

## **3ie Policy Window Call for Proposals: Poverty Reduction Interventions in Fiji**

### **Introduction**

The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) seeks proposals for a “scope and conduct” grant to conduct an impact evaluation of one or more poverty reduction programs currently implemented by the Government of Fiji. The Phase I grant will cover the costs of one researcher from the awarded institution to visit Fiji in February 2011 to develop a scope of work to be included in a subsequent Request for Proposal (RFP) to conduct the impact evaluation. Conditional on successful completion of Phase I, and subject to 3ie management approval, 3ie will issue the Phase II RFP to the Phase I grantee on a sole source basis. The Phase II RFP will require a full proposal, including a proposed evaluation design. The proposal will be scored by both internal and external reviewers, and award will be subject to sufficient scores and 3ie Board of Directors approval.

### **Background**

The Government of Fiji has allocated over \$100million for poverty eradication projects. Projects include squatter resettlement, equipping hospitals, small and micro-enterprise support, scholarships, land and water management, and others. The attachments to this Call provide information on a sample of poverty reduction projects. The Government has requested 3ie’s assistance in evaluating these programs and has already participated in 3ie workshops on impact evaluation. The 3ie Policy Window grant competition revealed that insufficient information on existing data and program characteristics was publically available for researchers to be able to propose impact evaluation designs for Fiji’s interventions. The purpose of this “scope and conduct” grant is to allow a researcher to work directly with the government to identify and collect sufficient data to select one or more programs for rigorous impact evaluation.

### **Phase I scope of work**

The Phase I researcher will conduct a one to two week field visit to Fiji in February 2011. The researcher will be accompanied by 3ie’s Chief Evaluation Officer.

To develop the Phase II scope of work, the researcher will assess potential anti-poverty interventions for the possibility of rigorous impact evaluation. He/she will assess data availability and other aspects of the interventions in order to determine which interventions can be effectively evaluated, and how, using the methods of rigorous impact evaluation. He/she will then write a scope of work that provides all the necessary information for an organization to develop a proposed impact evaluation design and accompanying budget to conduct an impact evaluation.

The Phase I deliverables include a draft scope of work and submission of supporting documents, including any data collected.

## **Instructions for applicants**

Applications for this “scope and conduct” call shall include four components:

- Curriculum vitae (not to exceed three pages) of proposed scoping researcher, along with a signed letter from the proposed researcher confirming availability to travel to Fiji during February 2011;
- Curriculum vitae (not to exceed three pages each) of two to four additional researchers who would be involved in the conduct of the impact evaluation;
- Institutional capabilities statement (not to exceed ten pages) with detailed information (including the funder name with contact information and the grant amount) for at least three grant-funded studies successfully completed (or currently being conducted) by the institution or that have been completed by the institution’s current researchers for other institutions;
- Phase I budget, including time, material, and travel costs for the work of the scoping researcher.

The first three components should emphasize publications and experience in rigorous impact evaluation, particularly in the development context. Please see the 3ie Principles of Impact Evaluation

<http://www.3ieimpact.org/strategy/pdfs/principles%20for%20impact%20evaluation.pdf>. The application should also highlight experience carrying out field work.

The first three components should be presented in a single Microsoft Word compatible file. The budget should be presented in a Microsoft Excel compatible file. If applicable, budget notes may be submitted as a separate Microsoft Word compatible file.

**Please submit all components in a single email message to [PW1@3ieimpact.org](mailto:PW1@3ieimpact.org) no later than 4:00pm India Standard Time on February 3, 2011.**

This call for proposals does not constitute a guarantee of award. In addition, 3ie reserves the right to not issue a Phase II RFP. As noted above, if issued, the Phase II RFP will be issued to the Phase I grantee as a sole source solicitation. However, 3ie reserves the right to not award a Phase II grant. In addition, if the Phase I grantee declines to submit a bid for Phase II or if the grantee’s Phase II proposal is rejected due to low technical quality, 3ie reserves the right to re-issue the Phase II RFP in an open call.