***No 4 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 20th 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.

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| ***Clarification*** |
| ***Based on several requests for clarifications, kindly see clarification regarding eligibility of applicants in relation to non-profit from the technical and quality assurance department:***Rather than examining the partner type, we will examine the purpose/objective of the proposed project and whether it is Official Development Assistance (ODA) eligible. The objective of the proposed project has to be ODA-eligible, including non-profit, and aligned with the RDPP objectives.  |
| *Question 29* |
| *Q29:**Where are the previous questions and answers uploaded on the website?*A29:We have uploaded 3 documents with questions and answers so far. This is the 4th. They are available under ‘resources’ -> ‘rdpp reports’ [RDPP REPORTS (rdpp-me.org)](https://www.rdpp-me.org/rdpp-reports) |
| *Question 30* |
| *Q30:* *Is there a specific format, which the concept note have to be submitted in?*A30: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. |
| *Question 31* |
| *Q31: - 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?*A31: The organisational 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.  |
| Question 32: |
| *Q32: 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?* A32: For SO1 and SO2, the information has to concern the country office, whereas for SO3 it can be the signatory entity, if no presence in Lebanon/Jordan. |
| Question 33: |
| *Q33: 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.* A33: In case of only one applicant, in section 8 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 details of in-house experts, so we can unfortunately not advise on this.
3. All personnel costs; direct staff, support staff and consultants utilized in staff positions, should be reflected in the staffing budget. If the concept note is selected, in the development of the detailed budget we will ask for further details on the HR positions, including levels of effort from all 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
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| 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 the end of intervention with their household. 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 consult relevant international and respective national legal frameworks on this. The indicator is aimed as measuring perceptions of the working children and/or their caregivers towards improved working conditions, such as working hours, hazardous work, pay etc.
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| 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 objective of the project has to be non-profit though and aligned with the RDPP objectives. 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 and relevant response plans for the sector of intervention. We do not have a recommended spilt between nationalities for the RDPP III. The basis for the RDPP is to address the impact of the Syrian displacement crisis though. |
| 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 are expected to include 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)](https://www.rdpp-me.org/about-us#who-we-are)
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| 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, provided other conditions are fulfilled, as specified in the call and the Q&As. 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)](https://ufmsecretariat.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/ePrag-en-2019.0.pdf) |
| Question 40: |
| *Q40:*I have two questions regarding section 14 (proposed budget) of the RDPP1. *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 known HR costs should be included for all the participating applicants. We acknowledge that the sub-grantees may yet to need to be identified and such costs are not known and as such cannot be included.
2. ”Project staff” refers to staff dedicated to and working mainly on the implementation of the project. ”Support staff” refers to support functions, which may or may not support multiple projects, such as HR, logistic and other similar functions. If the concept note is selected, in the development of the detailed budget we will ask for further details on the HR positions, including levels of effort from all staff covered by the budget.
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