



CALL FOR GRANT PROPOSALS UNDER THE

NAMIBIA INTEGRATED LANDSCAPE APPROACH FOR ENHANCING LIVELIHOODS AND ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE TO ERADICATE POVERTY (NILALEG) PROJECT

Call duration:
10 Sept – 12
Nov 2021

APPLICATION GUIDELINES



Dear Applicant

We are glad that you are interested in accessing grant funding through the *Namibia Integrated Approach for Enhancing Livelihoods and Environmental Governance to Eradicate Poverty (NILALEG)* project.

The following are key guidelines that will assist you during the grants application process:

1. Eligibility

Please be informed that **registered communal conservancies, community forests, community-based organizations, farmer's associations, women's groups, youth groups, and informal groups [groups not formally registered with any government agency]** are eligible to access funding for integrated landscape management proposals under the NILALEG Project grant facility. Informal groupings with eligible project ideas will be required to submit copies of their founding constitutions and requisite resolutions. No individuals or other entities apart from those prescribed above may apply for such funding.

2. Application Form

The grant application form is accessible:

2.1 on the EIF website (www.eif.org.na);

2.2 can be obtained at the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia Head Office in Windhoek;

2.3 from at the NILALEG regional implementing partner offices, namely:

2.3.1. Okongo Landscape (Ohangwena region): Namibia Development Trust (NDT)

- Mr. Ronny Dempers – Executive Director, 061 238 002 or 081 736 7120 or ronny@ndt.org.na
- Ms. Aisha Nakibuule – Program Manager, 061 238002 or aishalee@ndt.org.na
- Mr. Teo Vulika Ntinda - Regional Programme Manager, 065 220 289 or 081 336 3126 or teo@ndt.org.na
- Head Office: 57 Pasteur Street, Windhoek West, Windhoek
- Regional Office: Continental Building No. 1 – Office No. 1, Oshakati Main Road, Oshakati

2.3.2. Ruacana Landscape (Cross cutting between the Omusati and Kunene regions): Namibia Development Trust (NDT)

Same contact details in 2.3.1.

2.3.3. Nkulivere Landscape (Kavango West region): Namibia Nature Foundation (NNF):

- Ms. Inonge Guillemin (Coordinator) – 081 700 2908 or Inongemg@nnf.org.na
- Ms. Aina Andreas (Field Facilitator) - 081 256 8585 or aina@nnf.org.na
- 76/78 Frans Indongo Street, Windhoek West, Windhoek
- NNF Telephone Number – 061 248 345

2.3.4. Zambezi Landscape (Zambezi region): WATS Investment cc:

- Ms. Clarence Ntesa – 081 720 3910 or mazambanic@gmail.com
- Mr. Cletius Maketo (Field Facilitator) – 081 252 0968 or 081 279 3762 or cmmaketo@gmail.com
- Erf No. 1, Doreen Sioka Street, Boma, Katima Mulilo

2.3.5. Omaopanga Landscape (Kunene region): Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation (IRDNC):

- R. Kavari 061 228 506 or 081 435 5227 – Windhoek Office
- Ms. Basilia Shivute – 081 255 9570 or basilias@irdnc.org.na
- Mr. Uhangatenua Kapi – 081 292 1426 or uhangatenuak@yahoo.co.uk

or

2.4 by emailing PBuys@EIF.ORG.NA or by calling 061 4317705.

Above-mentioned implementation partners may also leave copies of the forms and guidelines at appropriate Constituency offices.

3. Key criteria for funding under the NILALEG Project grant facility

3.1 Investment windows

Funding under the grant facility will only be made for the following investment windows or areas:

- **Agroforestry;**
- **Sustainable rangeland/crop management;**
- **Nature-based enterprises.**

Grant funding will be prioritized for proposals aimed at reversing environmental degradation and enhance livelihoods through nature-based enterprises and integrated management of Namibia's rural landscapes.

Individual registered communal conservancies, community forests, community-based organizations, farmer's organizations, women's groups, youth groups, as well as informal groups, may apply for funding under the three investment areas. Joined proposals, for funding, may also be submitted as a group that shares the same landscape.

3.2 Grant sizes and duration

Individual grant sizes will range between **USD10 000 – USD 46 000** or approximately **N\$150 000 to N\$736 000** depending on the exchange rate at the time of award. The maximum duration will be 24 months.

3.3 Integrated Landscape Management

The project proposals should respond to the need for integrated management of Namibia's rural landscapes, to reverse environmental degradation and maximize sustainable livelihoods based on nature, e.g.

- ✓ Direct and indirect beneficiaries whose vulnerability is reduced, or resilience is increased
- ✓ Reduce poverty through sustainable nature-based livelihoods
- ✓ Protect and restore forests as carbon sinks, and Promote land degradation neutrality
- ✓ Increase in generation and use of integrated landscape management information in local decision-making

3.4 Transformational/paradigm shift character of the project

- ✓ Degree to which the proposed project addresses prevailing unsustainable practices/situations towards a sustainable (resilient) development pathway.
- ✓ Degree to which the project is innovative/business unusual.
- ✓ Potential for cost-effective scaling up and replication elsewhere if the project proves successful.
- ✓ Potential for knowledge and learning.
- ✓ Sustainability of outcomes and results beyond completion of the intervention.

3.5 Sustainable Community-Level Development Impact

- ✓ **Environmental Co-Benefits:** Potential for positive environmental externalities (i.e. not directly climate-related), such as conservation, biodiversity, soil quality, air quality etc.
- ✓ **Social Co-Benefits:** Potential for positive externalities in areas such as health and safety, access to education, cultural preservation etc.

- ✓ **Economic Co-Benefits:** Potential for positive economic externalities in areas such as expanded and enhanced job markets, job creation and poverty alleviation, improved sector income-generating capacity, increase in agricultural productivity, increase in energy and water supply security, etc.
- ✓ **Gender-Sensitive Development:** Degree to which the project addresses prevailing gender inequalities in general and with regards to climate change vulnerability and risks.

3.6 Environmental and Social Safeguards

Completion of the environmental and social safeguard checklist (ESS) is compulsory. Please ensure to complete Environmental and Social Safeguard checklist and rating which is an Annexure under **Section 12** of the application form. This will assist us in determining if your grant proposal falls within risk Category C. This category caters for projects that do not cause irreversible negative impacts on the environment and communities. **This means only projects that do not require environmental impact assessment will be considered.**

Also note, EIF does not finance projects that displace communities in any manner.

4. Submission of applications

Grant proposals should be submitted as below stated:

- ✓ **Option 1: Submission by hand (in hard copy):**
Hard copy submissions to the NILALEG Project should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to:

Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia
NILALEG Project Grants Facility
Heinitzburg Heights
C/o Heinitzburg and Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab Street, Windhoek

Kindly ensure that you have entered your submission in the application register and have received the acknowledge receipt from the NILALEG Project as reference.

- ✓ **Option 2: Submission via email (soft copy)**
Soft copies submission to the NILALEG Project Grants Facility should be addressed as:

NILALEG Grant Proposal, to:
nilalegrant@EIF.ORG.NA

Kindly ensure that all the sections are completed! Incomplete applications/proposals and those not on the EIF template will not be considered.

5. Support to the CBOs with the development of proposals

It is important to note that the project does not make provision for seed grants (also called planning grants) to assist with the development of project proposals under the NILALEG Project grant facility.

However, the implementation partners listed under point 2.3 above may assist with proposal development.

6. Evaluation of applications

Although proposals are to be submitted to EIF, they will first be sent to the regional implementing partners listed under point 2.3 above for pre-screening, institutional assessment of the applicants and preliminary risk assessment.

Therefore, only those applications cleared by above-mentioned partners will be subjected to more rigorous evaluation in line with the existing EIF Grants manual. As proposals are approved on a competitive basis, the EIF Grants manual, establishes a system where screening and assessment takes place at various levels. The applications process will have an overall turnaround time frame of a **maximum of 60 days**.

7. Duration of call for proposals

The NILALEG Project call for proposals will be running for a period of **60 days** or two (2) Calendar months between **the 10th of September to the 12th of November 2021** under the second-call for proposals.

8. Deadlines

All grants proposals should must reach the **EIF office** not later than **12th November 2021** at **17:00**. No late submissions will be considered. Both hardcopies and emails will be acceptable.

9. Contacts

For any further queries, kindly do not hesitate to contact the EIF: NILALEG Project Coordinator by calling Ms. Philadelphia Buys at 061 431 7705 or by e-mailing **PBuys@EIF.ORG.NA**

NOTE: Please ensure to submit your complete application on time.