



CALL FOR PROJECTS 2021

INTRODUCTION

SELAVIP is a private foundation that supports housing projects (new housing, land title regularization and water systems) for very poor urban families in the cities of Africa, Asia and Latin America, including the Caribbean. Our focus is on addressing «extreme social emergency» faced by urban groups dwelling in precarious and unsafe conditions and places, or exposed to evictions. Many poor families cannot dream of accessing conventional housing programs, this is why SELAVIP wants to offer accessible alternatives to these persons.

For the year 2021 and considering the serious humanitarian crisis that the COVID 19 pandemic will leave, we hope to receive innovative proposals that primarily address critical problems of sustainable housing and sanitation, to support with economic resources those who propose an effective improvement in the quality of life of the poorest of the poor.

SELAVIP'S GOALS

- To support households that are forced to live in overcrowded conditions, and where a full and healthy family life is simply not possible or where there is a constant risk of eviction.
- Contribute towards the improvement of urban living conditions to the poorest families living in Latin America, Asia and Africa.
- Identify, evaluate and select projects and initiatives that help poor urban families have access to a better, and more secure housing situation, that look to provide communities with an adequate urban setting.
- Establish agreements with international, national and local organisations, and public authorities, in developing countries, in order to promote projects that help vulnerable communities and improve neighbourhoods and houses.
- Provide technical assistance to project and other initiatives favouring the promotion of the urban habitat of the poorest families in cities of developing countries.
- To encourage public authorities to take initiatives in favour of housing for the poorest in urban slums
- To encourage local donors to join Selavip in supporting housing projects for the poorest in urban slums
- To secure land title for poorest of poor in urban slums
- To promote fresh water, basic sanitary and sewage equipment for urban communities
- To facilitate the exchange of know-how between NGO's involved in urban housing for the poorest
- To encourage housing mechanisms that can grow intrinsically over time to help reducing the global slum housing problem
- To encourage housing mechanisms that well serve as reference and example for replication, both in the local and international context

RELEVANT TOPICS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE APPLICATION

The organizations that are interested in obtaining funds from SELAVIP should consider the following selection criteria in the framework of their project's presentation:

- I. All non-profit and legally incorporated private and public institutions, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's), foundations, religious organizations may answer the call.
- II. The organizations who want to take part to the call should be duly registered (and approved by SELAVIP) in our Registry of Organizations. The organizations may have access either by our WEB page (www.selavip.org) or by directly visiting the page application.selavip.org. Before creating a project, the organizations will have to revise their data in our Registry of Organizations and update them accordingly. All projects must therefore be submitted online. Any problem with the system should be reported to the email of SELAVIP (selavip.foundation@gmail.com).
- III. All the projects should propose initiatives that meet housing and sanitation needs from urban families in the developing countries, from housing production or slum improvement, to promotion of community based processes to secure shelter.
- IV. If a project centers on housing production or building, it should, if possible, explore new and realistic strategies to access basic housing or correct the most serious housing deficiencies. Two-storey solutions will be highly valued, especially in urban areas where the availability of land is scarce.
- V. It is desirable that the project could generate community processes that make habitat improvement sustainable, and promote innovative policies based on the experiences developed by each organization, the sustainable development goals delivered by the UN, and that local or national governments want to support.
- VI. It is important to consider that the families who will benefit from the project should participate in all the processes, both in the elaboration and in the subsequent execution of the project, in order to guarantee that the project responds to the real needs of the families to be supported.
- VII. The contribution from SELAVIP is free for the beneficiaries and must be used solely for the selected project. For those projects who will be selected, we will require a document to be signed by each family (beneficiary of the project) in which each family confirms its active participation to the project and acknowledging that the SELAVIP's contribution is free for them, meaning they may not be asked any reimbursement or refund.
- VIII. At least 90% of the financial resources provided by SELAVIP should be used for the purchase of materials. In the case of land titles regularization, 100 % of the resources will be used for the preparation and submission of the paperwork to the local authorities.
- IX. The maximum amount granted by project is USD 72,000. SELAVIP therefore reserves the right to decrease the requested amount during the project's presentation and the number of solutions according to the budget's availability.
- X. The maximum amount of Selavip's contribution by New Dwelling will be USD 1,400. Selavip will favour proposals with the lowest amount of contribution per individual new dwelling and projects that involve other sources of financing without neglecting the quality the solution.
- XI. SELAVIP will not consider projects whose total cost is less than USD 20,000 (except land regularization related projects) since we want to ensure a certain impact in the communities.
- XII. The funds that SELAVIP will provide BY FAMILY are the following, according to the type of selected project:

NEW HOUSE / DWELLING	The cost to be financed for each new house/dwelling should not exceed USD 1,400 (If the house comes with a toilet, the amount does NOT change, IT NOT USD 1,400 + USD 600).
IMPROVEMENT OR EXTENSION	Maximum USD 800 to substantially improve or extend a makeshift home
DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS	Maximum USD 800
SEWAGE SYSTEMS	Maximum USD 600
TOILETS OR LATRINES	Maximum USD 600
REPAIRS	Only roof repairs will be considered, the maximum amount will be USD 600 .
LAND TITLE REGULARIZATION	The amount considered by SELAVIP will depend upon the average of the presented projects and executed ones during the previous years.

- XIII. The year 2021, SELAVIP will also support shelters for individual people living in the streets (maximum 4 or 5 persons per shelter). It is important to note that any initiative should reflect the Housing first approach (according to homeless hub, it's a recovery-oriented approach that centers on quickly moving homelessness people into independent and permanent housing and then providing additional supports as one of its principles : Choice and control for service users, Separation of housing and treatment, Recovery orientation, Harm reduction, Active engagement without coercion, Person centred planning and Flexible support for long as is required. These initiatives should necessarily count on public support. It is important to note that SELAVIP doesn't support other types of infrastructure projects (such as hospitals, orphanage, schools, etc.) or income generation projects.

Finally, projects involving the use of Asbestos in the building process will be declared inadmissible (fiber cement products may be used, as long as they are not asbestos cement).

SELECTION CRITERIA

Within the project evaluation stage, SELAVIP will consider the following criteria as relevant:

1. Projects that involve other sources of financing and that don't only request the total amount from SELAVIP (these resources must be formally verified)
2. The work with local authorities and / or other organizations that allow addressing other relevant aspects in the fight to overcome poverty, from an economic, sociocultural and / or environmental point of view, will be highly valued.
3. Training that involves families.
4. Special interest will be given to projects that address the problem of housing and sanitation of families in urban areas
5. To consider women as assignees and owners in land regularization related projects.
6. Projects in which land is donated by public authorities will be strongly favoured in the selection

APPLICATION DATES

We invite the organizations and local communities to send their projects from May 1 to June 30 (included), 2020.

PROJECTS SELECTION

All the projects proposals received during the indicated application period will be evaluated according to qualitative and quantitative criteria by a team of professionals who will then determine if a project is eligible or not. This evaluation process will last from July to September.

SELAVIP will select the projects that best meet the objectives and goals of our foundation. This process will take place in October. This year Selavip will focus more strictly on projects that clearly fit its core objectives. Therefore, we request NGOs to refrain from submitting proposals that do not clearly fit these objectives.

The final selection is made by the Board of Directors in Belgium in November. The quantity of selected projects is adjusted to the available budget.

It is important to take into account that some initiatives will only be financed partially, it will therefore involve an adjustment to the initial project's proposal. It will then be discussed with the organization. If any organization rejects the proposed changes and does not wish to continue, the projects on the waiting list may be selected.

Finally, the approved projects will be informed at the end of November/beginning of December 2020.

- In our webpage : www.selavip.org
- In application.selavip.org : each NGO will be notified through the system.

Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there might be some delay in the selection process. Thanks for your understanding.

GENERAL SUMMARY

- **Maximum amount per Project is USD 72,000**
- **Maximum amount for a new house is USD 1,400 and from USD 600 to 800 for the other types of projects.**
- **SELAVIP's contribution does not cover operational costs of projects.**
- **The projects should be finished before September 15, 2021**
- **Only projects to be executed in Africa, Asia and Latin America (including the Caribbean) will be considered.**
- **Only applications sent through the online application system will be reviewed and considered for funding**