

Clarification for UNDP/AFG/RFP/2022/ 0000011471 - Engagement of organization(s) for identification and in-person training of individual women on business skills while facilitating mobile based remote training and establishing new women business associations

	Queries	Responses
Lot 1		
1	RFP indicates financial assistance, will all the 4000 trained receive it? What package of financial assistance UNDP has in mind?	It was mentioned in the TOR that “After training each batch on business management skills, help the top 3,100 trainees (77.5% of the total with highest scores in course assessments) prepare business plans/ grant proposals to access funding from the programme through another partner.” The awarded women will receive a cash grant.
2	<p>It states in the Scope of Work, “UNDP is seeking a firm(s) with the relevant experience and valid expertise to help identify and train 4,000 women in-person to develop their business and entrepreneurial skills using an existing curriculum.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is UNDP going to assist with the identification of 4000 women? Are the Master trainer/lead trainer/business advisors must be female? <p>Will UNDP provide space for in person training or the contractor?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The identification of 4000 women is part of the Contractor’s scope of work as stated in the TOR. UNDP will be involved in the finalization of selection criteria but not the identification of participants. There is no gender-specific requirement for the project key personnel as long as they meet the qualification requirements, although involvement of female staff will be highly encouraged. The Contractor is expected to manage all logistics aspects of the trainings, including training venues.
3	<p>In the period of assignment/services, it states that the duration is 7 months starting with effect from the date of signing of the</p> <p>The 7 months duration of contract, training 4000 women and each training session to last 2 months? Is it realistic/practical keeping in mind the situation?</p>	It is envisaged that the Contractor will run multiple sessions parallel to keep up with the timeline. The training needs to be completed within 4.5 months. The overall contract duration will remain 7 months.
Lot 2		
4	It states in the Scope of Work, “The call is also seeking proposals to assist in establishing 10 new women business associations in addition to 10 existing women associations that will be revitalized and strengthened in the western region.”	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor shall identify the women business associations as part of the scope of work under Lot 2. Their current status and funding mechanism is not known. Yes, the provision of cash grant for business associations is part of the contractual scope. Kindly refer to the TOR

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are the 10 existing associations active, and fee-based associations and self-funded or donor funded? Will UNDP support the 20 associations with funding/technical assistance? <p>Does UNDP have a plan for the sustainability of these associations?</p>	<p>and Annex 2 for Lot 2 (financial proposal template) for information.</p> <p>3. The sustainability of associations is built into the activities and ensured through continuous mentorship assistance and financial support. The contractor is expected to ensure the associations have the necessary capacity to function after this training activity.</p>
5	For Lot 2, Is there any information on the 10 existing associations or any synopsis of existing 10 associations?	Contractor shall identify the women business associations as part of the scope of work under Lot 2. However, UNDP through its recent engagement determined that there are women business associations in the region.

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