

Applicant: **Mejía, Ada**
Organisation: **Plan international PERU**
Funding Sought: **£10,000.00**

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Improving biodiversity management in indigenous communities near Iquitos, Peru

Section 1 - Contact Details

PRIMARY APPLICANT DETAILS

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Section 2 - Title & Location

Q3. Working title of the proposed Darwin project

Improving biodiversity management in indigenous communities near Iquitos, Peru

Q4a. Host country (of proposed Partnership Project trip)

Peru

Q4b. If this is not the intended host country for the proposed Darwin project, please justify here

N/A

Q4c. Other collaborating country/ies

None

Q5. Is this a resubmission of a previous scoping/Partnership application?

No

Section 3 - Partnership Project Principals & Lead Organisation Summary

Q6. Principals in Partnership Project work

Please give the details of the individuals (up to 2) who would be directly involved in the Partnership Project work – i.e. making a visit to a host country, or leading on the collaboration.


One page CVs must be uploaded below.

Details	Project Leader	2nd individual
Surname	Ada	Cristina
Forename(s)	Mejía Navarrete	López Wong
Post held	National gender coordinator and technical team leader	Climate Change and Forests Program Specialist
Organisation	Plan International (PI)	Derecho, Ambiente y Recursos Naturales - DAR
Have you included an one page CV?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes

Please upload one page CVs for all Principals involved in Partnership Project work as a combined PDF.

 [CV's PI and DAR](#)

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Q7a. About the lead applicant organisation

Briefly discuss your expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development. Please refer to recent track record you have in this field. You may be asked to provide evidence of this track record.

Plan International (PI) recognises that the consequences of climate change, the risks of environmental degradation and loss of biodiversity have disproportionate impacts on children, particularly girls, and especially those from the most vulnerable, poorest communities. They often have limited access to resources, skills and information to cope.

Through the Future Plan Fund programme PI UK, who will be giving direct support to this proposal, has led

the delivery of projects across Timor Leste, Kenya and Colombia in coordination with local partners, supporting sustainable coastal initiatives to empower local communities to conserve and sustainable manage their resources without risking their future sustenance.

Across these countries, PI has successfully developed a triple crisis approach to bring together actions that seek to address climate, nature and poverty issues at the local level, which is currently been replicated in other contexts.

In rural communities of Paucartambo, Cusco, Peru a 1-year collaborative research focused on identifying and proposing solutions to negative climate change coping mechanisms affecting girls and adolescent women in rural areas is taking place.

PI presence in Loreto region capital, Iquitos, focuses in long-term development projects who tackle teen pregnancy and promote youth economic empowerment, guaranteeing strong relations with CSO's and government stakeholders.

Q7b. Have you obtained a letter of support from the lead applicant organisation?

(If yes, please upload with the partner letters of support on the next page)

Yes

Section 4 - Project Partners

Q8. About the partner organisation(s)

Please list all the partners involved and explain their roles and responsibilities in the Partnership Project work. Briefly discuss your partner's expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development. Please refer to recent track record they have in this field. You may be asked to provide evidence of this track record. If there is more than 1 partner organisation, you can enter the details of more partners below. Please specify which of the partners is new to the partnership.

Partner name:	Derecho Ambiente y Recursos Naturales DAR PERÚ
Website address:	https://dar.org.pe/
Details of anticipated roles and responsibilities:	DAR will be the implementing partner for the development and biodiversity conservation activities in the Allpahuayo Mishana National Reserve.

Expertise in sustainable use or conservation of biodiversity and/or development:

DAR has implemented projects related to the theme of the call, it has executed technical assistance and financing for the management of non-timber natural resources and the strengthening of productive chains in the area of the Chayu Nain Communal Reserve. In Ucayali it has been implementing the IKI project on community forest management to improve the management of forest resources with the communities, working in conjunction with the regional government of Ucayali and local indigenous organizations. Work with the local communities of protected natural areas in the Loreto region for the implementation of renewable energy in public spaces that contribute to the well-being of the population was implemented. DAR participates in spaces for the construction of public environmental policies, supporting the competent authorities in the elaboration of proposals to improve public policies, such as the new NDC measure for the improvement of road infrastructure management to reduce deforestation. For this, DAR has a multidisciplinary team with experience working in multi-stakeholder co-creation processes and a continuous working relationship with communities, especially with indigenous peoples in the Amazon. This experience and prior learning allows us to affirm that we have the necessary skills and experience to implement the project.

Name of main contact and post held:	Cristina Lopez Wong Post held: Climate Change and Forests Program Specialist
Letter of support submitted?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes

Do you have more than one partner involved in the Partnership Project work?

No

Please provide a combined PDF of letters of support from the lead organisation and partner(s).

 [Letter of Support PLAN and DAR](#)


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 [CV´s PI and DAR](#)

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Q9. Can you confirm that at least one of the partners have not previously been in receipt of Darwin funds from the same lead partner?

Yes

Section 5 - Justification & Concept Notes

Q10. Justification of need for a Partnership Project

Please provide written details of why alternative funding is not available from within your own organisation or from other sources. Will matched funding be provided?

Plan International UK – in support of Plan Peru – can potentially provide sources of income, both restricted or discretionary, to submissions to institutional donors or on occasion provide stand-alone funding for projects from non-institutional donors. However, Plan International UK is currently not in a position to provide alternative funding for this due to unreserved and unrestricted funds currently being committed to COVID 19 programming. We do not currently have a donor that can underwrite this proposed project. For matched funding to be considered for the Main Darwin Initiative, the project will need to go through a review based on current funding situation at time of application.

But, Plan PE and DAR in this round will cover the expenses generated by the necessary support personnel, posts such as: logistics specialist, administrative specialist, grants specialist, etc. These will be covered by the organization to guarantee the appropriate implementation processes.

Q11. Concept note for the Partnership Project

This question concentrates on the Partnership Project work and should demonstrate the objectives of the project including:

- objectives of the visit
- what work (including research, remote communications or other collaborations) has been carried out prior to applying for this project
- what work will be carried out under the Partnership Project – please see the guidance for advice on what type of activity can be funded
- evidence of the proposed partners' intentions to collaborate in your Partnership Project work

The project area is the Allpahuayo Mishana Natural Reserve (RNAM), an hour drive from Iquitos - the biggest city in Peruvian amazon. RNAM protects one of the last peatland areas and includes rainforests on white sandy soils, one of the few remaining with that characteristic. RNAM has a high number of endemic and endangered species and covers the basin head of the Nanay river, which supplies safe water to Iquitos. Regional recent climatic fluctuations have impacted wildlife and agricultural crop production, greatly affecting the local ecology and the livelihoods of inhabitants .

RNAM is home to 10 indigenous communities, with tensions between urban Iquitos populations due to uneven power dynamics. Exploitation of natural resources, lack of clarity in the limits of the conservation area and a limited flow of information reinforce these. Traditional products made in the RNAM are sold in Iquitos however, the indigenous communities require support and training to improve financial and environmental sustainability of these. Legislation application is limited, economic activities happen with no enforcement by government. Indicators of early marriage, illegal commerce, school drop-out and forced community migration create high risks for indigenous populations.

Plan International works in the Iquitos area with gender transformative projects aiming to reduce teen pregnancy and create sustainable youth economic empowerment opportunities. DAR works in the area promoting biodiversity conservation and strengthening the environmental governance of indigenous communities, mainly in rural areas, working closely with local environment authorities.

Activities will centre around a week-long workshop in Iquitos, with visits to the intervention area, attended by Plan UK (virtually), Plan Peru and DAR staff. The main objective is to exchange knowledge, experiences and share methodologies from both organizations. Plan Peru will share their gender assessment tools, child and youth centred approaches, safeguarding systems, and gender transformative training. DAR will provide training on strengthening environmental sustainability in economic activities, working with indigenous communities and conservation measures.

Together both organisations will design data collection tools that will be implemented during visits to 5 of the indigenous communities (due to time constraints) and local environmental agencies (Ministry of environment, Indigenous Communities authority, Water Management authority). Teams will gather data in intervention areas to inform the project design, this will be carried out by a consultancy team with support from both organisations. The data collected will be used to identify key elements for designing a more

robust project, which tackles specific needs, engages communities, key actors and clearly focuses on national or international treaties it aims to strengthen.

Through a strong partnership we are proposing an integrated approach to jointly tackle the triple emergency - nature loss, climate change risks, and poverty and inequality. Through our experience we have found that approaching the triple emergency together rather than as individual threats will lead to better impacts. With Plan Peru and DAR learning from each other and building a partnership together with a collaboration of our applied methodologies and processes we could create a unique partnership with a strong holistic proposal that will benefit target populations.

Q12. Concept note for the resultant project

This question concentrates on the full Darwin application you intend to submit after the Partnership Project and should discuss:

- the expected Outcome and Outputs of the resultant Darwin project
- how the resultant Darwin project would meet a need in the host country (and the wider region if applicable e.g. if the proposed project would be based in a UMIC)
- how the project would contribute to any or all of the Conventions and Treaties supported by Darwin, including the SDGs
- how the project will contribute to sustainable development in the country concerned
- briefly explain the proposed partner role(s) in the resultant Darwin project
- briefly the expected role of the Partnership Project travellers in the resultant Darwin project.

Our proposed outcome is to strengthen indigenous-led biodiversity conservation and sustainable management of natural resources through promoting climate resilient livelihoods. We will specifically be targeting the indigenous communities of the RNAM, whilst conducting advocacy with Iquitos urban populations to minimise the impact of tensions.

The proposed interventions aim to halt the loss of biodiversity and preserve the rich tropical peatlands, which act as significant carbon stores. The interventions will combine sustainable management of natural resource strategies whilst promoting gender transformative and climate resilient economic opportunities. The project will seek to minimise environmental harm caused by indigenous livelihood activities, and the reinforcement of underdevelopment and poverty through the existing urban/rural divide.

Key outputs:

- Enhancing skills to ensure financial and environmental sustainability of economic activities which include craftsmanship, harvesting of natural products and/or eco-tourism within communities, whilst ensuring sustainable management of the natural resources they use.
- CBO's and local authorities are trained and equipped with tools engage in trading, in an inclusive approach, to strengthen the economic activities in a sustainable manner.
- RNAM's Indigenous Communities will be linked with trade networks based in the city of Iquitos, to actively participate and ensure the sustainable distribution of their products.
- Advocating with youth community groups in Iquitos, who engage with Indigenous communities in commerce, marketing, tourism etc. to promote more environmentally sustainable practices that contribute to conservation efforts.

The project will contribute to international treaties including the Aichi Biodiversity targets and goals for Peru, which are part of the Convention of Biological Diversity. The project has an integrated approach that is framed by this convention, the Sustainable Development Goals; 7, 13 and 15, and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Using our networks of conservation and development actors, this partnership will share information on the objectives of this project with Amazon environmental and government authorities and other civil society

actors. We will be sharing learnings via publications and learning forums, so that it can be disseminated to other areas of the Amazon where it is assumed that these issues are also pertinent. We will explore themes around interdependence of rural-urban areas, exploitation of biodiversity without sustainability approach and traditional gender norms, and intend to challenge and model good practice for future programming.

Plan International Peru will be the Lead Organisation for the Partnership Project stage, under the Main Darwin Initiative Plan International UK will lead the contractual arrangements to support institutional compliance and provide global best practice. DAR and Plan International staff who participate in the Partnership Project will have an active role in the Main Darwin Initiative. DAR staff based in Loreto will utilise their extensive contacts and experience with environmental authorities in the region to support project implementation. Plan International will lead on providing a gender transformative lens with safeguarding and protection sensitive processes in the interactions with communities, ensuring technical quality and gender transformative activities in a safe environment for the entire project design and implementation.

Section 6 - Costs

Q13. Costs

Provide a detailed breakdown of costs to be funded by the Darwin Initiative in GBP.

	Project Leader	Second individual	Total
Airfare including travel to airport	£ [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	£ [REDACTED]
Visas and other travel documents	£0.00	£0.00	£ 0.00
Daily subsistence rate per day	£ [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Number of days subsistence claimed (max 30 days per traveller)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Total daily subsistence claimed (please provide details below)	£ [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	£ [REDACTED]
Workshop costs (please provide details below)			£ [REDACTED]
Other costs (please provide details below)			£ [REDACTED]

Total request from Darwin (must not exceed £10,000) £ [REDACTED]

Additional details to support the figures above

	Project Leader	Second individual
Average expected subsistence rate per day	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Number of days subsistence claimed	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Workshop costs

Please provide further details on your workshops costs (N/A if not relevant).

Cost include renting a space for conducting meetings, alimentation for participants, desk material and transport for key informants. Additionally, a fluvial transport is budgeted to visit proposed communities near Iquitos, travel can be done considering a complete day of renting a boat after arriving to the nearest place in bus.

Other costs

Please provide further details on Other costs e.g. subscription to communications platforms, purchase of tablets for local partners etc (N/A if not relevant).

Other costs include hiring a consultancy team who will be in charge of gathering information in local communities with direct support from Plan and DAR staff after tools are designed together in the proposed workshop.

ToR will require a multidisciplinary team conformed by a gender, sustainable business and indigenous communities specialists.

Information will be processed together with consultancy team and personnel from partners including senior management and specialized personnel required to formulate larger proposals (finance, advisors, HR, logistics)

A consultancy team is required because we aim to gather information with a multidisciplinary approach who requires at least 2 to 3 days working in each prioritized community to gather the required information.

Contacts made within the consultancy will be shared with Plan and DAR personnel, including a field visit when consultancy team is on field to strength community relations.

Staff Cost: For the main traveler.

Section 7 - Timetable & Activities

Q14. Provide anticipated dates of travel (start and finish) and activities to be

undertaken on your trip.

N.B.: this question is specifically about your travel plans – your dates and specific milestones during travel – NOT your timetable to Stage 1 application. Your application will be considered ineligible if this section does not specifically cover your planned Partnership Project trip.

Date	Milestone
08 November 2021	START
08 November 2021	Travel to Iquitos from Lima to workshop
09 November 2021	Workshop starts in Iquitos City
11 November 2021	Travel to RNAM (full day)
12 November 2021	End of workshop
13 November 2021	Travel back to Lima
18 November 2021	Workshop in Lima with Consultancy team and extended team from DAR and Plan Perú.
19 November 2021	Project designing process finish.
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23 November 2021	FINISH

Q15. In what year would you expect to submit the full Darwin project application?

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Section 8 - Certification

Q16. Certification

On behalf of the

company

of

Plan International Perú

I apply for a grant of





£10,000.00

I certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the statements made by us in this application are true and the information provided is correct. I am aware that this application form will form the basis of the Partnership Project schedule should this application be successful.

(This form should be signed by an individual authorised by the applicant institution to submit applications and sign contracts on their behalf.)

- I have uploaded CVs for project principals
- I have uploaded letters of support from the lead application organisation and the partner(s)

Checked

Name	VERONIQUE HENRY
Position in the organisation	COUNTRY DIRECTOR
Signature (please upload e-signature)	 Certification PLAN PERU  19/01/2021  21:17:24  pdf 204.64 KB
Date	19 January 2021

Section 9 - Submission Checklist

Checklist for submission

	Check
I have read the Guidance Notes for Main projects as well as the Guidance for Partnership Projects and am satisfied that this concept would be eligible for a main project application.	Checked
I have read, and can meet, the current Terms and Conditions for this fund.	Checked
I have provided anticipated start and end dates for my Partnership Project trip.	Checked
I have checked that my budget is complete and correctly adds up.	Checked

My application has been signed by a suitably authorised individual (clear electronic or scanned signatures are acceptable).	Checked
I have included one page CVs and letters of support as required.	Checked
I have checked the Darwin website immediately prior to submission to ensure there are no late updates.	Checked
I have read and understood the Privacy Notice on GOV.UK.	Checked

We would like to keep in touch! Please check this box if you would be happy for the lead applicant (Flexi-Grant Account Holder) and main traveller/project leader (if different) to be added to our mailing list. Through our mailing list we share updates on upcoming and current application rounds under the Darwin Initiative and our sister grant scheme, the IWT Challenge Fund. We also provide occasional updates on other UK Government activities related to biodiversity conservation and share our quarterly project newsletter. You are free to unsubscribe at any time.

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