



CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR SEED PRODUCTION AND DISSEMINATION

Organizational Overview

The Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) is a partnership of The Rockefeller Foundation, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the United Kingdom's Department For International Development working with African governments, other donors, NGOs, the private sector and African farmers to significantly and sustainably improve the productivity and incomes of poor, small-scale farmers in Africa. AGRA is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, and maintains offices in Accra, Ghana, Maputo, Mozambique, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and Bamako, Mali. AGRA also undertakes policy advocacy and resource mobilization.

The Program for Africa's Seeds Systems (PASS) is an AGRA initiative to improve food security and reduce poverty in Africa by promoting the development of seed delivery systems that allow small-scale farmers to gain access to improved, adapted crop varieties in an equitable and sustainable manner.

Proposals Invited

AGRA invites proposals from duly qualified organizations for one-time funding of a maximum of \$150,000 over two years, for activities which will allow the grantee to increase the production and distribution of certified seed of improved, adapted crop varieties among poor, small-scale farmers through both private and public channels, including seed companies, community-based seed systems and public research and extension services. In addition, proposals should include activities which increase farmer awareness of the value of improved seed and strengthen seed dissemination channels through agro-dealers and other seed retailers. Priority will be given to proposals which focus on production and delivery of large quantities of high quality seed of a wide range of crop species to poor, small-scale farmers at the lowest price.

Focus crops include maize, rice, sorghum, millet, bananas, cassava, sweet potato, beans, cowpeas, pigeon pea and groundnuts. Eligible countries include Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, South Sudan, Malawi, Zambia, Mozambique, Ghana, Nigeria, Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso, South Sudan, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Further funding opportunities may exist after successful completion of the project, through investment and working capital loans available from several Funds partnering with AGRA.

Procedure for application

Interested parties are requested to send proposals to email address: smwachi@agra-alliance.org, before **December 31, 2011**.