

## DSP tender, Q&A

### Week 3 17-01-2020

- Regarding the selection of geographical areas in the three identified countries, we would like to know whether these should all be part of (already defined) priority geographical areas of Dutch Embassies (development programs) in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger?

Answer:

For the selection of geographical areas see Grant Policy framework and questions answered in week 51, 2019. Priority geographical areas of Dutch embassies are not mentioned as such.

- If the bid is made by a consortium of partners with one lead party, are all members of the consortium jointly and severally liable under the contract for the grant or does sole legal responsibility to the Dutch Government lie with the lead party only?

Answer:

The sole legal responsibility to Dutch Government lies with the lead partner.

- Is it permissible for one party to bid as the sole applicant but with a number of independent subcontractors to carry out parts of the project work as subcontractors to the applicant? In those circumstances, can the experience required for the bid to be successful be a combination of the applicant and the proposed subcontractors rather than the applicant alone? In the same way, in those circumstances, can the required expenditure for 2016-2018 be a combination of the applicant and the proposed subcontractors rather than the applicant alone?

Answer:

It is permissible to apply as sole applicant with a number of subcontractors. The assessment of the application against the criteria in the policy framework, including experience required and expenditures for 2016-2018, will be based solely on information of applicant(s) and their personnel and not on information on subcontractors.