

Clarifications to the Call for Proposals (CFP)

Project Title: Programme Management, Coordination, and Technical Support to the Government(s) for implementing the Programme on Scaling Up Assistive Technology and Related Rehabilitation Services for School-aged Children in Selected Pacific Island Countries

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Item	Page Number/ Section/ Paragraph (in original CFP)	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Page 7/section 1.11	<p><i>Applicant registration</i> All applicants, including any consortium partners, must be legally registered to operate within the region. This includes being registered to operate within the Pacific region, and/or in at least one of the three specified countries. (Fiji, Kiribati and Solomon Islands). In case of a consortium partners) (if any) must be legally registered in the specific country where they will be operating.”</p> <p>Can you please clarify the definition of registration in <i>the Pacific region</i>? For example – is an organization registered in Australia, that operates in the target countries through local partners, eligible to apply? (noting Australia is part of the Pacific region).</p>	<p>Legal recognition in the target region - An organization needs to be legally recognized (registered) to operate within the Pacific countries or territories where the activities will be planned. This could mean having a local office, formal partnerships, or some form of approval/documentation from relevant Pacific governments.</p> <p>Eligibility to apply for grants or partnerships- For this funding applications, "registered in the Pacific region" generally means that an organization must have an established operational or legal presence in at least one or more Pacific Island countries <i>and</i> one of the specified focus countries (Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Islands). Alternatively, an organization that is legally registered to operate specifically in a focus country (even if not registered in other Pacific Island countries) is eligible to apply. However, this does not apply in reverse; being registered solely in a non-focus Pacific country does not meet the eligibility requirements.</p>

2		Can you please send me the contact information for each of the focal points in the government for the three PICs?	We have requested all three governments to officially appoint focal points, and we are currently awaiting their responses. Once we receive the names, we will share them promptly by updating this clarification document.
3	Page 7/section 1.11	Could an organisation that is not registered in the relevant Pacific countries but does add value, be eligible to apply if it is in partnership with an organisation that is registered in the relevant Pacific countries?	Yes, a relevant organization registered in other LMICs within the Pacific countries (but not specifically in Fiji, Kiribati, or the Solomon Islands) may be eligible to apply if it partners with an organization that is officially registered to operate within the specific countries. It is essential that the implementing partner organization holds legal registration in the country where the activities will take place.
4	Page 7/section 1.11	<p>The xxx's operations in the Pacific align closely with regional collaboration and shared responsibility between the Australian and New Zealand entities governed by a Collaboration Agreement & a Trademark License Agreement. Xxx Australia acts as the lead agency for managing funding from all donors outside of New Zealand and the Pacific, ensuring compliance with donor requirements and leveraging its systems for financial and operational management. Xxx New Zealand serves as the primary entity for implementing projects in the Pacific, in support of Pacific partner priorities.</p> <p>Given your guidance, we'd like to confirm if this arrangement aligns with the requirement that the lead partner organization holds legal registration in the Pacific country where activities are conducted. Specifically, would The xxx Australia's role as the lead agency, paired with xxx New Zealand's partnership and operational registration in Pacific countries, meet the eligibility criteria for funding applications in these contexts? Your feedback will help ensure our compliance and alignment with the funding requirements.</p>	Given Australia's role as lead agency for managing funds, given the XXX NZ serves as the implementing partner, both governed by a "Collaboration Agreement & and Trademark License Agreement", the agencies will meet the eligibility criteria to apply. However, please note that if NZ is the implementing partner in the country, then its mandatory that they have operating rights/legal registration in the country.

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

Thank you.