



CALL FOR BUSINESS IDEA PROFILES (BIPs) PROPOSAL



AGRICOM FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (GoSVG) has received a loan of US\$4.3 million from the **World Bank** for the implementation of the **OECS Regional Agricultural Competitiveness Project (AGRICOM)**. The project objective is to **enhance access to markets and sales for selected Farmers and Fishers as well as Aggregators and Agro-processors**.

AGRICOM is hereby inviting eligible fishers/farmers, as product supplying partners, in collaboration with aggregators/agro-processors which can be producer organizations or private micro/small/medium enterprises, as buying counterparts, to submit **Business Idea Profiles (BIP)**. This call is open for BIP for agriculture, livestock (poultry, small ruminants and cattle), fisheries and agro-products. At least 70% of investments proceeds will go to following value chains:

1. Fisheries Harvesting, Processing and Marketing
2. Production and Export of Fresh fruits, Root crops and Vegetables and Value-added products
3. Coconut production and processing of products (water, oil and cosmetics)
4. Cocoa, Coffee and Spices production processing of value-added products
5. Cattle and Small Ruminant Production, Slaughter/Processing and Marketing
6. Broiler & Egg Production, Processing and Marketing
7. Cut Flower Production

Each BIP must provide information demonstrating the eligibility of both fishers/farmers and aggregators/agro-processors, as well as key elements displaying the viability of the proposed business venture. The BIP will be selected through a competitive process and will be developed into full business plans (BP) with the support of the project, and will be further considered to receive financial, technical, and business development support during their implementation.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Interested aggregators/agro-processors and farmers/fishers can obtain the Business Idea Profile (BIP) Template and the User Guide for the preparation of the Business Idea Profiles on the Ministry of Agriculture website: agriculture.gov.vc/agriculture. Hard copies of these documents can be obtained from the **AGRICOM Project Implementation Unit (PIU) Office, Ministry of Agriculture, Richmond Hill, KINGSTOWN - ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES. Telephone: 784-456-1111 Extension 311 or 321/ 784-456-1410**

Other relevant documents are available at the above-mentioned website.

BIP Template must be submitted in **BOTH hard copy and electronic form** along with supporting documents in a sealed envelope clearly marked: **“AGRICOM BIP – [Name of Proponent]”**. addressed to:

Project Coordinator
AGRICOM Project
Ministry of Agriculture
Richmond Hill, KINGSTOWN

Proposals must be submitted within 50 days of the issuing of this call. Accordingly, BIPs will be accepted from **Friday, June 28th, 2019 to Friday, August 30th, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.**