

**Questions submitted to [rdppme@um.dk](mailto:rdppme@um.dk) regarding the Call for concept notes for new partnerships.**

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<b>Question 1</b>
<i>Q1: Which language can the concept notes be submitted in?</i> A1: Concept notes have to be submitted in English.
<b>Question 2:</b>
<i>Q2: Questions on the eligibility criteria for the Objective 4 (Localization):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Is there a defined regional scope (such as Lebanon and Jordan for Objectives 1 and 2)? Or can a wider geographical approach be adopted, as it is possible for Objective 3?</i></li></ul> <p>A2a: Localization need to be linked to one or more of the Specific Objectives 1, 2 or 3. The geographical scope has to follow the scope of the Specific Objective it is linked to i.e. Jordan and Lebanon only for SO 1 and 2, while for SO 3 can include engagements with a broader geographical focus related to the Syria displacement crisis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Is there a registration criterion for the country(ies) in which the activities will be implemented ? Do the lead and co-applicant(s) have to be registered with the national authorities or is it sufficient to be legally authorized to operate in the country(ies) ?</i></li></ul> <p>A2b: If the entity is the lead applicant on a concept note related to Specific Objective 1 or 2, both the lead applicant and co-applicant(s) have to be able to legally conduct activities they intend to implement in the country of operation i.e. the entity(ies) have to be registered with relevant authorities in Lebanon and/or Jordan. For Specific Objective 3, the lead applicant and co-applicant(s) also have to be legally able to implement the proposed activities in the country(ies) of operation, while the entity(ies) may be based elsewhere.</p> <p>In case above did not fully clarify your question, please clarify what is meant by '<i>legally authorized to operate in the country(ies)</i>', as we are not entirely sure what that would entail.</p>
<b>Question 3:</b>
<i>Q3: Our organization is registered in an EU Member State only, and supports the work of Lebanese partners in Lebanon. A partner would be interested in applying to objective 1 and 2. As an organization not registered in Lebanon, we understand that we cannot apply. Could our Lebanese partner apply directly? Should our support as an international organization be mentioned in a specific way in the proposal? The goal would be to provide guarantees regarding the partners capacity to manage such a grant.</i>  A3: The Lebanese organisation can apply directly, if they are registered with the relevant authorities in Lebanon. Other organisations with a specific role in the proposal, such as support to capacity development, should be mentioned as co-applicants and the roles of each partner specified under section 8 in the concept note format. Specific activities related

to capacity development can be further elaborated in section 12. Please note that the lead applicant will be the contract holder of the potential partnership and will financially manage the potential grant.

**Question 4:**

*Q4: We are in the process of finalizing our bank account. Could we apply before getting it?*

A4: The criteria is for applicants to be legally registered. It is not a requirement to have a bank account to be able to apply to the call. It will be necessary to have a bank account before contracting though, which we expect to start in the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2023 with most partnerships contracted only in Q3 or Q4.

**Question 5:**

*Q5: We would like to ask about the issue of official registration in Lebanon. Our organization applied for registration some years ago, and the file is complete at the Ministry of Interior we are still awaiting for approval. We are also registered at the National Social Security Fund. In such a scenario, would it be possible for our organization to apply as a lead agency to this call? If it is not possible, would it be then acceptable to apply with our European registration? In that case, the contractual part would be with our Headquarters in Europe, who will receive the funding and transfer to Lebanon.*

A5: If the organisation is the lead applicant on a concept note related to Specific Objective 1 or 2, the lead applicant and co-applicant(s) have to be able to legally conduct the activities they intend to implement in the country of operation i.e. the organisation has to be registered with relevant authorities in Lebanon and/or Jordan. It is not possible for lead applicants for SO 1 and 2 to not be legally registered in the country they intend to operate in.

For Specific Objective 3, the lead applicant and co-applicant(s) also have to be legally able to implement the proposed activities in the countries of operation, while the entity(ies) may be based elsewhere.

**Question 6:**

*Q6: Our organization is interested to apply for RDPP3 call for proposal. Similarly, to RDPP3, in the RDPP2 round, the priority was also given to the local applicants, and local partners have received 10 points more than an INGO applicant (even when submitting with several local partners).*

*We seek to understand if the current call, local Jordanian applicants will be scored higher than international or there will be an equal treatment of partners regardless of their country of origin.*

A6: The commitment to localization is a core principle of RDPP and also a cross-cutting objective in phase III.

All proposals are assessed equally and scored according to the criteria outlined in the Partner Selection Matrix in Annex 2. Annex 2 is available as part of the Program Document uploaded on the RDPP website (link inserted in the call document).

As outlined in Annex 2, the specific localization scores are assigned according to two criteria:

- 3.1 How well does the project support the overall localization outcomes of RDPP III? This criterion scores 15 points
- 3.2 Does the proposal outline how national and sub-national structures and institutions, which are strategically relevant to the intervention, will be strengthened or capacitated through the project? This criterion scores 10 points

**Question 7:**

*Q7: In terms of the eligibility criteria, it states that all applicants and co-applicants applying for specific objective 1 and 2 need to be registered entities with the relevant national authorities in the country/ies in which the project intends to be implemented.*

*Does this include INGOs with registered country offices in Lebanon for example? We are an European registered NGO but have a Country Office that is registered in Lebanon. Does that mean we can apply, or is the call only open to local Lebanese organisations?*

A7: INGOs legally registered with the relevant authorities in the countries they intend to implement in under Specific Objective 1 and 2 are eligible to apply.

**Question 8:**

*Q8: Our trade union development agency is a civil society organisation owned by an European trade union movement. We are active in Jordan through local partnerships with Jordanian trade union confederations and sector federations. We have an office in Jordan and are registered with the national authorities. Our partner organisations are also registered with the national authorities.*

*Can you please confirm that the our trade union development agency is eligible to apply for funding through the RDPP III with Jordanian trade unions as partner organisations (co-applicants)?*

A8: The call is open to all non-profit entities, who are eligible to receive development aid grants.

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**Question 9**

Q9:

1. *Is it correctly understood that the Call for Concept Note specifies two different types of partnerships?*
  - a. *Operational partnerships covering Lebanon and/or Jordan for objective 1 and 2.*
  - b. *Advocacy and Policy partnerships covering objective 3 with a broader geographic focus.*
2. *Does the call allow for one application from an organisation covering objectives, 1, 2 and 3 together?*

A9:

It is correct that SO1 and SO2 geographically cover Lebanon and/or Jordan, while SO3 can cover a broader geographical focus related to the Syria displacement crisis.

Yes, it is possible for proposals to cover all three objectives.

**Question 10:**

Q10:

- **Eligibility:** *Can you please confirm that organizations established outside the European Union are eligible under this call for concept notes? Can you please confirm that the following statement "Applicants listed as ineligible to receive funds from EU will be disqualified" only refers to entities who are in any of the situations listed in Section 2.6.10.1 of the European Union's practical guide.*
- **Number of applications per organization:** *The call guidelines state that one organization can only submit one application per country, either as lead or co-applicant. Does the same apply to applications submitted as "regional"? For example, can the same organization submit one application for Lebanon, one application for Jordan, and one "regional" application?*
- **Objectives:** *Can proposed interventions be framed to answer one objective partially? For example, can a project respond to gender equality only and not to gender equality AND child labor, under objective 2?*
- **Partner capacity development:** *We understand that additional funding will be allocated to selected grant recipients to conduct partner capacity development activities. Should such activities be mentioned in the concept note (but not budgeted for) or will such activities be agreed upon at the co-creation stage?*

A10:

- Eligibility: Organisations established outside the European Union are eligible to apply for the call. We confirm that applicants listed as ineligible to receive funds from the EU refers to the situations listed in section 2.6.10.1 of the European Union Practical Guide available here: [ePrag-en-2019.0.pdf \(ufmsecretariat.org\)](http://ufmsecretariat.org/ePrag-en-2019.0.pdf)
- Number of applications per organisation: As stated in the Call 'One entity can only submit one concept note per country, whether as a main applicant or co-applicant.' As such, an organisation can submit a concept note for Lebanon, one for Jordan and one regional. RDPP would most likely not choose to engage in 3 separate contracts with one organization, but it will of course depend on the content and how the concepts align with RDPP priorities.
- Objectives: Yes, a concept note can address an objective partially i.e. it does not have to address gender equality and child labour. Neither does it for example have to address job creation, employability and income generation in the same project proposal
- Partner capacity development: For selected direct partnerships (lead applicant) with national and local entities, once a concept note has been approved, direct partnerships with national and local organisations will include specific budget allocations and results framework references related to the partners' organisational capacity development and support. The intended or proposed activities can be mentioned in the concept note, but will be finally negotiated and budgeted during the full proposal development phase. For other capacity development activities, such as capacity development of national structures or institutions under 4.2, these should be included in the budget.

#### Question 11:

*Q11:*

*We have a question about "RDPP III will engage in operational partnerships under SO 1 and 2 in Jordan and Lebanon, while partnerships under SO 3 may cover engagements with a broader geographical focus related to the Syrian displacement crisis and as per the priorities and directions defined in the Program Document "*

*Our organization is established in Turkey but the operations areas in Syria, Are we eligible to apply for application?*

*A11:*

As an organization based in Türkiye with operations areas in Syria, your organisation would be eligible to apply under Specific Objective 3. To apply under Specific Objective 1 and 2, the applicant/s will need to be registered with the relevant authorities in the country the proposed project will be implemented in. SO1 and 2 are geographically limited to Lebanon and Jordan.

#### Question 12:

*Q12:*

- *Is a non-European international development agency (non-profit entity) registered in Jordan and / or Lebanon eligible to apply? If yes, as the lead or co-applicant or as either of these?*
- *Does an applicant applying for specific objective 1 and/ or 2 need to be a registered entity in both countries if the project is intended to be implemented in Jordan and Lebanon?*

- *Would an applicant registered in Jordan and a co-applicant registered in Lebanon (or vice versa) be considered eligible to apply for / implement a project intended to be implemented in Jordan and Lebanon, or do all the applicants/ co-applicants need to be registered in both countries?*

A12:

- Yes, a non-European international development agency registered in Jordan and/or Lebanon can apply as either lead applicant or co-applicant
- The applicant for SO 1 and 2 will need to be registered to implement the intended activities in the countries the proposed project is targeting.
- The applicant/s (lead applicant and co-applicant/s) need to be able to legally operate in the country of the implementation of the activities under SO 1 and 2. If the co-applicant is the lead on the implementation in one of the countries and registered with relevant authorities in this country, this should be specified in section 8 of the concept note.

Question 13:

Q13:

*Our association is a local association that was established in 2020, and has implemented several social activities through its own efforts and the subscriptions of its six members.*

*Can this association be a partner in this program? If yes, what is required to be implemented now? Is it enough just to send the name of the association via the email sent?*

A13:

Non-profit entities can apply for the Call. To apply for the Call, a concept note in the format attached to the Call document should be submitted together with the two mentioned annexes. The deadline for application is 1<sup>st</sup> of March at 12.00 Beirut-time.

Question 14:

Q14:

*There is a section in Annex 2 of the Programme Document that splits the objectives into two separate calls (see below). It is only mentioned in the Programme Document, there is nothing about this in the call for CNs. Could you kindly confirm that we can apply for Livelihood Support, Gender Equality and Child Labor within one call/CN, or are we restricted to the framework highlighted below?*

A14:

Yes, confirmed that you can apply for livelihood support, gender equality and child labour in the same proposed project/CN

Question 15:

Q15:

*Regarding section 8 in concept note: Is this section asking to list the responsible staff member managing each division, to provide their cv's and the amount they will each be responsible for?*

A15:

No, this section is requesting the lead applicant and possible co-applicant/s to describe their existing organisational capacities and expertise related to the focus of the concept note. If co-applicant/s are included, the section should describe the division of roles of the applicants

(lead and co-applicants) in the proposed project, including the division of budget each will be responsible for.

**Question 16:**

**Q16:**

*Regarding section 12 Localisation: Is it considered an approved localisation activity if our organisation addresses it's own organisational capacities and in doing so consequently supports the capacities of national/sub national institutions through the rise in employability and income generation of it's beneficiaries?*

A16: If the lead applicant is a national or local organisation, then the focus of the localisation can be to enhance the organisations own capacities. The purpose does not have to be linked to employability or income generation objectives. The RDPP will support capacity development of national or local organisations to strengthened institutional and organisational growth and development that will increase the capacity or the supported organisation to address the needs of their target groups.

**Question 17:**

**Q17:**

*As the exchange rates are ever changing, what do you recommend we do when equivalating the costs from Lebanese pounds to DKK?*

A17: The RDPP will only approve budgets in DKK. Most budget calculations we review are calculated in USD to DKK. The budget amount RDPP commits to will be the DKK amount.

**Question 18:**

**Q18:**

*The maximum percentage of indirect/overhead costs set in the call of 7% is lower than the global agreement with UN agencies signed by all donors unless stated otherwise in a bilateral framework agreement with a donor. Will UN agencies be able to be considered for funding with the percentage of overhead cost agreed with the respective UN agencies or would this be a disqualified for our application from the start of the evaluation process?*

**A18:**

As the RDPP is managed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, which adhere to the global agreement on the indirect/overhead costs for UN agencies, the indirect/overhead cost for UN agencies will be allowed to exceed 7%.

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

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<b>Question 19</b>
<p><i>Q19: A Swiss organization would like to know if they are eligible for this fund or not?</i></p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Question 20:</b>
<p><i>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</i></p> <p><i>Applicants for specific objective 3 need to be able to legally implement the proposal in the geographical areas proposed.</i></p> <p><i>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?</i></p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Question 21:</b>
<p><b>Q21:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>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)?</i></li><li><i>2. Is localization a standalone SO or one to be mainstreamed? Because it says in the TOR that it's cross-cutting.</i></li><li><i>3. Are there any objections or reservations on VTC scholarships?</i></li></ol>

A21:

1. 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?*
- *RDPP III 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:

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 sub-objective 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, sub-partners, 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:

*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.

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<b>Question 29</b>
<p><b>Q29:</b> <i>Where are the previous questions and answers uploaded on the website?</i></p> <p><b>A29:</b> We have uploaded 3 documents with questions and answers so far. This is the 4<sup>th</sup>. They are available under 'resources' -&gt; 'rdpp reports' <a href="http://rdpp-me.org">RDPP REPORTS (rdpp-me.org)</a></p>
<b>Question 30</b>
<p><b>Q30:</b> <i>Is there a specific format, which the concept note have to be submitted in?</i></p> <p><b>A30:</b> Yes, concept notes are only eligible, if submitted in the format attached to the call for concept notes for new partnerships called "concept note format". It further has to follow the criteria outlined in 'eligibility criteria', under 'how to apply' and the introduction section in the concept note format.</p>
<b>Question 31</b>
<p><b>Q31:</b> - <i>Should the organisational capacity development for the lead organisation relate to the specific objective targeted (in this case gender equality) or can it target any aspect of organisational capacity development?</i></p> <p><b>A31:</b> The organizational capacity development should be related to the capacity development needs of the organization and will not need to be related to the specific objective, which the proposed project will be targeting.</p>
<b>Question 32:</b>
<p><b>Q32:</b> <i>In cases where INGOs are applying, should the Annex "Lead applicant background information" be filled in with the headquarters (signatory entity) information, or with the country office (implementing entity) information?</i></p> <p><b>A32:</b> For SO1 and SO2, we would prefer to have the information regarding the country office, whereas for SO3 it can be the signatory entity</p>
<b>Question 33:</b>
<p><b>Q33:</b> <i>Applicant entity and co-applicant(s) roles in section 8 of the Concept Note, if we are applying alone, do we answer with 'N/A'? If not, kindly advise.</i></p>

A33: In case of only one applicant, please describe the capacities and expertise of the lead applicant entity in relation to the proposed concept note

**Question 34:**

Q34:

1. *Our organisation is registered in Germany and is in process of registration in Lebanon since 2018. Are we eligible to apply for Objective 3 and 4?*
2. *Due to the registration process, our staff in Lebanon are on in-house experts contracts. Is this an acceptable setup?*
3. *In all our projects implemented in Lebanon, our staff/in-house experts in Lebanon are placed under the staff sections of the budget. Will this be a correct presentation for this proposal?*
4. *Is it mandatory for the lead applicant to be legally registered in the country of the proposed project?*

A34:

1. Yes, for specific objective 3 and 4 there is no requirement to be registered in the country of implementation.
2. We are not familiar with the contractual issues of in-house experts, so we can unfortunately not advise on this.
3. All HR costs to both direct project staff and support staff (HR, logistic, etc.) should be reflected under the staff costs. If the concept note is selected, in the development of the detailed budget we will ask for further details on the HR positions, including percentage of coverage from support staff covered by the budget.
4. If the concept note is aimed at specific objective 1 or 2, then it is a requirement for the lead applicant to be registered in the country the project will be implemented in

**Question 35:**

Q35:

*Question 1: are the targets set in the log frame for both countries: Jordan and Lebanon?*

*Question 2: Are UN agencies eligible to apply for phase III of the RDDP?*

*Question 3: On the below indicator (2.2.1) what is the expected overarching target for child labour, when the assumption is that 200 children would disengaged from labour.*

*2.2.1 200 children under legal working age disengaged from labour 6 months after the end of support*

*Question 4: For indicator (2.2.2) What would be the baseline or total target for supporting children engaged in labour and to which we would need ensure that 70% would have their working conditions improved?*

*2.2.2 70% supported working children (above legal working age) reporting improved working conditions in line with existing normative frameworks*

A35:

1. The targets in the RDPP results framework is the overall targets for RDPP as a program i.e. they cover both Lebanon, Jordan and regional projects and there will be many partnerships contributing to achieving them.
2. UN agencies are eligible to apply for RDPP III
3. The overall target is for 200 children to be removed from child labour 6 months after the end of support i.e. after end of intervention targeted the family. We expect the applicant entities to have experience with measuring impact of their interventions

aimed at reducing child labour and therefore would have experience in what it would take to achieve the target

4. We will be consulting ILO frameworks on this, while also recognizing that decent working conditions in full according to the normative framework can be difficult to achieve. The indicator is aimed as measuring perceptions of the working children towards improved working conditions, such as reduced working hours, less hazardous work, better pay etc.

#### Question 36:

Q36:

*We wanted to check if it is possible for a private business and/or social enterprise to be a co-applicant?*

A36:

It is possible for a private business and/or social enterprise to be a co-applicant. 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 37:

Q37:

*We wanted to ask regarding the recommended nationality split for beneficiaries - noting the expressed emphasis on those directly displaced by the Syrian crisis? (i.e. 50% Syrian, 50% Lebanese vs 70% Syrian, 30% Lebanese, etc.)*

A37:

The targeted communities and/or families should be selected based on their needs and according to the national frameworks for the sector of intervention. We do not have a recommended split between nationalities for the RDPP III.

#### Question 38:

Q38:

- 1- *Is sub-granting accepted under this call?*
- 2- *What is considered as 'Income Generating' activities, more particularly is it limited to specific set of activities (exp. vocational training, life skills, etc.) or can it be broader?*

A38:

1. Sub-granting is allowed under the call
2. Income generating activities is expected to be aimed at interventions focused on highly vulnerable refugee and local community members, primarily including families who have been forced to adopt negative coping mechanisms to secure basic livelihoods. Please also see section 11.1. in the program document available for download here: [ABOUT US \(rdpp-me.org\)](http://rdpp-me.org)

#### Question 39:

Q39:

*According to Page 4 of the Call for Concept Note, "Applicants listed as ineligible to receive funds from EU will be disqualified.", we would like to ask if a US entity is eligible for this call.*

A39:

Organisations established outside the European Union are eligible to apply for the call. We confirm that applicants listed as ineligible to receive funds from the EU refers to the situations listed in section 2.6.10.1 of the European Union Practical Guide available here: [ePrag-en-2019.0.pdf \(ufmsecretariat.org\)](http://efrag-en-2019.0.pdf)

Question 40:

Q40:

I have two questions regarding section 14 (proposed budget) of the RDPP

1. *Should the lines include the costs for the lead applicant and each of the co-applicants? For examples should the HR cost for direct project staff include the staff costs of all the organizations involved in the project or only of the lead applicant?*
2. *What qualifies under direct project staff and support staff?*

A40:

1. The lines should include the costs for the lead applicant and for each of the co-applicants. All HR costs should be included for all the participating applicants. This is of course not possible, if the participating entities will be sub-grantees and/or identified through procurement
2. By project staff is entailed staff dedicated and working mainly on the project. By support staff is meant support functions, such as HR, logistic and other similar functions, where they will only dedicate part of their efforts towards this specific project i.e. HR 10% for example.

**No 5 Questions and Answers – please see earlier Q&A on RDPP website under 'Resources' -> 'RDPP reports'**

**Questions submitted regarding the Call for concept notes for new partnerships.**

Below is answers and clarification to questions received before 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2023 at 12.00 Beirut-time. We have as far as possible aimed to remove language in the question identifying the organisations or persons asking the question.

The opportunity for questions for clarification are now closed, as per earlier communicated deadline Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12.00 Beirut-time.

<p><b>Question 41</b></p>
<p><b>Q41:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Can the association present its proposal at the level of the district of the place of its work center?</i></li><li>• <i>Is it permissible for the target percentage of Syrian refugees to be 20% through job creation and empowerment programs?</i></li><li>• <i>Can the proposed budget be in euros instead of Danish kroner?</i></li><li>• <i>When will the response be if the proposal is approved?</i></li><li>• <i>And if the proposal responded to the four objectives of the RDPP, is this good and gives a greater chance of approval?</i></li></ul> <p><b>A41:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The geographical focus of the proposed project should be outlined in the concept note under section 7 listed under 'geographical areas. If the level is the district, then it should be mentioned here.</li><li>• The targeted communities and/or families should be selected based on their needs and according to the national frameworks and relevant response plans for the sector of intervention. We do not have a recommended split between nationalities for the RDPP III. The basis for the RDPP is to address the impact of the Syrian displacement crisis though.</li><li>• No, we only accept budget numbers in Danish Kroner (DKK). If the concept note is selected, we only sign contracts in Danish Kroner as well in accordance with the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs financial regulations</li><li>• We expect to be able to provide feedback on the submitted concept notes towards the end of April. We will of course aim for providing feedback as soon as possible.</li><li>• Targeting all four objectives of the RDPP does not give a higher score. The concept notes will be evaluated according to how aligned they are with the RDPP objectives and scored according to the criteria outlined in Annex 2 to the Program Document available to be downloaded on the RDPP website under 'who we are' <a href="http://rdpp-me.org">ABOUT US (rdpp-me.org)</a></li></ul>
<p><b>Question 42</b></p>
<p><b>Q42:</b></p> <p><i>Is it obligatory to have another organization partner to be an eligible organization for this project?</i></p> <p><b>A42:</b></p> <p>No, it is not a requirement to have a co-applicant</p>
<p><b>Question 43</b></p>

*Q43: Are sub-grants in cash or in kind to SMEs are an eligible expense in projects financed under this call. Can you please confirm the eligibility of such expenses?*

A43: Sub-grants in cash or in-kind to SMEs are an eligible expense