

Information on 3rd Call Process & Planning

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### Large gap between (open) space data and farmers



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# Geodata for Agriculture and Water (G4AW) improves food security in developing countries by using satellite data.



- 2014-2021
- 3 Calls, 60 mio €
- 3<sup>rd</sup> call: 19,8 million €
- 26 countries

Netherlands Space Office (NSO) is executing this programme, commissioned by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.







# Aim

 To increase the agricultural sector output by providing food producers with relevant information, advices or (financial) products through operational information chains using satellite and other geodata

> 4,5 million smallholders









# Output & outcome (selection)

- Output:
  - a. providing useful and timely agrometeorological and/or financial/insurance products
  - b. Reaching >4,5 million farmers



- Outcome:
  - a. Stimulating enterpreneurship & private investments
  - b. Opening new markets with financially sustainable services
  - c. 50% of reached farmers are using the service(s) regularly







# Impact

- Impact:
  - a. Improved food production
  - b. Improved income of smallholders
  - c. More efficient use of inputs (including water)
  - d. More resilience against effects of climate change
- User demand driven (information, not data)











# Mid Term Review & Lessons Learned

- Leadership (of project) & ownership (of services)
- Clear focus on customer(s) and services from start
- Profiling smallholder & monitor customer satisfaction
- More attention to gender
- Local, strong business partner increases success considerably
- Role of `aggregators' to reach smallholders
- Effects on climate change adaptation & sustainable water use







# Policy guidelines and changes w.r.t Call 2

- One project = one country
- Maximum of 4 projects per country (over 3 calls)
- Maximum subsidy: 3 million €
- Minimal one organization processes satellite data
- Own contribution (>65% by partnership)
- MIS, REDD+, certification focus excluded
- Bonus for specific countries





Policy rule (1)	Treshold criterium		
Number of users	100 000 farmers or 50 000 agro-pastoralists or 50 000 fishermen		
Project duration	3 year (+ 1 year extension budget neutral if needed)		
Minimum grant	€ 500 000		
Maximum grant	€ 3 000 000		
Partnership	Applicant: all G4AW partner countries eligible Minimum: One organisation from G4AW partner country + 1 organisation from Netherlands Minimum: one public, one private organisation Minimum: one partner for processing satellite data		





Policy rule (2)	Treshold criterium		
Own investment partner country (23 countries)	≥ 30%		
Own investment partner country (3 countries)	≥ 40%		
Grants from 3rd parties	Maximum 35% of own contribution		
Partnership agreement	Obligatory, waiver for a governmental organisation via a Letter of Intent or Memorandum of Understanding		
CSR policy	Obligatory for private organisations, must be developed in 1st year of project if not existing yet		





# **Evaluation criteria**

- Partnership & experience (95 pt)
- Business case & financial sustainability (125 pt)
- Project approach & results (90 pt)
- Information services & operations (90 pt)

 Bonus 30/20/10 pt for three best ranked projects in Myanmar







## G4AW Partnerships – Public Private Cooperation

- Project objectives are ambitious and overarching competences of one single organization, lead partner:
  - Overseeing organizational and technical complexity
  - Managerial skills
- Contributing partners :
  - Private (business focus, data, ICT, services)

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- Public (access to data/users, license to operate)
- NGO (user engagement, capacity building/training, M&E)
- Research/knowledge institutes (domain expertises)













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#### Project approach and results





# Information chain and services

- Role of satellite data
- Services
- Methodology
- QA/QC & documentation
- Operational expertise



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# Example: Sat4Rice



#### Vietnam

# Partnership & project objectives















Outcome	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Total number of food producers	6000	87000	300000
using product or service			
Number of food producers with	6000	87000	300000
improved food production			
Improvement of food production (%	5-10	5-10	5-10
yield or production increase)			
Improvement in effective use of	40	40	40
water (%)			
Improvement in effective use of	50	50	50
seeds (%)			
Improvement in effective use of	30	30	30
fertilizer (%)			
Improvement in effective use of	30	30	30
pesticides (%)			
Improvement in income	10	10	10









# Example: Sat4Rice



## Vietnam

# **Business Model**

- Improve revenues:
  - Higher yields lead to higher income for both farmer as well as Loc Troi Group
  - Higher productivity due to more specific appliance of fertilizer & pesticides
  - Economy of scale: applicable to much larger areas
- Decrease costs:
  - Labor, logistics and financial processes can be improved
  - Less losses due to pest & disease, flooding or salinity
  - Lessen environmental burden of pesticides & fertilizer
- Additional revenue stream:
  - Free for Loc Troi farmers > providing a USP for other farmers to join Loc Troi
  - Paid service for non-Loc Troi farmers or other rice-related companies





# Example: Sat4Rice



## Vietnam

# Information services

- Rice Crop Growth Monitor
  - Improving yields to improve income
- Pest & Disease Early Warning
  - Combining parameters for better predicitions
- Flood Warning
  - Early warning against losses due to natural disasters
- Drought & Salinity
  - Timely preparation and possible crop change







# From data to informed decisions



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- User engagement
- Understanding user needs
- Added value services
- Training & capacity building
- Delivery channels







# Do you know who your customers are?









# How much do you spend on:

- Knowing your potential customer?
- Reaching the right target group?
- Evaluating if your service is meeting <u>customer needs</u>?
- know whether your project reaches the <u>targeted objectives</u>?

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#### Do you know your customer needs and service requirements?



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# Main message

Monitoring & Evaluation is not only a obligatory something for the donor... <u>Monitoring & Evaluation is crucial for your</u> <u>project to be successful!</u>









## User engagement - building trust

- Definition of user group (gender, youth)
- Definition of other customers & stakeholders
- Definition of user needs (user survey)
- Capacity building & training
- Cooperation with institutions connecting users
- Connecting local initiatives
- Customer satisfaction (input for business case, service quality, M&E)







## User engagement – reaching smallholders

- Ministry of Agriculture (extension officers)
- Industry (input supplier, bank, insurance, telcom, etc)
- Local NGO
- Farmer cooperation
- Social media
- Other





# Timeline

- Formal publication: ~ March 15, 2017
- Request for Advice: April 17-June 16, 2017
- Full proposal: September 14, 2017, 15:00 CET
- Grant decision: January 2018
- Very strong advice: submit August 31, 2017 latest to allow for eglibility "completeness"





## Supporting instruments, a.o.

- G4AW Publications
  - Lessons Learned
  - Gender publication & database
  - Access to finance
- G4AW Directory
- G4AW Linked Group
- G4AW Improved M&E toolkit
- GODAN: more access to open data
  - >450 partners











# Questions?





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# Thank you for your attention

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