



FLOW Q&A 29/6/2015 (Batch 2)

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| 18. | 18/6/2015 | In the current call for proposals for FLOW 2016-2020, the guidelines specify that the organizations are only eligible to receive one award. I wanted to inquire as to whether organizations are able to submit more than one application for funding (with the understanding that only one is able to be awarded)? | Yes, however organizations can be granted just one FLOW grant. |
| 19. | 19/6/2015 | I am writing with a query related to the Flow2 grant. I wondered if the United Nations would be considered a not-for-profit organization for the purposes of this grant's eligibility criteria (in consortium with other organisations based in low income countries)? | 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). Please note Inter-Governmental organisations are ineligible for FLOW funding. |
| 20. | 19/6/2015 | I write to inquire about how we can secure Proof of PARTOS ISO-9001 certification, or a reference to a still valid COCA or organisational check with a positive outcome. Checklist on Organisational Capacity Assessment (COCA) Appendix 4. Limited COCA. We have not applied for grant under FLOW in the past and are new to the procedure. | If an organization holds a PARTOS ISO-9001 certification, a copy of this certification should be submitted. A reference to a still valid COCA or organizational check with a positive outcome should be shown by giving the activity number of the grant obtained or, if the grant application was ultimately rejected on grounds other than lack of organizational capacity, by indicating the policy framework under which it applied. If the applicant has not had an organisational check or COCA conducted by the Ministry, and does not hold PARTOS ISO-9001 certification, it must complete the Checklist on Organisational Capacity Assessment enclosed with the application form (see annex 2). |
| 21. | 19/6/2015 | I work with a UK international organisation working in four countries in Africa and the UK. I have come across the call for proposals for the FLOW programme and want to clarify with you if international charities working from the UK can also apply for this new call for funding? My organisation is working with young women and girls and keen to upscale our programmes. | 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 |



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| | | | 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). |
| 22. | 19/6/2015 | We currently have a grant from FLOW. As a past grantee, I wanted to find out if the COCA with positive outcome has been conducted for us in the last 4 years. | If the applicant already has a grant-based relationship with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but the organizational check with a positive outcome or the COCA conducted on the Minister's behalf took place more than four years ago, the applicant may use the short organizational check form included in annex 1. The applicant can demonstrate the existence of a grant-based relationship by giving the activity number of the grant obtained. (D.5.d) |
| 23. | 19/6/2015 | I am tremendously interested in the field of violence against women in the Arab world. In fact, I am an assistant professor of gender studies at an Algerian university. I have no specific organisation, yet I am a feminist activist and I conducted some meeting with women and girls to make them aware about their human rights. Besides, I am working on the reasons behind violence in Algeria believing that this is the bedrock of commencing initiatives to stop violence. I wonder if I can apply for your grant. | <p>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).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Algeria is on the list of countries eligible for FLOW (Annex 2 of the Policy Framework).</p> <p>The minimum grant application is 5 million EUR and the maximum 15 million EUR for the five-year duration of the activities.</p> |
| 24. | 19/6/2015 | For the Strategic Partnerships call for proposals we, Women Win, submitted a complete COCA. We passed the threshold assessment, but at the end unfortunately have not been selected as partner. Does this imply that our COCA has been approved and that we do not have to re-do this for this call? | A reference to a still valid COCA or organizational check with a positive outcome should be shown. The applicant can demonstrate this by giving the activity number of the grant obtained or, if the grant application was ultimately rejected on grounds other than lack of organizational capacity, by indicating the policy framework under which it applied. |
| 25. | 19/6/2015 | <p>We are an NGO with a Dutch personality and member organisation of an international NGO.</p> <p>Question 1: Can non-Dutch confederation members, country offices, sister organisations and/or member organisations of an international NGO be a co-applicant of a proposal of which the Dutch member organization of the same INGO is the lead applicant?</p> <p>Question 2: Can non-Dutch country offices of the international NGO be lead-applicant, if the Dutch member organization of the same INGO is co-applicant? Also if the country office only does programs in the respective country?</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applicant/lead party is a not-for-profit organisation (in The Netherlands and/or abroad) 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. The same criteria apply to applicants, lead applicants and co-applicants. |



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| | | Question 3: Can non-Dutch member organisations of the international NGO be lead-applicant, if the Dutch member organization of the same INGO is co-applicant? | <p>2. See 1 above. Note: both the lead applicant and co-applicants should have their own legal personality.</p> <p>3. See 1 above. Note: both the lead applicant and co-applicants should have their own legal personality.</p> |
| 26. | 19/6/2015 | Noting the threshold criteria D.4 (about maximum remuneration of managers and board members), would it be useful for us to submit a proposal? Or would meeting already one threshold criteria be sufficient to successfully submit a proposal? | In order to qualify for a FLOW 2016-2020 grant all threshold criteria should be met. It is up to applicants to prove this in their applications, and also up to potential applicants to make an estimation whether it is useful to apply for a grant. It is not possible to pronounce upon meeting criteria in advance, anticipating of actual applications. |
| 27. | 19/6/2015 | As a first time applicant do we need to fill out the full COCA or the "Verkorte COCA"? Please also share with us if there is a specific form to be used in order to present the budget and multi-year estimate. Thank you for high lightening the difference between the budget and the multi-year estimate. | <p>(D5) e) If the applicant has not had an organisational check or COCA conducted by the Ministry, and does not hold PARTOS ISO-9001 certification, it must complete the Checklist on Organisational Capacity Assessment enclosed with the application form (see annex 3).</p> <p>There is no specific form to present the budget and multi-year estimate, but the application form, guided by the Policy Framework.</p> |
| 28. | 19/6/2015 | <p>D.4: The maximum remuneration of individual management and board members of the applicant/lead party does not exceed €163,000 per calendar year for a 36-hour working week. This amount includes not only the total of periodically paid salary, profit sharing and bonuses, but also taxable fixed and variable expense allowances as well as other payments made at set times of year, such as holiday pay, 13th month's salary, the employer's share of pension contributions, etc.</p> <p>We came across this situation before at the end of last year with another Dutch MFA application, which the Dutch MFA at the time accepted once we submitted the letter I have attached to this email from last year.</p> <p>We would like to please receive confirmation from you that we can move forward with our application, with the salaries that are posted below? This would be a huge help to us at many of teams are interested in collaborating for this grant, and therefore we would like to make sure that we are eligible to apply in advance.</p> | For FLOW2 it should be shown that D4 is met. It is not possible to pronounce upon meeting criteria in advance, anticipating of actual applications |
| 29. | 19/6/2015 | <p>In reviewing the application and criteria for FLOW 2, we noticed this statement: "FLOW 2 grants will not exceed 60% of the total annual income of the applicant organization"</p> <p>Could you please clarify whether the grant amount indicated refers to the total grant amount requested (inclusive of the entire 5 year</p> | Reference is made to annual income: D.3: The applicant/lead party must demonstrate that, as of 1 January 2016, at least 40% of its annual income derives from sources other than Ministry of Foreign Affairs contributions. FLOW 2016-2020 grants will not exceed 60% of the total annual income of the applicant organization. If the applicant is the lead party of a consortium, this criterion applies to the whole consortium. Consequently, if one organization |



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| | | period) or to the annual grant amount requested? | derives less than 40% of its annual income from sources other than Ministry of Foreign Affairs contributions, this may be offset by another party in the consortium. The grant amount refers to the grant amount on an annual basis – see the application format. |
| 30. | 20/6/2015 | I am writing to ask whether proposal should fall strictly within the three areas mentioned or not? Our organization's major thrust is the informal economy. We focus on policy and research, Training and capacity building, information and advocacy among other things. | Refer to D.12 and para 2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3 of the Policy Framework for strategic objectives. Activities should contribute to one or more of the 3 mentioned themes as outlined in the Policy Framework. |
| 31. | 21/6/2015 | I would like to know is it eligible for Bangladesh ?? | 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, 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). Bangladesh is on the list of countries eligible for FLOW (Annex 2 of the Policy Framework). |
| 32. | 21/6/2015 | I therefore write this email to inquire (1) if Community Based Organizations qualify for this proposal call and (2) if we can apply as an individual organization or if we have to apply for this funding opportunity as a network or through national organizations. | <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). 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). 2. Organisations that meet D.1 and D.2 can submit a proposal independently or as a lead-applicant. Local civil society organisations will be given the opportunity to develop and implement joint |



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| | | | strategies through cooperation or coalitions with institutional partners, to help create an 'enabling environment' for gender equality (Policy Framework, English, Chapter 2, and Footnote 13). |
| 33. | 22/6/2015 | May we know if the Philippines is included in the list of qualified countries to apply for FLOW? | 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). Complete list of eligible countries is annexed to the policy framework (Annex 2). The Philippines is on the list of countries eligible for FLOW (Annex 2 of the Policy Framework). |
| 34. | 22/6/2015 | What are the requirements for your program? | All FLOW 2016-2020 details, like the Policy Framework and application form, can be found in: http://www.government.nl/documents-and-publications/decrees/2015/06/12/funding-leadership-and-opportunities-for-women-flow-2016-2020.html |
| 35. | 22/6/2015 | Our organization is a women's organization, proving capacity building training on Leadership and participation in decision making, for women leaders and women seeking political office. We are also involved in women economic empowerment programmes, as well as eliminating violence against women and girls. We sit on the steering committee of African Network of Women Shelters, which is the regional chapter of the Global Network of Women Shelters. Kindly let me know if we are qualified to apply for the fund as our office is based in Nigeria. | 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). Complete list of eligible countries is annexed to the policy framework (Annex 2). Nigeria is on the list of countries eligible for FLOW (Annex 2 of the Policy Framework). Refer to D.12 and para 2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3 of the Policy Framework for strategic objectives. Activities contribute to one or more of the 3 mentioned themes as outlined in the policy framework. |



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| 36. | 22/6/2015 | On page 12 of the application form FLOW 2016-2020, a dead OECD-link is given: http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/29/21/2754804.pdf . Could we get a correct link please? | Refer to Annex 2 of the Policy Framework for the list of countries eligible for FLOW: http://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten-en-publicaties/formulieren/2015/06/12/annex-2-lijst-met-verkiesbare-landen-12-06-2015.html |
| 37. | 22/6/2015 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the previous FLOW round, programs were broad, oftentimes with many countries, covering various continents. What is the opinion of the Ministry for this new round? Still maintain a broad program, or focus on a region, cluster of countries? In I General Information: m. Does your organisation receive any other grants from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs? If so, which grants, what are the amounts involved, what is their duration and for what activities have they been granted (activity number)? You may provide this information in a numbered appendix. Are we providing here a list of currently active programs or do we also include programs which have ended (e.g. last year)? Are we including programs for which we were not the lead-applicant? | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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). If your organization receives any grants from the Ministry please list these activities. If you receive grants as a partner in an alliance you can note these down in a separate list. |
| 38. | 22/6/2015 | Our question is about the following: in the criteria there is this limitation. In our by-laws women are not mentioned separately. We speak about people with HIV. Could this compromise the below mentioned criteria? D.2 (Application form) The applicant/lead party and its co-applicants strive to achieve lasting reductions in social inequality in one or more low and/or lower-middle income countries, and/or in China, Malaysia, Thailand, Algeria, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya and Tunisia, possibly by working with relevant organisations and institutions, with the aim of promoting equal rights and opportunities for women and girls in developing countries. <i>Notes:</i> This should be evident from the organisation's objectives as set out in its constitution. Its track record must show that it has, or other organisations in the partnership have, substantial experience in working in the countries concerned. | In order to qualify for a FLOW 2 grant all threshold criteria should be met. It is up to applicants to prove this in their applications, and also up to potential applicants to make an estimation whether it is useful to apply for a grant. It is not possible to pronounce upon meeting criteria in advance, anticipating of actual applications. |
| 39. | 22/6/2015 | We consider submitting a proposal for FLOW. Would it be possible that we are part of more than one consortium? For example once as lead-applicant and once as co-applicant? We believe this is not | Yes, however organizations can be granted just one FLOW grant. If you are an applicant or lead applicant, you cannot join in another application as a co applicant. You can only join more than one application in the role of co |



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| | | specified in the tender documents. | applicant (chapter 4 Policy Framework). |
| 40. | 22/6/2015 | I would like to confirm if my organisation in South Africa, in an impoverished community, fits the criteria under eligible countries for proposal submission? | 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). |
| 41. | 23/6/2015 | <p>We have a couple of questions to clarify detail on what is eligible for the new grant. Most notably, we are aware that Fiji is no longer included in the list of eligible countries and would like to confirm that this is the case?</p> <p>As our work often takes a Melanesian approach, please inform us of the rationale behind this decision if possible.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fiji is not included in the list of countries eligible for FLOW (Annex 2). FLOW 2016-2020 is focusing on 'low income' and 'low middle income' countries, according to OECD/DAC classification. Fiji is not on the list with low income and lower middle income countries (see also link and annex 2 to the policy framework). 2. Annex 2 of the Policy Framework is the list of countries eligible for FLOW, and this list is based on the OECD DAC list of ODA recipients (3 left columns): http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/documentupload/DAC%20List%20of%20ODA%20Recipients%202014%20final.pdf <p>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).</p> |
| 42. | 23/6/2015 | We want also to know whether Zambia, in the Southern Africa can submit can be considered for this call. | 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 |



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| | | | <p>(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). Complete list of eligible countries is annexed to the policy framework (Annex 2). Zambia is on the list of countries eligible for FLOW (Annex 2 of the Policy Framework).</p> |
| 43. | 23/6/2015 | <p>We would like to inquire about opportunities Call for proposals: FLOW 2016-2020 (Funding Leadership and Opportunities for Women). Whether these proposals apply opportunities in Indonesia?</p> | <p>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). Complete list of eligible countries is annexed to the policy framework (Annex 2). Indonesia is not on the list of countries eligible for FLOW (Annex 2 of the Policy Framework).</p> |
| 44. | 23/6/2015 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is it possible to submit a multi-country application? 2) Can an organisation submit more than one application, even though they can only be awarded one? | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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). 2. Confirmed. |
| 45. | 23/6/2015 | <p>Viewing the annex 2 list of eligible countries, we wonder to which countries the countries in the middle column belong (other low income countries). I assume that these countries belong to the first column: least developed countries? And not to lower-middle income countries?</p> | <p>They are not listed as 'least developed countries', neither as 'lower-middle income countries', nor 'upper-middle income countries', but as 'other low income countries', as the Least Developed Countries are also low income countries.</p> |
| 46. | 23/6/2015 | <p>Threshold criteria D.8 and D.11 (page 11 of the Dutch aanvraagstramien, page 9 of the English model application format)</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. D.8 says 'The programme concerns activities of substance in at least one |



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| | <p>says: "The programme concerns activities of substance in at least one low- and one lower-middle income country or in China, Malaysia, Thailand, Jordan, Algeria, Iran, Lebanon, Libya and Tunisia".</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. If I read this correctly we have to have activities in both low- and lower-middle income countries (minimum of one country each). Or should it say 'at least one low- OR one lower-middle income country' instead of 'at least one low- AND one lower-middle income country'?2. Is it correct to assume that both D.8 and D.11 can be answered as one?3. On page 13 of the Dutch form / page 12 of the English form it says: "U geeft een overzicht van uw Beleidstheorie én een uitwerking van de activiteiten in het programma voor het eerste jaar van maximaal 3000 woorden". / "Notes to criteria P1 onto P14: In 3,000 words or less, give an overview of your theory of change and details of the activities to be carried out in the first programme year". Is it correct that we can use a maximum of 3000 words for the combined ToC and first year of the programme activities? Or can we use 3000 words for the ToC; and another 3000 words for the first year programme activities?4. What is the maximum amount of words that can be used for the Track Record cases? I could not find this in the format. On page 23 of the Dutch application form / page 20 of the English format its says that we need to add the following appendices: "1.12 Theory/theories of change; 1.13 Detailed programme proposal for the first year; 1.14 a track record in the form of three to five case descriptions.5. Why do these documents need to be annexed again, as they are | <p>low- and lower middle income country (English). However the Dutch version of this criterion is leading and says: The programme has activities of substance in at least one low- <u>and</u> one lower-middle income country.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. It is recommended to separate the answers.3. In case of doubt, the Dutch Policy Framework is leading. The number of 3,000 words pertains to ToC <u>and</u> detailing of the programme for the first year (combined 3,000 words or less).4. No maximum amount of words given for Track Record, present 3 to 5 relevant cases5. This is correct. Paragraph VI in the application form is just listing of all the components of the application.6. ToC and detailing first year program cannot exceed 3,000 words combined.7. Confirmed. M&E framework and budget are separate from ToC and program proposal for the first year.8. ToC and program proposal for the first year together comprise 3,000 words.9. An organization may submit an application as an applicant <i>or</i> as a lead applicant <i>or</i> may participate in an application as a co applicant. Participating as co applicant is possible in more than one application |
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| | | <p>part of the main application, e.g. chapter III is the ToC and programme; and IV Track Record.</p> <p>6. This implies that the ToC and programme for the first year are separate documents; whereas in other parts of the format it is stated that the ToC and programme proposal need to be described together in one document of maximum 3000 words (see question 2). Can this be clarified?</p> <p>7. In the Staatscourant nr 15691 on page 11 it is stated that the applications consist of A: ToC B: Programme proposal for the first year C: Track Record D: M&E raamwerk E: Begroting</p> <p>Questions: Is it correct to assume that the M&E framework and budget are separate from the ToC and Programme proposal, and thus do not count to the 3000 words?</p> <p>8. Is it correct that the ToC and Programme proposal for the first year are 2 separate documents (see also question 2)?</p> <p>9. Chapter 4 of the policy framework, p 15: it does not clearly state that an organization isn't allowed to enter into more than one application as co-applicant.</p> <p>Question: is it correct to assume that an organization can apply for funding under FLOW 2016-2020 only once: be it as a lead applicant of a consortium, as a single applicant and as a co-applicant?</p> | |
| 47. | 23/6/2015 | Would it be possible to receive the application form in a different format, i.e. word format? | Unfortunately not possible to receive information or documents added to the published Policy Framework and annexes in a different format. |
| 48. | 23/6/2015 | We are working in women's right (GBV, political participation) in Nepal. Are we eligible? | 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, |



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| | | | <p>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). Nepal is on the list of countries eligible for FLOW (Annex 2 of the Policy Framework).</p> <p>Refer to D.12 and para 2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3 of the Policy Framework for strategic objectives.</p> <p>Activities contribute to one or more of the 3 mentioned themes as outlined in the policy framework.</p> |
| 49. | 23/6/2015 | <p>Assume we speak about an average of 1 million per year as minimum contribution of the Ministry, does this then mean that the minimum annual budget for the proposal needs be 1,66 million? Is this correct? (60% = 1 million, hence 100% is 1,66 million). This would imply an annual alliance contribution of 666,666 EURO. Is this correct?</p> <p>Looking at it from a different angle. Assume the annual budget of the alliance proposal is 2 million, 40% of 2 million is 800,000 EUR, and this would then be the minimum annual contribution of the alliance. The contribution of the Ministry would then be 1,2 million. Is this also correct?</p> <p>In abovementioned examples we assume an average of implementation costs of 1 million annually. In reality it is possible that there will be less expenditure in the first year compared to the other years, and probably this will also be the case for the 5th year. Is it correct it involves a minimum budget of 5 million divided over 5 years, or, in other words, could the budget vary per year?</p> | <p>Criterion D3 refers to the total income of the organization in comparison to income generated from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. There is no requirement of an own contribution in the costs of the proposed activities. To pass this criterion when the application amounts to EUR 1 mln per year, the organization should have annual income from other resources than Ministry of Foreign Affairs of at least EUR 667.000.</p> <p>The budget per year can vary.</p> |
| 50. | 23/6/2015 | Kindly let me know eligibility criteria for application. | <p>All FLOW 2016-2020 details, like the Policy Framework and application form, can be found in: http://www.government.nl/documents-and-publications/decrees/2015/06/12/funding-leadership-and-opportunities-for-women-flow-2016-2020.html</p> |
| 51. | 23/6/2015 | I would like to inquire if Malaysia would fall into this category in order | <p>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</p> |



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| | | for us to be eligible to submit proposal. | 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). Malaysia is on the list of countries eligible for FLOW (Annex 2 of the Policy Framework): http://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten-en-publicaties/formulieren/2015/06/12/annex-2-lijst-met-verkiesbare-landen-12-06-2015.html |
| 52. | 23/6/2015 | May you please let me know if the above is offered to individuals running projects to empower women as well? Or is it for NGOs and Associations? | The applicant/lead party is a not-for profit organisation which possesses legal personality (D.1) |
| 53. | 23/6/2015 | <p>We are a non-profit NGO working at the intersection of culture and development to foster economic and social justice. The organisation is based in Zimbabwe. In order to achieve concrete and sustainable results for the promotion of gender equality in its work, we pursue a two-pronged approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender mainstreaming in all programmes and actions; • Stand-alone gender programmes <p>As part of this work, we will the Women's Cultural Rights Leadership Forum in September 2015. We hereby wish to confirm whether this or our Gender Action Plan falls with current priority of your call for proposals?</p> | 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). |
| 54. | 23/6/2015 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It seems there is a lot of emphasis on lobby and advocacy interventions. Should this also be the focus of proposed programs, or could interventions also be more concrete, e.g. improving working conditions of women? 2. Is cooperation with the private sector allowed under FLOW2016-2020? In D.9 it says: 'The program does not relate to commercial services, investment or other commercial activities.' However collaboration with the private sector is an important focus of the Ministry. 3. Should capacity building of local partners be a primary objective of the proposed programs? | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local civil society organisations will be given the opportunity to develop and implement joint strategies through cooperation or coalitions with institutional partners, to help create an 'enabling environment' for gender equality. (Policy Framework, Chapter 2, 'The Theory of change underpinning international gender policy'.) 2. Cooperation with the private sector is allowed at local level. Note: applicants, lead applicants and co applicants should meet the requirements referred to under 1. 3. Capacity building of local partners is not the primary objective of the |



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| | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Is there a preference for working together with partners from the South? 5. It is assumed some overlap between FLOW 2016-2020 and SRGR is allowed. Are SRGR related interventions aiming to improve working conditions of women in certain professional categories part of this? 6. Are the 'best' applications being entirely awarded or is a certain allocation being applied? 7. Does the DG criteria also for co-applicants (D.4)? | <p>programs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. There is no preference for alliances above single applicant proposals. 5. The fund does not focus specifically on the development policy priority 'Promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights', which is covered by other funds. Resources for the implementation of UN Resolution 1325 are provided in the framework of the applicable National Action Plan. However, given the common ground with the thematic priorities of the FLOW 2016-2020 fund and the fact that FLOW 2016-2020 is also intended for projects in fragile states, some overlap between projects is possible, especially with thematic priority I (combating violence against women). Dutch financing instruments and financed projects should ideally strengthen each other. Activities that already receive funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs budget are not eligible for a FLOW 2016-2020 grant. It is up to an applicant to prove one (or more) of the themes mentioned in D.12 is covered. 6. Refer to Chapter 5.5. and 5.6 of the Policy Framework. If insufficient resources are available for all satisfactory applications to receive the full grant requested, funds will be allocated to them according to their ranking on the basis of the criteria specified in these administrative rules. In the final allocation of resources, grants will be awarded to the highest ranking applications until the available resources are exhausted. 7. D.4 applies to all applicants, lead applicants and co-applicants. |
| 55. | 23/6/2015 | I work with a national, Ugandan organization on human rights and HIV. I wanted to know if this organization being a national NGO can also apply directly for the funding. | <p>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).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Refer to D.12 and para 2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3 of the Policy Framework for strategic objectives.</p> <p>Activities contribute to one or more of the 3 mentioned themes as outlined in the policy framework.</p> |



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