

## Frequently Asked Question Document

### **Request for Proposals (RFP) addressing the intersection of climate change and education in emergencies and protracted crises**

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<b>Question</b>	<b>Answers</b>
<b><i>Eligibility</i></b>	
<b>How many proposals can each organization submit? Can one organization be part of two applications?</b>	<p>We expect organizations to prioritize one objective and submit one Expression of Interest. However, if an organization feels it meets the criteria for multiple objectives, it <u>is</u> possible to submit more than one Expression of Interest.</p> <p>We ask that organizations are involved in <u>no more than two</u> Expressions of Interest <u>per theme</u>.</p>
<b>Does this RFP apply to specific countries, or can applicants apply for multiple countries? Is there a preference for single-country or multi-country proposals?</b>	<p>The number of countries will depend on the chosen objective and the nature of the application – full details can be found in the ToR.</p> <p>Expressions of Interest must focus on one or more of the priority countries <u>listed in Annex A</u>.</p> <p>We will <u>not</u> accept applications focused on countries that are not listed in Annex A.</p>
<b>If our country is not on the priority list, does that mean we are excluded from the proposal call?</b>	<p>Yes. Applicants are asked to focus on the priority countries listed in Annex A.</p> <p>We recognize this limits options for interested parties but the country</p>

	<p>selection needs to align to ECW’s focus countries, added value and strategic ambition.</p>
<p><b>Is it necessary to be registered in the implementation country, or is it enough to have implementation partners in the country?</b></p>	<p>It is sufficient to have implementation partners in the focus countries. You will need to list these in the EOI. The main applicant does not need to be registered in the implementation country.</p>
<p><b>If an organization has headquarters, regional, and country offices, how many applications can they submit?</b></p>	<p>We expect organizations to prioritize one objective and submit one Expression of Interest. However, if an organization meets the criteria for multiple objectives, it <u>is</u> possible to submit more than one Expression of Interest.</p> <p>We ask that organizations submit <u>no more than two</u> Expressions of Interest <u>per theme</u>. This is regardless of whether the organization is submitting at HQ, regional or country office level. The organization will need to prioritise internally and submit a maximum of two EOIs per theme.</p>
<p><b>Can local actors/National Non-Governmental Organizations (NNGOs) apply alone?</b></p>	<p>Yes. All organizations including international, national, NGOs, and academic institutions that can provide the requested goods/services/works are eligible to apply, either alone or in a consortium with other entities.</p>
<p><b>Will Eols by organizations already involved in MYRP programmes be considered in this call for proposals?</b></p>	<p>Yes. All organizations including international, national, NGOs, and academic institutions that can provide the requested goods/services/works are eligible to apply, including those already affiliated with ECW programmes. However, these entities will not be given any automatic advantage at review stage.</p>
<p><b><i>Submission logistics</i></b></p>	

<p><b>Can we apply jointly for all objectives in one proposal?</b></p>	<p>No. Each Expression of Interest should focus on one objective only. This is because of the different review criteria for each objective. If you are submitting for more than one objective, please submit separate Expressions of Interest for each.</p>
<p><b>Can potential grantees connect with potential consortium partners to bring in their expertise in different areas of work? Is there a place where we can share contacts and resources to find potential partners for collaboration?</b></p>	<p>We invite applicants to liaise with sector colleagues if they would like to apply as a consortium.</p> <p>Unfortunately, connecting potential partners for collaboration is not a service ECW can provide at this time.</p>
<p><b>If applying for more than one theme, do we send the application in one enclosure or separate emails?</b></p>	<p>When applying for more than one objective, each application will be considered separately and should be sent under separate emails. The subject line should be as follows: ECW AF EOI: [Insert organization]</p>
<p><b><i>Budget and grant duration</i></b></p>	
<p><b>How much funding is available per objective?</b></p>	<p>The allocated funding for each objective is as follows:</p> <p><u>Objective 1:</u> Develop and disseminate Global Guidance for the greening of Temporary Learning Spaces: Up to 750,000 USD</p> <p><u>Objective 2:</u> Undertake research and advocacy on the Loss and Damage and Education in Emergencies and Protracted Crises: Up to 1,200,000 USD</p> <p><u>Objective 3:</u> Scale up and share models for locally-led, innovative climate-smart EIEPC programming : Up to 750,000 USD</p>
<p><b>Can we propose smaller projects that require less funding but still contribute to the announced objectives?</b></p>	<p>There is no minimum requirement for funding, smaller projects can also be</p>

	submitted if they contribute to the announced objectives.
<b>Must the program length for each objective be three years, or can it be shorter?</b>	It can be shorter. We recognize that the program length will depend on the nature of the proposed work. We will work with all successful applicants to ensure a suitable timeline for project needs.
<b>Where can I find the budget template?</b>	You can find the budget template on the webpage <a href="#">here</a> . Successful EOI applicants will have the opportunity to update their budgets as part of the proposal development process.
<b><i>Selection process</i></b>	
<b>How will the role of the cluster at the country level be determined?</b>	Please note the processes for ECW's Acceleration Facility Grants are <u>entirely different</u> to ECW's MYRP and FER grants.  Engagement with the Cluster is up to the applicant and will depend on the nature of the Expression of Interest.
<b>Will the selection of Grant Award (GA) be done through the Education Sector Working Group (Ed STWG) or directly through ECW?</b>	The selection of the grant award will be done directly by ECW, through an internal ECW panel including education and climate specialists.  Please note that the processes for ECW's Acceleration Facility Grants are entirely different to ECW's MYRP and FER grants.
<b>Will all applications selected for Phase 2 be guaranteed for funding?</b>	Not necessarily. ECW will inform successful applicants from Phase 1 whether their Phase 2 applications will be part of a competitive exercise or not. It will depend on the number and quality of Phase 1 applications.
<b>Is HACT assessment necessary to pass before the first round of the application?</b>	HACT and PSEA assessments are not necessary <u>before</u> the submission of the Expression of Interest. However, successful grantees will need to be assessed prior to the release of funding.

<b><i>Proposal focus</i></b>	
<b>Does the EOI phase need to be linked with in-country Funding Education Readiness (FER)/Multi-Year Resilience Programs (MYRP) programs and grantees/sub-grantees?</b>	Applicants should be aware of ECW’s in-country programmes in their selected focus country/countries. Information about ECW’s in-country programming can be found on our website. We do not expect applicants to have liaised with MYRP/FER grantees at this stage – ECW will support this in Phase 2.
<b><u>Objective 1</u></b>  <b>Could you please expand on what is meant by "greening" under Objective 1?</b>	<p>“Greening of Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS)” refers to the process of making TLS and educational structures more environmentally friendly and sustainable.</p> <p>For the purpose of the EOI Objective 1, ECW is focused on the <i>structural</i> components of TLS rather than any ‘green’ learning activities that take place within them.</p>
<b><u>Objective 2</u></b>  <b>What is the expected role of ECW for Objective 2? Does the objective intend to support activities led by ECW?</b>	Applicants for Objective 2 should not presume any specific ECW-led activities on this agenda. ECW will continue its broad climate advocacy campaign but we are looking to the successful Objective 2 grantee(s) to lead our work on Loss and Damage, set the tone for our advocacy and to help set our ambition. We will likely participate in/agree to certain grantee-led activities if applicable e.g. speaking on panels, social media campaigns, lobbying etc.

<p><b>For Objective 2, do you have a vision for the milestones and processes you would like to see addressed?</b></p>	<p>No. We are looking to Objective 2 applicants to review the current state of play on Loss and Damage and propose appropriate milestones and processes, based on the ultimate ambition we have set out in the TOR (e.g. a fair share of Loss and Damage funding to Education) and the actors we have named that must be included.</p>
<p><b>Is there a balance expected between research and advocacy in Objective 2? Is generating knowledge/research more important than advocacy, or vice versa?</b></p>	<p>ECW has no set balance in mind. We are looking to Objective 2 applicants to review the current state of play on Loss and Damage and propose an appropriate balance in order to achieve our ambition. ECW is prioritizing both research and advocacy under this Objective, with a focus on using research (alongside any other tools deemed useful by the applicant) to inform advocacy efforts and achieve policy changes.</p>
<p><b><u>Objective 3</u></b></p> <p><b>Are you looking for proposals that link climate change work with DRR or Alternative Provision (AP) type responses?</b></p>	<p>ECW is intentionally keeping the parameters for this objective broad, given a number of innovative, locally-led solutions are being developed in multiple contexts, in response to ever-increasing and differing needs.</p>
<p><b>Will you support initiatives to make schools more resilient to climate impacts under Objective 3?</b></p>	<p>Specific themes like Disaster Risk Reduction or Resilient Schools could certainly be a focus of any proposal but it is not a requirement. We are open to a diverse range of themes as long as they are climate- and EIEPC-related initiatives.</p>

In the Expression of Interest, the partner should be clear about the specific needs that the initiative responds to, the work and evidence it is based on, and the details of the programmatic solution.