

## Small Grant to Support Green Entrepreneurship and Land Security

### Background

ActionAid Liberia (AAL) is one of the leading organizations in Liberia on women's rights and gender equality. It is a country program and part of the ActionAid Global Federation, a unique partnership of people, organizations and social movements in Liberia working to achieve economic, social and climate justice, gender equality and poverty eradication. Throughout the world, ActionAid works to strengthen the capacity and active agency of people living in poverty and exclusion, especially women, to assert their rights. AAL has been operating in Liberia since 1997 addressing socio-economic and structural inequalities of power.

AAL current Country Strategy Paper (CSP III) 2024-2028, "**Deepening Democracy, Rights and Justice**" places emphasis on an accountable government as the primary duty bearer for building resilience of communities to adapt and mitigate the impact of climate change and disasters through climate just practices of natural resource governance, agroecology and sustainable livelihoods and increased public financing for basic socio-economic services to ensure that all Liberians can adequately access and receive quality gender responsive services and equal opportunities for a better and dignified life.

AAL is commencing the implementation in collaboration with ActionAid Nigeria and ActionAid Senegal a 3-year project titled: **Strategic Partnership for Agroecology and Climate Justice in West Africa (SPAC -West Africa)**. Ultimately the project seeks to ensure that women and young people will enjoy food and nutrition security and climate resilient livelihoods. At the intermediate level, the project seeks to ensure that (i) efficient agroecology practices among smallholder women farmers (SHWF) and young people, (ii) increased quantity and quality of public financing for agroecology and diversified livelihoods from sustainable agricultural practices.

In Liberia, the project is being implemented in three counties Bong, Gbarpolu and Montserrado and partner with key stakeholders.

### Purpose and Rational of the Expression of Interest

ActionAid Liberia is seeking the Expression of Interest for a flexible small grants support to women and young green entrepreneurs and famers.

## **AAL Objectives for Small Grant include:**

**Objective 1:** To provide support for land security.

**Objective 2:** To provide support for transition to sustainable green practices.

**Objective 3:** Support startup of agroecology farm/activity.

## **The small grant can cover any of the following:**

- Help improve security of tenure for women and youth smallholder farmers and green entrepreneurs (Ex: paying for farmland surveying and title deeds for the land)
- Transition to green entrepreneurship practices (Ex: Sustainable packaging of produce from plastic to paper/glass packages).
- Support toward portion of an Agroecology farm (vegetable or portray) set up (Ex: materials for nurseries beds, bird nets, etc.)

## **What are the Criteria for applying?**

To be eligible for the grant your group must meet the following requirements:

- Be a women-led or youth-led (below age 35) agroecology farming cooperatives (formal or informal), green business, networks, etc.
- Your group or business practice inclusive and feminist leadership.
- Your group, cooperative or business is based in Montserrado, Bong or Gbarpolu County.
- Payment for farmland survey/ title deeds, green business transition or Agroecology farm activity set up must be completed by February 12, 2025.
- This grant does not cover the purchasing of agriculture tools like: wheelbarrows, shovels, cutlasses, hooks, water cans, hand rakes, rainboots, etc. and seedings.

## **What is the timeline for implementation?**

February 10 -12, 2025

## **Outputs/Deliverables of the activities**

**Output 1:** A completed Expression of Interest.

**Output 2:** A comprehensive report of the activity including a photo journal. Templates will be shared.

**Please provide details of the proposed activity lead to this initiative:**

<b>Name of Focal Point</b>	
<b>Name of Youth Group</b>	
<b>Role of Focal Point</b>	
<b>County</b>	
<b>Email (s)</b>	

**Please provide the following information as part of your Expression of Interest**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
<i>Leadership and Group Structure?</i>	
When was your farming group/business established? What is the structure of your group (business, cooperatives, Farm/agroecology network)? Is it register or not?	
Do you have a bank account? If yes, please share.	
Have you selected a vendor or contractor? If yes, please share the process you use for their selection and share their contact details (names, email, number and location). If no, tell us how you intend to do your selection.	
Is your group a women-led and youth-led group? How?	

<p>Is your group or business leadership practicing the feminist form of leadership? How?</p>	
<p>What is your group or business goals and objectives.</p>	
<p><i>Activity</i></p>	
<p>Which of the following do you want the grant for and why? What is the added value?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help improve security of tenure for women and youth smallholder famers and green entrepreneurs (Ex: paying for farmland surveying and title deeds for the land)</li> <li>• Transition to green entrepreneurship practices (Ex: Sustainable packaging of produce from plastic to paper/glass packages.</li> <li>• Support toward portion of an Agroecology farm (vegetable or portray) set up (Ex: materials for nurseries beds, bird nets, etc.)</li> </ul> <p>If your need is not included, you can still share what the</p>	

grant will be used for and why.	
Who or what is your target?	
What is your proposed workplan including timeline/dates for spending the grant (consider the February 10-12 timeline)?	
<i>Other</i>	
Is there any other information regarding your context that you would like us to be aware of.	
<b>Budget outline</b> Please also provide an outline of the budget required to deliver this initiative (\$1,000 USD Per Group).	

Please send your EOIs to [vacancy.liberia@actionaid.org](mailto:vacancy.liberia@actionaid.org) by 11:59 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2025.