**APPLICATION TEMPLATE- VENTURE BUILDING**

**Instructions:**

1. **Submission Format:**

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1. **Submission Deadline**

Completed applications must be emailed to ‘cif@sajida.org’ no later than 11:59 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time) on November 16th, 2024.

1. **Application Content:**
* Before responding to the questions in the application form, please ensure to read the **application guideline**.
* When responding to the questions in the application, ensure your answers are directly relevant to the specific innovation or project for which you are seeking funding and support from the Climate Innovation Fund.
* Provide clear, concise, and evidence-backed responses to demonstrate the potential impact and feasibility of your project.
* If the product or service is already in the market rollout phase, these initiatives are **not eligible to apply** for this stream.
1. **Inquiries and Assistance:**
* If you have any questions or require clarification on any aspect of the application process, please do not hesitate to contact us at ‘cif@sajida.org.’
1. **Confidentiality Assurance:**
* All information and content provided in your proposal will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. We are committed to protecting your intellectual property and proprietary information, and it will only be used to evaluate your application for the Climate Innovation Fund. Access to your proposal will be restricted to authorized personnel involved in the review process, and no information will be shared with third parties without your explicit consent.

*Please fill out the below sections as per requirements:*

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| **A. Organisation Details** |
| 1. **Name of Lead Organisation / Enterprise**
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| 1. **Current Legal Status**

*(Sole Proprietorship / Partnership / Private Limited Company / NGO, Other)* |  |
| 1. **Name of the Founder / CEO**
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| 1. **Year of Establishment**
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| 1. **Title of Project / Initiative**
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| 1. **Thematic Area of Intervention**

*(Please refer to the Application Guideline: Climate-Smart and Resilient Agriculture, Agricultural Technology and Innovation, Nature-Based Solutions, Agri-Financing)* |  |
| 1. **Potential Location(s) of Project / Initiative Implementation:**
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| 1. **Lead Partner for Proposal**

*(Name, Designation, Email, and Contact number)* | Name: |  |
| Designation: |  |
| Address of Entity: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Contact/Phone: |  |
| 1. **Are there other consortium partners (maximum 2):**
 | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ]  Not Applicable |
| 1. **If yes, please provide details of the partners:**
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| * 1. **Consortium Partner 1**
 | Organisation Name: |  |
| Organisation Address: |  |
| Brief Description of Company: | *Please limit your response to a maximum of 100 words.* |
| Contact Name: |  |
| Contact Designation: |  |
| Contact Email: |  |
| Contact Phone: |  |
| * 1. **Consortium Partner 2**
 | Organisation Name: |  |
| Organisation Address: |  |
| Brief Description of Company: | *Please limit your response to a maximum of 100 words.* |
| Contact Name: |  |
| Contact Designation: |  |
| Contact Email: |  |
| Contact Phone: |  |
| * 1. **Describe the relationship between the Lead Partner and Consortium Partner(s).**
 | *Please limit your response to a maximum of 100 words.* |

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| **B. Funding Proposal** |
| 1. **Problem Statement and Market Context**What market problem, including climate vulnerabilities within the agricultural sector, is your organisation addressing?

Provide a brief overview of the estimated market size and key characteristics of the sector and how it is expected to grow in the coming years.Identify key competitors and explain how your organisation differentiates itself. |
| *Please limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.* |
| 1. **Business Idea**

Provide a brief overview of your solution, its unique value proposition, and how it addresses the market need or gap. Please describe the current stage of development of your venture (example: ideation phase, R&D stage, prototyping stage, or have you already launched a minimum viable product (MVP)?)Specify your planned implementation locations (is it in a climate vulnerable location? Please specify as per Climate Hotspot areas identified in the [Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100](https://oldweb.lged.gov.bd/UploadedDocument/UnitPublication/1/756/BDP%202100%20Abridged%20Version%20English.pdf)).Describe the target market for your solution: Who would buy it? What is the projected demand for this product / service? What is the pricing model?Provide the number of farming communities or farmers that the project intends to reach or cover under the said intervention. |
| *Please limit your response to a maximum of 1000 words.* |
| 1. **Solution Approach, Activities, and Innovation**What activities and approach will you be undertaking to implement your solution to the market problem?

Who are the target customers or beneficiary groups, and what impact have you achieved so far? |
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| **Sl. No.** | **Activity / Approach** *(Briefly describe each activity/approach in solving the identified problem)* | **Target Audience***(Who is the target customer or beneficiary group for this activity/approach?)* | **Achievement** *(What impact have you achieved for this activity / target audience so far?)* | **Innovation** *(What is innovative about this activity/approach? How does it provide a competitive advantage over other players in the market?)* |
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| 1. **Support**

How can the Climate Innovation Fund (CIF) best support your venture's growth? Briefly describe the key challenges your proposed idea currently faces and the specific mentorship or advisory services from CIF that would be most valuable in enhancing the impact of your intervention. In which area of your business do you foresee the greatest benefit from CIF's support? Suggest which sector’s experts / mentors can guide you best for the mentorship of your proposed idea and how? |
| *Please limit your response to a maximum of 250 words.* |
| 1. **Funding**

Have you secured funding from other sources? If so, has the funding been confirmed or committed? |
| Use the table below to help us understand your financial scalability:

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| **Funder / Donor Name** | **Fund Amount Raised***(How much have you raised and for what duration? Please specify funding duration: DD/MM/YY – DD/MM/YY)* | **Funding Status**1. *Agreed: verbal agreement or initial understanding, no formal documentation yet*
2. *Confirmed: formal agreement signed, but funds have not been transferred yet*
3. *Committed: Funds have been transferred and are available*
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| **16. Organisation Status:** |
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| **Management Indicator** | Responses (Please select ‘☐’ where applicable) |
| Is there a Management Board? How often do they meet? Are there meeting minutes? What is the ownership structure? | *Please limit your response to a maximum of 150 words.* |
| Does the organisation have a registration certificate? |  [ ] Yes |  [ ]  No |  [ ]  Not Applicable |
| Does the organisation have the memorandum and articles of association (only in case of Limited Companies) |  [ ]  Yes |  [ ] No |  [ ]  Not Applicable |
| Does the organisation have a tax registration certificate? |  [ ] Yes |  [ ] No | [ ] Not Applicable |
| Does the organisation prepare Audited Financial Statements? |  [ ] Yes |  [ ] No |  [ ] Not Applicable |
| If your answer is ‘No’ to the above question, does your organisation prepare Draft Audited Financial Statements/ Management Reports? |  [ ]  Yes |  [ ] No | [ ] Not Applicable |
| Short bio of all the founders and/or CEO | *Please limit your response to a maximum of 100 words.* |
| Is there an organogram? | [ ] Yes |  [ ] No |  [ ] Not Applicable |

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| **17. Communication Questionnaire** |
| Where did you learn about this opportunity? |  |

| **18. Baseline Impact Questionnaire** |
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| **Sl.** | **Questionnaire** | **Responses (Please select ‘☐’ where applicable)** |
| **Agriculture Impact** |
| I. | Is your project / initiative directly impacting agriculture production? | [ ] Yes | [ ]  No | [ ] Not Applicable |
| II. | Does your project / initiative use / involve sustainable practices like rotating crops or planting trees alongside crops? | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ]  Not Applicable |
| III. | Does your project / initiative use / involve water-saving methods like drip irrigation or collecting rainwater? | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ]  Not Applicable |
| IV. | Does your project / initiative utilise cover crops to prevent soil erosion and improve soil health? | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ]  Not Applicable |
| V. | Does your project / initiative utilise organic or eco-friendly fertilizers in place of chemical ones? | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ] Not Applicable |
| VI. | Are energy-efficient or less polluting machinery and equipment being used in your intervention? | [ ] Yes | [ ] No | [ ] Not Applicable |
| VII. | Do you perform regular maintenance on your machinery to ensure it operates efficiently and reduces polluting by-products? | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ] Not Applicable |
| VIII. | Does your project / initiative involve using chemical free or bio-based pesticides instead of synthetic chemicals? | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ]  Not Applicable |
| IX. | Does your project / initiative involve waste from your agricultural operations to be recycled or reused where possible? | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ]  Not Applicable |
| X. | Does your project / initiative avoid digging or turning the soil to help keep it healthy and stable? | [ ]  Yes | [ ] No | [ ]  Not Applicable |
| XI. | Does your project / initiative intend to or have implemented any climate change adaptation strategies, such as selecting drought-resistant crops or altering planting schedules? | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ]  Not Applicable |
| XII. | Has your prototype or product been tested for its potential to reduce environmental impact (i.e. reducing greenhouse gas, minimizing water utilization, reduce soil contamination, etc.) in agricultural processes? | [ ]  Yes | [ ] No | [ ]  Not Applicable |
| XIII. | Does your project / initiative include practices to minimize methane emissions from livestock, such as improved feed management or waste management systems? | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ] Not Applicable |
| XIV. | Does your project / initiative involve or encourage livestock grazing to protect the soil? | [ ] Yes | [ ]  No | [ ] Not Applicable |
| XV. | Does your project / initiative involve treating and reusing wastewater from agricultural processes? | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ]  Not Applicable |
| XVI. | Does your project / initiative involve offering ongoing education and workshops for farmers on the latest climate-resilient farming techniques, i.e. regenerative agriculture, climate resilient crop varieties, conservation agriculture? | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ]  Not Applicable |
| XVII. | Does your project / initiative involve collaborating with local agricultural cooperatives or groups to promote sustainable farming practices? | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ] Not Applicable |
| XVIII. | Does your project / initiative actively seek out markets or customers that prioritise climate-friendly and sustainably produced agricultural products? | [ ] Yes | [ ]  No | [ ] Not Applicable |
| **Climate Impact** |
| XIX. | Are renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind power or biogas, used to operate any equipment? | [ ] Yes | [ ] No | [ ]  Not Applicable |
| XX. | If your answer is “Yes” to the above question, please mention what percentage of energy is provided through the renewable source? | \_\_\_\_ % |
| XXI. | Is your business prepared to respond to extreme weather events, such as floods or droughts, through adaptive practices? | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ] Not Applicable |
| XXII. | Does your project / initiative prioritise purchasing locally sourced inputs to reduce transportation emissions? | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ]  Not Applicable |
| XXIII. | Does your initiative use any other means to reduce impact on greenhouse gas emissions? | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ]  Not Applicable |
| XXIV. | If your answer is “Yes” to the above question, please mention what other means is used and what percentage of GHG emission is reduced through this measure? | *Please limit your response to a maximum of 30 words.* |
| XXV. | Does your initiative use any other means to increase energy efficiency? | [ ] Yes | [ ]  No | [ ] Not Applicable |
| XXVI. | If your answer is “Yes” to the above question, please mention what other means is used and what percentage of energy efficiency is achieved through this measure? | *Please limit your response to a maximum of 30 words.* |

**DECLARATION:**

The information provided above is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the verification and confirmation of the details provided herein.

***Submitted and signed by:***

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**Name:**

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