



APPLICATION GUIDE

Call for Proposals – Direct Beneficiary Grants

GEF-7 FOLUR Mt. Elgon Project

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1. Introduction

Welcome to the Application Guide for the Call for Proposals for Direct Beneficiary Grants under the GEF-7 FOLUR Mt. Elgon Project's Beneficiary Grant Scheme.

This guide is intended to support you throughout the application process. It is designed to help you understand the eligibility criteria, complete the application form correctly, and prepare a complete, high-quality proposal.

The GEF-7 FOLUR Mt. Elgon Project (GCP/KEN/905/GFF) is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) under the Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR) Impact Program, implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in partnership with the Government of Kenya, and executed by the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) and the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO).

Through its Beneficiary Grant Scheme, the Project provides direct financial and technical support to eligible registered local organizations operating within the Project landscape in Bungoma and Trans Nzoia counties, Western Kenya.

The Project supports organizations engaged in the coffee and maize value chains, diversification and integration of these value chains, or value chains and livelihood activities identified by and relevant to the Ogiek community in the Mt. Elgon ecosystem, helping them develop nature-positive livelihood enterprises with clear environmental benefits.

This guide is organized as follows:

- Prerequisites for application submission (eligibility)
- Rejection criteria
- Section-by-section guidance for completing the application form
- Scoring table
- Programme contacts

Before starting your application, please read this entire document carefully. It contains essential information that will help you prepare a strong and complete application.

Applications are encouraged to be submitted online through the official platform:

<https://tally.so/r/q4yWK2>

Important Note

*Applications are open from **1st October 2026** to **9th November 2026**.*

For more information, please contact: FAOKE-NRM@fao.org

2. Application Prerequisites

Before applying, your organization must meet two basic prerequisites: operating in the landscapes targeted by the programme and being legally registered.

2.1 Operating in the Landscapes Targeted by the Programme

Applicants must operate within the Project landscape in Bungoma and/or Trans Nzoia counties. The proposed activities must be implemented within this designated area. Applications outside this landscape will be considered ineligible.

The table below specifies the eligible geographic boundaries:

Country	Landscape Name	Geographic Scope (Administrative Boundaries)
Kenya	Mt. Elgon Ecosystem Landscape	County (Bungoma or Trans Nzoia), Sub-county (Cheptais, Kopsiro, Mt. Elgon, Endebess and Saboti), Ward, Village

All applicants must also demonstrate an active operational presence in the Project landscape. This does not require the organization's headquarters to be physically located in the landscape, but active engagement, membership, or project implementation must be demonstrated.

Country	How Presence is Assessed	Acceptable Documentation
Kenya	The applicant must have an operational presence in the county/landscape (Bungoma and/or Trans Nzoia), be registered and/or recognized in the country (Kenya), and have been operational in the landscape for at least one year.	Registration certificate indicating the area of operation. Proof of a physical operational office or registered workspace in the landscape, or evidence of active membership or engagement (e.g. CFA or WRUA membership records).

2.2 Being Legally Registered

The call is open to entities that are legally registered in Kenya. Registration documents must be valid and up to date.

Eligible types of organizations include:

- Forest and Farm Producer Organizations (FFPOs), including farmer associations and producer organizations
- Farmer cooperatives engaged in coffee, maize, agroforestry, or other eligible nature-positive value chains
- Community-based organizations (CBOs) and self-help groups operating within the Project landscape
- Community conservation organizations, including Community Forest Associations (CFAs) and Water Resource Users Associations (WRUAs) that meet the eligibility requirements of the grant scheme
- Women-led groups, youth-led groups, and persons with disabilities (PWD) groups that meet the eligibility requirements of the grant scheme
- Indigenous Peoples' organizations and groups, including organizations representing the Ogiek community and their nature-based livelihood enterprises

The following table details the registration documents required for each type of eligible organization operating in Kenya:

Organization Type	Required Document(s)	Issuing Authority
NGO / Non-profit Organization	Valid registration certificate	Public Benefit Organizations Regulatory Authority (PBORA) / NGO Coordination Board
Cooperative	Valid registration certificate	Department of Cooperatives
FFPO / Producer Organization / Association	Valid registration certificate	Relevant government departments, such as Social Development, Agriculture, or Forestry
Community-Based Organization (CBO) / Self-Help Group	Valid registration certificate	Department of Social Development (Ministry of Labour and Social Protection) or relevant County Social Services office

2.3 Full Eligibility Criteria

All applicants must meet all basic eligibility criteria, regardless of the outcome area or grant tier under which they are applying.

Eligibility Criterion	Requirements and Verification
a. Legal registration	Be legally registered in Kenya as a community-based organization, self-help group, cooperative, association, community conservation organization (e.g. CFA or WRUA), or other eligible member-based organization. Verified through registration certificate from the relevant Kenyan authority.
b. Geography	Operate within the Project landscape in Bungoma and/or Trans Nzoia counties and Chepaitis, Mt. Elgon, Saboti and endebess sub-counties. The proposed activities must be implemented within this designated area. Verified through: GPS coordinates (or a clear indication of geographic location) of the intervention site(s).
c. Minimum operating history	Demonstrate a minimum of one (1) year of operation prior to the submission deadline of the Call for Proposals. Verified through: registration certificate from the relevant Kenyan authority.
d. Banking and financial capacity	Submit bank details and bank account statements for the last three (3) months (minimum) to demonstrate the capacity to manage grant funds and comply with financial and reporting requirements, including the ability to provide the required co-contribution. Verified through: a letter from the bank confirming the account to be used for the grant, and bank statements for the last three months (or longer).
e. Value chain relevance	Be active in coffee and/or maize (the Project's Priority Value Chains), in diversification or integration of these value chains (minimum 50% of revenue from coffee- or maize-related products), or in value chains and livelihood activities identified by and relevant to the Ogiek community in the Mt. Elgon ecosystem (minimum 50% Ogiek community membership). Verified through applicant self-declaration in the application form.
f. Co-contribution capacity	Demonstrate the ability to provide the required co-contribution: a minimum of 10% of the total investment value for investments of USD 10,000 or less, or a minimum of 20% for investments above USD 10,000. Verified through: bank statements for the last three months (or longer), and applicant self-declaration in the application form.
g. Compatibility with Restoration	The proposed activities must support sustainable land use, forest and landscape restoration, climate resilience, or restoration-related value chains. Activities must not contribute directly or indirectly to ecosystem degradation, deforestation, or biodiversity loss.
h. Compliance with Environmental and Social Safeguards	Be able to comply with FAO's Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS), including risk mitigation measures, inclusive participation, and compliance with applicable national laws and FAO policies.

Priority will be given to:

- Applications from women-led, youth-led entities and indigenous people-led
- Applications demonstrating job creation, particularly for women, youth, and local communities.
- Entities showing potential for scaling, innovation, and leveraging additional investment.

3. Rejection Criteria

Applications will be automatically rejected at the screening stage if any of the criteria below apply. Rejection may occur at any stage of the review process if grounds for rejection are identified.

Applicants are encouraged to use this table as a checklist before submitting their proposal to ensure that it is complete.

Type of Rejection	Automatic Rejection Trigger
Administrative Rejection	The application is incomplete or missing required documents.
	The applicant fails to meet basic eligibility criteria.
	The proposal is submitted after the deadline.
	Required signatures or legal documents are missing.
Substantive Rejection	The applicant is outside the eligible geographic area.
	The proposed activities fall outside the eligible activities for the applicable value chain.

Type of Rejection	Automatic Rejection Trigger
	The activities are inconsistent with FAO safeguards, including risks that cannot be mitigated.
	The applicant or any associated entity is involved in deforestation, land degradation, or environmentally harmful practices.
	The applicant is under investigation or has a known history of fraud, corruption, or misuse of funds.
	Co-contribution requirements are not met or cannot be verified.
Conflict of Interest / Integrity	A conflict of interest has been identified and cannot be resolved.
	The applicant is an FAO staff member, a government official, or an entity excluded by FAO or the donor from receiving grants.
Other Causes for Rejection	There is evidence that the proposal was prepared by a third party in a manner that compromises the fairness of the competitive selection process (e.g. a strategic partner or consultant designing the project concept on behalf of the applicant).
	The applicant is already receiving funding for the same activities from another donor and cannot demonstrate additionality.
	The budget is unrealistic, unbalanced and cannot be resolved, or incompatible with the proposed activities.

Important Note

Rejection on any of the grounds listed above disqualifies the application from any further review. Decisions are final and documented for audit purposes. Submitted proposals and any supporting documentation will not be returned to applicants. Once submitted, applications may not be withdrawn or amended.

4. Guidance for Completing the Application Form

This section provides detailed guidance for each section of the grant application form. Please read the instructions below carefully before and while completing your application.

Important Reminder

All fields in the form are mandatory, unless explicitly marked as “(Optional).” Proposals submitted without the form, or that do not include all required information and supporting documents, will be rejected. Please take into account the guidance notes provided in italics in the form and complete it concisely.

Section 1 : Identification of the Applicant / Submitter

This section identifies the individual submitting the application on behalf of the organization.

First Name / Last Name

Enter the first name and last name of the person submitting the form.

Contact Email Address

Provide an active email address that is checked regularly. All communications related to your application will be sent to this address.

Phone Number

Enter your phone number with the country code, for example +254 for Kenya. Indicate whether this number may be used for WhatsApp messages related to this call.

Role of the Person Submitting the Application

Select the option that best describes your role: authorized legal representative, employee/staff member, local government official, facilitator, or other. If you are not the authorized legal representative, ensure that Section 8, Declaration and Signature, is completed and signed by the organization's authorized legal representative.

Identity Document

Attach a scanned copy or clear photo of a valid national identity document, passport, or equivalent document. The table below specifies the documents accepted by country.

Country	Accepted Identification Document(s) for the Authorized Legal Representative
Kenya	National identification number and phone number; minutes of the official election of the representative

Section 2 : Organization Profile

This section presents the legal and administrative identity of your organization.

Legal Name

Enter the official name of the organization as it appears on the registration certificate. This name must match exactly the name used on the organization's bank account.

Address, Country, Main Email, Website

Provide the organization's official contact details. The website is optional.

Organization Type

Select the category that best describes the main nature of your organization from the options provided: FFPO, cooperative, MSME, NGO, CBO, producer association, or other.

Legal Nature

Select whether your organization is a non-profit organization, a for-profit entity, a hybrid/social enterprise, or other.

Description of the Organization (maximum 500 words)

Provide a description of your organization, including what your organization does, its date of establishment, and its vision. Limit your response to 500 words.

Section 3 : Organizational Structure

This section provides information on the composition and governance of your organization.

Women-led Organization

An organization is considered women-led if women hold the majority of leadership positions, such as Board Chair, Executive Director, or equivalent, and if at least 50% of decision-making power is held by women. Indicate the approximate percentage of women among members and in leadership.

Youth-led Organization

An organization is considered youth-led if individuals aged 18 to 35 hold the majority of leadership and decision-making positions. Indicate the approximate percentage of members/leaders aged 18 to 35.

Indigenous Peoples' Organization

An Indigenous Peoples' Organization is an organization established by and representing Indigenous Peoples, recognized as such under national or customary law (e.g. an organization representing the Ogiek community in the Mt. Elgon ecosystem).

Number of Employees and Members

Indicate the total number of people employed, including paid staff only, disaggregated by gender. If your organization is a cooperative or FFPO, also indicate the number of members, disaggregated by gender.

Section 4 : Project Proposal

This is the core section of your application. It describes the project you wish to implement through the grant. **Please give this section particular attention.**

Project Title

Choose a clear and descriptive title that reflects the essence of your project.

Priority Activity Areas

Select the main area(s) of activity proposed in this application from the following: Productive Assets and Production Enhancement; Agro-processing and Value Addition; Post-Harvest Handling, Storage and Aggregation; Certification, Quality Assurance and Traceability; Restoration-Supportive and Nature-Positive Infrastructure; Circular Economy and Energy-Efficient Technologies; Eco-tourism Development. Please note that only activities falling under these eligible activity areas will be considered.

Eligible Value Chain

Indicate which eligible value chain this proposal relates to: Coffee; Maize; Diversification (e.g. agroforestry) linked to coffee or maize; or a value chain relevant to the Ogiek community. Also indicate the approximate percentage of your organization's revenue derived from coffee/maize-related products, or the approximate percentage of Ogiek community membership, as applicable. A minimum of 50% is required under the eligibility criteria.

Eligible activities include:

- **Productive Assets and Production Enhancement:** strengthening production systems within coffee, maize, and eligible diversification value chains; improving productivity, quality, and efficiency of production systems; supporting nature-positive livelihood enterprises
- **Agro-processing and Value Addition:** processing and value addition of products from eligible value chains; product development and quality improvement; expansion of small-scale enterprise activities

- **Post-Harvest Handling, Storage and Aggregation:** improving aggregation and collective marketing systems; reducing post-harvest losses; enhancing storage, packaging, and product quality management
- **Certification, Quality Assurance and Traceability:** supporting certification processes and compliance requirements; strengthening quality assurance systems; improving traceability and market access
- **Restoration-Supportive and Nature-Positive Infrastructure:** supporting restoration-compatible production systems; promoting agroforestry and diversification activities; improving natural resource management and ecosystem resilience
- **Circular Economy and Energy-Efficient Technologies:** promoting resource efficiency and waste reduction; supporting renewable energy and circular economy approaches; improving environmental sustainability of production and processing systems
- **Eco-tourism Development:** supporting nature-based tourism enterprises and livelihood diversification opportunities linked to conservation and restoration objectives

The following activities are not eligible:

Category	Ineligible Activities
Unsustainable Practices	Agriculture or enterprises that contribute to land degradation (e.g. unsustainable grazing, poor tillage practices)
Land Conversion	Any project involving deforestation or conversion of natural ecosystems
Charcoal Production	Commercial charcoal production, unless clear evidence of net positive restoration impact is demonstrated and full safeguards compliance is ensured
Extractive Activities	Mining or extractive industries
Non-Relevant Construction	Construction activities unrelated to restoration or value-added processing
Unmitigable Impacts	Activities generating negative social or environmental impacts that cannot be adequately mitigated
Labor and Social Safeguards Violations	Activities involving child labor, forced labor, discrimination, unsafe working conditions, or other violations of applicable national labor laws and FAO's Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS)
Environmental Safeguard Non-Compliance	Activities that cause environmental harm or risks to natural resources and that lack adequate environmental risk assessment, mitigation measures, or compliance with applicable national regulations and FAO ESS
Value Chains Not Aligned to the Project	Activities that do not relate to the coffee or maize value chain, nature-positive diversification of the same, or to livelihood value chains relevant to and by the Mt. Elgon Ogiek community

The following expenditures shall not be eligible investments:

- Salaries, wages, or routine operating costs of the beneficiary organization, unless specifically authorized for technical personnel directly implementing restoration works as part of the investment
- Land purchases or land rental costs
- Existing assets, materials, equipment, or infrastructure previously acquired
- Insurance premiums or financial products (e.g. climate or agricultural insurance)
- Vehicles, except for light transport equipment (e.g. bicycles, motorbikes, small motorized carts such as tuk-tuks) directly linked to production, aggregation, or market access functions and justified in the business plan
- Debt service, loan interest payments, or refinancing of existing loans
- Activities already financed by other donors or projects
- Travel costs not directly linked to the implementation of restoration or business development activities

Project Overview (maximum 500 words)

Briefly describe the context of the proposed intervention. Explain the purpose of the grant and what you wish to achieve. Justify the choice of activity, including its advantages, benefits for beneficiaries, opportunities offered, and chances of success.

Key Activities and Implementation Timeline

List the main activities you plan to carry out and provide an estimated timeline for their implementation. For each activity, be as specific as possible about what will be done and within what timeframe. Vague or generic activity descriptions may delay the review of your application.

Implementation Location

Provide the county (Bungoma or Trans Nzoia), sub-county (Cheptais, Mt. Elgon, Kopsiro Saboti and Endebess), ward, village/community, and GPS coordinates of the intervention site(s). This information is required to confirm your organization operates within the eligible Project landscape.

Expected Results

Describe the expected results and outcomes of the proposed activities. Clearly indicate what will have changed or improved by the end of the project, for whom, and to what extent. Where possible, provide measurable indicators, such as the number of beneficiaries reached, hectares restored, product processed, or jobs created. Ensure that the expected results are realistic, directly linked to the activities described, and aligned with the objectives of the GEF-7 FOLUR Mt. Elgon Project's Beneficiary Grant Scheme.

Nature Positive Contribution

While the grant's focus remains on strengthening the coffee, maize, and diversification (or indigenous community livelihoods) value chains, no activity with a negative environmental or biodiversity impact will be considered for support. Applicants are highly encouraged to go further and design activities that also generate positive, nature-positive outcomes — for example through agroforestry, recycling or circular economy practices, biodiversity conservation, forest or nature conservation and restoration, fruit farming or crop diversification, or the promotion of indigenous tree species. *(If not applicable, answer N/A)*

Grant and Co-financing

Grants range from USD 5,000 to USD 40,000 (or the equivalent in local currency).

- For investments valued at USD 10,000 or less, a minimum co-contribution of 10% of the total investment value is required, which may be provided in cash and/or eligible in-kind contribution (e.g. labour or local materials).
- For investments valued above USD 10,000, a minimum co-contribution of 20% of the total investment value is required, provided in cash only.

Note: The applicant's own contribution may consist of the organization's cash reserves, with supporting documentation, and/or eligible in-kind contribution as described above. Pre-existing assets or equipment already owned by the organization are not included as the applicant's own contribution.

The co-contribution threshold is calculated on the total eligible investment cost (grant amount requested plus co-contribution).

Applicants are encouraged to budget prudently in local currency, taking into account potential currency fluctuations between application submission and signature of the grant agreement.

Proof of Co-contribution (required)

Attach proof of your co-contribution issued within the last three (3) months, meeting the required co-contribution threshold indicated above. Accepted documents: bank statement, certified financial statement, or letter from a financial institution confirming available reserves. This may be the same bank statement you upload in the Supporting Documents section.

Detailed Activity Budget

Use the Budget Template provided to prepare your detailed budget. Read the budget instructions carefully. Ensure that each budget line is as detailed and precise as possible. Vague or incomplete budgets may delay the review or result in rejection of your application. All amounts must be indicated in local currency. Limited working capital may be authorized if it is directly linked to the productive investment supported by the grant, provided that these expenses are proportionate, necessary for the functioning of the investment, and justified in the business plan submitted with the grant application.

Justification – Why Your Organization? (maximum 500 words)

Explain why your organization is well positioned to successfully implement the proposed activity. Describe your organization's current situation and performance, as well as the main challenges you seek to address through this grant. Present the potential that your organization aims to unlock through this investment. Explain how your organization's profile, experience, and field presence make it the ideal candidate to achieve the expected results, and how the grant will contribute to environmental, social, or economic outcomes in your area of intervention.

Activity Organization (maximum 250 words)

Describe the team that will be responsible for implementing the proposed activity. Indicate the number of people involved, their roles and responsibilities, and their relevant experience or skills. Also specify whether external partners, contractors, or service providers will be involved and what their role will be. This section will help assess whether your organization has sufficient human resources to carry out the activity effectively.

Beneficiaries

Indicate which groups will be the main beneficiaries of your activity, such as farmer groups, local communities, producer groups, women's groups, youth groups, or Ogiek community members. Also indicate the estimated number of direct beneficiaries by group, with a maximum of three groups, disaggregated by gender: women / men / total.

Sustainability (maximum 300 words)

Explain how your organization plans to ensure the continuity and sustainability of the activity after the grant period. Describe how the project results and benefits will be maintained over time, how the activity will be financially sustained without continued grant support, and what mechanisms or structures will be put in place to ensure long-term environmental and operational continuity. Where applicable, explain how the local community or other stakeholders will be involved in sustaining the activity beyond the project period.

Monitoring and Evaluation (maximum 300 words)

Explain how implementation of the activity will be monitored.

Section 5 : Previous Grant History

This section allows the programme to assess your organization's experience in managing grants.

Previous Grants

Indicate whether your organization has received grants in the past, and if so, when. Specify whether your organization has previously received or is currently receiving an FAO grant under any programme, or funding from another donor for the same proposed activities. If you are currently receiving funding for the same activities from another donor, you must be able to demonstrate additionality – how this grant would add something beyond that existing funding.

Section 6: Supporting Documents

During the application process, you will be required to submit the following supporting documents. Please ensure that file names are clear and descriptive.

Document	Instructions
1. Proof of organization registration (required)	Refer to Section 2.2 of this guide to verify which registration documents are accepted for your type of organization. Attach the organization's registration certificate and articles of association/statutes, showing the organization has been legally registered in Kenya for at least one (1) year before the submission deadline.
2. Bank letter confirming account details (required)	A letter from your financial institution confirming the organization's bank account details, matching the legal name of the entity. This document is required at application stage.
3. Bank statements for the last three (3) months, minimum (strongly encouraged)	Attach bank statements for the account to be used for the grant, covering at least the last 3 months, to demonstrate capacity to manage grant funds and, where applicable, your co-contribution.
4. Evidence of the intervention site's location (strongly encouraged)	Attach GPS coordinates of the intervention site(s), or a clear written description if GPS is not available.
5. Identity document of the authorized legal representative (required)	Attach a valid official identity document of the authorized legal representative signing the declaration. Refer to Section 4 – Section 1 of this guide for the documents accepted.
6. Latest financial statements (optional)	You may attach your latest financial statements to strengthen your application.
7. Letter(s) of support from partner organizations (if applicable)	If you are submitting a joint proposal, attach a letter of support from each partner organization.
8. Additional documents	You may upload any additional document that could strengthen your application, beyond the required documents listed above.

Section 7: Environmental and Social Safeguards

Please consult the ESS guidance document provided at the beginning of the application and complete the declaration by ticking the relevant box to confirm that the proposed activities will comply with FAO's Environmental and Social Safeguards requirements.

Section 8: Mandatory Declarations and Signature

All boxes in this section must be ticked to submit your application. They confirm that:

- Your organization is submitting only one application under this call.
- The information provided in the form and in all attachments is accurate, complete, and truthful.
- The organization is not bankrupt, in liquidation, under receivership, or involved in any legal proceedings that could affect its ability to implement the proposed activities.
- Submission does not guarantee selection, and FAO may request clarifications during the evaluation process.
- You are submitting this application on behalf of the applicant organization and are authorized to do so.
- Providing false or misleading information may result in disqualification.

The section ends with a Declaration and Signature by the authorized legal representative of the applicant organization, certifying the accuracy of all information provided and the entity's commitment to comply with all obligations arising from the grant agreement to be concluded with FAO, if selected.

5. Scoring Table

All eligible proposals, following eligibility verification, will be assessed based on the criteria presented below. A minimum score of 60 out of 100 is required. Proposals that do not reach this minimum score will not be considered for further evaluation.

The ranking list of proposals that achieve the minimum score will be used to determine the priority order in which proposals will be shortlisted for support, within the limits of available financial resources.

In line with FAO's commitment to gender and youth equality and Indigenous Peoples' inclusion, this Call for Proposals shall aim to ensure that at least one-third (33%) of the beneficiaries supported are women, youth, and/or Indigenous Peoples led/focused community organizations, producer organizations, or groups, subject to the availability of eligible applications.

Table 2: Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Description	Maximum Points
Strategic Alignment and Nature-Positive Relevance	- Alignment with Project objectives (0-5) - Alignment with coffee and maize value chains, diversification/integration activities, or Ogiek value chains (0-5) - Clarity and justification of the proposed investment (0-5) - Contribution to nature-positive production systems, restoration, biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, or sustainable land management (0-5) - Potential contribution to landscape restoration and sustainable livelihoods (0-5)	25 points
Feasibility and Technical Viability	- Realistic work plan with clear milestones and implementation arrangements (0-5) - Appropriateness of proposed technologies, equipment, or infrastructure (0-5) - Objectivity, realism, and cost-effectiveness of the budget (0-5) - Identification of operational, financial, environmental, and social risks and mitigation measures (0-5)	20 points
Impact Potential and Sustainability	- Potential to improve productivity, aggregation, post-harvest handling, value addition, or market access (0-5) - Potential to improve incomes, resilience, and livelihood opportunities (0-5) - Environmental benefits through sustainable production systems, agroforestry, restoration, or biodiversity conservation (0-5) - Long-term sustainability of benefits beyond the grant period (0-5)	20 points
Organizational Capacity and Governance	- Relevant experience in targeted value chains and proposed activities (0-5) - Organizational governance, management structures, and leadership arrangements (0-5) - Financial management, reporting, and accountability capacity (0-5)	15 points
Women, Youth and Indigenous Peoples Inclusion	- Women beneficiaries and/or women-led organizations (0-5) - Youth beneficiaries and/or youth-led organizations (0-5) - Indigenous Peoples (including Ogiek groups) participation, leadership, or direct benefits (0-5)	15 points
Co-contribution and Financial Commitment	- Minimum required co-contribution provided and clearly justified (0-3) - Additional co-contribution above the minimum requirement and/or strong evidence of commitment to implementation (0-2)	5 points
TOTAL		100 points

Selection Process

All proposals will be evaluated as follows:

- All proposals received will be reviewed for eligibility by the Technical Committee against the eligibility criteria and rejection criteria set out in this guide.
- Eligible proposals will be evaluated based on the scoring criteria set out in Table 2 above. A minimum score of 60 out of 100 is required. Proposals that do not reach this minimum score will not be considered for further evaluation.
- The ranking list of proposals that achieve the minimum score will be used to determine the priority order in which proposals will be shortlisted for support, within the limits of the financial resources available for each Call.
- To ensure gender equality, youth inclusion, and Indigenous Peoples' participation, at least one-third (33%) of beneficiaries receiving support must be women, youth, and/or Indigenous Peoples led/focused organizations or groups, subject to the availability of eligible applications. Proposals approved subject to specific conditions will only be shortlisted for support once those conditions have been met. FAO will inform all applicants in writing of the outcome of the selection process, specifying, where possible, the reasons for selection or rejection. In the event of rejection, no further correspondence or discussion will be entered into after written confirmation of the outcome.

6. Programme Contacts

For any questions related to this call for proposals, please contact the Project through the following channels.

Email address	FAOKE-NRM@fao.org
Application opening date and submission deadline	1st October 2026 - 9th November 2026
Submission platform	https://tally.so/r/q4yWK2

We look forward to receiving your proposal and supporting your restoration efforts.

GEF-7 FOLUR Mt. Elgon Project