**Call for Proposals – ICCAs Projects (Deadline: 30 June 2021)**

**COVID-19 support to territories and areas conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities (ICCAs) in Malaysia**

The Global Support Initiative for Indigenous Peoples and Community – Conserved Territories and Areas (ICCA-GSI) is a global project funded by the Government of Germany, through its Federal ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMU), implemented by **UNDP-GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP).**

The ICCA-GSI response to COVID-19 will support IPLCs to strengthen their short-term coping mechanisms as well as their long-term socio-ecological resilience. Grassroots actions and initiatives will build on indigenous self-determination principles, including indigenous food sovereignty, to nurture healthy, reciprocal relationships with the land, plants and animals, as well as with other producer organisations and networks. A balanced distribution between COVID-19 response projects supporting coping mechanisms, will be combined with a similar share of projects aiming to support long-term prevention of future pandemics.

In alignment with the SGP Country Programme Strategy (CPS) in **Malaysia** and relevant National COVID-19 Response and Recovery Plan, applications from qualified organisations are invited to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. National and local civil society organisations (including community-based organisations, NGOs, and Indigenous Peoples organisations) are encouraged to apply based on the list of eligible criteria presented below.

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| **ICCA-GSI thematic categories** | **COVID-19 response: examples** |
| **Communication and lessons sharing through culturally appropriate means** | Translating and communicating medical and sanitary information on COVID-19 into local and vernacular languages. |
| **Food production systems: agroecology and agroforestry** | Strengthening sustainable and biodiversity-friendly food production systems in ICCAs focused on agroecology and agroforestry techniques.   |
| **Sustainable and well governed wildlife consumption** | Promotion of sustainable and regulated wildlife consumption through good governance, customary regulation, and awareness raising.  |
| **Prevention of zoonoses and future pandemics** | Strengthening of ICCAs to provide barriers for zoonotic disease transmission and habitat conservation through reduced fragmentation.  |
| **Transmission of traditional medical knowledge** | Documentation and transmission of sustainable techniques for harvesting, quality control, and transmission of traditional medicinal practices. |
| **Territorial mapping and demarcation for self-isolation and conservation** | Mapping and demarcation to increase territorial zoning, self-isolation procedures, buffer zones and defence of conserved areas. |
| **Local bio-circular economy approaches based on reciprocity** | Income-generation activities, reciprocal food exchange networks, community-based ecotourism-based ventures, provision of food to at-risk populations, locally-made personal protective equipment.    |

**Eligible Organisations**

* Locally registered non-for-profit Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Community Based Organisations (CBOs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).
* Organisation possess local registered bank account of the organisation.
* Community Based Organisation (CBOs) are encouraged to apply through intermediary organisation who has the local organisation registration and bank account.
* Organisation must have **experiences working with indigenous communities, fishing communities** and **understand issues faced by indigenous peoples**, **understand the principle of ICCA** and have **working experiences at grassroots level**.

**Qualifications**

* Demonstrated commitment to protect and defend territories and areas conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities ([ICCAs](https://www.iccaconsortium.org/));
* Knowledge and awareness of biodiversity conservation efforts at the national level;
* Experience in organizing and hosting consultations and capacity development activities with indigenous peoples and fishing communities;
* Lead organisation must with capacity to produce high quality written reports according to deadlines;
* Lead organisation must familiar with key issues related to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), especially as they relate to indigenous peoples and local communities, considered an advantage.

**Grant Amount**

The grant for the ICCA projects shall be a maximum of **USD 50,000**. It is advisable applicant request for grant based on the best estimated expenditures required to conduct proposed activities but not based on maximum amount. Applicants are required to submit a detailed budgetary estimate.

**Project Duration: 18 months.**

**Deadline:** **30 June 2021**.

To obtain more details on SGP and guidelines for application, please contact:

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