

**INFORMATION SESSION OF THE KRDP CALL FOR PROPOSALS**  
**HILTON HOTEL, AMBOSELI HALL – 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2011**

1. Query on partnerships – Can private companies or other profit-making organisation participate in the CfP as partners?  
**Private partners and other profit making organisations are not eligible. Refer to Article 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 of the guidelines.**
  
2. Is contribution in kind acceptable?  
**See the guidelines, contributions in kind are not considered actual expenditure and are not eligible costs. The contributions in kind may not be treated as co-financing by the Beneficiary. Notwithstanding the above, if the description of the action as proposed by the Beneficiary foresees the contributions in kind, such contributions have to be provided.**
  
3. Is a US or a Swiss based partner in collaboration with a European-based organisation eligible to apply?  
**NO. Not where EDF Funds are being applied. Partners must conform to the eligibility rule. Refer to clause 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 of the guidelines.**  
**Please note that Kenya is NOT a least developed country as defined by OECD/DAC.**
  
4. Is a US based NGO with registered office in UK eligible?  
**The nationality is being determined on the basis of the organisation's statutes and/or registration proofs which should demonstrate that it has been established by an instrument governed by the national law of the country concerned. In this respect, any legal entity whose statutes have been established in another country cannot be considered an eligible local organisation, even if the statutes are registered locally or a "Memorandum of Understanding" has been concluded.**
  
5. Are micro finance institutions eligible to apply? Can individuals apply?  
**No, microfinance institutions are not eligible. The thematic areas under the call do not include support for microfinance activities. Individuals cannot apply since they do not have the required legal status.**
  
6. The call talks of eligibility for implementation. What about concept notes on research, is this eligible?  
**Research is not the main objective of this CfP per se, but can be part of a broader intervention as long as it contributes to the achievement of the main objective.**

7. What is meant by the phrase, "Call for Proposals will be restricted?"

**There are 2 kinds of CfP. The open kind entails bidders submitting both the concept notes and full application in one instance. The restricted type starts with submission of concept notes only, after which full applications are requested from organizations shortlisted from the evaluation of the concept notes.**

8. Minimum and maximum budget values for a proposal

**Answer: Minimum is entirely dependent on how much the applicant wishes to spend per year. The maximum is defined by a ceiling. Please note that the ceilings mentioned in the guidelines apply to the contribution requested by the applicant (funded by EU).**

9. Query on Taxes

**Taxes are in principle ineligible.**

**However, if an organisation can prove that they have tried to reclaim taxes and were not able, the EU can approve the taxes to be paid from the activity budget on VERY occasional instances. The EU will treat the issue of taxes on a case by case basis. The submitted budget should, however, NOT include taxes. Please refer to annex J for more information.**

10. Drought preparedness was not highlighted in the objectives of Lot 2

**Drought preparedness is actually a very important thematic area in both lots.**

11. Can an organisation be an applicant in one lot and a partner in another lot?

**Yes, it is possible.**

12. Can the concept note cover 2 different arid districts in the same proposal, e.g. some activities in Turkana and some in Marsabit?

**YES, this is acceptable.**

13. Most of the activities are interrelated. Can organisations apply for many of these activities or just one as they are interrelated?

**Organisations can apply for many, while remaining focused on the priority areas.**

Is the consortium approach recommended or not? **Applicants may act individually or with other partners, both options are foreseen in this call. All applicants and partners have, however, to fulfil the eligibility criteria.**

14. Is there a specific font, margins, numbers of words etc that the applicants are expected to adhere to while writing the concept notes?

**There is a form in the web-link that will guide the applicants on what is required. What is important is the relevance of the concept paper, priority and assessment criteria.**

15. Can the ASAL Sessional paper be availed?

**The Draft Sessional Paper for ASAL and Agricultural Sector Development Strategy (ASDS) are already available on the DMI ([www.dmikenya.or.ke](http://www.dmikenya.or.ke)) and EuropeAid website(<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>)**

16. The instructions for drafting the concept note make reference to Lot X and Lot Y. Should applicants convert this to Lot 1 and Lot 2?

**Yes, please convert to 1 & 2**

17. Can the CfP support the government to implement the sessional paper? Is there any connection between DMI and KRDP/CfP? Are the applicants supposed to apply lessons learnt?

**The proposal will not be aimed at supporting the Ministry/Government directly but it is understood that in the course of implementation the activities will contribute towards achieving the ASAL policy.**

**KRDP/CfP is related to DMI in that this latter promoted drought preparedness which is one of the priority areas under the KRDP.**

**Relevant lessons learnt from previous projects are important and should be taken into consideration.**

18. Activities cross-cutting Arid and semi-arid Counties.

**It was clarified that such activities can be funded under the same proposal. The proposal will be considered under Lot 1 if the centre of activities is in an arid county or under Lot 2 if the main focus is in a semi-arid county.**

19. Are CBO's eligible as applicants?

**Community based organisations that are not registered under a statute (Act of Parliament) with a provision of incorporation by that statute, have no legal personality and they cannot be applicant or partner. The eligibility will be verified on the basis of the statutes.**

20. Are faith-based organisations eligible as partners?

**If Faith based organisations are registered under a statute (Act of Parliament) with a provision of incorporation by that statute, they have a legal personality and they can be applicant or partner. Eligibility will be verified on the basis of the statutes.**