

Crops to End Hunger – Proposal Development – FAQs – Oct. 2022

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1. What is the deadline for submission of the full proposal?

Nov. 18, not flexible.

2. When will funding become available if approved?

Ideally by December for official approval. Aim for execution of the work by January. Please make sure your schedule is realistic, e.g. if your project requires recruitment. There is a risk of slowdown if the Center-CGIAR agreements are not signed on time.

3. Will there be impact assessments of the projects?

Two to three will be selected for impact assessments, hence the importance of SMART goals.

4. Any flexibility on the 10-page limit?

It is not 100% strict – if you're a page over, we can accept that. If a section is a few words over, that can be accepted. But... We need to have quick review turnaround and we want submitters to be brief and save their efforts too, so we urge sticking with the limit. The more you know what you want to do, the less words you may need.

5. How strict is the budget – can it move up or down from concept value?

Highly encouraged to stay with the concept note budget. Decrease is possible. Increase is highly discouraged. This process is competitive and working with a fixed amount of total funds, so if there are increases, we will have to trim approved projects. Each project is also meant to compliment ABI/BRI work, so there may be ways to make up for a shortfall via Initiative work.

6. For projects that are not approved, will we have a second call?

Ideally everyone submits a fully developed proposal. If we can give out all funds this round, we will consider a second round. Original submitters may be given a second chance, but that will depend on funds and other considerations.

7. Would Colere like to see an early version even if not fully developed?

Come to Colere sooner rather than later. An earlier draft would be better than a final proposal right at deadline. But make sure it is 75% complete and understandable to the reviewers. If it's not formatted, has comments etc., that's ok.

8. Should we engage BRI in the proposal development?

Not for the proposal writing itself, but on things like facilities upgrades, you might check with BRI. E.g. if you are upgrading irrigation facilities, check with Gustavo for advice on specs, options and other advice that could affect your plan or budget.