No 3 Questions and Answers – please see earlier Q&A on RDPP website under RDPP reports

Questions submitted to rdppme@um.dk regarding the Call for concept notes for new partnerships.

Below is answers and clarification to questions received before 16th of February 2023 at 13.00.

If the below clarifications did not sufficiently answer your questions, please submit a request for further clarification to rdppme@um.dk elaborating on your previous question. The reply will be uploaded as a new question.

We have as far as possible aimed to remove language in the question identifying the organisations or persons asking the question.

Question 19

Q19: A Swiss organization would like to know if they are eligible for this fund or not?

A19: Non-profit entities are eligible to apply for the funds. Please also see earlier clarifications regarding registration in relation to SO 1 and 2 versus SO 3. Please also see clarification in Q10 regarding eligibility to receive EU funding.

Question 20:

Q20: We are interested in applying for the Call for Partnerships which you have recently advertised (deadline 1 March), but would like to have a clarification about our eligibility to bid on specific objective 3. The CfP states that

Applicants for specific objective 3 need to be able to legally implement the proposal in the geographical areas proposed.

We have been operating on the ground in the country office in Lebanon since 2016 through a team of local experts/staff members. Our partners include local CSOs, public institutions (Parliament, national government bodies, MoIM) as well as municipalities. We have successfully submitted our application to register as a local branch of an international organisation in March 2018 and are still waiting for the Council of Ministers to issue a decree granting us the official registration. We have not faced any legal issue with the authorities to implement our activities - many of which with MoIM itself. Does that make us eligible to apply?

A20: For SO3 there is no requirement to be registered in the country of the intended implementation, while the activities envisioned in the project have to be able to be legally implemented in the intended areas.

Question 21:

Q21:

- 1. Do we apply for each SO separately or are research and advocacy (SO3) and localization (SO4) to be mainstreamed in SO1 or SO2 (whichever one we apply/if we apply to both)?
- 2. Is localization a standalone SO or one to be mainstreamed? Because it says in the TOR that it's cross-cutting.
- 3. Are there any objections or reservations on VTC scholarships?

A21:

- An organization should only submit one application per country and/or regional proposal. Advocacy, policy dialogue and localization can be mainstreamed in SO1 and SO2
- 2. Localisation cannot be a standalone objective of an application
- 3. We cannot comment on specific activities such as VTC scholarships. The proposed activities should be relevant to achieve the project objective of the presented concept note and aligned with the overall RDPP Specific Objective focus, as described in the program document.

Question 22:

Q22:

- Is there a specific requirement for % of Syrian refugees vs. % of Jordanians in the targeted population?
- Is there a specific requirement for the targeted % of males vs. % of females?
- Do we have to fulfill or complete all of the outputs under each targeted outcome?

A22:

- There is no specific % requirement of Syrian refugees vs. Jordanians in the target population. The basis for the project and the selection of the target groups should be needs-based
- There is no specific % requirement for males vs. females
- No, it is not necessary to address all the outputs under an outcome or Specific Objective

Question 23:

Q23:

- Can we apply one application for three countries: Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq is eligible as we could see on the concept note template that we can rather Tick (Jordan) Or/And Lebanon OR (Regional) and here's is my question if we Tick Regional can this reflect the three Countries ?(Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq).
- Do three countries fit in Objective 1 and Objective number 2 as we are all a border countries to Syria and are hosting refugees who are impacted with Syrian Displacement crisis.

A23:

- Please tick the box 'regional', if the concept note is covering more than one country.
- SO1 and SO2 do not cover Iraq under RDPP III. SO3 can cover a broader geographical focus including Iraq

Question 24:

Q24:

- We will be targeting SO2.1 Gender equality. Can we only target this one or do we have to target SO2.2 Child labor alongside Gender Equality?
- In RDPP III's result framework, Indicator 2.1.1.3 refers to "% of cases who have benefitted from livelihoods support facilitated by RDPP partners". Have these partners already been identified and what will be the coordination modality to ensure timely referrals?
- Do we have to address all indicators highlighted in RDPP III result framework for the Specific Objective targeted?
- RDPPIII Programme document "Partner selection modality" refers to "One restricted call for proposals for livelihood support and gender equality (30-35M euros) and One or more limited calls for proposals on child labour (7-8M euros) and possibly advocacy and policy dialogue (call amount to be defined)." Does this mean that as part of this Call for

Proposals we can only target livelihoods support and/or gender equality? Or can we target child labour and/or advocacy alongside livelihood support and/or gender equality?

- Is there a minimum percentage of refugees to be targeted as part of the program?
- Can we include as target group other refugees in addition to Syrians as the first target population?

A24:

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- 1. You can target SO2.1 gender equality without targeting SO2.2. child labour
- 2. No partners have been identified yet. The livelihoods partners will also be identified as part of the present, ongoing open call. Indicator 2.1.1.3. will capture projects, which contribute to both SO1 and SO2.
- 3. A project does not need to address all the indicators under a Specific Objective in the RDPP results framework
- 4. We have decided to include child labour in the open call. A proposed concept note can target child labour and advocacy alongside livelihoods and/or gender equality
- 5. There is no minimum percentage of refugees to be targeted. The basis for the RDPP is to address the impact of the Syrian displacement crisis though
- 6. Other refugee target groups can be included

Question 25:

Q25:

- 1. In case of the co-applicant, do we indicate them separately as a budget line in the proposed budget section?
- 2. In case we are selecting only 2 Strategic Objectives (SO1 &2), can we tick another sub-objective in section 2 of the concept note (ex. 3) related to SO3
- 3. Are the targets indicated in the Programme Document mentioned in the call for concept notes indicative of the minimum that we should target over the duration of the project till 2026 or used as an example

A25:

- The co-applicant does not have to be identified separately in the budget. The roles and responsibilities of the lead- and co-applicants have to be explained in section 8 in the concept note, which should also include a % of budget managed by each applicant
- You can tick SO1 and SO2 as the main objectives. We include the focus of the subobjective in the further negotiation process, if the concept note is successful
- The targets mentioned in the program document and results framework is for the entire RDPP program 2023-2026 i.e. these are the total targets that all partnerships under RDPP will contribute to, which we expect will be more than 20 partnerships. It is not expected that a single partner can achieve these targets.

Question 26:

Q26:

Can identified partners be profit making entities?

A26:

The question does not specify whether "identified partners" refer to co-applicants, subpartners, or targeted entities in general. Co-applicants can only be non-profit. It is however anticipated that certain project approaches will necessitate partnerships with private sector, profit making entities, and those may benefit from direct project support. The proposed projects have to be aligned with the criteria for Official Development Assistance (ODA), as the funding provided by RDPP is development aid.

Question 27:

Q27: Can the co-operative society participate with you?

A27:

Yes, a co-operative society can apply for the call. The objective of the project will need to fulfill the ODA eligibility criteria

Question 28:

Q28:

 \vec{I} would like to request confirmation if an International NGO can apply with a National NGO with the latter being the Lead of the consortium.

A28:

Yes, an international NGO and a national NGO can apply as a consortium. Either can lead the consortium.