Learning

27. What are your plans for monitoring and evaluation during and after the activities have taken place?

[200 words]

28. How would this project contribute to the work of your organization in 2011 and beyond?

[200 words]

29. Aside from funding, how would support from GLTN help the realization of your organization's objectives?

[100 words]