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CLARIFICATIONS to the guidelines for applicants

In addition to the answers to the questions that were raised during the information sessions, please find below the answers to additional written questions sent to:

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

	Questions	Answers
1)	Is it expected that the EU award the whole budget of the call for proposals to a single proposal or there is a preference to fund more than one project?	Yes. There will be only one grant contract awarded under this call for proposal (see the corrigendum to the Guidelines for applicants published together with this clarification – section 1.3).
2)	Is there any expectation or guidance in term of minimum number of direct beneficiaries for the Action?	No. It has to be determined and constructed based on the consortium analysis and technical assessment of feasibility. It is expected that the number of beneficiaries presented in the proposal is ambitious enough but realistic and in line with the principle of Value for Money.
3)	Can the EU share relevant reports on the learnings from its other pilot job creation projects (Siti, Waghimra, Jijiga etc)?	Please refer to the EUTF website https://ec.europa.eu/trustfundforafrica/index_en where the available information on existing EUTF job creation initiatives is published, and also https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/

4)	Are the 8 woredas listed in section 2.1.4 final, or will the regions conduct a further selection (given that the expectation is there will be "3 to 4" woredas per region)?	The action's proposal is expected to be limited in the woredas listed in the Guidelines for Applicants. This list was negotiated and agreed with the Ministry of Agriculture after series of consultations. If a consortium believes there is a good reason to broaden the location of the action's implementation, it requires detailed justification and documentation, and consent of the respective regions.
5)	Under 2.2 Lead Applicant Experience of the proposal template, please confirm if there is a maximum limit for the number of examples provided for i) similar actions (noted that for ii) a maximum of 10 actions can be provided).	As mentioned in the template this is "Maximum 1 page per action" for i) similar action, and there is no maximum of action indicated. Please note however, that this is limited to "actions in the similar sector and of comparable scale to the one for which a grant is being requested managed by the organisation in the past 3 years"
6)	In our usual EC budget, we should show a breakdown line by line of sub-grantees costs (salaries, per diem, travel, equipment, local office, and other costs). Can you please confirm that you want us to provide this kind of information disaggregated for all applicants /sub-grantees?	Such a notion of sub-grantees does not exist in the guidelines for applicants and in EU rules for grant contracts. The partners are one lead applicant, co-applicants and possible affiliated entities. In the Annex III Budget for the actions, the costs need to be presented according to the template by nature of expenditure. There is no expectation/obligation of seeing the information disaggregated by implementing partner. A consolidated budget for the action is welcome. But as mentioned in section 1.3 of the guidelines for applicant, the budget should show clearly the allocation of funds between the 2 regions.
7)	Question concerning the EU grant application format "annex_a_grant_application_form_en": Is it possible that section 3.2 is missing? Sections 4 and 5 refer to sections 3.2.1 and 3.2.2, but the corresponding sections are missing and the pages are empty. Could you please tell us if we are correct in our assumption, and if so, when a revised grant application form will be published?	The references to sections 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 in Sections 2, 4 and 5 of the "annex_a_grant_application_form_en" can be ignored and an amended version of the annex has been published with the corrigendum on the EU Delegation website. The fields "Category", "Sector", and "Target groups" reported here should be in line with the PADOR information and correspond to the lists available in PADOR.
8)	Can the EU share the list of partners already engaged in the implementation of other pilot job creation projects (Siti,	Please refer to answer to question 3).

	Waghimra, Jijiga etc)?	
9)	According to the information gathered by some NGO's there is not enough TVET in the target woredas listed in the Guidelines for Applicants and the people need to go in other woredas for training. Did the EU take that into account when defining the list ?	The proposal can of course take into account and describe/document specific situations in each of the targeted area and propose possible and appropriate solutions.
10)	Why is there significant difference between the budgets allocated to the 2 regions?	This budget was defined during the designing of the program which was based on field assessments and series of consultations with the relevant offices. It is fixed in the Financing Agreement and cannot be changed.
11)	The target groups needs to be focused on rural youth and woman. Can the action cover/ can the job creation effort that targets also the urban areas in the selected woredas?	Yes, but it is not exclusive.
12)	The guidelines for applicant foresee an online registration in PADOR and a paper application. Is it still necessary to apply with a paper file if we are registered in PADOR.	Yes. PADOR is a system used for the Organisation to register and upload their administrative and legal documents (only). (Please refer to detailed explanation in section 2.2 of the Guidelines to applicants). But in any case the Application has to be submitted in hard copies according the provisions of section 2.2.2 of the guidelines for applicants
13)	Does the EU have an indication of what should be the average cost per beneficiary for the action?	No. It has to be determined and constructed based on the consortium analysis and technical assessment. It is expected that the average cost by beneficiary presented in the proposal is in line with the principle of Value for Money (see also answer to question nr 2).
14)	Can the principle of Financial Support to third parties be explained?	This refers to section 2.1.4 of the guidelines for Applicants where it is mentioned that "Applicants may propose financial support to third parties in order to help achieving the objectives of the Action." This means that the use of Financial Support to third parties must be justified in light of the General and Specific objectives of the Action. The PRAG section 6.9.2 defines the conditions to be complied with by the Applicants when using

		Financial Support to third parties in order to frame clearly the process under which this Financial Support is intended to be disbursed. This must be clearly described and highlighted in a specific section of the proposal and all the conditions must be defined in detail.
15)	Can Financial Support to Third parties be used to support private sector or to support small businesses with capital?	See above: The Use of Financial Support to third parties must be justified as essential to achieve the objectives of the action.
16)	It is mentioned in the Guidelines for Applicants that the Action should focus on Youth and Woman? Isn't it also a specific focus on people with disabilities?	This is not described specifically in the Guidelines for applicants but it can be included in the proposals.
17)	In the frame of this Action how is the notion of "Job" defined. Can it be interpreted broadly? In the rural areas, there are opportunities for self-development of activities? Would it be considered as job creation?	In the frame of this Action the notion of "Job" is understood in a broad sense as: - jobs with an employment contract in public and/or private sectors - self-employment, engagements in different forms of businesses – specific business incubation and mentoring for self-employment It is of course important that the sustainability of the job created is considered by the Applicants, and that should be defined in the outcome indicators (number of people that stay in their contract employment or business that are still existing after the support of the project ceases)
18)	It is understood that a small part budget can be used for refurbishment or equipment of existing Job Centers at the woredas, can the proposal includes in its activities the creation of Job Center in Kebeles where it does not exist?	It was indeed agreed with the local authorities that this Action could allocate a modest budget for refurbishing and equipping some existing structures. Those costs should be presented in section 6. of the budget. The budget cannot include provision or construction of new building/offices for Job centres.
19)	P11 of the Guidelines for applicants there is a reference to the 70/30 cost ratio requirement of the Charities and Societies Agency. The CSA rules have changed recently and the ratio is now 80/20. Which rule is applicable?	A corrigendum to the guideline is issued on the EU Delegation website. The proposal should comply with the current applicable CSA requirements.
20)	Can you please share the Info session protocol with us or let me know where to find the protocol on your website?	The PowerPoint presentation which is in lines with the guidelines for applicants is published on the EU Delegation website.