



## Project Eligibility Criteria

Projects in which SLADF will invest must meet the following yes/no criteria:

- **Nature of Registration of Lead Applicant:** The lead applicant must be a for-profit private registered entity.
- **Location:** Projects must be implemented in Sierra Leone;
- **Outgrower Models:** Applicants must involve the development and growth of existing or proposed outgrower schemes;
- **Funding Limit:** Amount requested should be a maximum of US\$ 500,000;
- **Matching Funds:** The project must include a level of matched contributions from the recipient organization. Applicants will be expected to provide a minimum 50% contribution to the total cost of the project as matching funds.
- **Sub Sector Focus:** Initially applications must focus on the following sub sectors: cocoa, oil palm, rice and poultry. However, the Fund may support other value chains that demonstrate commercial viability and integrate smallholder farmers in the intervention areas.

## Project Selection Criteria

Criteria	Weight
Capacity to implement	20%
Commercial viability	20%
Development impact (direct & indirect)	40%
Capacity Development of Outgrowers/Small holder Farmers.	20%

### a) Capacity to implement

This criteria assesses the capability of the applicant (in terms of financial capacity and human resource capacity) to implement the proposed project.

### b) Commercial viability

This criteria assesses the business model of the proposed business idea, whether it is commercially credible and viable.





**c) Development impact**

This measures the number of outgrowers/smallholder farmers that the agribusiness will impact. This will be measured in terms of, among other indicators, the number of smallholder farmers the agribusiness will be working with, the increase in incomes of these farmers, increase in yield and increase in acreage under cultivation. It also assesses the impact of the business idea on women in line with the main objectives of the SCADeP.

**d) Capacity Development of Outgrowers/Small holder Farmers.**

The ultimate beneficiaries of the Fund are the smallholder farmers. Therefore, the agribusinesses will be assessed on the measures they intend to put in place to ensure that they build the capacity of the farmers to ensure sustainability of their interventions.

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