Thematic grant round

Overview

June 2024

The ISEAL Innovations Fund is supported by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO and UK International Development from the UK government:
The ISEAL Innovations Fund is set to continue its critical work supporting ISEAL Community Members and their partners with innovative and collaborative projects until 2027.

This is possible thanks to generous donor support from the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO and UK International Development from the UK government.

Amidst growing interest and attention on sustainability in global value chains, there is a critical need to address inequities faced by smallholders and small-scale producers.

In 2024, there will be several grant rounds which focus on supporting innovations that enhance sustainable production and land use for small-scale producers – starting with this opportunity.
We are excited to invite expressions of interest (EOIs) from ISEAL Community Members and their partners for projects that respond to the theme:

**Improving livelihoods and economic well-being for small-scale producers, and small and medium enterprises**

This is an opportunity to build on learning to date and pilot new innovations and improvements that enhance livelihoods, build resilience, and support small-scale producers and small and medium enterprises to participate in the transition to sustainable production, for example:

1. Improving income generation
2. Improving financial resilience
3. Incentivising sustainable production
4. Strengthening market access
5. Enhancing data ownership

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1 Existing work on equity and livelihoods in the ISEAL community:
   - ISEAL Innovations Fund past projects
   - Living Income Community of Practice (LiCOP)
   - ISEAL blog: Empowering action towards improved livelihoods
Key details

› **Eligibility:** The Fund is open to applications led by ISEAL Community Members, who can collaborate with other sustainability systems and/or organisations outside the ISEAL community.

› **Grants available.** Between GBP 40,000 and GBP 150,000, with equal (1:1) match funding.

› **Duration.** Projects up to 2 years, starting from November 2024.

› **Guiding principles.** Values that should be embodied in all Fund supported projects.

› Visit the ISEAL website for more information about the Fund and past projects.

¹ If interested in this funding opportunity, please reach out to our members and explore the potential for a joint project.
EOIs should be completed in an EOI template (available on the closed online platform for the ISEAL community) and submitted by the ISEAL Community Member leading the proposed grant by 08 July 2024.

The brief EOI template includes questions on:

- The motivation for the project, what it hopes to achieve, and how.
- The learning value for the project lead, partners, the ISEAL community, and beyond.
- How it will contribute to the funding criteria specific to the relevant thematic call.
Submitted EOIs are presented to a grant decision-making committee comprising ISEAL staff, external experts, and donors.

The committee selects a sub-set of EOIs it recommends for full proposal development, and ISEAL will work with successful applicants to develop detailed proposals.

Projects to start from **November 2024**.
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