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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS – Full Proposals (Step 2)

Call for Proposals under the Programme “Recovery, Stability and Socio-economic Development in Libya” - Italian Cooperation¹ Component

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With certified e-mail sent on 16 May 2019, AICS reminded all lead applicants pre-selected to submit a full proposal of the possibility to submit queries and requests for clarification. Pre-selected lead applicants were also informed of a deadline rectification for the full proposal submission, now set for 24 June 2019 rather than on 23 June.

Below follow the questions and requests for clarifications received via e-mail before the 30th of May deadline. Answers are provided for the benefit of all pre-selected applicants, as indicated in the Guidelines for grant applicants of this Call for Proposals and in line - with PRAG stipulations.

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

Question	Answer
<p>Q1: We would like to raise an inquiry regarding the visibility conditions of the call. Can you please let us know whether a derogation regarding visibility can be requested under this call – if yes, what would be the procedures to have it granted?</p>	<p>A1: With regards to the derogation to the visibility requirements set under this call, we make reference to the 2018 Communication and Visibility requirements for EU External Actions (<i>Communication and Visibility in EU-financed external actions: Requirements for implementing partners, 2018</i>), whereby:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under section 2.1.3 ‘Exceptional situations’, the document refers to the need to limit communication and visibility activities and postpone the presentation of a communication and visibility plan in exceptional situations: <p style="margin-left: 20px;">2.1.3 Exceptional situations <i>Security issues or local political sensitivities may make it preferable or necessary to limit communication and visibility activities in certain countries or areas (such as crisis or conflict zones) or during certain periods (such as elections). In such cases, the target audience and the visibility tools, products and channels to be used in promoting a given action will be determined on a case-by-case basis, in consultation and agreement with the European Union. Where rapid intervention is required in response to a sudden crisis, it is not necessary to produce a full communication and visibility plan immediately. In such situations, however, the EU's support must nevertheless be appropriately indicated from the start. See also section 5.1.2 (exceptions to visibility requirements).</i></p> - Under section 5.1.2, the document refers to the possible exceptions to visibility requirements: <p style="margin-left: 20px;">5.1.2 Exceptions to visibility requirements <i>Exceptions to standard contractual visibility obligations are granted on a case-by-case basis only. Any such exceptions must be duly justified and have the prior, written authorisation of the European Union. The scope of the exception must be specified in each case: an exemption from visibility requirements in the field does not automatically imply exemption from other types of standard visibility (see also section 2.1.3 on exceptional situations).</i></p>

	<p>AICS acknowledges the context to this Programme may have exceptional aspects and adopts the same principles. Communication and visibility activities will be planned and implemented with vigilance and in close coordination with relevant partners. Monthly progress updates remain a requirement as well as the need for applicants to publicize the European Union and AICS role in financing the action as appropriate.</p>
<p>Q2: Janzur Hospital is a secondary Health Facility.</p> <p>In order to ameliorate the access and inclusiveness of the Health services, it would be consistent to intervene in the Primary Health Centers of the Municipality, upgrade the facilities (basic rehabilitation), supply equipment and include the staff in the trainings. Can these activities be included in the full project proposal?</p>	<p>A2: The selection of Janzur Hospital as a target facility for intervention was the result of a prioritization process carried out through consultations with the Janzur municipality and technical field visits by AICS. The intervention was then approved by the programme Steering Committee, that includes among its members the Libyan Central Authorities.</p> <p>Complementary activities in Primary Health Center facilities in the full project proposal are welcome, as long as the primary focus remains the Janzur Hospital, and those activities have been agreed upon by the Janzur Municipality and local authorities. The selection of Primary Health Centers and the identification of activities to be implemented there should always take into consideration local dynamics and conflict-sensitiveness.</p>