

NEGOTIATED PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARD OF GRANTS  
 Collaboration in Cross-Border Areas of the Horn of Africa Region

**CLARIFICATIONS  
 to the guidelines for applicants (cluster I and cluster II)**

In addition to the answers to the questions that were raised during the two information sessions, which were published on the websites of the EU Delegations to Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia, please find below the answers to additional written questions sent to:

- delegation-ethiopia-infra@eeas.europa.eu for Cluster I
- delegation-kenya-rural@eeas.europa.eu for Cluster II

The written responses provided in the table should be considered the final official answers to each question.

	Questions	Answers
1)	Is the authorization to work in conflict issue in Ethiopia necessary also for lot 2?	No, only for lot 1.
2)	Geographical coverage on Kenyan side : notes talked about Loiyangalani while the map covers Laisamis. Should we cover Laisamis as a sub-county given that Loiyangalani market is situated area/location/ward is situated with the Laisamis-sub county? Given that Laisamis has a major Livestock Market and other business transactions, could we include it as a target area?	As it is depicted in the map included in the guidelines, the geographical coverage of the action on Kenyan side in Marsabit county includes Illeret and North Horr wards of North Horr sub-county and Loiyangalani ward of Laisamis sub-county. <b>The mention North Horr in the map should read "Illeret and North Horr" and the mention Laisamis in the map should read "Loiyangalani".</b> <i>According to section 2.1.4 of the guidelines "eligible actions for which an application may be made will have to be implemented within the geographical boundaries portrayed in the given map." "In exceptional circumstances, activities could be undertaken outside these geographical boundaries where there is strong case for doing so (e.g. value chain activities that fall outside the cluster)." It is up to the applicants to justify whether there is a strong case.</i>
3)	Especially for Kenya the main urban centres (Marsabit/Lodwar) are not included in the target areas but there are market, economic, social, administrative linkages between the target areas and the county capital. When there are logical connection can activities include also the county capitals?	Please refer to section 2.1.4 of the guidelines " <i>The activities which will be considered eligible under this procedure will have to be implemented within</i> " the cluster geographical boundaries as portrayed in the given map. " <i>In exceptional circumstances, activities could be undertaken outside these geographical boundaries where there is strong case for doing so (e.g. value chain activities that fall outside the cluster)." It is up to the applicants to justify whether</i>

		there is a strong case.
4)	We have experience of cross border conflict management over natural resources between Kenya and Ethiopia and we used alternative approaches (with a number of activities physically conducted in Kenya) but we don't have exemption to the 2009 Charities and Societies Proclamation (CSP) provisions. Can we still apply for lot 1?	As it is clearly mentioned in section 2.1.1 of the guidelines to be eligible for Lot 1 a consortium should: " <i>include at least a consortium member (lead applicant or co-applicant) who is allowed to work on conflict prevention and resolution in Ethiopia. The application should include a proof from the competent government body of the member's exemption to the 2009 Charities and Societies Proclamation (CSP) provisions.</i> "

Any further requests for clarification may be submitted to by **latest 8 May 2017** to:

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