

## Q&A – Received and delivered during Call for Concept Notes for SRHR/GBV engagement

Questions	Answers
<p>We were wondering whether it is possible to apply for funding for the GBV component alone, as certain positions of the Catholic church won't allow engagement in the SRHR areas.</p>	<p>Both SRHR and GBV need to be addressed in the concept note and proposal stage thereafter, as they are often, intrinsically interlinked.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We were not able to find indications in the call regarding a possible contribution from the bidding organizations. Would there be any need from the organization to contribute to the project with their own funding or other funding from other sources? And if so would this be one criteria that would contribute to the choice of the concept note presented?</li> <li>2. In the concept note format there is a request to explain and illustrate 2 or maximum 3 similar experiences. Our question is on whether the experiences to be illustrated in the concept note must be experiences in Kenya or could they be from other countries as well.</li> <li>3. The organization is requested to provide key financial data. Our question is whether the financial data would refer to the Kenya country office, or to the overall organization worldwide.</li> <li>4. Regarding the contact details referring to the Lead applicant, the question is similar to the above one, the contacts should be the ones of the HQ, or should be the one of the Kenya country office?</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This is not a specific criteria, nor a need for the concept note admissibility.</li> <li>2. The experience should be from Kenya preferably.</li> <li>3. This depends which legal entity applies – whether it is your HQ or country office.</li> <li>4. This is your decision as to which legal entity HQ or country office, should be the lead.</li> </ol>
<p>Whether we've interpreted correctly the Call for Concept Notes in that the DKK 50 million is granted to <u>one single applicant</u> with broad <u>national and county</u> outreach (the county outreach alone not being sufficient)?</p>	<p>Indeed, you are right in the interpretation below. The ToRs however, encourage partners to join others in a consortium model for greater complementarity.</p>
<p>As outlined in the call documentation I am contacting you to ask two questions concerning the application process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is it expected that a proposal covers all 4 priorities mentioned under the scope section?</li> </ol>	<p>In response to your queries below, indeed the proposal is expected to cover <u>all</u> the priorities specified in the Call.</p>
<p>Is the 7 years experience a core requirement? i.e. if any entity does not have 7 years, they would be precluded/ disqualified or is it a guide? Because it is not noted in the rating part of the concept note.</p>	<p><b>Annex 3:</b> Application checklist <i>can</i> be used to pre-check the eligibility of the application. However, the assessment criteria for Concept Note are clearly highlighted in the Call for Proposal as follows:</p>

**Assessment Criteria:** Successful applicants will demonstrate how they will comprehensively address the priorities mentioned under the scope-section from a human rights-based approach and their extensive, proven experience within and consideration of these priorities.

**In the assessment of the Concept Notes, the following criteria will be considered:**

- Applicants **should demonstrate** the relevance of their Concept Note's objectives to this Call as defined in the scope and objective.
- Applicants **must** demonstrate strong institutional capabilities **with 7 years or more** experience of implementation of donor funding in improving access to youth friendly and inclusive SRHR and in preventing and responding to GBV within an in-depth understanding of the Kenyan context and related challenges.
- Applicants **must** have clear intervention logic that clarifies the targeted change processes and the main assumptions and show a strategic and innovative gender, youth and inclusive human rights-based perspective linking the national and county levels with regional and international levels.
- Applicants **must** have a broad national and county outreach in their operations, with the ability to scale up operations if required, during the implementation period.
- Applicants **must** be familiar with developing a Theory of Change, have a MEAL system in place that focuses on learning and adaptive programming.
- Applicants **must** have proper legal registration to work in Kenya well as sound organisational, financial and risk management systems in place.

**Collaboration and Network:** Applicants that demonstrate working partnerships with national and county government entities will be favorably evaluated. They **must** also incentivize collaboration within and/or between civil society organisations and the state to implement joint initiatives, overcome divisions, and strengthen their collective influence and capabilities. Consortium with diverse, complementary and specialized partners are thus hereby encouraged to apply.

**Programme Location:** Program activities **must** take place in Kenya. Applicants may propose and justify geographically targeted focus, i.e. select counties of operation, using the following criteria: a) low access to youth friendly and inclusive SRHR services including access to modern contraception methods, b) high prevalence of GBV and HTPs, early and

	forced marriage and FGMs, c) counties prone to high MMR and high level of adolescent pregnancies.		
<b>Request for further guidance on budget and financial management issues.</b>	there is no additional guidance at the Concept Note stage. More details and guidance regarding financial management and budget will be however provided at Proposal Stage.		
<p><b>Is this call open to international organisations even with local registration?</b></p> <p>Can you clarify the section on lead applicant section (ii) -the lead applicant is directly responsible for the preparation, management and implementation of the action with the co-applicant(s)/partners, if any (including <i>duty of care</i> of involved employees), and is not acting as an intermediary;. Our work involves sub-granting and partner support in addition to direct implementation. So does this call involve sub-granting?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International organisation can apply as long as they have proper registration in Kenya and permitted to work / operate in the country.</li> <li>• Sub-granting is permitted and more details on fiscal/fiduciary management will be included at Proposal Stage.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>We would like to get a clarification regarding the proposed project budget of around DKK 50 million:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is this amount meant for a single award or for multiple awards?</li> <li>2. Does the project has a minimum and a maximum amount of budget to be proposed?</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is a single award at the final stage of the tender process.</li> <li>2. At concept note stage, there is no minimum or maximum budget foreseen other than the sated amount: ‘around DKK 50 million to run from January 2021- December 2025’.</li> </ol>		
<p><b>We are very interested in this opportunity but were disappointed to see that as an economic actor we are ineligible to apply as prime. Would you consider flexibility on this to enable us to submit a concept note? We understand the importance of national actors in this space and would be very open to partnerships further down the line if you were interested in our idea.</b></p>	<p>The instruction in the concept note template that: ‘Non-profit organisations who are <i>not</i> economic actors (i.e. active on a commercial market for supply of goods and services) in the <i>specific context</i> of the engagement can apply for Danish grant support’ is confined to the main (must be read as lead) applicant in the application checklist as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1167 1082 2119 1182"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">√</td> <td>The main applicant is a <i>non-profit organisation</i> that does <i>not</i> act as an economic actor in the specific context of the application</td> </tr> </table> <p>Thus, it is hereby confirmed, that it <b>only applies</b> to the main applicant and hereby highlighted that the ToR encourages consortium to be formed so that technical competencies and eligibility criteria can be complemented.</p>	√	The main applicant is a <i>non-profit organisation</i> that does <i>not</i> act as an economic actor in the specific context of the application
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<p>Eligibility Criteria: The call states that “Non-profit organisations who are not economic actors (i.e. active on a commercial market for supply of goods and services) in the specific context of the engagement can apply for Danish grant support.”</p> <p>Please confirm whether the lead applicant may be an international organisation or whether the lead applicant must be a local organisation/civil society.</p>	<p>The lead applicant <b>must</b> be non-profit organisation and can be an international organisation provided it has the appropriate registration and permit to be able to operate /work in Kenya.</p>
<p>Myself and colleagues were hoping to gain clarity on the following statement in the Concept Note document: <i>Non-profit organisations who are not economic actors (i.e. active on a commercial market for supply of goods and services) in the specific context of the engagement can apply for Danish grant support.</i></p> <p>It would be great to confirm whether this only applies to the main applicant? Or whether it applies to partners also involved in the application? We are considering various partners to develop a Concept Note with.</p>	<p>As Above</p>
<p>Whether a CBO with just over <i>five</i> years working in healthcare, and with a strong track record around adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)), whose work currently focuses on <i>Lamu County</i>, is still considered eligible for this call?</p>	<p>In order to be eligible, all requirements in the call need to be fulfilled and both SRHR and GBV need to be addressed with equally strong technical competences. If an applicant feels it does not cover all competencies /requirements requested, the Consortium model, with several partners covering different competencies is thus encouraged to ensure complementarity.</p>
<p>The clarification is, is it permissible, where an applicant feels technically strong on one component and not the all, say SRHR, to only focus on such, excluding the other component? Or, must an application address both SRHR and GBV?</p>	<p>Indeed, both SRHR and GBV need to be addressed with equally strong technical competences. If an applicant feels it does not cover all competencies requested, the Consortium model, with several partners is thus particularly encouraged to ensure complementarity</p>
<p>what is the maximum grant amount can each organization apply for? We require this information so that we can evaluate what we should put forward in the concept note and this will help us determine the project value.</p> <p>We note that in the call for proposals there is an indication of DKK 50 Million however, we are not sure if that's the total investment for the 5 years or if an organization can request that amount as the project value for the 5 years.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Several Concept Note applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal (stage 2). At the end of which process, only one applicant /consortium will be selected for the award and invited to proceed to the Development Engagement formulation (stage 3).</li> <li>2. The DKK 50 Million is the total investment for the 5 years that will be awarded to the successful applicant once stage 3 is completed.</li> </ol>
<p>1. Do you intend to provide one award or multiple awards in relation to this call for concept notes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Several Concept Note applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal (stage 2). At the end of which process, only one applicant /consortium will be selected for</li> </ol>

<p><b>2. For the purposes of the concept note and the Engagement, can you confirm that adolescence and youth age group is 10-24? This is required to enable us to undertake additional analysis for justification of geographies</b></p>	<p>the award and invited to proceed to the Development Engagement formulation (stage 3).</p> <p>2. The definition of ‘Adolescent and Youth age group’ takes into consideration the Kenyan context and is therefore 10-35 years of age.</p>
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