

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the GAAP2 call for Expressions of Interest**

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This document contains a compilation of questions that the GAAP2 team has received on the GAAP2 call for [Expressions of Interest](#). We will continue to add to this document as we receive more questions up until the submission date of September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Should you have a question that is not answered below, please email [JFPRI-GAAP@cgiar.org](mailto:JFPRI-GAAP@cgiar.org) with your question and we will respond promptly.

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**Question:** Will projects in countries outside of those listed in the Expression of Interest be considered?

**Answer:** It will be difficult for us to provide supplemental funding for projects outside of the geographic areas listed in the call<sup>1</sup>, although those interested will be able to join the community of practice, and if the other criteria are met and other funding is available to cover the data collection and analysis, such a project may be included in the portfolio of projects.

**Question:** Has GAAP2 identified certain priority areas where they would like projects to take place in the countries of interest?

**Answer:** No, except for India where, as noted in the call, we are focusing on the states of Odisha, Bihar, and Uttar Pradesh.

**Question:** What should our sample size be?

**Answer:** For the WEAI pilots we used a sample size of ~350, with an adult male and an adult female interviewed in *each* household, a total of about 700 interviews, at the minimum. To be able to make valid conclusions, 350 households (700 male and female interviews) would be the minimum size required; larger samples are of course welcome! We are also checking with our colleagues at OPHI regarding this.

**Question:** What is meant by validation of the WEAI?

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<sup>1</sup> The countries included in the call are: Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania, Bangladesh, and India (Bihar, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh)

**Answer:** We want to confirm that the way the index measures empowerment is consistent with other quantitative and/or qualitative empowerment indicators. We also want to make sure we are not missing out on important indicators of empowerment that are not included in the current version of the WEAI. Because we are interested in developing a measure for women's empowerment that projects can use, we want to make sure we are choosing the right indicators to measure women's empowerment at the project level. What this means in practice is that there will be some additional questions in the survey, or questions may be phrased differently but may be asking about similar topics, which will be used for validation of the pro-WEAI instrument, but will not be in the final instrument. Some of these may be questions that you are already planning to collect, e.g. factors that affect decisions regarding health and nutrition. Background information about the household and individuals, such as household composition (age, sex, and education of household members), landholding size, and assets will also be collected so that we can examine how measures of empowerment are related with household and individual characteristics. We will also be comparing results of the survey modules with the qualitative research for validation.

**Question:** What if we have a multi-country project where one of the countries is included in the list of GAAP2 focus countries and the second country is not?

**Answer:** In this situation we recommend that you submit a proposal for GAAP2 funding to cover the country included in the GAAP2 country list. So long as you have other funding available to cover the data collection and analysis for the non-GAAP2 country, you can still submit a concept note for the two countries, and benefit from the feedback from the GAAP2 team on both countries.

**Question:** Our organization is interested in working with two partners working on related projects. Should we submit one concept note that covers both partners/projects or two different concept notes, one for each project?

**Answer:** You may do either; however we would recommend that if the partners are in two different countries you submit two separate proposals. While we may not be able to accept both, any submissions that are not accepted will be included in the community of practice. If you do submit one proposal covering two partners, any GAAP2 funding you receive would need to be spread across the two projects.

**Question:** Our project is not an evaluation – can we still apply?

**Answer:** GAAP2 will only be working with evaluations of ongoing agricultural development projects. If your undertaking is research-oriented rather than evaluation-oriented, we still welcome you to join the Community of Practice (directions in next question).

**Question:** What if a project only wants to join the Community of Practice?

**Answer:** All projects that submit Expressions of Interest will be included in the Community of Practice (COP). However, we also welcome projects that may not be interested or able to submit a full EOI at this time to join the COP. Joining the COP will allow projects to contribute to as well as take advantage of online resources, virtual workshops, webinars, and conferences. Participation in the COP is free, but does not involve any financial support from GAAP2. Please see the directions under the “Process” heading in the EOI for directions on how to join the COP.

**Question:** Will projects in GAAP2 implement the entire WEAI, or just segments of it? How long are these modules expected to take?

**Answer:** Projects in the GAAP2 portfolio will implement a shortened version of the WEAI (6 indicators rather than 10) but will also pilot a few standardized add-on modules. These add-on modules will be developed by the GAAP2 team in consultation with the chosen projects as part of the GAAP2 undertaking. However, they will focus on the key areas of interest to GAAP2: agricultural objectives (income, food security, nutrition/health), and commodity focus (crops, livestock). While the shortened version of the WEAI takes approximately 30% less time to implement than the original WEAI, the addition of these add-on modules will increase the implementation time.

**Question:** What if we have already conducted our baseline? Does this mean our timing will not work with GAAP2?

**Answer:** Some projects may already have collected baseline data, but could be eligible to participate if timelines allow collection of two rounds of the WEAI within the implementation period.

**Question:** How will IFPRI work with the M&E teams and the Gender focal point in the project to develop the Pro-WEAI?

**Answer:** As with GAAP1, an IFPRI person will be assigned as the primary liaison to each project. The IFPRI team would work with the project M&E and implementing teams to develop

quantitative and qualitative instruments to pilot and validate pro-WEAI modules, which also meet the needs of the project. The IFPRI team may also help with analysis, but it is expected that the project teams will implement data collection, and have primary responsibility for data analysis. Thus, the marginal costs of data collection (over and above what the project's own M&E) and analysis should be budgeted, and it is expected that the project's M&E team has capacity for data analysis (with some guidance and capacity building from the GAAP2 team, as necessary).

**Question:** Will GAAP2 be able to work with French-speaking partners?

**Answer:** For comparability across component projects, the project language will be English. Project teams for whom English is not their first language are invited to submit a concept note if they include in their submission a brief proposal for how the project team will be responsible for translation. All collaboration with IFPRI will be conducted in English, so at a minimum, one project leader should be designated to work with the IFPRI team in English.

**Question:** Do you have a sample budget?

**Answer:** See below for an anonymized budget from GAAP1. However, this budget is just an example; projects in GAAP2 may request different things depending upon their needs.

**SAMPLE BUDGET:**

Support requested from GAAP2: US\$ 97,952 (total not to exceed \$100,000 for the three-year period)  
*Summary expenditures (fill in name of organization). This is a real budget but it has been anonymized.*

	<i>Implementing organization</i>	<i>M&amp;E Partner</i>	
Salaries and benefits <sup>2</sup>	\$31,950		
Consultants		\$15,750	
Data collection, inclusive of local travel	\$19,275		
Training	\$4,750		
Other expenses (specify)	\$7,850	\$7,000	
Subtotal	\$63,825	\$22,750	
Administrative overhead <i>Maximum 15%</i>	\$9,574	\$3,413	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	US\$73,399	US\$26,163	US\$99,561

<sup>3</sup>Additional interviewer and supervisory staff for data collection will likely be drawn from the local partner XXXX. The consultant will be a local hire, yet to be determined. The attached budget sheet provides more details behind the line items summarized above.

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<sup>2</sup> For each staff member or consultant, provide name, organization and daily rate in US\$, and number of days on the project.