

Call for Expression of Interest: Addressing Basic Needs and Supporting Livelihoods of the People of Afghanistan

(Ref: AFG/2024/Call for expression of interest 1)

Responses to questions received by email 10 days before the deadline for the submission of concept notes

Question	Answer
1. Specifically, under Lot 1: I wish to understand whether the scope of this opportunity encompasses the direct management and operation of health facilities, or if it is confined to the enhancement and support of existing health services?	The project proposals should seek to increase the access to and availability of the health services, and to improve the quality of care.
2. Is it allowed to include training ("upgrading" of skills) for teachers in government schools? It was unclear to us if this is disallowed, if it was seen as technical assistance to the DfA.	This Call for Expressions of Interest does not include training for teachers in government schools.
3. I am reaching out with a question regarding the eligibility of certain activities within the call for proposal AFG/2024/Call for expression of interest 1 We would like to propose the building of a structure that would function both as a physiotherapy centre and a gym for women and men with disabilities in Jalalabad city. The concept note will also include the implementation of sport and social inclusion activities for people with disabilities in the above mentioned gym, in collaboration with the ICRC. Are the funding of infrastructure activities, such as the building of the gym, eligible within the call for proposal in lot 1? It would be very important for us to have this clear information as soon as possible, before advancing with the concept note development.	Infrastructure, including the construction of new buildings, is not allowed. Renovation of existing infrastructure on a small scale is allowed.
4. Does the planned action need to target only outcomes under one lot or is it possible to target outcomes of both lots with one concept?	The proposals submitted can only address objectives within a single lot. The lot number must be indicated explicitly in the concept note. Minor supplementary activities from the other lot can be incorporated in the proposal, but the primary activities must contribute to the objectives of the lot under which the specific proposal was submitted.

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5. Is a pre-established presence in the location a requirement to respond in that location, or would evidence of our capability to operate in that location suffice?	The pre-established presence of applicants under this call at the locations where activities will take place is not mandatory; the capacity, experience, and expertise of the respective organisations will be considered.