

AMAZONIA+ PROGRAM, PROC/2024/GRA/001
“AMAZONIA VIVA” – REGIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONSERVATION
AND PROTECTION OF ITS LANDSCAPES AND ECOSYSTEMS

Minutes of questions and answers collected regarding the Terms of Reference for the call for support to community/associative productive initiatives in agricultural and livestock processes in the Amazon region, aimed at preventing and mitigating deforestation, environmental degradation, and forest fires.

Considering that the publication of the Call for Support to Community/Associative Productive Initiatives in agricultural and livestock processes in the Amazon region — aimed at preventing and mitigating deforestation, environmental degradation, and forest fires — took place on October 14, 2025, and that the virtual socialization session was held on October 21, as established in the Terms of Reference, COOPI, as the contracting entity for this activity, has compiled the questions and answers received for this specific case.

It is important to clarify, first of all, that community/associative productive initiatives are understood as “processes organized and led by local communities, associative groups, or cooperatives with legal personality, which may be accompanied by foundations or non-profit organizations, and are oriented toward the development of sustainable economic activities that contribute to replacing or transforming traditional practices involving the use of fire in agriculture or livestock.”

These initiatives aim to generate behavioral changes and strengthen capacities at the individual, family, and—above all—community level, for the proper management of risks associated with deforestation, environmental degradation, and forest fires, while promoting, through their implementation, resilient and low-emission productive alternatives that improve environmental conditions.

The following section presents each of the questions and answers received.

Question 1 Could you please clarify whether additional points are awarded if we work with an educational institution to submit this proposal?	Answer 1 Within the framework of the Amazonía+ Program, and specifically under the Amazonía Viva Project, awareness-raising activities on environmental issues in collaboration with educational institutions are
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	foreseen. The program is interested in supporting community and associative initiatives that have links with schools or educational centers, as indicated in the Terms of Reference and reflected in Annex 1 of the proposal submission format. Through COOPI's developed methodology, capacity transfer will be carried out with the selected organizations so they can implement actions with educational institutions. This will indeed be considered a selection criterion.
Question 2 What is the expected percentage of female participation in the project?	Answer 2 No specific percentage has been established. However, the evaluation will take into account how women play a role in the project and how they participate in decision-making spaces. The composition of the project implementation team will be reviewed, with particular attention to women's participation.
Question 3 We want to submit a project from Limón, Ecuador. Could it be presented in a tripartite form, involving the tourism association, the municipality (which would provide technical advice), and the financial component? Can it be tripartite, or must it be submitted only by the association?	Answer 3 It is possible to apply in association with others; however, the contract will be signed by COOPI with only one applicant. It is therefore recommended to carefully consider the composition of the working group and identify who has the appropriate profile to meet the requirements and provide the requested documentation. No contracts will be signed with consortia, alliances, or temporary unions, as already established and communicated in the Terms of Reference for this call.

Question 4

We are a municipal GAD. Can we participate in the project? We do not have statutes as a decentralized autonomous government. There are indigenous women's organizations in Sevilla Don Bosco, but they have only two years since their establishment, not three. How could we, as a local government, technically support the formulation of the project so that this organization can participate, even if it does not meet all the requirements?

Answer 4

The call is addressed to civil society and/or community-based organizations that are legally established. Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) include all non-state, non-profit, non-partisan, and non-violent structures through which people organize to pursue shared political, cultural, social, or economic objectives and ideals.

These include associations, NGOs, community-based organizations, religious organizations, foundations, research centers, non-public universities, organizations promoting gender equality or defending LGBTIQ+ rights, cooperatives, professional and business associations, and non-profit media outlets.

Trade unions and employers' organizations, known as social partners, constitute a specific category of CSOs. International organizations are not eligible under this call.

Regarding the second part of the question, it is important to emphasize that priority is given to grassroots organizations as applicants. Therefore, the GAD is encouraged to verify who meets the required profile, as the requirement of having at least three years of legal establishment is mandatory. Otherwise, the technical proposal will not be subject to evaluation.



Question 5

Is there a limit to the number of associations that can join to submit a proposal? Can four associations come together to submit one proposal?

Answer 5

The contract will always be signed with a single organization. If you decide to collaborate with others, it will be important to clearly define in the proposal the roles of each member or participating group, specifying their responsibilities and how the shared budget will be managed.

Question 6

We have been working since 2012 and collaborating with several universities conducting research on macrofauna. I would like to know if you have other funding opportunities for this type of project.

Answer 6

At present, there is an open call for support to research projects, study groups, and scientific studies, with a deadline of October 31, which you may review to determine whether you meet the eligibility criteria. We will send information about this opportunity by email.

This call aims to strengthen the capacities of the Amazon Basin countries in the prevention, monitoring, control, response, and recovery concerning deforestation, forest degradation, and wildfires, as well as their underlying causes.

In addition, as a cross-cutting axis, it promotes the generation of sustainable and innovative solutions that have a positive impact on the social, economic, and environmental development of the territories, through academic activities materialized in research projects and scientific studies. The research projects must be developed in the priority countries (Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Bolivia), include Amazonian populations, ensure women's participation, integrate the perspectives of local communities regarding their territories and traditional forest management practices, and



	carry out consultations and workshops that contribute to knowledge generation and project outcomes. The main themes include: Sustainable forest management • Integrated fire management (prevention, control, and monitoring) • Other actions aimed at preventing deforestation and forest degradation The activities proposed within the framework of scientific studies and/or research groups must take place in one or more of the following priority landscapes: 1. Northern Landscape: Cuyabeno and Yasuní Biosphere Reserve (Ecuador) 2. MAP Landscape: Manuripi Protected Area (Bolivia) and Alto Purús (Peru) 3. Eastern Landscape: Indigenous territories of Vaupés (Colombia) 4. Central Landscape: Trinational Corridor Colombia–Peru–Brazil
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