



Agroecology and
Safe Food System
Transitions



ALiSEA
Agro-ecology Learning alliance in South East Asia

SMALL GRANT FACILITY

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Overall objective

Overall objective of this small grant call is to strengthen **ALiSEA members and its partners** on three major topics in support to agroecology transition in the Sub-Mekong Region.

Specific objectives of this small grant are:

- to strengthen partnerships between the ALiSEA members and encourage joint actions;
- to reinforce members' skills through building partnership with non-members;
- to broaden the network efforts of inclusiveness, representativeness of the variety of stakeholders in agriculture and food systems.

Topic N°1: Assess the impact and effect of public policy supporting agroecology and food systems at multiple levels.

Public policies are essential drivers to enable changes towards more sustainable agriculture and food systems.

While most countries recognize the limits of the productivist approach based on the principles of the green revolution, this is not yet clearly expressed in terms of public policy.

Policies remain fragile and insufficiently enforced and implemented to trigger wider agroecological transition at all levels.

Examples:

- Specific assessments to evaluate the impact and effect of specific policies at provincial, and /or national level.
- Comparative analyses of policy implementation and enforcement between different countries in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region.

Topic N°2: Test and support agroecology innovations (technical, social, economic, organizational and institutional)

Multi-stakeholders' research and development processes are a key driving factor in enabling the co-creating of knowledge with farmers at the core and co-developing contextualised solutions.

To respond to the critical need to accelerate the transition from conventional agricultural system to diversified and resilient systems based on agroecology principles, **the proposal should address the main barriers to the implementation and adoption of agroecology for scaling up.**

Examples:

- lack of market access for agroecological produce and the need to move beyond creating niche markets, away from export-oriented, mass retail-driven supply chains and industrially produced food.
- testing and supporting the development of diversified and integrated farming system that is less dependent on the use of external inputs.
- address the need for innovative crop protection practices that contribute to reduce the use of pesticide.

Topic N°3: Evaluate the performances and impacts of agricultural and food systems of ALiSEA members' field initiatives.

Despite the growing recognition and conceptualization of agroecology, **there is a need to produce robust evidences on the performances and impacts of agroecology as a credible way to move toward more sustainable agriculture and food systems.**

A wide range of methods are available to assess the sustainability of farming and food systems. Moreover, the specificities of each region make it even more complicated to use a method designed for a given region.

Implement one of the existing methods (FAO-TAPE, GTAE Method, ASSET Project Methodological Framework, combined methods, others etc.).

Examples:

- Assess the **multi-dimensions of agroecology** (social, technical, environmental and economic etc.)
- Focus on **specific dimensions** (i.e.: environmental analysis, resilience to climate change, comparing pesticide-dependent approaches versus biological control in a given cropping system, gender assessments etc.).
- **Comparative analyses** between conventional agriculture and agroecology systems are also allowed

Expected outputs

1. Produce **one case study report** following a specific template;
2. Brief **narrative and financial report** will be expected (template for this will also be provided);
3. Develop **at least two knowledge products to capture the approach, the lessons learned and results of the grant.** For this, the format is more flexible and shall be relevant to topic of the small grant: it could be additional case studies reports, policy paper, video, communication to conferences, etc.;
4. Participate to at least **two lessons-sharing and cross-learning events** (webinar, exchange visit etc.) as part of the Small Grant Monitoring Process.

These lessons-sharing and cross-learning events aim, notably, **to enrich debates at local, national and regional levels within ALiSEA network and with flagship actors.**

Various of the above grants expected outputs will feed **the ALiSEA/ASSET Knowledge Hub** and will support dissemination of the knowledge produced.

Applicant

The Lead applicant must:

- Be a member of the ALiSEA Network
- Have at least six months of seniority in the ALiSEA Network and
- Be an organization (individuals are ineligible)
- Be directly in charge of planning, implementing and managing the action
- Be able to lead the entire action with the consortium and not be an intermediary
- Be able to justify all the costs spent under the action

Applicants must apply via a consortium.

- A minimum of two co-applicants is required.
- No maximum number of co-applicants in the consortium.

Budget: size of the grants

Any grant application budget under this call must fall between the following minimum and maximum amounts with proper justification regarding the expected expenses in relation to the proposed work:

- Minimum amount: 15,000 Euros (Fifteen thousand euros)
- Maximum amount: 20,000 Euros (twenty thousand euros)

Geographical location for 2022 & implementation period

- Actions must take place in the following countries: Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam.
- All provinces of these countries are eligible.
- Multi-country consortia are eligible
- The small grant duration should not exceed **18 months.**

Indicative Timeline for the call 2022

	DATE
Open the call for small grant	19/05/2022
Online information meeting	27/05/2022
Deadline for submission of applications	21/06/2022
Information to lead applicants (concept note) non-selected for the evaluation step 1	15/07/2022
Notification of award	12/09/2022
Contract signature with GRET	15/09/2022

Deadline for submission and How to Apply

The deadline for submission of the full application (including concept note and detailed budget) is **Tuesday 21st June 2022**.

To apply for this call the lead applicants need to:

- To submit the concept note, the full proposal and detailed budget **at the same time;**
- To submit online via this link: <https://ee.humanitarianresponse.info/x/sT0ONEeo>
- In case of technical issues, please contact Mr. Tik Lathsakit at this email: lathsakit.laos@gret.org

All documents must be submitted in English.

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