

## POS Expression of Interest 2020-21

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#### Application POS2020/21046 From Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)

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## Project Proposal

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### Project Summary

**Name of Project \***

Increasing Access to Potable Water for Rural Primary Schools District-Sipaliwini

No more than 10 words. This should reflect the essence of the project.

**Project description \***

Rural communities in the hinterland of Suriname have benefited from Australian DAP program interventions with low-cost rainwater harvesting systems and sanitation to address the issue of poor access to potable water. Incidentally, rural schools that serve the villages suffer a similar fate of relying on contaminated riverine water with mercury, high levels of turbidity effects of gold mining, logging and absence of proper sanitation facilities, forcing school children to utilize these water sources. The Rooms Katholiek Byzonder Onderwijs Foundation, manages seventy-six primary and secondary schools in Suriname, many of them in the hinterland of Suriname serving these isolated villages. The Foundation is desirous of seeking support to establish rainwater harvesting systems in three (3) of its primary schools located along the Upper Suriname River in the Hinterland of Suriname. The project seeks to install a low-cost PVC rainwater harvesting system for three (3) primary schools in the District of Sipaliwini.

Must be between 100 and 150 words.

**Start Date \***

01/03/2021

Select a date

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**End Date \*** 31/03/2022  
Select a date

Please complete a detailed Project Timeline (including Start and End Dates), and all project milestones. Click [here](#) to access the Project Timeline template.

## Project Location

**Project/Recipient Country \*** Suriname

**Location of Project \*** District of Sipaliwini  
Example town/parish/region etc.

**Multi-country Project?**  Yes  
 No  
If 'Yes' to Multi-country Project Location question, then list the names of the countries where the project will be implemented in the field below.

**Project Countries** District Sipaliwini, Suriname

## Project Objectives

Select one or more of the Objectives below.

**Which of the following are objectives of this project? \***

<input type="checkbox"/> Basic human rights / governance	<input type="checkbox"/> Food security or agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection of the environment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Health or Sanitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender equality	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports for Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Disability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indigenous People	<input type="checkbox"/> People with disabilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Disaster or humanitarian relief	<input type="checkbox"/> Poverty alleviation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water and sanitation

## Working with Children

The Australian Government considers a child to be a person under the age of 18 years.

**Will this project involve working with or contact with children? \*** No

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Please outline the total amount of DAP funds you are requesting.

<b>Currency Type *</b>	USD - US DOLLAR
<b>Total Project Cost *</b>	52250 What is the total budgeted cost of your project (in US Dollars)? Do not include a comma or decimal point.
<b>Total Amount Requested *</b>	42000 What is the total amount of DAP funding being requested for this project (in US Dollars)? Do not include a comma or decimal point.
<b>Names of other donors (if applicable)</b>	Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture

## Budget

**Do not enter data in the first three columns.**

Provide only total values in the fields below:

- Total cost
- NGO contribution
- Contribution from other donors
- DAP contribution
- In kind contribution

**Complete and submit a detailed budget breakdown using the DAP Budget Template (FY2020-21). Click [here](#) for the template.**

NOTE: Ensure all costs quoted in the budget are in **US Dollars**. Applications must be accompanied by quotations for all goods and/or services from suppliers.

Item	Cost per item	Number of Items	Total cost	NGO contribution	Contribution from other donors	DAP Contribution	In Kind contribution
DO NOT COMPLETE	DO NOT COMPLETE	DO NOT COMPLETE	Must be a number	Must be a number	Must be a number	Must be a number.	Must be a number.

## Recurrent Costs

DAP funding cannot be used for recurrent costs, such as salaries, administrative expenses, office rental, utilities, spare parts and routine maintenance.

<b>Will the project have recurrent costs? *</b>	No
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## Project Details

**\* indicates a required field**

**Why does this work need to be done? \***

This work is required because many primary school children in the hinterland of Suriname are facing serious health risks by consuming mercury contaminated water. In some indigenous villages, some residents have been tested with several times the minimum acceptable levels of mercury in the body tissue due to consumption of contaminated and water consumption from riverine sources. Indiscriminate and illegal harvesting of timber also leading to erosion and high turbidity in riverine sources. This situation is compounded with the more frequent and intense droughts which are being experienced due to climate change. Many of these primary schools are lacking of rainwater harvesting systems. Public sector resources are scarce and the hinterland is not an area prioritized for public spending so public utility infrastructure remains poor. The geographic isolation of these primary schools, means that with inadequate storage facilities for rainwater, they are forced to consume unhealthy water. The high rainfall climate of Suriname means that with adequate storage, some measure of relief and protection can be brought to affected primary schools. Describe the specific issue or need you want to address (200 words recommended)

**What are the planned activities? \***

The planned activities are: 1. Procurement of supplies; Transportation of materials to the primary schools (terrestrial and riverine) Installation of Rainwater systems; Community engagement; Project visibility; Project Monitoring; Project Logistics/Management; handover ceremony; Report preparation and submission; Briefly list (Bullet Points) the specific activities that will take place and where they will take place (200 words recommended)

**What are the expected outcomes of the project? \***

- 3 rainwater harvesting systems with a total capacity of 4000 gallons each installed at three (3) primary schools in the hinterland of Suriname by end of the project.  
- Six hundred ninety-two (692) students and thirty-one (31) teachers from Three (3) primary schools with access to potable drinking water by end of the project.  
How will this project benefit the participants and the broader community (200 words recommended)

**How will you know if these outcomes have been achieved? \***

The project will be monitored throughout until its completion. Actions will be documented through both written and digital photographs. The executing agency will manage and monitor all aspects of the project. Describe at least three changes you will see if the expected outcomes of the project occur (150 words recommended)

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#### **How will you ensure sustainability of this project? \***

RKBO oversees the management of all schools and their accompanying facilities under their jurisdiction. RKBO will assume oversight for the completed facilities after official handover from IICA. IICA will continue to liaise with RKBO Board of Directors to ensure proper monitoring of the proper use of facilities.

Must be no more than 150 words.

Describe plans to sustain this project in the long term

#### **How will you brand this project?**

A billboard will be set up next to the project site for visibility which will indicate the project sponsor. This activity will also have a formal opening and publicized in the local media where the project sponsor will be highlighted.

[Click here for more details on branding DAP projects](#)

## **Risk identification and management**

The global COVID-19 pandemic is presenting many challenges and constraints and may impact on your capacity to deliver the desired outcomes of your project.

#### **What are the challenges COVID-19 will present for your project and how will you overcome them? \***

The Covid 19 Pandemic impacts are also being experience in the country and is closely being monitored by governments authorities. The Covid 19 pandemic can pose a challenge on the market availability of items, border closings, restrictions and delays at borders that affect contractors and suppliers and price inflation. That being said, the strategy on developing and implementing the project will focus on using items that or widely locally available in the country, these items or action that would require purchases will be scheduled as priority, this will allow us to minimize the risks that may cause any future delays during the project implementation. Further the use of technology, where we will lean more towards virtual meetings when and where possible to discuss the progress and updates of the project with the beneficiaries. Also, will be look into good terms of arrangements and agreed upon with retailers on the number of items required to able to achieve the projects goals.

Must be no more than 200 words.

#### **Describe how your project will be implemented taking into account COVID-19 and any risk mitigation measures. \***

The project will be implemented taking into account IICA Institutional Health Safety Emergency Protocol for COVID-19 aimed at preserving the health of staff and consultants as they continue to carry out the work of the Institute. The protocol provides health guidelines and directives established by the Ministry of Health for field visits that are required within the framework of the technical cooperation being undertaken in countries. Meetings with School authorities and workmen supervising the work will be done largely via telephone and digital meeting platforms, such as Teams, Skype, Zoom and WhatsApp. Monitoring visits will take place under strict

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observance of COVID-19 protocols. Visibility for the Project and handing over ceremonies will be conducted virtually, apart from the necessary signage on site.

Must be no more than 200 words.

**What problems will be encountered in delivering this project? \***

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child related risks            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Risks |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental risks | <input type="checkbox"/> Risk of Crime           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical risks      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Political risks                |  |

Select one or more as necessary

**How will you work to overcome them? \***

Access to these primary schools can be challenging especially during the dry season. This leads to low water levels in the rivers which affect delivery by boats. The remoteness requires the use of rivers and participants have to be protected from potential water accidents. Efforts will be made to execute during the rainy season. Protective gear is available for persons engaged in implementation to reduce potential physical injury. The installation of the water harvesting system at the beneficiary primary schools must be managed with local village leaders to ensure that the installation of the systems meets the project criteria.

Must be no more than 200 words

## Beneficiaries

**How many people will benefit from this project? Who are they? \***

The Project direct beneficiaries will be the three (3) primary schools in the District of Sipaliwini; Marcus Pobosi school, Voorbraak 1 school, and the Kankantrie school. The combined population of the three primary schools is six hundred ninety-two (692) students and thirty-one (31) teachers.

Include the estimated number of persons by gender, persons with disabilities, youth and location/region of the participants in the project. Must be no more than 150 words.

## Funding Agreement

**\* indicates a required field**

### Conditions of funding

As a condition of this DAP funding, your organisation must ensure that no support or resources, including training, is provided to any criminal, illegal or terrorist entity.

Accordingly, your organisation must take all necessary steps to ensure that funding provided by us does not, directly or indirectly, contribute to any criminal, illegal or terrorist individuals or entities.

**Does your Organisation directly or indirectly,**

Yes  No