



To all interested applicants for the Call for Proposals for Aus4Equality Program in Lao Cai Province

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Regarding: Answering questions sent to the Program by 14/09/2018

Questions 1:

Is it mandatory to include the 3 years financial statement with the Concept Notes?

Answer 1:

Applicants must submit financial statements as specified in Section III, Clause 3 of the "Guidelines for Call for Concept Notes for Scheme 2" and Section 7 of the " Guidelines for Call for Concept Notes for Scheme 1".

Question 2:

Our proposal includes the idea being implemented since August 2018. Is the start of the project calculated from the date of actual implementation or only after receiving program's support?

Answer 2:

The start of the project is only calculated from the effective date of the partnership agreement.

Question 3:

XXX village, Lao Cai province has 5 households running community tourism business, we would like to participate in the project – please advise how can we be partners of the project? Can one the household representing the group to submit proposal?

Answer 3:

One of the eligibility criteria for submission of proposals is that applicants must be legal entity with relevant business licence and sufficient years of business operation in Vietnam. If a household representing the group to submit a proposal, the proposal is considered not eligible.

Question 4:

Our entity was established and been operating since 2014, we have been using eTax service as per regulations of Tax Department. Financial reports are submitted and acknowledged via emails by Tax Department. We understand that these reports are relevant for submission without need to obtain certification from other organization. We also contacted with local financial – tax department and got the same confirmation. Please confirm is financial report confirmed by eTax system is eligible.

Answer 4:

Financial statement/ etax report certified by the tax office via e-mail is also eligible.

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Question 5:

I am not clear about the Table 1 of Scheme 2.

Table 01: Major expected impact results on women beneficiaries:

Impacts	Total	Household/EM groups	Timeframe
Number of women having increased income			
Number of full-time jobs ¹			
Number of part-time jobs			
Number of seasonal jobs			

For example, if the number of direct HH beneficiaries is 300 households, I can calculate the number of women having increased income is 300. How can I calculate the number of full-time/part-time and seasonal job? Especially the full-time jobs. Please explain further?

Answer 5:

The number of HH beneficiaries is different with the number of women having increased income. The number of HH beneficiary can be converted to the number of women having increased income as follows: 1 household x 1.5 = number of women beneficiaries (For example, if there are 300 direct HH beneficiaries, the number of women having increased income will be 300 * 1.5 = 450 women).

- Number of Full-time Job: Contracted employment (this is the case of a household, co-operative or business hires long-term external workers . Self-employment by households is not counted as a new job in this case. . Full time equivalent job is understood that a person is paid for 250 working days.
- Seasonal (intermittent) employment is a case where households, cooperatives or businesses employ women in the project area or offer seasonal jobs (paid job).

Question 6:

Our Concept Notes has 16 pages and can not be shortened. Can we submit it?

Answer 6:

All proposals must adhere to the number of pages specified in the Guideline for the Call for Concept Notes. Applicants submitting Concept Notes should carefully consider its content to ensure the comprehensiveness and completeness. If there is supplementary information, it should be included in the annexes attached with the concept note proposal.

Sincerely,

The Aus4Equality | GREAT Team

