



CALL FOR PROJECT CONCEPT PAPERS ON FEMINIST AGROECOLOGY AND COMMUNITY FORESTS

- **Eligible to apply:** Liberian Civil Society Organisations working in the themes of the call
- **Project duration:** activities starting in the course of the year 2027 or 2028, maximum duration until July 2029
- **Grant size:** 30,000-150,000 EUR
- **Deadline for submitting the concept paper:** 30.10.2026. The application process consists of two phases: concept paper and full project proposal.
- **Number of projects to be funded:** 2-4

Themes of the call

In Liberia Siemenpuu Foundation supports Civil Society Organisations' (CSOs) projects to strengthen the rights of local communities dependent on forests and small-scale farming, to improve these communities' livelihoods and to conserve biodiversity. Funded projects are expected to actively strengthen the capacity and leadership of women and vulnerable groups, such as persons with disabilities, in natural resource management.

In forest conservation, social sustainability based on forest dependent local communities' collective rights, as well as their capacity to enjoy these rights, are emphasized. Advocacy for practices, legislation and policies preventing deforestation and biodiversity loss, as well as advancing local communities' rights to sustainable forest-based livelihoods is considered crucial. Forests of high biodiversity value are prioritized. Following type of forest-related work may be supported through the grant:

- Advancing legalization processes related to local communities' collective land and natural resource rights;
- Planning and strengthening of forest conservation and sustainable use by local communities;
- Prevention and monitoring of illicit natural resource use;
- Strengthening of community-based forest management capacity, transparency and accountability;
- Development of sustainable livelihoods based on Non-Timber Forest Products, including their value chains;
- Regeneration of degraded forest areas;
- Efforts to increase gender equality and inclusion of persons with disabilities;
- Measures to strengthen forest dependent local communities' climate resilience and adaptation to the impacts of climate change;
- Advocacy and networking of CSOs on community-based forest conservation and management.

Projects may also focus on supporting local communities in developing agroecological practices – particularly in forested areas - to diversify livelihood options and nurture agricultural biodiversity. The aim of agroecology is a food system based on local communities, responsible production and responsible consumption. Following type of agroecology related work may be supported through the grant:

- Organisation of small-scale farmers, particularly peasant women;
- Capacity-building and networking of peasant women to demand fair public policies, as well as to defend their rights to, for instance, land and seeds;
- Transition to and development of agroecological methods, such as: nurturing soil health, recycling of nutrients, energy-saving, diversified crops, agroforestry, multi-layered cultivations, composting, production of natural pest control, conservation of native seed and animal varieties, minimizing of external inputs;
- Development of value chains of agroecological products;
- Peer support and learning;
- Further measures to strengthen small-scale farmers' climate resilience and adaptation to the impacts of climate change;
- Efforts to increase gender equality and inclusion of persons with disabilities.

How to apply:

- **Familiarize yourself with the general requirements:** The general criteria expected to be met by all projects funded by the Siemenpuu Foundation are described in the document [Project Funding Criteria and Human Rights Principles](#). All grantees shall abide by the [Ethical Code of Conduct](#) of the Foundation, as well as follow the Siemenpuu [Guidelines for Financial Management](#).
- **To present your project concept:** please fill in the attached Siemenpuu Foundation Concept paper form.
- **To submit the concept paper:** please send the concept paper by 30 October 2026 to info@siemenpuu.org.
- **Next step:** the concept paper will be reviewed at Siemenpuu and possible clarifications asked. Selected applicant organisations will be called for a full project proposal. Please note, that receiving a call for a full proposal does not indicate a positive funding decision.

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