**Call of proposals in the framework of the project ‘Resilient Communities through Women’s Empowerment’, Phase II.**

1. ***Criteria for selection of 5 Local Public Authorities (LPAs) groups that initiated voluntary amalgamation process to benefit of support for joint SECAPs elaboration and implementation***

*The 5 selected LPAs groups will be supported in the development/update of joint SECAPs and will subsequently be able to benefit from 3 types of non-cash assistance:*

* *for communities (LPAs group) – value of up to USD 40,000, with 10% co-financing;[[1]](#footnote-2)*
* *for women agri-producers – value of up to USD 20,000, with 10% co-financing;*
* *for women with economic activities at the household level, value of up to USD 6,000, with 5% co-financing*

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| **Eligibility criteria:**  |
| The application will be submitted jointly by an LPA group that has initiated the voluntary amalgamation process. At least two LPAs within the group must provide approved local decisions confirming the initiation of this process within their communities. |
| The LPA group will comply with the established criteria and conditions for voluntary amalgamation[[2]](#footnote-3) including the population of the group will be at least 3,000 inhabitants (according to data from statistica.gov.md).[[3]](#footnote-4) |
| The applicant LPA group, in partnership with the private agricultural sector and civil society, will commit to organizing participatory activities for the development of the joint gender sensitive climate and energy strategy with the assistance of the project. |
| The applicant LPA group confirms the co-financing of the ResCom 2 grant in the amount of at least 10% of the total value of the community grant. |
|  **Evaluation criteria:**  | **Points** |
| Compliance with the amalgamation criteria and demonstrated intention to initiate the process of voluntary amalgamation of administrative-territorial units. | Initial phase – 10 points (at least two approved local decisions for the initiation of the voluntary amalgamation process within the LPAs group), intermediate phase – 20 points (Vision building exercise conducted) Advanced phase – 30 points (approved local decisions regarding voluntary amalgamation of the Administrative-Territorial Units). |
| The level of engagement of key actors and vulnerable groups in the process of adapting to climate change and increasing energy resilience. | General description without concrete data – up to 10 points, moderate description with some data – up to 20 points, comprehensive description with many data and detailed information – up to 30 points. |
| The degree of justification for the need for support in developing the gender-sensitive local plan for energy and climate with the involvement of local actors. | Superficial argumentation without data – up to 10 points, moderate argumentation with some data – up to 20 points, comprehensive argumentation with many data and detailed information regarding the local context and engagement – up to 30 points. |
| The justification for the need for support in increasing the LPAs group’s resilience to climate change with the involvement of the agricultural and civic sectors of the locality | Superficial justification – up to 10 points, moderate description with some data and weak description of the local context – up to 20 points, comprehensive justification with many data and detailed information regarding the local context – up to 30 points. |
| Demonstrating the impact of the support on the LPA group and the agricultural sector, including women. | Superficial description of the impact without disaggregated beneficiary data – up to 10 points, moderate description of the impact with some data– up to 20 points, comprehensive description of the impact with disaggregated data – up to 30 points. |
| Total | 150 p. |

***Note:******The project team reserves the right to visit localities and organize interviews with the LPA group at the evaluation stage to clarify/confirm certain aspects submitted at the application stage***

***The project will collaborate with the State Chancellery and the UNDP Local Public Administration Reform Team for dissemination of the Competition and pre-endorsement of the selected LPAs groups.***

***The final list of selected LPAs group will be approved by the ResCom 2 project Steering Committee.***

1. Top-up funds might be provided to the 5 selected amalgamated units in the framework of the UNDP Investing in SDGs program [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc\_id=146003&lang=ro [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. The number of the population with usual residence, by sex, at the level of the first-level territorial administrative unit (village/commune, town/municipality), at the beginning of the year 2024 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)