

## “Taiwan Green Ribbon – Let’s plant trees in Kenya!” Call for proposals

The purpose of this call is to have the organizations under consideration specifically address the tree planting plans required and provide a well-considered proposal for those plans.

The call is launched by the Environmental Quality Protection Foundation, Taiwan (EQPF Taiwan).

EQPF Taiwan is a non-governmental organization established in 1984 with the core belief that the quality of our environment directly impacts our well-being and livelihood. We believe the most effective way to improve environmental quality is through public supervision, education, and participation. The main topics we have been dedicating to are climate change, forestation and participation to international communities.

EQPF has become a frequent visitor to international environmental events because of its prestigious and professional image. Furthermore, we are now a member of the observer delegations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate (UNFCCC) and regularly participates in the annual UNFCCC Conference of the Parties to advocate the environmental accountability from Taiwanese citizens as well as explore potential partners on capacity building and adaptation measures.

### ✧ Project Goal

To re-forest the land of Kenya to reach the requirement of 10% forest cover target according to the Constitution of Kenya (2010), to rehabilitate water catchment areas, to mitigate and adapt to climate change effects, to facilitate the people’s livelihoods and environmental education in Kenya as well as to consolidate the amity of people from both Kenya and Taiwan.

### ✧ Project Duration

The funded organizations are expected to launch the projects in the third quarter of 2013, before the short rain season starts and complete by the end of 2015.

### ✧ Eligibility

- All applicants must be registered organizations in Kenya which fall within the following 5 groups: forest communities, professional associations, educational institutes, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and co-operative societies. A valid registered certificate must be presented;
- All applicants must have an activated bank account;
- All applicants must be currently active in tree planting activities within Kenya;

#### ✧ Deadline for Submission

A complete proposal and all supporting materials must be received by 20 February 2013. The submission of the proposal is **by e-mail only**.

#### ✧ Selection Process

An overall evaluation will be performed by EQPF Taiwan after the proposal is received. The selection process will take approximately up to two months (upon the arrival of the proposal), and an official notification of the decision will be sent only to selected projects by mid April, 2013. A formal contract or agreement will be negotiated and signed by both parties in one month after the announcement is made to regulate both parties' obligations.

#### ✧ Available Grants

USD 30,000 ~ USD 70,000 (The budget plan must be expressed in US dollars)

Each applicant is allowed to submit 2 proposals at most in different budget scales with maximum funding of USD 70,000 per project. A funded organization should expect to receive the grants as follows:

- 30% : In the wake of formal bilateral contract or agreement entry into force
- 40% : After an interim report is received and adopted
- 30% : After the final report is adopted

Three at most out of all proposals will be selected and funded after reviewing; the selected proposals might come from different organizations.

#### ✧ Project Specification

The funded organization should continuously follow up and monitor the care of the trees after planting and is responsible for submitting an initial report, an interim report and a final report on a regular basis subject to the formal bilateral contract or agreement.

A proposal should include the following information:

- Background and history, activities of the organization;
- Criteria of tree planting site selection;
- Size of the planting site (in hectare) and proposed number of trees per hectare;
- Relevant documents on land surveying and land use registration such as cadastral map, coordinates, and use permit. Prior and Informed Consent document from schools should be attached if the tree planting premise is in schools;
- A detailed budget plan;
- Tree selection should primarily be indigenous tree species of Kenya compatible with local

climate. A complete list of the planned tree species is required;

- Source of seeds or seedlings;
- Ways and schedule of implementation;
- Ways of monitoring;
- Expected outcome/benefit;
- Additional plans to facilitate the public spirit of the tree planting proposal, for instance, experiential programme on environment, education or forestation for Kenyan and Taiwanese youth;

The above statement and disclaimers are subject to change; EQPF Taiwan reserves the right to make changes, including change in amount of budget, content, description, terms, etc.;

✧ Document Checklist:

- Full Proposal
- A copy of the organisation's legal registration
- A copy of bank account proved document – this must be in the name of the organisation
- Relevant documents on land surveying and land use registration or prior and informed documents
- Supporting documents (please specify)

✧ Submission Format & Contact Window

Please send the proposal(s) as well as supporting documents and indicate the document checklist(s) in the e-mail titled, **“Submission of Tree Planting Proposal to EQPF by (organization name)”** to:

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