

Pre-Bidders Workshop
4 March 2021
RFA Questions and Answers

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
What exactly is needed in order to qualify to this program. Is it in group or even individuals? Be registered or everyone can apply. If is a Church, what documents are needed.	The funding is open to registered organizations with certificate of incorporation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)• Faith-based organizations (FBOs)• Organizations of People living with HIV• Key Population Organizations (FSW, MSM, PWID)
Do you offer the funding to new NGOs, that haven't started operating.	No, organizations who currently or in the past 3 years have received donor funding above E500 000 per year per donor are eligible to apply

FINANCIAL/ BUDGET

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How can we get access to the Excel budget template and instructions? Annex 3 was empty.	The budget template is on the website titled 'Annex 13 Budget Template'. It comes as Excel version, kindly download
Is the budget per intervention as shown in section 7 for one year or for the three years? For example, is the budget for intervention 1 - HIV prevention programs for adolescents and young women (AGYW) 1,110,000 USD for one year or three years?	The budget estimates are for the three-year period per intervention
What is the maximum grant amount possible for one applicant?	There is no defined grant amount, funding is aligned to the budget estimates per intervention. Refer to Section 7 of the RFA
Please elaborate on: Budget and budget Notes, bullet 1" organizations are not authorized to include a flat percentage allocation for administrative costs in the budget submissions	In the budget submissions; administrative costs should be directly costed in the budget submitted. Budgets should be accompanied by budget notes, which explain the budgeted items in narrative format, including how calculations were made. Budget Template instructions Details are in the three tabs; Trainings/Program, HR and Admin, then consolidate/ link all three tabs in the Detailed Tab

PROGRAMS

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<p>Is funding under this grant prioritized to provide coverage at the individual inkhundla level (i.e., provide funding for an organization working in an individual inkhundla), regional level (i.e. an organization which will provide services in one region) or national (organization committing to providing services across all tinkhundla and regions)?</p>	<p>No, funding is not restricted to the location of the organization. Funding is aligned to the interventions identified in the RFA. Refer to Section 6 for implementation areas.</p>
<p>Can an organization is applying in partnership with another, is it possible to propose covering two Tinkhundla?</p>	<p>Partnerships are encouraged however; the lead applicant should be stated, including the co-applicants. The grant will be awarded to an organization displaying capacity to implement in the Tinkhundla defined in Section 6</p>
<p>Do we fit to apply if we are not under the stipulated tinkhundla under Manzini Region as listed in No. 13 Annex 2?</p>	<p>Yes, organizations can apply for implementing interventions, regardless of the location of the organization</p>

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<p>say 2 or 3 NGOs form a consortium and have one (NGO A) as a prime for the consortium, can the other members (NGO B and C) of the consortium prime other SR (not the one the consortium is applying for) in the call as individuals.</p>	<p>Partnerships are encouraged however; the lead applicant should be stated. In addition, only one Expression of Interest per organization will be accepted where the applicant may address more than one technical area/intervention in the submission</p>
<p>Can a consortium apply for 2 SR (i.e. SR1 and SR2) and then concentrate on their area of speciality across the 2 SRs e.g. a clinical partner and a community partner and in the delivery the clinical concentrate on clinical service delivery and education areas and community concentrate on community engagements and other community support.</p>	<p>Partnerships are encouraged however; the lead applicant should be stated and roles clearly defined. In addition, the proposal should define how the two organizations will implement the interventions they have applied for.</p>
<p>Can an applicant NGO X, combine SR1 and SR2 (both HIV prevention), or SR2 (HIV prevention) and SR4 (Adherence support) in one application?</p>	<p>Yes, only one Expression of Interest per organization will be accepted where the applicant may address more than one technical area/intervention in the submission</p>

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<p>Will implementation run for 3 years concurrently in all constituencies or staggered over the years – some falling off before the third year as was the case in the previous cycle?</p>	<p>The funding is for a three-year period beginning 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2024. The proposal should be aligned to the targeted Tinkhundla for implementing an intervention for the three-year period</p>
<p>The RFA attributes to 3 years yet the project start date is October, 2021 and end date September, 2023 - equivalent to 2 years?</p>	<p>The funding is for a three-year period beginning 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2024</p>
<p>If an NGO X is included as a sub-partner in an application under SR3 in which NGO Y is leading, can NGO X also submit a separate application under SR4?</p>	<p>Yes, applicants can submit an individual application as well as be a coapplicant with another organization.</p>
<p>Please indicate what are the targets for Prevention programs for adolescents and young women for each constituency.</p>	<p>The overall target for AGYW per year is 15000 non-cumulative</p>
<p>Acknowledging that Stepping Stone plus will be used to deliver prevention sessions to youth, and assuming this is a revised version of Stepping Stone used in the previously, kindly unpack this model in relation to the number of sessions and other implications to the planning to be reflected on the proposal.</p>	<p>Stepping Stones is a workshop series designed as a tool to help promote sexual health, improve psychological well-being and prevent HIV. Applicants are encouraged to conduct research and review the proposed model.</p>



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<p>Are applicants allowed to use alternative evidence - based social behavior change models?</p>	<p>No, all interventions including stepping stones should be implemented according to the concept note developed by the country and approved by the Global Fund</p>
<p>Kindly clarify if an organization can apply for more than one thematic area, e.g. HIV Prevention programs for adolescents and young women, and HIV care and support for People Living with HIV including Adolescent Living with HIV.</p>	<p>Yes, however, the 'Preparation Guidelines' should be followed. Also note that only one Expression of Interest per organization will be accepted where the applicant may address more than one technical area/intervention in the submission</p>
<p>We have noted on the RFA, Intervention 1 and 2 split the 14 Tinkundla into 2 groups. We need clarity on how the split has been done. For example, is it by regions? Do applicants choose which Tinkundla they would prefer to work in? The problem with the latter may potentially leave out some of the Tinkhundla.</p>	<p>The implementation Tinkhundla have been identified in Annex 2 however, they will be allocated to the identified organization at a later stage. Applicants have to apply for interventions which have designated number of Tinkhundla. Refer to Section 6 of the RFA</p>
<p>Is an entity or organization allowed to write one proposal that comprises of two or more lots, for example combining SR1 with SR2 in one proposal?</p>	<p>Yes, however the 'Preparation Guidelines' should be followed</p>

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<p>Applicants may submit a project proposal to implement activities for one or more technical or program areas; however, applicants may not submit more than one proposal. "Just a clarification, does this statement means that an organization is submitting only one proposal, and in the case whereby it partners with other entities, that particular organization cannot lead the partnership</p>	<p>Yes, however the 'Preparation Guidelines' should be followed.</p>
<p>I would like to find out about the submission process of the proposal. If an organization is applying for more than one thematic area, are they expected to submit an all in one document or they should submit separate application documents.</p>	<p>The organization should submit an all in one document. Please note that only one Expression of Interest per organization will be accepted</p>
<p>Between SR1 and SR2 which one is in school and which one is out of school youth?</p>	<p>Interventions for HIV prevention for adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) are for out of school</p>

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<p>Please can I have clarity on the issues of project proposal structure when you want to implement the desired project but with another Organization.</p>	<p>In the proposal, you will indicate the lead applicant and the co-applicant. You will then outline the roles of both organizations as guided by Section 8 in the RFA</p>
<p>In the RFA section 6 page 5, SR1 and SR2 look identical. Is this an error or is there a substantial difference? What is the difference between SR1 and SR2? Is it just two implementing partners in 7 different Tinkhundla doing the same work?</p>	<p>SR 1 and SR2 will be implementing the same intervention sharing the 14 Tinkhundla (7 Tinkhundla each SR)</p>

Thank you...