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2027 Open Call for Proposals for the Implementation of the Green Climate Fund Project: Comprehensive Partnership in Aweil East and Aweil South Counties

Donor: WFP

Reference: WFP/SSD/2026/018

Location: South Sudan

Deadline: 2026-11-30

Open

Call description

The call aims to strengthen climate resilience of institutions, communities and ecosystems through improved climate-risk management and early warning, resilient food systems and livelihoods, ecosystem restoration, and community-led adaptation.

Target location: Aweil East and Aweil South Counties, Northern Bahr el Ghazal, South Sudan.

Target population: Project-wide expected reach: approximately 1.7 million people in climate-vulnerable areas of Northwestern South Sudan.

Funding and response priorities

Duration: 4 years.

Activities

Priority activities:

- Access to and use of climate information services (1 point).
- Climate-smart agriculture (2 points).
- Disaster risk management (1 point).

Who can apply

NGO partnership design — required: Align partnership implementation with the ECRF theory of change; Adopt ECRF outcomes, outputs and activities.

NGO partnership implementation — required: Implement activities under ECRF Outcomes 2 and 3.

Conditions that materially affect an application

Project budget — required: Provide a project budget including the organisation's and other sponsors' contributions; Stage: proposal submission.

The six published top-level criterion weights sum to 100 points.

Relevance of proposal to achieving expected results — assessment criterion:

- Demonstrate understanding of ECRF objectives and context, credible strategy, and alignment with WFP's South Sudan vision, its climate-finance role and ECRF outcomes/outputs (2 points).
- Articulate an integrated watershed approach to climate resilience (1 point).
- Show how the technical domains in act_scored_technical_domains reinforce resilience at institutional, community and ecosystem levels (3 points).
- Present practical community mobilization (2 points), beneficiary targeting (1 point) and stakeholder engagement (1 point).
- Demonstrate sustainability (1 point), local institutional capacity strengthening (2 points) and community ownership (1 point).

24 criterion weight points.

Stage: selection.

Sector expertise and experience — assessment criterion:

- Relevant experience delivering programmes of similar scope, scale and technical complexity in South Sudan; qualified personnel for proposed activities.
- Experience in climate resilience and disaster risk reduction (2 points); food security, livelihoods, agriculture and market systems (2); women and youth economic empowerment (1); ecosystem restoration, natural resource management, sustainable land management and sustainable water management (2).
- Experience with government or UN partners in any one of those three experience categories.
- Qualified expertise across climate adaptation and services, ecosystems, agriculture, market development, non-agricultural livelihoods, engineering, GESI and MEAL; project-specific positions require CVs. Staffing must support implementation, supervision, technical quality, coordination, reporting and compliance.

24 criterion weight points.

Stage: selection.

Local experience and presence — assessment criterion:

- Operational presence in proposed states/counties over the last 5 years, including functional field offices, staff, logistics and infrastructure.
- Previous experience delivering similar-scale, complex and technically focused projects in the proposed area.

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Excluded: Emergency assistance consisting only of distribution or provision of essential items does not count toward this score.

7 criterion weight points.

Stage: selection.

Submission and timing

Applications close on 30 November 2026.

Applications are submitted through UN Partner Portal.

Start date: 1 February 2027.

End date: 31 October 2030.

Clarification deadline: 23 November 2026.

Project reporting — required: Submit monthly, quarterly and final project reports to WFP in accordance with WFP reporting requirements; Stage: implementation.

Sources

unpartnerportal.org - Official call

Reference evidence: WFP/SSD/2026/018 (characters 1-2550; source 1)

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