

FLOW Q&A 23/6/2015 (Batch 1)

Nr. question	Date of receipt	Question	Answer
1	16/6/2015	<p>Reference is made seeking clarification on the thematic scope of this policy. On page 8 of the same document under 2.2 Thematic scope, it states "NB: activities that already receive funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs budget are not eligible for a FLOW 2016-2020 grant".</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does this statement apply to activities that are to focus on thematic priority I (combating violence against women) or does it apply to all the thematic areas? 2. Does it also mean that applicants who already received either MDG3 or FLOW1 funding are not eligible to apply? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This statement applies to all areas. Specific activities that are already been funded by the Ministry cannot be rewarded twice. 2. No, the statement does not refer to organizations, but to specific activities of those organizations that are already receiving funds from the Ministry.
2	16/6/2015	<p>With regards the FLOW policy framework, I hereby would like to inquire about the following:</p> <p>Chapter 4 A civil society organization is only eligible for one FLOW 2016-2020 grant, either as lead party or as co-applicant. A civil society organization can be a co-applicant in an alliance only if it is not the lead party of another alliance or independently applying.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Question: Does the above imply that co-applicants in practice can join in multiple applications? <p>Chapter 7 The category of countries where the program can be implemented is not entirely clear. For example D8 and D11 provide different formulations: D.8: The program concerns activities of substance in at least one low- and lower-middle income country. D.11: The activities for which grant funding is sought are implemented in low- or lower-middle income countries, and/or in China, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Lebanon, Libya and Tunisia.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Question: Is D.8 a wrong formulation? Are LDCs part of the lower income countries? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes, that is possible, but only as co-applicant; please note that organizations can be granted just one FLOW grant. 2. All activities for which a grant is requested should be implemented in low income countries or lower-middle income countries and/or in China, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Lebanon, Libya and Tunisia (D.11). In addition to this, each program should concern activities in at least one low income country and one low-middle income country (D.8). 3. The English version of the policy framework and application form plus annexes can be found at: http://www.government.nl/documents-and-publications/decrees/2015/06/12/funding-leadership-and-opportunities-for-women-flow-2016-2020.html

		General question: 3. When is the English version available?	
3	16/6/2015	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can an organization submit more than one application? (for example, one country office in MENA and a separate country office in Africa) 2. If not, is it possible to submit a multi-country proposal? (if yes, are there regional restrictions or could it be 3 countries in 3 different continents?) 3. Would you be able to please give an estimate grant size or number of grants that will be awarded for this call? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes, however, an organization will not be granted more than once. Regional offices are considered a separate organization if they have their own legal personality. 2. Multi-country proposals are possible (even required, see threshold criterion D.8). No restrictions as long as activities take place in eligible countries (see threshold criteria D.8 and D.11). 3. Grants are between 5-15 million EUR for 2016-2020. It is not possible to give any further indications about the estimate grant size or the number of grants to be awarded.
4	16/6/2015	<p>I cannot find in the application form or the relevant regulations details about the level of indirect costs (overhead) which is acceptable to the Dutch government.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could you let me know if there is a maximum percentage for overhead in a grant award that would be acceptable, and how high that percentage is? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No maximum percentage for overhead given. However it needs to be clear which costs fall under overhead and how these are being calculated. Also, overhead costs need to be reasonable as compared to program costs.
5	16/6/2015	<p>My question is in relation to General Information section I. and Threshold criteria D2.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could we be considered as long as one of the countries is a lower-middle income, but not all? (Keeping in mind that this would mean that some activities would be carried out in non-prioritized countries). For example, our organization is located in Mexico (which is not on the prioritized list) and we would be in a consortium with Bolivia (which is on the list) and thus activities would be carried out in both Bolivia and Mexico. Would this be acceptable? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eligibility of activities pertains to programs being carried out in lower- and lower-middle income countries + additional countries mentioned in the policy framework, with activities of substance in at least one low- and lower-middle income country. (D.8 and D.11). Complete list of eligible countries is annexed to the policy framework (Annex 2). The applicant/lead party is a not-for-profit organisation which possesses legal personality (D.1). The applicant strives to achieve lasting reductions in social inequality in lower- and lower-middle income countries, and/or in China, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Lebanon, Libya and Tunisia, by working with relevant organisations and institutions with the aim of promoting equal rights and opportunities for women and girls in developing countries (D.2).
6	17//2015	<p>I have recently been looking at the FLOW tender documentation with the outlook of submitting an application however would like information to clarify</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applicant/lead party is a not-for profit organisation which possesses legal personality (D.1). The applicant strives to achieve lasting

		<p>rules around our eligibility for potential funding in Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Tuvalu and Tonga.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We would be very interested in submitting an application (incorporating all countries within the Pacific Region that appear on the list of eligible countries) to the FLOW call for proposals however seek clarification on whether we are eligible for funding. 2. Also if we are not eligible as a lead agency could we be considered a sub-recipient as part of a consortium if the lead was an INGO? 	<p>reductions in social inequality in lower- and lower-middle income countries, and/or in China, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Lebanon, Libya and Tunisia by working with relevant organisations and institutions with the aim of promoting equal rights and opportunities for women and girls in developing countries (D.2).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. No, same rules apply for eligibility of lead agencies and co-applicants.
7.	17/6/2015	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can I clarify with you regarding the eligible countries - are programs supporting Least Developed Countries eligible? We have programs that are well aligned with your objectives in Myanmar, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Cambodia, Vanuatu and Timor Leste. Are we eligible? The list you have sent through includes all the least developed countries, however your text below states "implemented in low- or lower-middle income countries". 2. I also note that Fiji which was included previously is no longer included in the list; can I confirm that this is the case? Our current FLOW program has activities in Fiji so it will be important for me to confirm this with our Fiji partners. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The programme concerns activities of substance in at least one low- and lower-middle income country (D.8). Complete list of eligible countries is annexed to the policy framework (Annex 2). 2. Yes.
8.	17/6/2015	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I want to kindly ask you to inform us if our organization, registered and active in Kosovo is eligible to apply for the grant. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applicant/lead party is a not-for-profit organisation which possesses legal personality (D.1). The applicant strives to achieve lasting reductions in lower- and lower-middle income countries, and/or in China, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Lebanon, Libya and Tunisia, by working with relevant organisations and institutions with the aim of promoting equal rights and opportunities for women and girls in developing countries (D.2). Complete list of eligible countries is annexed to the policy framework (Annex 2).
9.	17/6/2015	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does this mean only Dutch and International Organizations can apply? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1+2 The applicant/lead party is a not-for-profit organisation (in The Netherlands and abroad) which possesses legal personality (D.1). The applicant strives to achieve lasting reductions in social inequality in

		2. Also, can we apply if we are registered as Nonprofit Limited Liability Company?	lower- and lower-middle income countries, and/or in China, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Lebanon, Libya and Tunisia, by working with relevant organisations and institutions with the aim of promoting equal rights and opportunities for women and girls in developing countries.
10.	17/6/2015	1. We are a coordinating organization of disabled persons in the DRC, we want the information in Word format on the project and whether the DRC is eligible. We can have this document in Word format.	1. The applicant/lead party is a not-for profit organisation which possesses legal personality (D.1) The applicant strives to achieve lasting reductions in social inequality in lower- and lower-middle income countries, and/or in China, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Lebanon, Libya and Tunisia, by working with relevant organisations and institutions with the aim of promoting equal rights and opportunities for women and girls in developing countries (D.2). The programme concerns activities of substance in at least one low- and lower-middle income country (D.8). The activities for which grant funding is sought are implemented in low- or lower-middle income countries, and/or in China, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Libya and Tunisia (D.11). Complete list of eligible countries is annexed to the policy framework (Annex 2).
11.	17/6/2015	1. Can an organization apply for this FLOW grant if it receives money from other Dutch MFA grants, such as the Reconstruction tender? We are currently funded with this so we want to see if we are eligible to apply.	1. Yes, but a new application should concern different activities than those for which a grant has already been awarded.
12.	18/6/2015	1. Having read a recently released announcement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Netherlands' grant programme " <i>Funding Leadership and Opportunities for Women (FLOW)</i> ", I would hereby like to enquire whether Serbia and Kosovo fall into the category of low- and lower-middle income countries, according to the criteria of the Ministry?	1. The applicant/lead party is a not-for profit organisation which possesses legal personality (D.1) The applicant strives to achieve lasting reductions in social inequality in lower- and lower-middle income countries, and/or in China, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Lebanon, Libya and Tunisia, by working with relevant organisations and institutions with the aim of promoting equal rights and opportunities for women and girls in developing countries (D.2). The programme concerns activities of substance in at least one low- and lower-middle income country (D.8). The activities for which grant funding is sought are implemented in low- or lower-middle income countries, and/or in China, Malaysia, Thailand,

			Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Libya and Tunisia (D.11). Annex 2 of the Policy Framework contains the relevant list of countries.
13.	18/6/2015	<p>1. Are these open for scholars and researchers from Pakistan (a middle-income country with high prevalence of IPV as recent demographic survey showed more than 33-39% of women reported physical and emotional violence)?</p> <p>2. Will these funding be available for primary preventive interventions?</p> <p>3. Will these fundings available for doing secondary in-depth analysis of demographic data on violence and abuse and its link with reproductive health and children for policy and program development recommendations?</p>	<p>1. The applicant/lead party is a not-for profit organisation which possesses legal personality (D.1) The applicant strives to achieve lasting reductions in social inequality in lower- and lower-middle income countries, and/or in China, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Lebanon, Libya and Tunisia, by working with relevant organisations and institutions with the aim of promoting equal rights and opportunities for women and girls in developing countries (D.2). The activities for which grant funding is sought are implemented in low- or lower-middle income countries, and/or in China, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Libya and Tunisia (D.11). The programme concerns activities of substance in at least one low- and lower-middle income country (D.8). A complete list of eligible countries is annexed to the policy framework (Annex 2).</p> <p>2. Refer to D.12 and para 2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3 of the Policy Framework for strategic objectives.</p> <p>3. As long as they contribute to one or more of the 3 mentioned themes as outlined in the policy framework.</p>
14.	18/6/2015	<p>1. We are interested to participate in the FLOW program. Is Republic of Moldova eligible?</p>	<p>1. The applicant/lead party is a not-for profit organisation which possesses legal personality (D.1) The applicant strives to achieve lasting reductions in social inequality in lower- and lower-middle income countries, and/or in China, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Lebanon, Libya and Tunisia, by working with relevant organisations and institutions with the aim of promoting equal rights and opportunities for women and girls in developing countries (D.2). The activities for which grant funding is sought are implemented in low- or lower-middle income countries, and/or in China, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Libya and Tunisia (D.11). The programme concerns activities of substance in at least one low- and lower-middle income country (D.8). A complete list of eligible countries is annexed to the policy framework (Annex 2).</p>

15.	18/6/2015	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is Turkey a FLOW country? 2. If not, under which flag can this kind of program be submitted? 3. Can this project submitted autonomously, meaning as a separate project? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eligibility of activities pertains to programs being carried out in lower- and lower-middle income countries + additional countries mentioned in the policy framework (D.11), with activities of substance in at least one low- and lower-middle income country (D.8). A complete list of eligible countries is annexed to the policy framework (Annex 2). The applicant/lead party is a not-for profit organisation which possesses legal personality (D.1) The applicant strives to achieve lasting reductions in social inequality in lower- and lower-middle income countries, and/or in China, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Lebanon, Libya and Tunisia, by working with relevant organisations and institutions with the aim of promoting equal rights and opportunities for women and girls in developing countries (D.2). 2. This is entirely to your own discretion. For alternative funding opportunities from The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs see: http://www.government.nl/issues/grant-programmes 3. See under 1 above.
16.	18/6/2015	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please inform us Pakistan whether or not Pakistan is part of the FLOW Project call for proposals? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applicant/lead party is a not-for profit organisation which possesses legal personality (D.1) The applicant strives to achieve lasting reductions in social inequality in lower- and lower-middle income countries, and/or in China, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Lebanon, Libya and Tunisia, by working with relevant organisations and institutions with the aim of promoting equal rights and opportunities for women and girls in developing countries (D.2). Eligibility of activities pertains to programs being carried out in lower- and lower-middle income countries + additional countries mentioned in the policy framework (D.11). The programme concerns activities of substance in at least one low- and lower-middle income country (D.8). A complete list of eligible countries is annexed to the policy framework (Annex 2).
17.	18/6/2015	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I wanted to know if the FLOW 2016-2020 is open to South Africa too? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applicant/lead party is a not-for profit organisation which possesses legal personality

		<p>2. Does South Africa fall into the funding criteria?</p>	<p>(D.1) The applicant strives to achieve lasting reductions in social inequality in lower- and lower-middle income countries, and/or in China, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Lebanon, Libya and Tunisia, by working with relevant organisations and institutions with the aim of promoting equal rights and opportunities for women and girls in developing countries (D.2). Eligibility of activities pertains to programs being carried out in lower- and lower-middle income countries + additional countries mentioned in the policy framework (D.11). The programme concerns activities of substance in at least one low- and lower-middle income country (D.8). A complete list of eligible countries is annexed to the policy framework (Annex 2).</p> <p>2. See above.</p>
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