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Food  
Coalition  
A COVID-19 RESPONSE

## FOOD COALITION

### GUIDELINES FOR THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS (29 June – 18 September 2021)



## BACKGROUND

The Food Coalition was officially launched on 5 November 2020 as response to challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and in view of supporting countries to build back better and towards green recovery.

Proposed by the Government of Italy and led by FAO, the Food Coalition is a multi-stakeholder global alliance with the objective of strengthening efforts and coordinating global actions to contain the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on food security, to support economic recovery activities and to prepare the ground for a green and inclusive recovery. To this aim, the Coalition is activating political commitment and mobilizing expertise and financial, policy and technical assistance in the context of FAO's COVID-19 Response and Recovery Programme.

In 2021, the Food Coalition will be providing significant support for the Food Security Agenda of the G20 under the Italian Presidency, taking the opportunity to advocate and mobilize support for the most vulnerable and hardly hit by the pandemic. The present Call for Proposals has been launched during the joint session of G20 Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Development on 29 June 2021.

## OBJECTIVE OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

This Call for Proposals has the overall objective of providing an opportunity for FAO's Members to **build coalitions across countries and with non-State actors**, who have a keen and common interest in elaborating and implementing actions in four selected **priority areas of work** in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic recovery. FAO is issuing the call and acting as a convener through the Food Coalition, bringing together countries in need and those willing to support them.



## PRIORITY AREAS OF WORK

Proposals must be designed around one of the following four priority areas of work to help countries in the areas of response, recovery and building back better:

1. Global Humanitarian Response Plan
2. Economic Inclusion and Social Protection to Reduce Poverty
3. Reduction of Food Loss and Waste
4. Food Systems Transformation

## ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

**This Call is aimed at FAO Members.**

It is built around the principles of multilateralism, multi-stakeholder, country ownership and thematic focus.

The proposal should **focus on one of the four selected priority areas of work**, and be based on a sound problem analysis, be results-focused, risk-informed and sustainability and resilience-oriented.

It is also expected that proposals clearly indicate how the proposed project intervention will address the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and/or will support the recovery from it in the recipient country(ies).

The eligibility criteria for the submission of the proposals include that:

- the proposal is presented by **at least two countries**;
- participant countries should **ensure that at least one non-State actor** (e.g. academia, private sector, civil society, etc.) **is included** in the implementation of the project;
- the proposal reflects the **need and demand on the ground**.

Applicants need to indicate how they wish to contribute to the implementation of their proposals and whether they want to provide financial support (partial or total) or/and contribute in-kind through the provision of experts and expertise.

## PROPOSALS FORMULATION PROCESS



Applicants are expected to submit proposals in the form of a brief Concept Note. Applications can be submitted in all six UN official language: **English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese and Russian.**

Countries wishing to avail themselves of support in preparing their proposal are kindly invited to seek **assistance** from the **Food Coalition Coordination Team** by contacting it at [Food-Coalition@fao.org](mailto:Food-Coalition@fao.org). Assistance is fully optional and will be organized in response to demand. Proposal preparation and submission by the closing date remains fully the responsibility of applicants.

## DEADLINE AND APPLICATION PROCESS

The deadline for submission of the applications is 18 September 2021.

To submit a proposal, applicants must download and fill in the Concept Note form available on the Food Coalition webpage. All applications must be submitted via email at [Food-Coalition@fao.org](mailto:Food-Coalition@fao.org).

The Food Coalition Coordination Unit will acknowledge receipt of a submitted application through a confirmation email.

In the event of problems with the application, applicants are invited to contact the Food Coalition Coordination Team by email at [Food-Coalition@fao.org](mailto:Food-Coalition@fao.org). Applicants will be informed of updates on the application process via email.

## APPRAISAL AND SELECTION PROCESS

The proposals will be appraised by FAO technical officers in the four priority areas of work considering:

- relevance of the proposed project intervention and contribution to the objectives of the call for proposals;
- effectiveness of proposed methodologies to reach the objectives of this call and the priority area of work selected;
- the potential impact through the development, dissemination and use of project results; and
- sustainability and replicability.