

Washington State Department of Health Request for Applications (RFA)

Application Title: HEAL (Healthy Environment for All) Community Capacity Grant

Total Amount of Funding: \$1,400,000

Estimated Funding Range per Award: \$100,000 - \$500,000

Expected Period of Performance: January 2026 – June 30, 2027

This schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Washington State Department of Health (DOH). All required documents must be submitted by the due dates and times specified.

Application release date	August 15, 2025
Informational webinars	August 26, 2025 August 27, 2025 September 9, 2025
Application due date	September 30, 2025
Estimated internal review of applications	October 2025
Estimated notification of award	November 17, 2025
Estimated agreement execution/start date	January 1, 2026
Funding period end date	June 30, 2027

Background and Purpose:

The Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act was passed in 2021 to reduce environmental and health disparities, equitably distribute environmental benefits, and improve the health of all people in Washington state. The DOH is one of seven named state agencies, along with Department of Commerce, Department of Agriculture, Department of Transportation, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Ecology, and Puget Sound Partnership, committed to reducing environmental health disparities across Washington State through the implementation of HEAL. The HEAL Act also required that DOH:

- Convene and staff an Environmental Justice Council (EJC), which provides a forum for disproportionately impacted communities to inform the state's environmental justice efforts.
- Further develop the environmental health disparities map by engaging with communities and Tribes and track changes in health disparities over time.

The Legislature required the state Department of Health to set this grant program based on the EJC funding recommendations and budget priorities for Washington's Climate Commitment Act (CCA). The CCA supports Washington's climate action efforts by putting cap-and-invest dollars to work reducing climate pollution, creating jobs, and improving public health. Funding for this grant program is provided by these CCA dollars. Information about the CCA is available at www.climate.wa.gov.

The HEAL Community Capacity Grant program focuses on enhancing community-led decision making to advance environmental justice (EJ) and build climate resilience. This funding will equip communities

most impacted by environmental hazards to collaborate with state agencies on environmental justice decisions. We recognize that communities experiencing the greatest impacts of environmental injustice have historically been left out of state decision-making processes. This exclusion has contributed to the environmental health disparities we see today. At the same time, these communities often hold rich perspectives and experience on environmental justice issues.

Community-based and community-led organizations are uniquely positioned to identify and respond to the engagement and participation needs of the communities they serve. They are invaluable partners in navigating the specific cultural and linguistic contexts, logistical and access barriers, and environmental justice concerns of their communities. This grant funding was initially one-time funding, and the legislature chose to continue the funding for the program at a lower amount than last biennium. We invite eligible organizations to apply for **one** of the following:

1. **Project funding:** DOH expects to award \$100,000 grants to 4 projects. An organization may apply on its own or in partnership with other organization(s) for funds to build organizational and community capacity to provide guidance and input to:
 - the Environmental Justice Council on implementation of the HEAL Act, and
 - the Department of Health on updates to the [environmental health disparities map](#).
 - state agencies on implementation of the HEAL Act (including environmental justice assessments, budgeting and funding, community, and Tribal engagement).
2. **Passthrough funding:** DOH expects to award \$500,000 grants to 2 passthrough applicants. We invite community-based organizations to sub-grant funds to other community-based organizations working with overburdened communities and vulnerable populations across Washington State to support equitable community engagement and building capacity to participate in HEAL activities. The selected organizations will work closely with DOH staff to ensure accountability, transparency, and equity throughout the funding period and grant process.

Activities

Project Fund Activities:

Project grant funds may be used to build community capacity to engage in HEAL Act activities. Funds may support activities that include, but are not limited to building capacity to provide guidance and input to:

- agencies on implementation of the HEAL Act (including environmental justice assessments, budgeting and funding, community, and Tribal engagement),
- the Environmental Justice Council on implementation of the HEAL Act, and
- the Department of Health on updates to the environmental health disparities map.

Examples of How Project Funding May be Used

Grantees may focus projects on a range of environmental justice topic areas, including but not limited to:

- Clean energy
- Clean air and clean water
- Waste management, recycling, upcycling, composting
- First foods projects (with traditional knowledge protection)
- Community gardening, green space access and management, and urban heat island

Passthrough Fund Activities:

Passthrough grant funds will be used to establish a process to sub-grant funds to community-based organizations and Tribal organizations working with overburdened communities and vulnerable populations across Washington State. It is expected that funded organizations use strategies rooted in equity to sub-grant funds.

Sub-grantees should use funds to build capacity to provide guidance and input to agencies, the Environmental Justice Council on the HEAL Act, and the state Department of Health on updates to the Environmental Health Disparities (EHD) map, or work with HEAL agencies on EJ (DOH, Department of Commerce, WA State Department of Agriculture, WA State Department of Transportation, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Ecology, and Puget Sound Partnership).

It is expected that applicants propose a project that reflects community determined environmental justice priorities and includes activities that are culturally relevant and tailored to community needs. We provide the table below as a sample of potential activities, and their associated deliverables.

Example Activity	Example Deliverables
Hire staff or contractors to lead environmental justice activities and guide engagement with state agencies and the EJ council	Record of hiring and onboarding staff
Increase community/organization knowledge and understanding of the HEAL Act	Number of community meetings, outreach activities, events attended Meeting agendas or high-level summary Creating opportunities for collaboration amongst organizations
Increase community knowledge about a particular environmental justice issue/injustice, efforts to address the issue, and opportunities to get involved	Number of community meetings, outreach activities, events hosted/attended; time and resources to create materials; and number of participants Documentation of an educational video or other media

	Meeting agendas or high-level summary
Background research on environmental justice issues, HEAL Act, state agencies, etc.	Number of hours spent doing research
Attend Environmental Justice Council meetings or agency briefings related to specific topic areas	Documentation of meetings, such as meeting summary, shared or co-created with state agency program manager.
Conduct an assessment related to specific environmental health and justice topic areas	Documentation of assessment process, experience, impact, key findings, and/or areas of improvement Collection of qualitative data such as stories about how environmental injustices have impacted Tribes and communities, with associated protocols to ensure safety and data sovereignty including transparency to participants on how data will be used.
Participate in providing feedback, or researching topics associated with the Environmental Health Disparities Map development. This may include reviewing map updates, gathering input, and/or providing feedback on communications and map development process.	List of new or updated health indicators you contributed to Documentation of hours spent in and preparing for meetings, such as meeting name and dates. Hosting or partnering on community engagement to inform the EHD Map development or associated communications.

Eligibility and Qualifications:

This funding is open to eligible organizations in both rural and urban areas. We hope to reach communities across the state through this funding.

Tribal organizations and Urban Native led non-profits with 501(c)3 status with service areas in WA state are encouraged to apply. Federally recognized Tribes are eligible to apply for the [HEAL Tribal Capacity reserved for Tribal governments](#).

Project funds

Community based organizations with 501(c)3 status are eligible to apply for project funds as a sole or lead applicant and may partner with organizations with fiscal sponsorship.

Passthrough funds

Community based organizations with 501(c)3 status are eligible to apply for passthrough funds. Large institutions (i.e. hospitals/community health centers, academic institutions, local health jurisdictions, local government such as city or county) are invited to apply in partnership with a 501(c)3 or fiscally sponsored community-based organization. It is expected that passthrough fund grantees will spend a reasonable amount of awarded funds on administrative costs associated with establishing and distributing the funds.

Organizations receiving pass-through funds must also meet the following qualifications:

- Administrative and fiscal capacity to set up and manage pass-through funding.
- Capacity to develop and implement a plan for equitably soliciting applications from, selecting, and allocating funding to subgrantee organizations.
- Demonstrated ability to work equitably with communities and populations across the state, in particular, those most impacted by environmental injustice.
- Demonstrated ability to collaborate and partner with external organizations with accountability and transparency.

Evaluation and Reporting Requirements:

The HEAL Community Capacity Grant program staff will periodically solicit feedback from grantees to better understand the stories of participants and make programmatic improvements. This may include information related to activities performed, recommendations of changes to implementation for projects, the impact(s) of the HEAL Community Capacity Grant, and location of services provided.

DOH responds to public records requests. Information provided in any grant-related documents may be subject to public disclosure. The information you provide may be used to fulfill our reporting requirements for public-facing dashboards related to the [Climate Commitment Act](#), the [HEAL Act](#), the [Environmental Health Disparities \(EHD\) Map](#), and in reports our team develops about this grant program.

Payment:

Payment is through deliverable-based invoicing. The State of Washington prefers to utilize electronic payment in its transactions. Successful awardees will be expected to register as a statewide vender (if not currently registered). This allows awardees to receive payments from all participating state agencies by direct deposit, the State's preferred method of payment. Additional funds may become available to awardees after initial agreements have been established with all grantees.

Allowable costs include:

- Staffing costs
- Administrative costs, including any costs associated with Fund administration, including but not limited to salaries, benefits, goods, and services.
- For subgrantees: direct costs relevant to the purpose of this grant, including but not limited to stipends for community participants, transportation costs, food and beverages, translation and interpretation services, printing and dissemination of outreach materials, etc.

Non-allowable costs include:

- Capital projects
- Public works equipment and vehicles
- Funds for research
- Billable clinical care, except as allowed by law
- Reimbursement of pre-award costs, unless DOH provides written approval to the recipient
- Generally, recipients may not use funds to purchase furniture or equipment. Any such proposed spending must be clearly identified in the budget.
- Other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, no funds may be used for:

- publicity or propaganda purposes to prepare, distribute, or use any material designed to support or defeat the enactment of legislation before any legislative body.
- the salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence the enactment of legislation, appropriations, regulation, administrative action, or Executive order proposed or pending before any legislative body.

Application Process

Application materials can be found below (pages 8-15). Applicants should download the file, complete all required forms, and return them by email to the EJ Grants Team (ejgrants@doh.wa.gov) by September 30, 2025 at 11:59pm. Please reach out if you require any assistance accessing the application.

Interviews will take place as needed to solicit additional information or to meet a request for accommodation. If you have a specific accommodation need and would like to request a formal interview to supplement your application, please contact the EJ Grants Team (ejgrants@doh.wa.gov).

Application Support

Interested organizations are invited to register for information sessions held on August and September to ask any clarifying questions about the RFA and application process. The information session will be recorded and be made available on the HEAL Community Capacity Grant website. Interested organizations can reach out to the EJ Grants Team (ejgrants@doh.wa.gov) to discuss a project idea and address any questions or concerns directly.

[Register](#) for information session on (August 26, 2025 from 5:30-6:30pm) (Spanish)

[Register](#) for information on (August 27, 2025 from 1-2pm) (English)

[Register](#) for information session on (September 9, 2025 from 3-4pm) (English)

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria	# of points
Project Narrative	
<i>Organizational Profile</i> – Does the organization meet all the key qualifications?	5
<i>Project Description</i> – Does the project meet the intent of the HEAL Act and the budget proviso language? Does the organization describe an approach (outreach strategy, sub-grantee selection, and reporting and accountability) that centers and will reach those most impacted by environmental harms? Is the organization’s approach and methodology clear and comprehensive in addressing the questions from the project narrative?	20
<i>Community Connectedness</i> – Does the organization demonstrate a connection to a priority population, including (see definitions) “overburdened communities” & “vulnerable populations”? Does the project attempt to redress past harms, alleviate, or repair root causes or factors creating environmental inequities? Examples may include redlining, policy, city planning, locations of waste facilities. Does the project center community needs and voices and prioritize community participation?	25
<i>Leadership</i> – How does your organization’s leadership reflect the community the organization serves, their needs, and their values? Describe the makeup of your executive leadership team and/or board of directors and explain how they strengthen the organization’s connection to the community.	10
<i>Evaluation</i> – Does the organization describe an evaluation plan that is clear, comprehensive, and connected to goals in the work plan? Does the organization describe how they will work in iterative consultation with the sub-grantees throughout evaluation? How does the evaluation protect traditional knowledge and data sovereignty?	5
Statement of work – Does the work plan describe meaningful steps towards achieving the purposes of this grant? Are the activities described in the work plan specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely?	10
Budget Narrative – Does the budget narrative support the activities described in the budget narrative and work plan? Does the budget maximize resources allocated to community and/or sub-grantees?	10
Funding type-specific criteria (only 15 points total and may be shared if the grant is a mix of types)	
Fiscal Capacity (for Passthrough Funding Only) – Does the applicant share a plan for distributing funds upfront to subgrantees and receiving deliverable-based reimbursement? How does the administrative cost consider equity? How will subgrantees be set up for financial and project success?	15
Partner Support if a large institution applying with a community-based partner – Do the committed partners help expand the reach and impact to prioritized populations? Are resources split equitably among partners? Does letter of support (see template) show understand of funding split and reimbursement plan?	15

Application Checklist:

Send all forms to the EJ Grants Team (ejgrants@doh.wa.gov). If there are any technical issues using the included Exhibit forms, applicants can use another format, but it must include all elements included in the Exhibit forms.

- ☐ Complete an Applicant Information form (Exhibit 1)
- ☐ Complete a Project Narrative describing the project (1-3 pages single spaced using the outline provided in Exhibit 2)
- ☐ Complete the Project Statement of Work (Exhibit 3) describing the specific goals, activities, and timeline for the project
- ☐ Complete the Budget Justification (Exhibit 4)
- ☐ Complete the Financial Attestation Form (for passthrough grant applicants only) (Exhibit 5), include 990 or banks statements
- ☐ Complete the Partner Letter of Support (for large organizations working in partnership with a community-based organization) (Exhibit 8)
 - If the lead applicant is a hospital/community health center, academic institution, local health jurisdiction, or local government such as city or county, include at least one, but no more than three, letters of support from community-based partner organizations.

Applicant Information

1. Name of organization(s) (if multiple indicate lead organization):
2. Primary mailing address:
3. Telephone number:
4. Website URL:
5. Tax Identification Number (TIN):
6. UBI Number:
7. Statewide Vendor Number:
8. Primary Contact Person Name and Title:
Email Address:
Phone Number:
9. Secondary Contact Person Name and Title:
Email Address:
Phone Number:
10. Applying for (select either or both):
 - ☐ Project Funds
 - ☐ Passthrough Funds
11. Applying as an:
 - ☐ Individual organization
 - ☐ Partnership (a large institution in partnership with a community-led CBO)
- ☐ I certify that the information contained in this application is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false, misrepresented, or fraudulent statements or claims may result in the denial of this grant application or the revocation of any grant funds received.

Project Narrative

Project

1-3 pages single spaced; 12-point font

Applicants must write a narrative addressing the topics below. When writing your narrative, please use the headings below in bold, in the same order they are listed below.

1. **Organizational Profile** – Include a brief summary of your organization’s mission, communities served, and an explanation of how your organization meets the grant qualifications.
2. **Community Connectedness** – describe your organization’s connection to overburdened communities and vulnerable populations, including:
 - a. How does the organization center community participation and uplift community power?
 - b. How does your organization support community healing from past and present harms?
 - c. How are you meeting the community’s ongoing needs beyond this grant?
3. **Partnerships** – Please describe any key partnerships relevant to achieving this project’s goals. Include the length of time and scope of your work together and how working with these partners aligns with your project’s goals and mission. Please also describe how you will use this grant to seek and develop new partnerships.
4. **Project Description** – Please describe your proposed approach for your project. Please address the following in your description:
 - a. *Project Description* – Describe your project, including goals and anticipated challenges.
 - b. *Environmental justice impact* – How does the project meet the intent of the HEAL Act and the grant requirements?
 - c. *Intended reach* – How will the project center and reach those most impacted by environmental harms?
5. **Evaluation** – How will you evaluate your organization’s progress for this grant? How will you work in iterative consultation with your subgrantees to know you’re successful? For organizations serving Tribal members and/or Native or indigenous peoples, how will you protect traditional knowledge and data sovereignty yet still provide a method for evaluation and accountability?

Project Narrative

Passthrough

1-3 pages single spaced; 12-point font

Applicants must write a narrative addressing the topics below. When writing your narrative, please use the headings below in bold, in the same order they are listed below.

1. **Organizational Profile** – Include a brief summary of your organization’s mission, communities served, and an explanation of how your organization meets the grant qualifications.
2. **Community Connectedness** – describe your organization’s connection to overburdened communities and vulnerable populations, including:
 - a. How does the organization center community participation and uplift community power?
 - b. How does your organization support community healing from past and present harms?
 - c. How are you meeting the community’s ongoing needs beyond this grant?
3. **Partnerships** – Please describe any key partnerships relevant to achieving this project’s goals. Include the length of time and scope of your work together and how working with these partners aligns with your project’s goals and mission. Please also describe how you will use this grant to seek and develop new partnerships.
4. **Passthrough Description** – Please describe your proposed approach for your passthrough funding. Please address the following in your description:
 - a. *Pass-through Overview* – Describe your pass-through funding project, including goals and anticipated challenges.
 - b. *Environmental justice impact* – How does the project meet the intent of the HEAL Act and the grant requirements?
 - c. *Intended reach* – How will the project center and reach those most impacted by environmental harms?
 - d. *For passthrough activities*: What criteria will you use to select subgrantees, and how will you consider equity in the process? What administrative processes and systems will you put in place to ensure accountability to both subgrantees and the DOH when allocating funding? How will you ensure you’re collecting the necessary information for reporting?
5. **Evaluation** – How will you evaluate your organization’s progress for this grant? How will you work in iterative consultation with your subgrantees to know you’re successful?

Statement of Work

Please use this template to describe the activities, impact, and timeline for the project. Be as specific as possible. These activities could include achieving the following elements of the project:

Passthrough funds

- Development of a DOH-approved plan to identify and distribute funding to subgrantees and the preparation of any internal processes needed to implement this plan.
- Allocating all available funding to community-based organization subgrantees.
- Ongoing reporting and submitting a final report or presentation detailing funding allocation and activities of subgrantees.
- Quarterly progress meetings with DOH staff, completion of mid-point and final reports

Project funds

- Hiring staff, hosting events, convening roundtables, attending agency meetings
- Quarterly progress meetings with passthrough staff, completion of mid-point and final reports

Statement of Work

ORGANIZATION NAME

Contract # TBD

Date of Execution (DOE) – MM/DD/YYYY

Task/Activity Description	Expected Outcome	Deliverable to DOH	Due Date

Budget Justification

Budget Category	Total Amount Requested	Brief Justification (2-4 sentences)
Personnel, salaries, and wages		
Sub-grants		
Supplies		
In-state travel (if applicable)		
Administrative costs		
Other Expenses		
Total Amount Requested		

Financial attestation and documentation (for passthrough grant applicants only)

[Organization Name]

[date]

Dear Department of Health,

I understand that [organization's name] is applying to receive funds to sub-grant to community organizations to build capacity to participate in HEAL activities. At this time, the Department of Health will pay grantees upon completion of deliverables outlined in the included statement of work.

[Organization name] will be expected to provide funds to sub-grantees.

[Organization name] understands these terms and we do have the fiscal capacity to undertake this work, as described in the application materials. We have included a 990 (or bank statement of current funds if org does not yet have a public 990 or has under \$500,000 a year) to ensure we can feasibly pass through funds on a reimbursement basis.

Sincerely,

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Letter of Support Template

Only needed for joint applications or institutions applying for pass through funds with a community-based organization

Dear Department of Health,

I am writing my support for this HEAL Community Capacity Grant with the lead applicant

_____.

We are applying for the Passthrough funds.

For this passthrough partnership, my community-based organization with 501c(3) status or fiscal sponsorship will receive this amount _____ of the total funds _____.

The lead applicant and I have a plan for the reimbursement requirement which is:

We have discussed the project, reporting, and evaluation plans included in the application packet.

Sincerely,

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Definitions:

Community-based organization:

For the purposes of this grant, a “community-based organization” is defined as a public, private, or tribal nonprofit that is managed by members of a community, actively serves all members of the community, and advocates for positive change in the community.

Institutions: i.e. hospitals/community health centers, academic institutions, local health jurisdictions

Environmental justice:

The HEAL Act defines “environmental justice as “the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, rules, and policies. Environmental justice includes addressing disproportionate environmental and health impacts in all laws, rules, and policies with environmental impacts by prioritizing vulnerable populations and overburdened communities, the equitable distribution of resources and benefits, and eliminating harm.” In addition, we affirm the rights of nature, and that environmental justice involves balancing the needs of both people and nature together.

Climate Justice:

Climate change threatens the health, livelihoods, and wellbeing of everyone, but it negatively affects specific groups more than others and often makes existing social and health inequities worse. Climate justice is focused on addressing the unequal impacts of climate change by prioritizing the health and safety of those who face the greatest risk as we prepare for and recover from climate events, such as extreme heat and cold, wildfires and wildfire smoke, and flooding.

The goals of climate justice are to make sure no one is left behind in the climate crisis and to transition to a healthier and more fair future for all living beings. This also means as we move away from fossil fuels, we also move toward a “just transition” that promotes a stable and sustainable economy, advances job and health equity, and is rooted in a thriving and healthy environment.

Overburdened communities:

The HEAL Act defines “overburdened communities” as geographic areas where “vulnerable populations face combined, multiple environmental harms and health impacts.” The term “overburdened communities” also encompasses communities in census tracts that are fully or partially on “Indian country” as defined in [18 U.S.C. Sec. 1151](#).

Within this definition, we acknowledge that this disproportionate environmental impact has been created and continued by the effects of environmental racism, colonization, and discriminatory policy and practice, including redlining, failure to honor treaty rights, and the placement of polluting industry and hazardous waste sites in low-income communities of color and Indigenous communities.

State government has too often excluded these communities from environmental decision-making, despite their rich perspectives, deep knowledge of environmental issues, and active resistance to unjust treatment. In recognition of these strengths, for the purposes of this grant, we affirm the need to center their leadership, lived experience, and perspectives in addressing environmental injustice and health disparities.

A tool that can aid identifying “overburdened communities” is the [Washington Tracking Network Environmental Health Disparities Map](#), which ranks census tracts according to environmental health disparity and can be used with other sources of publicly available and community-generated data to identify communities most impacted by environmental harm.

Climate Resilience

The U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit defines climate resilience as “The capacity of a community, business, or natural environment to prevent, withstand, respond to, and recover from a disruption.”

Vulnerable populations:

Under the HEAL Act, “vulnerable populations” means “population groups that are more likely to be at higher risk for poor health outcomes in response to environmental harms, due to:

Adverse socioeconomic factors, such as unemployment, high housing and transportation costs relative to income, limited access to nutritious food and adequate health care, linguistic isolation, and other factors that negatively affect health outcomes and increase vulnerability to the effects of environmental harms; and sensitivity factors, such as low birth weight and higher rates of hospitalization.”

“Vulnerable populations” includes, but is not limited to:

- Racial or ethnic minorities;
- Low-income populations;
- Populations disproportionately impacted by environmental harms; and
- Populations of workers experiencing environmental harms.

Similar to the definition of “overburdened communities,” within this definition we recognize the concentration of these “adverse socioeconomic factors” in low-income communities of color and indigenous communities is rooted in ongoing systemic marginalization, erasure, exclusion, and structural racism. Without explicit recognition of the conditions causing these disparities, we risk putting the blame on impacted populations and communities, rather than larger systems of social inequity.

Traditional Knowledge protection:

Traditional knowledge may be owned by various Indigenous individuals and groups and not be allowed to share with outsiders or those who have not done the proper training to interact with the knowledge. When working with outside parties such as government agencies or funders, culturally

relevant intellectual property rights protocols must be part of the process. “Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain, control, protect and develop their cultural heritage, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions, as well as the manifestations of their sciences, technologies and cultures, including human and genetic resources, seeds, medicines, knowledge of the properties of fauna and flora, oral traditions, literatures, designs, sports and traditional games and visual and performing arts. They also have the right to maintain, control, protect and develop their intellectual property over such cultural heritage, traditional knowledge, and traditional cultural expressions” (UNDRIP Article 31).

Data Sovereignty/Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC):

FAO defines FPIC as “a specific right [reaffirmed] to Indigenous Peoples recognized in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), which aligns with their universal right to self-determination. FPIC allows Indigenous Peoples to provide or withhold/withdraw consent, at any point, regarding projects impacting their territories. FPIC allows Indigenous Peoples to engage in negotiations to shape the design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of projects. FAO's Policy on Indigenous Peoples aligns with the UN and the international legal framework, prioritizing the inclusion and promotion of Indigenous Peoples' issues in its work. The FAO Policy upholds core principles such as self-determined development, respect for Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, cultures and traditional practices and FPIC.” (FAO FPIC policy).