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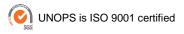
Questions arising from LIFT's Call for Proposals: Inclusion of persons with disabilities and their families in social protection and livelihood programmes

The deadline for written questions was 26 April, 2018. Answers have been compiled on 30 April, 2018.

Due to the delay in posting these answers, LIFT has extended the proposal submission date by the same number of days – to 28 May 12:00 hours (Myanmar local time)

1	Q1: Submission as sub-partner in a consortium: can an INGO be a sub-partner in more than 1 proposal? (i.e. 2 consortia with different leads but some common members)
	A1: Yes. An organization can be a partner or sub-partner in more than 1 proposal.
2	Q2: Submission as partner: can a partner be presented as such in more than 1 proposal? (i.e. 2 INGOs running for the call having chosen the same partner)
	A2: Yes. An organisation can be a partner or sub-partner in more than 1 proposal.
3	Q3: Our organization is currently receiving DFID funding via the DaNa Facility. Are we still eligible to apply for LIFT funding?
	A3: Yes. Being a recipient of other funding, from LIFT donors or other donors, does not affect eligibility for LIFT funding.
4	Q4: Do you know where I can access the LIFT Work Plan Template? I don't see it in the MEAL Guidelines, but it does mention that using the LIFT Work Plan Template is preferred
	A4: https://www.lift-fund.org/work-plan-activity-plan-and-fund-requestupdated12jan2016
5	Q5 : Is a signed MOU a preliminary requirement to apply for this call or is the Registration Certificate sufficient?
	Can the applicant sign the MOU with the competent Ministry after being awarded?
	A5: The LIFT Operating Guidelines state that your organisation needs to have the authority to
	work in the proposed areas. The MoU is not a requirement to apply, but depending on the region/state it can be a requirement to start implementation.
6	Q6: Which are the legal requirements to be a qualified applicant (Registration Certificate, MOU, etc)?
	A6: This call refers to 'qualified organisations' with a reference to LIFT's operational guidelines
	("Eligible implementing partners include the Government of Myanmar, international and
	national non-governmental organisations, United Nations agencies, other international
	organisations, academic or research institutions and private sector companies"). LIFT does not
	stipulate legal requirements to be an applicant.
7	Q7: Is it possible to apply as a single organisation or partnerships with other
	organisation in a consortium are required?

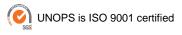
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	A7: Yes, single organisations can apply.
8	Q8: What are the modalities of consortium? Can one applicant sign the grant support
	agreement and then have sub-contractors?
	A8: Yes. UNOPS will sign the grant support agreement with the lead partner. This organisation
	may have their own contracts with sub-partners. Please note that LIFT expects that the 6%
	indirect costs be shared among implementing partner organizations, including local civil
	society organizations, proportionate to their implementation budget (see LIFT's Operational
	Guidelines).
9	Q9: Can microfinance institutions be applicants?
	A9: Yes, microfinance institutions can be applicants.
10	Q10: If an organisation is registered in Myanmar with two legal entities, for example an
	International NGO and a microfinance institution, can it apply with both legal entities?
	A10: Yes, both entities can apply.
11	Q11: The call for proposals entails two components and desired outcomes. Can the applicant
	tackle only one component and the partner organisation target the other one?
	A11: Yes.
12	Q12: Can the applicant submit a budget for the whole provisional allocation's amount of
	USD 2 Million or should it be lower? Is there any budget allocation for the two different
	outcomes?
	A12: A proposal can apply for the entire budget or parts of it. There is no budget allocation for
	the two different outcomes.
13	Q13: We note that the call states that "proposals need to include substantial activities around
	the 1,000 days window to improve nutrition for mothers and children as a preventive
	measure against disabilities". While recognising the importance of this linkage, it may be
	challenging to develop a skills and livelihoods-focused project that also includes this
	preventive nutrition element. Can you please confirm whether this will be an essential, or a desirable, criteria?
	A13: Nutrition (especially the reduction of stunting in the age group under 2 years and the
	1,000 days programme) is an important cross-cutting in the age group under 2 years and the
	effort will be made to seek opportunities to include such nutrition activities.
14	Q14: The call is for interventions at village and ward level, however some employment
	outcomes may be better achieved in the major urban centres. Can the project work in urban
	areas as well towards greater labour mobility for disabled people through appropriate skills
	and job matching programs?
	A14: The proposed action can be anywhere in the geographic regions where LIFT works (Delta,
	Dry Zone, Rakhine and Uplands) targeting people with disabilities, their families, organisations
	working with people with disabilities and local authorities. Proposals are particularly
	encouraged from border/upland areas and for communities in areas affected by conflict.

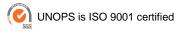
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	LIFT's emphasis is in rural areas and peri-urban areas, however the call does not exclude urban
	areas.
15	Q15: Are there any specific requirements with respect to partnerships with Government
	ministries or activities in which the Government would be an implementing partner?
	A15: There are no specific requirements with respect to partnerships with Government
	ministries or activities in which the Government would be an implementing partner.
	Concerning the transfer of funds to government, please refer to LIFT's Operational Guidelines.
16	Q16: You mention that costs associated with managing and administering the grant project
	should be included, but do these program and administrative costs come within the maximum
	of 6 per cent indirect costs?
	A16: Please refer to LIFT's operational guidelines for definitions on direct and indirect costs.
17	Q17: Component 2 states: "Increased number of people with disabilities engaged in livelihood
	activities". Does this output include increase in income (before and after intervention), or
	simply engagement in livelihood as indicated by income?
	A17: Component 2's outcome is 'Increased number of people with disabilities engaged in
	livelihood activities'. The applicant should demonstrate how their project contributes to this.
18	Q18: Is LIFT thinking of funding only one project or several projects under this call, i.e. is it
	expected that one consortium/project achieves outcomes for 2,000 persons with disabilities?
	A18: The expectation is that the entire programme impacts 2,000 persons. The decision if the
	programme will be a single project or several projects depends on the scope and quality of the
	proposals and will be made once the proposals are assessed.
19	Q19: Confirm that the target of 2,000 persons with disabilities refers to the individuals
	themselves rather than their families or households, e.g. if the carer of a person with disability
	has a stronger livelihood, this is not included in the target of 2,000?
	A19: LIFT expects to support sustainable, measurable and relevant outcomes for around 2,000
	persons with disabilities – this refers to the individuals themselves.
20	Q20: Can one organisation apply for more than one project?
	A20: Yes.
21	Q21: Proposal submission: There are instructions for email submission (page 5) as well as the
	statement that "submissions must be made both electronically and in hard copy" (page 8).
	Please clarify if this is email only or if applicants should also prepare a hard-copy submission
	prior to the due date.
	A21: Apologies for the error on page 8. Proposals should be submitted by email. Hard copy
	submissions of the proposal are not required.
22	Q22: It is noted that "the proposed action can be anywhere in the geographic regions where
	LIFT works" (page 2) and that the approach should strengthen existing LIFT activities and
	systems. Is it a requirement, then, to work where there are current projects, or is there the
	opportunity to expand into new villages within the LIFT zone?

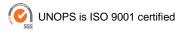
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The proposed action can be anywhere in the geographic regions where LIFT works (Delta, one, Rakhine and Uplands). Proposals are particularly encouraged from border/upland
and for communities in areas affected by conflict. Leveraging existing projects and
ammes is encouraged. Applicants can propose to work in any village/township/state or
n, however, where there may or may not be existing/continuing LIFT activities. The programme for people with disabilities has two components and desired outcomes:
creased inclusion and participation of people with disabilities in engaged and committed nunities and the workforce.
creased number of people with disabilities engaged in livelihood activities.
osed interventions can suggest results in one or both components.
Are there specific deliverables under each component?
Will the evaluation of technical and financial proposals differ for firms proposing interventions for one component as opposed to both components? If yes, how will it differ?
Under Component 2, are we looking at enhancing the skills of people with disabilities
for additional employment/entrepreneurship opportunities (or) providing
unemployed persons with disabilities with employment opportunities (or) a mix of
both.
T has not defined specific deliverables under each component. The applicant's proposal d make these clear.
e evaluation criteria is in annex 2 and will be applied for all proposals, whether for one
onent or both.
e or all of these are options, based on your project design, the comparative advantage of
organisation and past experiences.
Are you only looking for organisations that currently work in border/upland areas and
communities in areas affected by conflict?
No, the call is open to all organisations.
Should we identify the villages of intervention or have these already been identified? If
dy identified, has a baseline survey already been done in these villages?
LIFT has not pre-identified any villages. LIFT expects proposals to state in which
ship(s) the project will work but we do not expect the proposal to name the villages
dy.
Implementation in 150 villages resulting in sustainable, measurable and relevant mession for around 2,000 persons with disabilities would mean reaching out to roughly 13
ns with disabilities in each village. Further, it has been established early on in the RFP the
10 households in Myanmar have people with disabilities.
dering an average village in Myanmar has about 250-300 households there does not

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	seem to be any correlation between the numbers. Kindly explain.
	A26: There are likely to be a higher number of people with disabilities living in these
	villages/townships. LIFT does not however expect that every family will want to engage with
	the project activities. These numbers are a guide only to show LIFT's expectations.
27	Q27: Is the entire USD 2 million reserved for project funding or is it only part amount? What is
	this amount?
	A27: The entire USD 2 million is available for projects in this call.
28	Q28: The following important principles should be kept in mind in preparing a project budget:
	efficiently carrying out the activities and producing the outputs and outcomes, which are set
	forth in the proposal. Other associated costs should be funded from other sources.
	What does other associated costs entail? Kindly explain.
	A28: The key part of the sentence is "Include only costs that <u>directly</u> relate to efficiently
	carrying out the activities and". "Other associated costs" refers to costs not directly related
	to the project implementation.
29	Q29: Is it correct to state that component 1 is having a more general community development
	focus, while component 2 is more specifically directed at livelihoods only?
	In component 1 the call talks about the workforce: we assume this is the entire general
	workforce available in the community Does it still mean that within this more general
	component we especially need to ensure that employment of people with disabilities is an
	important area of intervention?
	A29: Component 1 emphasises community based inclusive development and Component 2
	emphasises livelihood activities.
	Component 1 should more accurately have said 'communities and/or the workforce'.
30	Q30: If the above is true how does this component relate to livelihoods or in other words
	should the strategies/activities under this component still have a pertinent focus on
	livelihoods?
	A30: Component one emphasises community based inclusive development and component
	two emphasises livelihood activities. Linkages between the two components are welcome but
	are not required.
31	Q31: Are lead organisations allowed to subcontract to local partners?
	A31: Yes, lead organisations are allowed to subcontract local partners
32	Q32: In the event that the local partner is also funded by this LIFT call (as a lead organisation),
	is that local partner still eligible to be a 'subcontractee'
	A32: Yes. Please refer to the partner section in the CFP.

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