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Background

GLOSOLAN is a self-financed initiative. No funds allocated to its implementation by FAO. Financial resources come from projects granted to the Global Soil Partnership (GSP). As a result, budget is mostly allocated to the implementation of global activities. The GSP has very few projects on soil laboratories in specific regions (e.g. the Near East and North Africa) or countries (e.g. Liberia, Rwanda and Uganda).

GLOSOLAN members are kindly invited to make an effort to mobilize financial resources for the implementation of national and regional activities.

The GLOSOLAN coordinator can help you in preparing the concept notes to submit to donors!

Approaching FAO as a donor…

Does not mean to submit concept notes and requests for financial support to the Global Soil Partnership (GSP). The GSP is not a donor!

The GSP and GLOSOLAN can support laboratories, countries and regions in approaching FAO as a donor. FAO can support countries and regions through its **Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP).**

Example of TCP projects on GLOSOLAN related activities granted by FAO so far:

- Regional TCP for the Near East and North African region (21 October 2020 – 31 December 2022): training will be provided to the national reference laboratories in 12 countries. Budget: US$ 400 000

- National TCP in Liberia (March 2021-February 2023): training and provision of equipment to two soil laboratories. Budget: US$ 440 000

How to apply for a TCP project?

1. Have a clear idea of you want in terms of activities and final objective. If you like, the GLOSOLAN coordinator can support you on this.

2. Ask your government (e.g. Ministry of Agriculture) to send an official letter requesting a TCP project to your country FAO office (for national TCPs) or to the regional FAO office (for regional TCPs). The letter should mention: the problem/challenge faced by your country, the request for a TCP project with a note on how the TCP will help to tackle the problem/challenge. Please copy the GLOSOLAN coordinator – we can do an internal follow up with FAO country and regional offices as needed.

3. Prepare the project document. Please note that there is a template for this so that you cannot prepare it by your own. The GLOSOLAN coordinator and TCP officer at your FAO country office or at the regional FAO office should be involved in the preparation of the project document.

4. Submission of the project document, waiting for approval and an eventual start of its implementation.

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Notes:

- **TCP projects are assigned by FAO every 2 years**. All proposals should be submitted within specific deadlines.
- TCP projects provide maximum US$ 500 000
- TCP projects should be implemented on average in one – one and a half years time
- TCP projects can be used to kick off activities, assess needs and write a second phase project proposal

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Thanks for your attention

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