

Request for Proposals

Title: Post Funding Fisheries training for Women Fishmongers Grant beneficiaries

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1. Background

Women in Liberia's small-scale fisheries (SSF) sector significantly contribute to household incomes, nutrition security, and local economies. Despite their substantial role, they face numerous challenges including limited access to appropriate preservation technologies, inadequate handling techniques, and vulnerabilities related to gender-based violence (GBV). To address these constraints, a comprehensive capacity-building initiative is necessary.

Conservation International in collaboration with the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA) is seeking for a consulting firm or organization to conduct post disbursement fisheries training for 1422 (1409 small grants and 13 large grants) women fishmongers in four coastal counties namely Montserrado, Margibi, GrandBassa, and Grand Cape Mount. The consultant will work closely with communities, Collaborative Management Associations, Fisheries cooperatives, Liberia Artisanal Fisheries Association, NaFAA PIU and other fisheries stakeholders to ensure the training is relevant, practical, and sustainable.

2. Project Background

The National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA) was established in 2017 through an Act of the National Legislature with a mandate to develop, manage and conserve the fisheries sector of Liberia. In Liberia, women play a crucial role in the Liberian fishing industry from harvesting through the post-harvest sectors. Women own approximately 3% (148) of the 5,648 fishing canoes/vessels. Women constitute 98.1% (12,662) of the 12,907 registered fish traders engaged in fish selling, processing and rudimentary value addition in the small-scale fishery value chain-post-harvest sector (NaFAA 2020). This is why it is critical to develop targeted interventions to improve the capacity (*technical and financial*) of women as integral stakeholders of coastal fisheries.

The Liberia small scale fishery is characterized by the need for an improved energy-efficient method of fish processing, lack of cold storage facilities, inadequate fish preservation techniques, lack of adequate training in hygiene and sanitation, high post-harvest loss and little or no capacity in fishery-based enterprises and business management. The women empowerment grant facility will seek to build the capacity - through tailored training, mentorship and beneficiaries tracking mechanisms to ensure women entrepreneurs are able to improve their business acumen, sustainably utilize the grant support and are empowered in business decision making.

3. Submission Details

- a. **Deadline.** Proposals must be received no later than **(June 26, 2025, at 5:00 PM GMT)**. Late submissions will not be accepted. Proposals must be submitted via email to (hrliberia@conservation.org). All proposals are to be submitted following the guidelines listed in this RFP.
- b. **Validity of bid.** 15 days from the submission deadline
- c. **Clarifications.** Questions may be submitted to (hrliberia@conservation.org) by the specified date and time in the timeline below. The subject of the email must contain the RFP number and title of the RFP. CI will



- d. respond in writing to submitted clarifications by the date specified in the timeline below. Responses to questions that may be of common interest to all bidders will be posted to the CI website and/or communicated via email.
- e. Amendments. At any time prior to the deadline for submission of proposals, CI may, for any reason, modify the RFP documents by amendment which will be posted to the CI website and/or communicated via email.

The subject line of the email must reference the RFP No. of this solicitation. Hard copies in a sealed envelope can be delivered to the following address:

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