

Open Call for EOIs: Terai Agribusiness and Enterprise Challenge Fund (TAE CF) - Championship Phase

Submission Deadline: April 20, 2025

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Project: Building Climate Resilience and Reintegrating Economically Displaced Workers through Climate-Smart Agriculture in the Terai Flood Plain, Nepal (KOICA-GGGI Climate-Smart Agriculture Project)

Overview

The Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), in partnership with the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), is pleased to announce the Championship Phase of the Terai Agribusiness and Enterprise Challenge Fund (TAE CF).

This initiative supports agricultural cooperatives in Madhesh Province to scale up proven, inclusive, and climate-smart agribusiness models that foster sustainable livelihoods, enhance market linkages, and create green jobs—especially for women, youth, and returnee migrants.

A total of 20 agricultural cooperatives will be selected under two categories:

- Small and Emerging Agricultural Cooperatives (10 grantees, USD 20,000 each)
- Large-Scale Agricultural Cooperatives (10 grantees, USD 49,500 each)

Eligibility Criteria

All applicants must:

- Be a legally registered producer cooperative under Nepal's Cooperative Act
- Be engaged in agribusiness and value-chain activities (production, processing, marketing, etc.)
- Registered in Madhesh Province and covers at least one project municipalities in Dhanusha and Mahottari.
- Demonstrate financial co-investment capacity of at least 40% of the total project cost
- Submit audited financial reports from the past 2 years
- Have in place updated administrative, financial, HR, and procurement policies
- Provide a clearance letter from the relevant authority (municipal/provincial/department level)
- Have dedicated staff for project implementation

Funding and Support

Selected cooperatives will receive:

- Performance-based grants (Two categories: small, USD 20,000, and large 49,500)
- Tailored technical assistance and mentorship
- Access to knowledge-sharing and peer learning platforms
- Visibility and recognition as a TAE CF Champion

Selection Criteria

EOI will be evaluated based on:

- Technical and financial soundness
- Alignment with Climate-Smart Agriculture and green growth principles
- Innovation and impact potential
- Track record in managing grants and enterprises
- Job creation for target groups (women, youth, returnees)

Resources

- **Download the EOI template:** https://docs.google.com/document/d/13AQ-dPmF_eHzO8_ISmz5iTM84MOS8TXt/edit?tab=t.0

Submit your completed application and annexes to: taecf@gggi.org

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Note: The final selection of the EOI is subject to approval from GGGI Headquarters.