APPLICATION FORM

Resilient Agriculture Innovations for Nature (RAIN) Challenge

*Once completed, please submit this form to* [challenge@globalresiliencepartnership.org](mailto:challenge@globalresiliencepartnership.org). *Please make sure you read and respond to all questions and that you fully understand the eligibility and assessment criteria in the Annex to this form.*

## Project details

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| **Reference number** | GRP-INN-XXX (*leave blank - allocated by G*RP) |
| **Project Name** |  |
| **Country / countries targeted[[1]](#footnote-1)** |  |
| **Project start date** |  |
| **Project summary (100 word limit)** | |
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## Lead applicant

Please indicate the lead organisation and contact person.

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| **Lead organisation name** |  |
| **Type of organisation** |  |
| **Lead organisation contact person** |  |
| **Website** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Country** |  |
| **Postal address** |  |

## Support organisation

Any organisation other than the lead that is critical to the proposal.

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| **Support organisation name** |  |
| **Type of organisation** |  |
| **Support organisation contact person** |  |
| **Website** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
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*Add organisations as needed*

## Problem statement

Your problem statement should include a narrative that describes a locally-driven understanding of the underlying problem and the barrier(s). It should address these topics/questions: What are the critical and unaddressed barriers to what your propose. What evidence substantiates this assessment?

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| *Show understanding of context by clearly describing the problem you address (250 word limit).* |
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## Solution statement

Your solution statement should be your response to the Problem Statement, and should address in what way your solution is a nature positive agricultural solution. The solution statement should address these questions: In what way is it a nature positive solution? What are the innovative approaches, technologies, and institutional arrangements you will employ? How will your project lead to resilience building through deeper and wider integration into the systems in the focus area? With whom will you work?

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| *How will you address the challenge with your solution (250 word limit).* |
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## Specific assessment criteria

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| Potential for impact |
| *Please refer to the assessment criteria below. Briefly describe the potential scale and scope of social and environmental benefits of the proposed solution? (100 word limit).* |
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| Innovativeness |
| *Please refer to the assessment criteria. Briefly describe the innovation in your project and justify how and why it is innovative (100 word limit).* |
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| Equity |
| *Please refer to the assessment criteria below. Briefly describe how your project addresses equity, gender and human Rights (100 word limit).* |
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| Additionality |
| *Please refer to the assessment criteria below. Briefly describe the additionality of the proposed work and why it does not displace other funding (100 word limit).* |
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| Potential for profitability |
| *Please refer to the assessment criteria below. Briefly describe the potential for profitability as well as the revenue generating model (100 word limit).* |
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| Team composition / organisation |
| *Please refer to the assessment criteria below. Briefly list the team members. Describe the team’s collective strengths and experiences relevant to the project and the solution (200 word limit).* |
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| Risks and assumptions |
| *Please describe the key risks and assumptions with respect to your project and how you intend to mitigate or reduce the potential impact of these risks. NOTE: GRP encourages innovative projects and innovation by its nature often involves risks. What matters is that you have identified the potential risks and have/will put plans in place to try and manage these risks.* |

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| **Risk or assumption description** | **Impact** | **Probability of risk occurring** | **Mitigation strategies** |
| *Add rows as needed* | High/Medium/Low | High/Medium/Low |  |
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## Other Information

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| *(50 word limit)* |
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# ANNEX

**Eligibility criteria**

In order to be eligible an application has to meet the below criteria. All ineligible applications will be rejected during pre-screening and applicants notified by email.

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| * Be a nature positive solution or business model, that builds resilience in the most vulnerable communities and places in East Africa. * The solution offers a potentially profitable revenue model. * Be located in East Africa (Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda). * The team has proven conservation and business experience. * Gender, equity, human rights and biodiversity considerations are included. * The solution does no harm (i.e., has no negative impacts on communities or ecosystems it is designed to build resilience in). |

**Eligible countries**

Eligible countries include East African [ODA-eligible countries](https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC-List-of-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2022-23-flows.pdf). **Eligible countries** are included in the box below.

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| **Eligible countries:** Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda |

**Assessment criteria**

Eligible submissions will be evaluated across the below evaluation criteria (maximum score is 100). Out of these between 6 and 10 submissions will be selected as winners, depending on the number and quality of the applications.

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| Evaluation criteria |
| Potential for impact (0-20) Does the proposed solution show potential for improving the resilience of people most vulnerable to shocks and stresses? Is the solution Nature Positive? How will the solution contribute to environmental sustainability and adequate use of ecosystems and resources? Does it show potential for long term impact? Either independently or as part of something? Is the route to impact clearly described and realistic? Scoring as per below (continuous scale from 0-20):   * Very strong environmental conservation and/or resilience efforts backed by science and high potential for social impact (20) * Good environmental conservation and/or resilience efforts and potential for social impact (15) * Adequate environmental conservation and/or resilience efforts and potential for social impact (10) * Some potential for environmental conservation and/or resilience impact (5) * No potential for environmental conservation and/or resilience benefits (0)  Level of innovation (0-15) How innovative is the proposed financial or insurance innovation? For the purposes of this call, innovation is defined as ideas that address an existing challenge in a manner that adds value, is sustainable and is practically implementable. Scoring as per below (continuous scale from 0-15):   * The innovation is completely new and new to the sector (15) * The innovation is new on the continent and new to the sector on the continent (10) * The innovation is new in the country (5) * It is not innovative by the above metrics (0)    Equity (0-15) How does the project specifically address improving gender, equity and human rights? Is special consideration given to vulnerable groups and communities (women, girls, indigenous groups, people with disabilities, etc.) or low-income populations? Outline how women, children and other vulnerable groups will benefit. Scoring as per below (continuous scale from 0-15):   * Gender transformative. Strong benefits and involvement of marginalized groups (15) * Gender sensitive. Attention to equity and integration of gender considerations (10) * Some benefits for and involvement of excluded groups (5) * No consideration for excluded and marginalized groups (0)  Additionality (0-15) Is the project additional, or is it likely to be implemented in the short or medium term without funding? Projects need to achieve clear additionality beyond existing activities, provide synergies with existing work and do not displace other funding. Assessment will depend on type of project but will consider: (i) Synergy with - and enhancing existing landscape of activities and funding; (ii) Clear evidence that this work is additional and will not displace other funding. Scoring as per below (continuous scale from 0-15):   * Very unlikely of being funded and/or implemented without specific support (15) * Unlikely of being funded and/or implemented without specific support (10) * Possibility of being funded and/or implemented anyway (5) * Very likely of being funded and/or implemented anyway (0)  Potential for profitability (0-10) Does the initiative show potential to become profitable. Is the revenue model clear, and the business model clearly outlined (continuous scale from 0-10):   * High potential to become profitable (10) * Medium potential to become profitable (5) * Limited potential to become profitable (0)  Team (0-15) Is the team composition relevant for developing the idea further? Do they have relevant experience, skill sets and in-depth knowledge? Do they have the right networks? Is there a clear ownership of the idea? Note: It is not necessary to have a full team envisaged for implementation at time of applying. Scoring as per below (continuous scale from 0-15):   * Strong and relevant conservation, resilience and business experience (15) * Medium conservation, resilience and business experience (10) * Low conservation, resilience or business experience (5) * No relevant conservation, resilience or business experience (0)  Risk (0-10) What are the risks, both long and short term, to successful project implementation? How are these analysed and how will these be mitigated? Does the project safeguard, particularly but not exclusively, sexual exploitation and abuse and harassment). Any project without proper safeguarding mechanisms in place or a high risk of doing harm (environmental / social) is ineligible (NB: Inverse scoring: 10 = low risk, 0 = high risk):   * Low risk (10) * Medium risk (5) * High risk (0) |

1. Eligible countries: Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda [↑](#footnote-ref-1)