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Greening the Agrifood Middle: Youth Jobs for a Just Transition

1. *Name of proposing Party or organization.*
   FAO

2. *Brief description of the proposed study:*
   Under the context of the upcoming FAO project Green Jobs for Youth in Resilient Agrifood Systems (2026–2030), FAO will undertake a series of assessments to inform a youth-focused green jobs programme in West Africa. This will include a focus on direct training and employment creation, as well as policy support and market-based mechanisms. While the agrifood sector is not a new area of employment, the project places a strong emphasis on climate resilience and value chain development as pathways to green job creation and inclusive livelihoods. As part of the project, FAO will conduct national-level, youth-sensitive value chain assessments. Building on this work, a case study could explore the potential for job creation within midstream segments of agrifood value chains, including processing, aggregation, logistics and related services. The proposed case study question is: "How can developing midstream segments of agrifood value chains create green jobs for youth and advance a just transition?" Given that the project is expected to commence in September 2026, the case study could also be considered for implementation in 2027, allowing it to draw on the initial findings from the national assessments.

3. *United Nations region to be covered by the case study:*
   Africa;

4. *Country or countries to be covered by the case study*
   Nigeria and Sierra Leone

5. *Area of the case study:*
   The identification of potential new sectors for diversification ;

6. *Expected duration for completion of the case study (in months):*
   48 months

7. *Contribution of the submitting organization*
   Technical inputs;Data;

8. *Can the study be developed without financial support from the UNFCCC?*
   No

9. *If no, please provide the estimated range of required financial support in USD (Please note that the UNFCCC is not a donor organization and has limited funding):*
   30000

10. *Please provide the status of any preliminary work undertaken that could serve as a basis for the study, including a link to any available reports, if available.*

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