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National Rural Research & Sustainable Development Program - NRRSDP

Expression of Interest

National Rural Research & Sustainable Development Program - Pakistan is non-governmental, non-political, non-religious, non-sectarian organization which is working with marginalized peoples across country to claim their rights, challenge discrimination, capacity building, Providing Small Grants to overcome poverty for making sustainable development in Pakistan,

Eligibility Criteria for Partner Organizations for Small Grants Program Pakistan:

All those NGOs, RSPs, Microfinance Institutions (MFIs), CBOs, private sector institutions and entities that are involved in the work of poverty alleviation can be considered as partner organizations of the NRRSDP. In order to be eligible for support from the NRRSDP, potential Principal POs have to meet the following eligibility criteria established by the Board of Directors of the NRRSDP:

- 1) The potential partner organization must be registered under one of the existing registration laws of Pakistan, Preference will be given to organizations registered under the Voluntary Social Welfare Agency Ordinance 1961, the Societies Registration Act 1860, Trust Act 1882, or Section 42 of the Companies Ordinance 1984.*
- 2) In order to be eligible to work in any of the areas of NRRSDP assistance it must have a proven record of the sector(s) and geographical area(s) for which it has submitted a proposal.*
- 3) It should be involved in participatory development at the grass-roots level, have the capacity to expand its outreach and have a well-developed strategy and work plan for the future.*
- 4) The sources of present funding should be transparent. The organization must have a proper accounting system supported by balance sheets and profit and loss account statements or income and expenditure statements with the minimum requirement of a cashbook supported by a bank statement.*
- 5) The organization must have a system of internal controls and external audits, in accordance with the relevant laws of its registration, with audit scope acceptable to the NRRSDP and annual audits by a reputable Accountant firm. It should be willing to accept mandatory external audits by a firm of Accountants acceptable to the NRRSDP.*

- 6) *The organization must be financially sustainable, or on the path to sustainability. In this regard, it should have a realistic business plan for achieving self-sufficiency, and show steady progress towards that goal.*
- 7) *The organization should have good and strong governance, emphasizing accountability and transparency.*
- 8) *The management structure should be strong at all levels, including the national and field levels.*
- 9) *The organization should not be political, discriminatory, ethnic, sectarian or exclusionary in nature.*
- 10) *Additional eligibility criteria apply in specific sectors;*

It is expected that at least Principal POs will assist some of the Associate POs that do not fulfill the above-mentioned criteria through institutional development measures, to achieve eligibility over time as Principal POs in their own right. The eligibility criteria for Associate POs are as follows:

- 1) *An Associate PO, must be registered under one of the existing registration laws of Pakistan.*
- 2) *It should not be political, discriminatory, ethnic, sectarian or exclusionary in nature.*
- 3) *It should be involved in participatory development at the grass-roots level.*
- 4) *The present sources of funding, if any, should be transparent, with the minimum requirement of a cashbook*
- 5) *The organization should have good and strong governance, emphasizing accountability and transparency.*

Sectors / Fields of Interventions:

- 1) *Skill Development & Women Empowerment*
- 2) *Micro Finance*
- 3) *Legal Aid*
- 4) *Tourism*

Selection Method:

- 1) *The organizations are advised not to offer technical proposals of urban metropolitan areas*
- 2) *The selection of proposals will be through transparent & merit based process by BoD of NRRSDP*
- 3) *The financial proposals will be opened only when the Concept Proposal is approved*
- 4) *The BoD of NRRSDP reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason*

Procedure for submission of Proposals:

- 1) *Those applying in more than one sectors/fields must submit their Concept Application Form in separate*
- 2) *Certificate of registration of the organization must be attached*
- 3) *Filled in "Concept Application Form & Membership Application Form" downloadable from www.nrrsdp.org or can be availed from emails info@nrrsdp.org & info.nrrsdp@gmail.com must be attached*
- 4) *Applications will be received by emails only to info@nrrsdp.org CC to info.nrrsdp@gmail.com*
- 5) *Deadline to submit a financial & technical proposals is **30 September 2016***