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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS – Info Session & 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Publication

### **Call for Proposals under the Programme “Recovery, Stability and Socio-economic Development in Libya” - Italian Cooperation<sup>1</sup> Component**

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An information session open to all interested applicants was held on Tuesday 26 February at 15:00 hours at AICS Regional Office in Tunis. Below follow the questions and requests for clarifications collected during this session, as well as those received via e-mail before the 1<sup>st</sup> of March deadline. Answers are provided for the benefit of all interested applicants, as indicated in the Guidelines for grant applicants of this Call for Proposals and in line with PRAG stipulations.

Question	Answer
<p>Q1: In reference to activities related to <i>Output 4: Awareness/sensitivity of general public regarding all aspects of migration enhances [EU TF IO.8]</i>:</p> <p>a) Is there a framework from AICS/EUTF containing for example: strategy, specific approach regarding how the awareness/sensitivity activity should be planned and implemented?</p> <p>b) Is there already a list of main/core topics (in addition to the strictly health related ones) that have to be provided in accordance with AICS/EUTF</p>	<p>A1: With regards to activities related to Output 4:</p> <p>a) There is no specific framework in place. However, activities should seek alignment with the Libyan Government policies in place and should be context specific, conflict- and culturally- sensitive.</p> <p>b) There is no specific list of main/core topics. However, as stipulated in the Action Document, these activities should aim at promoting awareness among local communities on inclusivity in the access to basic health services, in particular for the most vulnerable groups – including IDPs, migrants, refugees and asylum seekers. Conflict-sensitive messaging and communication modalities should be streamlined.</p> <p>c) The programme does not target specific groups nor makes a distinction between host communities, IDPs,</p>

<sup>1</sup> The term “Italian Cooperation” refers to the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS).

<p>strategy? For example, access to services, human rights, general protection, GBV, etc)?</p> <p>c) Is a specific/preferable target group to cover identified, such as host communities, IDPs, mixed migrants?</p>	<p>mixed migrants. It targets municipalities particularly impacted by the migration phenomena or other displacement processes and aims at improving provision and inclusive access to basic services for the benefit of the whole population.</p>
<p>Q2: With regards to the technical assessment listed as eligible activity under the Guidelines of the Call for Proposals, should there be an update of existing assessments or should a new assessment be carried out? If so, are those eligible activities?</p>	<p>A2: The selection of facilities to be targeted in each municipality was carried out by AICS through consultations with municipalities and other implementing partners, as well as field technical reconnaissance visits. The objective of those visits was twofold: (i) to assess the extent to which the requests for interventions matched with the actual needs; (ii) to cost-estimate the rehabilitation of the targeted facilities.</p> <p>Those visits did not produce extensive technical reports to build upon. Thus, the applicants are expected to conduct technical assessments, under AICS guidance and in consultation with the relevant parties, to gather the information needed for the procurement of works/equipment.</p> <p>These activities are considered eligible as stated by the Guidelines for grant applicants under Section 2.1.4 Eligible actions – <i>“Conduct technical needs assessments of health facilities - including capacity gap analyses, through consultations with Municipalities, and relevant Line Ministries, UN agencies, and Humanitarian Clusters, under AICS guidance”</i>.</p>
<p>Q3: Considering the paragraph: <i>“Specific Objectives and Priorities Based on a process of consultations with Libyan municipalities and a field assessment on their needs and priorities, the selected facilities to be upgraded under this CfP include...”</i></p> <p>- Is that field assessment the most updated one after the 2015 UNDP</p>	<p>A3: <b><i>Please refer to Answer A2 above.</i></b></p>

<p>and 2017 EU studies?</p> <p>- Can a report of that field assessment be shared?</p>	
<p>Q4: Considering the paragraph related to types of activities does not include activities related to Output 1, we can assume that point 5 of activities related to Outputs 2 and 3 <i>“training of personnel in the management and operation of the upgraded facilities to improve health service for delivery”</i> is limited to guarantee the maintenance of the works carried out and of the equipment (including a correct use) delivered at project completion?</p>	<p>A4: This is correct. Programme activities under Output 1 will be directly implemented by AICS and are not included under this Call for Proposals. The capacity building activities eligible under this Call are complementary to the rehabilitation and supply of equipment - to enhance the service rendering capacity of the selected facilities, including Operation &amp; Maintenance.</p>
<p>Q5: We reference to the above-mentioned call for proposals, we would like to make sure about the selected facilities targeted by the programme. Unfortunately, some of the indicated names do not seem to match with the names on the ground. Could you kindly send some information about the facilities so to be sure to identify them without ambiguity (i.e. GPS coordinates)?</p>	<p>A5: The facilities targeted by this Call for Proposals have been prioritized by the municipalities and selected in consultation with them. However, local facilities may sometimes be referred to with different names that should be confirmed with local authorities.</p> <p><u>Please also refer to Answer A6 below for more details on the target facilities.</u></p>

<p>Q6: Regarding the facilities to be targeted within the proposals: are all facilities listed in one location to be included or should they be prioritized? For example, for Ghat/Tahala and Zawiya there is more than one health facility listed.</p> <p>Which are the strategies to define the scope of intervention?</p>	<p>A6: All facilities listed in the Guidelines for grant applicants under Section 1.3. Objectives of the Programme and Priority Issues, sub-paragraph Specific Objectives and Priorities of this Call for Proposals and separated between Lot 1 and Lot 2, are to be included in the proposals.</p> <p>For Janzur only one facility – the Janzur Public General Hospital – was selected. In the case of Zawiya three different health facilities were selected: Zawiya Center (Abu Sorrah Village Hospital), South (Bir al-Ghanam Village Hospital) and West (Al Harsha Health Center).</p> <p>With regards to Zuwara, the intervention should focus on expanding the Al Marsha Health Center medical facilities (not separate health centers), in consultation with the municipality. The old hospital building on the site was demolished. Currently, only a small medical unit is functioning.</p> <p>In the case of Ghat and Tahala, the intervention should target the Ghat Health Center and satellite (e.g. village) facilities in the rural Tahala/Awainat area, to be identified in consultation with the municipality.</p>
<p>Q7: Medical equipment (list of items, technical specifications) are specific to different health facilities – e.g. primary, secondary or emergency health care center. Within the framework of this programme, what kind of needs should be met? Should the interventions aim at an emergency response or should it aim at the full functionality of the targeted hospital/health facility?</p>	<p>A7: The Recovery, Stability and Socio-economic Development Programme, under which this Call for Proposals is issued, is not a pure-emergency response intervention. The programme focuses instead on stabilization and linking relief, recovery and development. Its goal is to support municipalities to respond to the needs of their population through the upgrading of facilities for basic service provision. Within the budget limits, interventions should aim at full functionality.</p> <p>Technical details of the interventions to be carried out should be provided by the applicants, in close consultation with the municipalities, the facilities managers and relevant local officials – e.g. Ministry of Health. These should be in line with national guidelines and standards, and the Central and Local Authorities strategic planning. Proposals should also seek alignment with other interventions from the</p>

	Libyan authorities, other donors and international partners.
<p>Q8: With regards to visibility requirements:</p> <p>a) Should the video be considered as a visibility tool to show impact or just a communication tool?</p> <p>b) Can a specific budget be assigned to the production of reports and videos?</p> <p>c) Is there a specific standard?</p>	<p>A8: The Guidelines for grants applicants, under Section 2.1.4 - Eligible actions, sub-paragraph Visibility describe the requirements of applicants in terms of reporting and communication material to be produced:</p> <p>a) Communication is of outermost importance for the programme and should always be impact and results-focused. From the Guidelines: <i>“As far as possible, information and communication activities will be designed to raise the awareness of specific or general audiences of the reasons for the action and the EU and AICS support for the action in Libya, as well as the results and the impact of this support.”</i></p> <p>b) A specific budget line can be assigned to communication and visibility activities.</p> <p>c) There is no specific standard for the video production. However, as stated in the Guidelines for grant applicants, in the development of all communication and visibility material <i>“applicants comply with the objectives and priorities and guarantee the visibility of the EU financing (see the Communication and Visibility Manual for EU external actions specified and published by the European Commission at <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/funding/communication-and-visibility-manual-eu-external-actions_en">http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/funding/communication-and-visibility-manual-eu-external-actions_en</a>”</i> and <i>“must take all necessary steps to publicize the fact that the European Union has financed the action through the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)”</i>.</p>

Q9: With regards to Section 1.3 of the Guidelines for applicants, is it correct to assume that in case of lack of valid applications for one lot, the funds will be reallocated to the other lot?

A9: As stated under the paragraph *“Indicative allocation of funds by lot/geographical distribution:*

*...If the allocation indicated for a specific lot cannot be used due to insufficient quality or number of proposals received, the Contracting Authority **reserves the right to** reallocate the remaining funds to another lot.”*

Thus, the reallocation of funds from one lot to another in this case could be determined by AICS as the Contracting Authority but is not automatic.