

### Clarifications to the Expression of Interest (EOI)

**EOI Title:** Expression of Interest (EOI) for Scaling up Access to Assistive Technology (AT) and Rehabilitation Services for School-aged Children (2024–2027) in Pacific Island Countries (PICs)

**EOI Reference No.:** EOI-002-2024 - ATscale

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| 1.   | Section 8,<br>Instructions, Page<br>number 7               | First Webinar<br><br>When<br><b>Tuesday July 9, 2024 8am – 9am (Central European Time - Zurich)</b>   | Join Zoom Meeting<br>ID: 84214129650<br>Passcode: 496781<br>(US) +1 646-558-8656<br>Passcode: 496781<br>Meeting host: <a href="mailto:kinleyw@unops.org">kinleyw@unops.org</a><br><br>Join Zoom Meeting:<br><a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84214129650?pwd=hiCmL7UwRruUNRLHr2LDjNeHkgcf2.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84214129650?pwd=hiCmL7UwRruUNRLHr2LDjNeHkgcf2.1</a>   |
| 2    | Section 8,<br>Instructions, Page<br>number 7               | Second Webinar<br><br>When<br><del>Thursday Jul 25, 2024 – 8am – 9am (Central European Time - Zurich)</del>   | Join Zoom Meeting<br>ID: 84826383506<br>Passcode: 434743<br>(US) +1 720-707-2699<br>Passcode: 434743<br>Meeting host: <a href="mailto:kinleyw@unops.org">kinleyw@unops.org</a><br><br>Join Zoom Meeting:<br><a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84826383506?pwd=H1DZbzjoL52PggMqymVPMqTq41bBW0.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84826383506?pwd=H1DZbzjoL52PggMqymVPMqTq41bBW0.1</a>   |
| 3    | Section 6<br>Instructions, page<br>number 5                | I have been reading you EOI information document and find it easy to follow except for this section.<br><br><i>Governments, through the <b>country's focal ministry</b> (represented by the <b>nominated government focal point</b>), will be involved as observers in the <b>selection of the in-country partner organisation</b> during the <b>CFP evaluation</b>. It is important to note that</i> | The response can be as follows in <b>red</b><br><b>Does this mean that a Ministry such as the Ministry of Health or Education cannot apply to be the in-country partner organisation- That's correct, the government will only lead and coordinate the in-country efforts for submission of the proposals and make sure all the government priorities are captured in proposals that will be prepared and submitted by the potential implementing partner(s) . It is very important that the potential implementing partners submitting the proposal (in response to the CFPs at Stage 2) coordinate closely with the relevant government agencies to ensure that all the government needs and priorities are</b> |

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|   | <p>Section 8,<br/>Instructions, Page<br/>number 7</p> | <p>government entities <b>will NOT submit proposals</b> in response to the CFP. Instead, the government's role through the focal will be to participate as an observer in the selection committee to ensure the <b>government's perspective</b> is considered in the selection process. Additionally, during Stage II, Phase I the government is expected to support all the potential implementing partners wishing to submit an application and provide guidance on the government's priorities as needed, rather than endorsing any specific organisation.</p> <p>Does this mean that a Ministry such as the Ministry of Health or Education cannot apply to be the in-country partner organisation.</p> <p>Does this mean it has to be an NGO that makes the application?</p> <p>Is this paragraph making a differentiation between politicians( elected Ministers) and Ministry officials .</p> <p>Could you please clarify?</p> | <p>captured. It will be the responsibility of the selected implementing partner to work closely with the government during the implementation phase(mainly by liaising with the government AT focal point who will be appointed after the selection of the countries).</p> <p>Does this mean it has to be an NGO that makes the application? The in-country implementing partner can either be a local NGO, INGO, UN agency or consortium of partners, so yes the proposals for the CFP will be done by the NGO or the UN agency who is interested. However, when it comes to the application for the Expression of Interest (Eoi), it's the government agency who prepares and submits it (please note that the Eoi application happens at stage 1 and it's prepared and submitted by the government and not the potential implementing partner like an NGO). The application should be submitted by the relevant government ministries like MoE, MoH or MoS.</p> <p>Is this paragraph making a differentiation between politicians( elected Ministers) and Ministry officials. There should not be any references to the politicians but we expect the Eoi application to be signed by the Minister.</p> <p>We hope that we were able to clear your doubt. Please note that there will be a second webinar for Pacific Eoi has been scheduled on <b>July 31</b> from <b>6.30-7.30 CET</b>. Feel free to join and post your questions in person to the ATscale secretariat.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Section 4,<br/>Instructions, Page<br/>number 3</p> | <p>Iakwe from the Marshall Islands,</p> <p>I am checking if the Marshall Islands is eligible to submit EOI.</p>   | <p>For this call, only seven countries are eligible, and unfortunately, the Marshall Islands is not among them. However, ATscale is actively working on securing additional funding for the Pacific Island countries. If successful, this would enable us to open up opportunities for other countries in the region as well.</p>  |

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|  | Section 8,<br>Instructions, Page<br>number 7 | <p>Second Webinar (updated)</p> <p>When</p> <p><b>Wednesday July 31, 2024</b><br/>from <b>6.30-7.30 CET</b></p>   | <p>Join Zoon Meeting ID: 842 1412 9650<br/>Passcode: 496781<br/>(US) +1 646 558 8656<br/>Passcode: 496781<br/>Meeting host: <a href="mailto:kinleyw@unops.org">kinleyw@unops.org</a></p> <p>Zoom Meeting<br/><a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84214129650?pwd=hi aCmL7UwRruUNRLHr2LDjNeHkgcf2.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84214129650?pwd=hi aCmL7UwRruUNRLHr2LDjNeHkgcf2.1</a></p>  |
|  | Section 8,<br>Instructions, Page<br>number 7 | <p><b>Q20. How will funding be channelled to the government, and what role will the non-government implementing partner play?</b></p> <p>→ Funding will be channelled to the government through the non-government implementing partner, which could be an NGO, a UN agency, or a consortium. The selected implemented partner(s) will facilitate the disbursement and management of funds while working closely with the government to execute programs and initiatives effectively.</p> <p>How does this work? The money goes to the NGO and then they give it to the government department. Do you mean the Ministries of Health and Education. What about if the NGO is running the programme</p> | <p>It could either, depending upon who leads the activity. If the NGO is the one carrying out the activity directly then the money will not be released to the government, but if it's the government counterpart then that particular NGO will release the money to the government. It depends what kind of implementing strategy the selected implementing partner (UNGO or UN) together with the government partner (which could be as you mentioned MoE or MoH) adopts.</p> |

These clarifications shall form part of the official EOI documents. Please be guided accordingly.

Thank you.