

RESPONSES TO APS QUESTIONS – ROUND I

Project: Feed the Future Liberia Food Security, Nutrition and Resilience activity Liberia FSNR Activity.

Title: Resilient Investment Fund– Annual Program Statement (APS)

APS No: APS-FSNR-2024-001

Question 1. Is civil society organization eligible to apply for this APS-FSNR?

Response: *This call is limited to established cooperatives and Small and Medium Enterprise (SMEs). All applicants should: Be legally and formally registered at the time of grant application, be compliant to government of Liberia regulations (submit tax compliance certificate, registration certificate), The activities under the grants must primarily take place in Liberia, Individuals are not eligible to apply for this APS. Concept notes from organizations that do not meet the above eligibility criteria will neither be reviewed nor evaluated.*

Question 2: My institution is working in two counties, can one organization apply two times, for separate countries? If yes, at what amount?

Response: *Please take note that this APS is specifically intended for Cooperatives and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). If you operate within the scope of a cooperative or SME, you can only submit one application for one county within any of the FSNR Project Counties, namely Nimba, Bong, Margibi, Grand Bassa, Lofa, and Montserrado.*

Successful applicants may be awarded a maximum amount of USD 50,000(larger grants) or maximum of \$10,000(for the small grants), with an implementation period spanning 12 to 24 months from the date of the award. The FSNR aims to support activities focused on enhancing production, post-harvest processing, storage, and the construction of small irrigation infrastructure in the designated project counties.

Question 3: Does one also apply for livestock (piggery)?

Response: *It's important to note that piggery is not included in the FSNR value chain for livestock. However, piggery can be supported as part of an integrated farm activities (mix farming). For example, if the cooperative is engaged in production and/or processing of gari or any cassava products and the cooperative integrated piggery to ensure efficiency so that the waste from the processing section is utilized as input to support the piggery section which in this case will be a secondary activity of the cooperative, then it can be allowed. Piggery production as a stand-alone project is not within the scope of FSNR at this time. Feel*

free to submit application for livestock, specifically in the area of poultry or production of poultry feeds.

Question 4: What is in-kind matching or “co-investment funds for cooperative and SME?

Response: *The concept of co-investment funds implies a collaborative approach, where both the funding entity and the cooperatives/SMEs invest resources towards a common goal. This strategy aims to leverage the strengths of the cooperatives/SMEs, promote sustainable development, and enhance the overall impact of the investment.*

Take note that applications with higher level of cash or in-kind matching or “co-investment” will have definite advantage.