# **Expression of Interest**

# **Special Call for SUMERNET 4 All COVID-19 Emerging Research**

## Project Title

## Project’s goal and objectives

*Must be no MORE than one sentence for each goal and objective.*

## Applicants and institutions

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| **Lead applicant** | **Institution** | **Country** | **Remarks** |
|  |  |  | *Identify name and year of grant(s) that your agency received from SUMERNET/SEI in the past.*  *Identify if project has the lead or co-lead as woman.* |
| **Team members** (from five countries) | **Institution** | **Country** | *Identify if team member are women or young researchers (not more than 35 years old)* |
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## Boundary partners & Beneficiaries

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| Boundary partner | How to be engaged in project? | What is expected outcome? |
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| End beneficiaries | How to be engaged in project? | What is expected outcome? |
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*Please add as many lines as needed and be specific. For example, in boundary partners, if government, then which department, which country and who is the key contact.*

## Previous SUMERNET engagement activities

*Please list in dot point on the name, activity and date of lead applicants’ engagement with SUMERNET.*

## What is the issue of regional water insecurity significance to be addressed in the context of COVID-19 crises?

*No more than 600 words. Please also identify which research theme(s) this project will address.*

## Project description

*In no more than 600 words please outline the project. Including research questions or structural research framework.*

## Outline how the project addresses a Multi-disciplinary research approach that includes gender and social equality, human rights, conflict sensitivity, and governance and poverty reduction

*In no more than 600 words please outline how the project addresses priority issues above. In addition, we expect other sections of the EoI to reference gender and social equity when appropriate (e.g. research question(s)).* *Guidance note available on the SUMERNET website for gender would help project teams address issues of gender, social equity, etc. in project design* [*https://www.sumernet.org/story/sumernet-guidelines-for-gender-ethics-and-environment*](https://www.sumernet.org/story/sumernet-guidelines-for-gender-ethics-and-environment)

## Project timeline, outputs and budget

*Please outline (in bullet point text of no more than 600 words) the key milestones, activities and outputs of the proposed project, and an estimation of the total budget by major cost item (please include here where these are to be supported by funds from SUMERNET or from external co-financing, or both). Fill in excel file of activities, outputs and budget attached.*

## Risks to project timeline and budget

*Provide brief details of any serious risks to the success of timeline set out for research project and how these will be mitigated (maximum 200 words).*

## Checklist to confirm that your application fulfill following aspects

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| ***Key aspects*** | ***Responses (Yes/No)*** |
| 1. *Research and policy engagement activities need to be conducted in all five countries in the Mekong region including Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.* |  |
| 1. *Learning across participating countries and comparison of research results in five countries should be part of the research project.* |  |
| 1. *Use multi-disciplinary research approach that includes gender and social equality, human rights, conflict sensitivity, and governance and poverty reduction* |  |
| 1. *Engagement with women researchers/team members in the project* |  |
| 1. *Engagement with young researchers/team members in the project* |  |
| 1. *End beneficiaries of this research project are the marginalised and most vulnerable groups in the Mekong region.* |  |
| 1. *Engagement with both marginalized and most vulnerable groups to understand their water insecurity due to COVID-19 crises and other powerful groups/organizations/individuals e.g. the policy makers, planners and practitioner to understand their current policies, plans or practices relevant to this.* |  |
| 1. *Provide the recommendations to help enhance the policy and/or practices in reducing water insecurity for the marginalized and most vulnerable groups in the Mekong region.* |  |
| 1. *Leading agency and Team Leader of research project has extensive experience and proven capacity to manage multi-country research grant in the Mekong region.* |  |
| 1. *Project team has proven experience and expertise to carry out proposed research project.* |  |

## Attachments to be sent with this submission

*(Please attach these documents in the online submission platform)*

*\* CV of Project Leader*

*\* CV of Project team members*

*\* Annexes of activities, outputs and budget (templates available)*