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Question	Answer
<p>Q1: For what concerns the Zawiya Teaching Hospital, since it is explicitly stated in the call that the provision of equipment concerns the gynaecology and paediatric departments, should all the intervention in the facility (provision of equipment, rehabilitation, trainings) target exclusively these two departments?</p> <p>Are other more general rehabilitation works allowed if they are beneficial for the patients of the mentioned departments?</p>	<p>A1: The definition of an intervention focused on the gynaecology and paediatric departments of the Zawiya Teaching Hospital (ZTH) is the result of several rounds of consultations with the municipal authorities and reconnaissance visits to the facility. The intervention – provision of equipment, training and awareness raising activities – should target the two departments mentioned in the Call for Proposals and the surrounding community, in line with the requests coming from the local authority and considering budget availability.</p> <p>Other interventions can be included in the proposal to the advantage of the project beneficiaries, provided the budget allocation for the provision of equipment requested by the local authorities is not affected.</p> <p>Please note that it will be essential to seek alignment and complementarity with other interventions implemented by the Ministry of Health and other international actors in Zawya and, specifically in the ZTH facility. In particular, within the same Recovery, Stability and Socio-economic Development programme:</p> <p>(i) AICS will implement health facility upgrading activities – in partnership with INGOs selected through Calls for Proposals – in the Abu Sorra Village Hospital in Zawya</p>

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

	<p>Center, the Bir al-Ghanam Village Hospital in Zawya South and the Al Harsha Health Center in Zawya West;</p> <p>(ii) UNICEF will implement a standardized package of intervention in the health sector in all municipalities targeted by the programme, focused on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Care, Nutrition and First aid/Life saving support.</p>
<p>Q2: During our initial assessment at the Zawiya Teaching Hospital it emerged that an Italian company is carrying out rehabilitation work in the facility. Would it be possible to have a document stating the type of works they are carrying out, in order to avoid overlap in our application? Otherwise, would it be possible to have the contacts of the company?</p>	<p>A2: AICS is not aware of any company currently in charge of rehabilitation works in the facility.</p> <p>Please note that applicants' proposals should focus on the provision of equipment for the Zawiya Teaching Hospital, as indicated in the Guidelines for grants applicants, where physical rehabilitation works are not foreseen.</p>
<p>Q3: Is there an indicative minimum percentage of the budget that should be allocated to the provision of equipment for the gynaecology and paediatric departments of the Zawiya Teaching Hospital?</p>	<p>A3: While a minimum budget allocation for the provision of equipment to the mentioned departments of the ZTH is not a set requirement, these activities are at the core of the intervention and should be prioritized in terms of budget allocation, according to the cost estimates of the indicative list of equipment required by the facility and available with the local authorities.</p>
<p>Q4: Is it suggested for the capacity building to be inside the same health facility targeted or it may be developed in Tunisia?</p>	<p>A4: Capacity building activities should target personnel from the upgraded facilities as relevant to the specific activities of the intervention, i.e. equipment provision for improved health services. With regards to the location, the applicants are expected to appraise the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of the different options.</p>
<p>Q5: Can associate be private entities?</p>	<p>A5: As mentioned in the Guidelines for grant applicants and in the PRAG <i>"other organisations or individuals may be involved in the action. Such associates play a real role in the action but may not receive funding from the grant, with the exception of per diem or travel costs. Associates <u>do not have to meet the eligibility criteria referred to in Section 2.1.1. of the Guidelines for applicants.</u>"</i> Therefore, they can be private entities.</p>
<p>Q6: During the meeting have been mentioned that partnerships are not suggested being the activities already defined. Was that meaning co-applicant or rather associates?</p>	<p>A6: As indicated during the Info Session, partnerships among international NGOs and with local partners are highly valued.</p> <p>Since the interventions have a narrow focus and are well defined, a small number of co-applicants is preferable in order to simplify grant management and contain administrative costs. As mentioned</p>

	<p>under answer A5 above, associates can bring added value to the project without receiving funding from the grant, with the exception of per diem and travel expenses.</p>
<p>Q7: It is possible to have the reference (name) of the municipality "project management department" focal point that has been mentioned in the meeting.</p>	<p>A7:</p> <p>In the case of Zawyia Center, the contact points are the Mayor and the Director of the Zawyia Teaching Hospital.</p> <p>In the case of Misrata, the contact points are the Municipal Council member responsible for the health sector and the Head of Project Management Department.</p> <p>AICS is not in the position to publish the names of individual officers.</p>
<p>Q8: During the meeting it has been discussed about providing a financial guarantee at the full proposal delivery? Was it misunderstood or is it confirmed? Since, according to the call art4 special condition, it says: "<i>if a financial guarantee is requested: the first instalment of pre-financing shall be accompanied by a financial guarantee amounting to EUR...</i>", but here is talking about instalment and at the time of the contract signature.</p> <p>At the annex VIII it says: "amount of the pre-financing in Euros, this amount representing the guarantee referred to in Article 4 of special conditions of the grant contract concluded between the beneficiaries and the contracting authority".</p> <p>According to this do we have to present the guarantee before giving us the first instalment? And would it be the guarantee on the whole amount granted in advance or only on a percentage of the advance?</p>	<p>A8: During the Information Session on 18 September, it was explained that – in line with PRAG regulations and AICS rules – a pre-financing guarantee (bank guarantee) covering 30% of the first instalment will be requested to selected grant beneficiaries upon contract signature, in order for AICS to release the first instalment.</p> <p>Instalments are defined according to the duration of the action as set in the General Conditions to the contract. The number of instalments and their respective amounts will be further specified in the Special Conditions to the contract as a result of the contracting negotiations between AICS and each selected grant beneficiary. Both documents have been published as annexes to this Call for Proposal.</p> <p><u>Please note that bank charges incurred to obtain the pre-financing guarantee (bank guarantee) are eligible direct costs that need to be considered when developing budget proposals.</u></p>