

FAQs – publication date 22/11/18

1. **Joint Venture (JV) approach will be accepted?**

2. **Can we apply proposal in JV with training institute?**

Ans: Applicants may include partner organisations to implement the project, although confirmation of partner arrangements is not necessary at the EOI stage. Grant Agreement contracts will be signed with the lead organisations only. The lead organisations are responsible for managing any partnership arrangements.

3. **Regarding submission of required documents mentioned in 3.3 of EOI guidance to applicants, we should submit documents of only lead organization or associate partners also (if any).**

4. **Are all the documents of joint venture organisations required submission along with Eoi? Or only the lead organisation's document suffices at the moment?**

Ans: Documents listed under section 3.3 will be required for the lead organisation at the EOI stage. Documents related to any partner organisations will be required for successful applicants at the proposal development stage.

5. **Are INGOs eligible to apply?**

Ans: INGOs are not listed as an eligible entity at Section 2.4 of the EOI Call Guidelines: only Nepali national NGOs are eligible to apply for grant funds under this call.

6. **Can we submit EOIs by email?**

Ans: We are unable to accept e-mail submission of EOI. Hard copy of the EOI must be submitted in accordance with the instructions available on the EOI Call document. EOI applications will only be assessed once these are formally submitted at the British Council office within the deadline.

7. **More or less how much amount will be showed in our budget?**

Ans: Please refer to Section 2.1 of the EOI Call Guidelines for details of the maximum budget limit for each type of grant.

8. **Our Organization has a valid registration certificate through to 2075, with the current renewal process ongoing. What should we submit?**

Ans: As indicated at Section 3.3 of the EOI Call Guidelines, applicants are required to provide a valid registration for 2075/76 with renewal history. If renewal is currently ongoing, please provide the previous year's certificate alongside evidence of relevant documents related to the renewal in process.

9. **On the first table "Section I: Eligibility criteria checklist" of yes/no questions I am a bit confused on the latter ones as there is a negative in the question. For example "your org is not blacklisted - correct = yes we are not blacklisted" or should we answer no as correct answer to us not being blacklisted?**

Ans: The checklist should be answered as a confirmation of the statement. In the example given, to state that your Organisation has not been blacklisted please tick 'yes' to confirm the statement is correct.

10. **What does "The organization must be working in at least one of the three Dakchyata focal sectors: agriculture, tourism or construction (or a relevant sub-sector" working mean? as mentioned in eligibility criteria (Page 7 of EOI guidance).**

Ans: Organisations must be able to show that they have previous experience in working with or implementing projects/training courses within a relevant sector.

11. **What type of agricultural work will be supported?**

12. **On page 1 of [the EOI Call Guidelines] agriculture is qualified with (commercial farming and food production) whereas on page 7 (at the bottom) training in livestock production is also included; please clarify whether agriculture sector is inclusive of livestock or not?**

Ans: Please refer to the section 3.2 of the EOI Call guidelines which states "for the purposes of the Dakchyata programme, the three focal sectors mentioned above should be interpreted in a wide sense. In addition to obvious areas of scope, the three focal sectors are deemed to cover (though are not limited to) the following examples:

- Agriculture includes improving the quality of training in crops/livestock production, improving quality testing and better access to standards; packaging, storage, transportation and marketing; and agro-tourism."

13. **EOI: For soft copy of EOI, Do we need to submit scanned version or as a word document?**

Ans: Please submit a scanned copy of the signed EOI application template.

14. **Do we have to stamp and sign on each page of the EOI?**

Ans: Stamp and signature on each page is not mandatory. However, it is best practice to initial each page as part of the final quality review of the document prior to submission.

15. **Declaration: Is scanned copy of declaration also required?**

Ans: The declaration should be printed on the organisation's letter head and must be submitted in hard copy as well as a scanned soft copy. Please refer to section 3.3 of the EOI Call Guidelines for details of the submission requirements.

16. **Are we supposed to submit our USB device inside the same packet or submit it separately?**

Ans: All required documents and the USB should be submitted together in a sealed envelope.

17. **Does the project coverage area is already recommended or the geographical area not fixed yet?**

18. **Can the project be run selectively in any parts of region of Nepal?**

Ans: Project activities can take place anywhere in Nepal.