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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS – Info Session & Round of Publication

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS ref. 04/EUTFRSSD2/2022

An Info Session open to all interested applicants was held on 21/07/2022 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 up to August 26, 2022. 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
<b>Q1.</b> The capacity building component should be delivered in direct management, or could it be outsourced?	<b>A1.</b> Capacity building activities can be conducted by NGOs directly or outsourced. NGOs are expected to implement a needs assessment to identify training needs, in consultation with MoLG, local authorities and AICS.
<b>Q2.</b> The needs assessment conducted by AICS during the inception phase is available and can be shared?	<b>A2.</b> No, this is an internal document, but awarded NGOs are encouraged to get in touch with the external consultants who conducted the needs assessment for AICS in order to gain more insights/clarification/details, after the completion of the selection phase.
<b>Q3.</b> Is it possible that the list of interventions included in the Guidelines for Applicants will be changed before the deadline for submission of proposals?	<b>A3.</b> Yes, it is possible that MoLG will propose some light modifications in the list of target facilities. In such case, AICS will promptly publish an updated list on its website.

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



<p><b>Q4.</b> Are small partnerships for each lot encouraged?</p>	<p><b>A4.</b> Yes, AICS believes that it would be more cost-effective to have small partnerships, possibly including local NGOs. This will reduce management operation costs and ensure continuity in the implementation also in case of reduced access to the target areas for international organizations.</p>
<p><b>Q5.</b> What kind of registration/authorization is required for applicants?</p>	<p><b>A5.</b> As specified in the Guidelines for Applicants, NGOs should be registered and/or authorized to implement activities in Libya or in the process of being registered/authorized. NGOs are required to attach a supporting document to prove it.</p>
<p><b>Q6.</b> Is AICS encouraging NGOs to propose one big consortium covering the three lots?</p>	<p><b>A6.</b> AICS expects to award one grant per lot, however if one big consortium is proposed for the three lots, the Applicants must demonstrate in the proposal the comparative advantages and economic scale of this option.</p>
<p><b>Q7.</b> Supporting letters from central and local authorities must be provided as part of documents of the Applications?</p>	<p><b>A7.</b> The Guidelines for Applicants list all the documents required for the applications. Supporting letters are not required at this stage but will be requested to awarded NGOs prior to the implementation phase.</p>
<p><b>Q8.</b> What kind of flexibility is allowed in the implementation of the activities?</p>	<p><b>A8.</b> It may be possible that security will deteriorate in the upcoming months, so NGOs are expected to be able to adapt to the changing context. Partnering with local CSOs can mitigate the risk of delay in the project implementation due to security issues. Having local staff based in the target municipalities could also be a mitigation measure. AICS expects the EU to extend the crisis declaration for Libya, and the consequent authorization to apply flexible procedures; AICS will share updates on this topic with the awarded NGOs.</p>
<p><b>Q9.</b> If during the assessment conducted by the NGOs, the MoLG or the municipalities request an action that is not included in the list of priority interventions already provided by AICS, the NGOs could consider it?</p>	<p><b>A9.</b> Yes, after consulting with AICS.</p>



<p><b>Q10.</b> Education is mentioned in the Call for Proposals among the target sectors. Activities must focus only on rehabilitation of schools or are there other activities eligible?</p>	<p><b>A10.</b> The focus is on rehabilitation/maintenance, but trainings and awareness campaigns on inclusive access to basic services are eligible too.</p>
<p><b>Q11.</b> Is it possible for Applicants to propose a partnership with the private sector?</p>	<p><b>A11.</b> Yes, through service contracts in compliance with PRAG.</p>
<p><b>Q12.</b> Is it possible to have activities focusing on conflict mitigation?</p>	<p><b>A12.</b> Yes, through trainings and awareness campaigns.</p>
<p><b>Q13. a.</b> Are applicants required to propose activities covering all municipalities in a given lot? <b>b.</b> Alternatively, could applicants select specific municipalities within a lot based on priority needs and organizational capacity?</p>	<p><b>A13. a.</b> Yes, applicants are required to propose activities covering all municipalities per Lot as specified in the Guidelines for Applicants. <b>b.</b> No, applicants can not select specific municipalities within the given Lots, but they are required to cover all municipalities per Lot as specified in the Guidelines for Applicants.</p>
<p><b>Q14. a.</b> Are applicants restricted to work on the indicative list of priority interventions, or could we propose other infrastructure in need of support in the respective municipalities? <b>b.</b> If applicants could only work on the indicative list of priority interventions, is there a requirement to cover all beneficiaries listed under the relevant sector?</p>	<p><b>A14. a.</b> AICS committed to focus on the list of priority interventions described in section <b>2.1.4</b> of the Guidelines for Applicants, during the inception phase of the Programme through bilateral and multilateral consultations. The MoLG was actively involved in the consultations alongside mayors and municipal actors. Consequently, the actions proposed by the applicants should focus on this list of interventions; alternative activities can be proposed within the available budget per lot <b>only if</b> it is not possible to carry out one of the interventions included in the list, in this case the applicants must have a prior approval from the local authority and anyhow provide explanations in the application. Moreover, during the implementation phase, applicants must conduct a field assessment to reconfirm the priority interventions included in the list and may propose to replace some of them if this choice has been shared and formally supported by the</p>



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	<p>relevant local authorities. Furthermore, during the contracting or implementation phases, AICS reserves the right to negotiate with the selected beneficiary(y)ies minor variations or re-apportioning of activities in order to (i) optimize thematic and geographic coverage, (ii) avoid any possible overlaps/gaps with other ongoing programmes, and (iii) obtain the best value-for-money.</p> <p><b>b.</b> Yes, the applicants are required to cover all the beneficiary municipalities per lot listed in the Guidelines for Applicants.</p>
<p><b>Q15.</b> To confirm, does the application package due on <b>September 16</b> include both the concept note (Part A) and full application (Part B)?</p>	<p><b>A15.</b> Yes, the documentation package due on <b>September 16</b> must include both the concept and full proposal sections (concept note, Part A and full application, Part B) under penalty of exclusion since this is an open call for proposals.</p>
<p><b>Q16. a.</b> Where the indicative list of priority interventions says “Supply” of a certain type of equipment, please clarify if that is meant to include installation and supply, or supply only?</p> <p><b>b.</b> Should applicants find through stakeholder engagement during the proposal phase that some needs and/or priorities have shifted, may applicants plan for different inputs in their proposals than those in the indicative interventions list in the call for proposals, with the intention to consult AICS during the implementation phase, if awarded (as per the process mentioned in the previous Q&amp;A document)?</p>	<p><b>A16.a.</b> For each and every intervention related to supply of equipment/material, the implementing partner must also instal them and provide training on the right use and maintenance, in order to ensure sustainability of the interventions and ownership.</p> <p><b>b.</b> If during the assessment applicants find that some needs and/or priorities have shifted, they may propose to replace some of them if this choice has been shared and formally supported by the relevant local authorities.</p>