

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - Part 1

CALL FOR PROPOSAL REF: 22199/2024/01

Integrated Refractive Error and Children's Eye Health Services through a National Approach

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Q.#	Question	Clarification
Q.1	<p>Would an international NGO, with a headquarters in the United States, and a local office in the country to be served with the funding, operating in conformity with the provisions of the laws of such country, be eligible to apply?</p> <p>If so, could the application be submitted by the headquarters in the US — or would it need to be submitted by the local office in the country served?</p>	<p>a. Applicants are not required to be headquartered in the LMIC. However, they must be registered to operate in the country where the funding will be used.</p> <p>b. Furthermore, it does not matter which office submits the application. It can be the country office or the headquarter.</p>
Q.2	<p>Page 6 of the CFP states: It is encouraged that countries selected are not locations that already have significant investments in low-cost eyeglasses and children's eye health from USAID, UNOPS or ATscale.</p> <p>Could you please provide a list of these countries which are considered to have significant investments in these areas?</p>	<p>Significant investments in refractive error are currently underway in Cambodia and Zambia. Investments in refractive error are also taking place or will begin shortly in the following countries. If a proposal is submitted for one of the following countries it must clearly articulate how it will coordinate, supplement and/or compliment with the existing or upcoming activities supported by ATscale.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Egypt • Ethiopia • Fiji • Indonesia • Jordan • Kenya • Kiribati • Micronesia • Nigeria • Pakistan • Palestine • Rwanda • Samoa • Senegal • Solomon Islands • Tanzania • Tonga • Vanuatu

Q.3	Is there a legal/compliance factor blocking social enterprises from applying?	For this particular CFP, section 1.9 (Applicant Eligibility) on page 6 outlines compliance and eligibility requirements that unfortunately exclude social enterprises from applying as lead applicants. That said, while you may not meet the criteria as a lead applicant, there may still be an opportunity to contribute as a partner through sub-granting or contracting arrangements with eligible lead applicants.
Q.4	For this USD \$2.5 million grant, can a successful applicant focus on more than one country, or are programs expected to take place in a single country?	Under this CFP, each submission should focus on one country only. However, applicants are allowed to submit up to two separate proposals as lead applicants, for two different countries each with max 2.5 million.
Q.5	Does the term LMIC (Low- and Middle-Income Countries) include Least Developed Countries (LDCs), or should we only consider geographies listed under LMICs in the ODA list?	The term LMIC (Low- and Middle-Income Countries) does not include Least Developed Countries (LDCs). Please focus solely on the countries and territories listed under LMICs in the ODA classification.
Q.6	Is Section 2 of the CFP (Requirements) intended to be a complete guide as to relevant sections to complete in the Proposal form? Therefore as sections 7-9 of the Proposal form are not listed in Section 2, those sections can be left blank? It is noted that Section 8 of the Proposal form indicates that this section is required only if identified in the CFP.	Applicants should complete all relevant sections of the proposal form as applicable to their proposal.
Q.7	Should Annex 4 (PSEA self-assessment) be completed both as an attachment and online on UNPP?	Yes, Annex 4 (PSEA self-assessment) should be completed and submitted as part of the proposal and also on the UNPP portal.
Q.8	In the Call for Proposals it states: "Organizations may be the lead applicant on no more than two submissions." Can you confirm that 'organizations' refers to 'any one legal entity' can be lead applicant to no more than two submissions?	Yes, "Organizations" as stated in the CFP document refers to a single legal entity. Each legal entity is allowed to submit up to two proposals as the lead applicant under this CFP.
Q.9	Should we follow the Call for Proposals language - that organizations may be the lead on 2 submissions, and there is no limit to the number of proposals that an applicant can participate in as a sub-award partner?	Yes, organizations may submit up to two submissions as lead applicants. And there is no limit to the number of proposals they can participate in as sub-grantees.
Q.10	For Section 10 on the proposal form, is there any guidance on length of response for each sub-grantee? Presumably it should be one sub-grantee per line?	There is no specific limit on the length of the response for each sub-grantee in Section 10 of the proposal form. However, it would be reasonable to keep each sub-grantee's information concise and clear.

Q.11	Do sub-grantees need to meet the stated country registration eligibility criteria?	Sub-grantees should possess the ability to operate within the selected country.
Q.12	Page 6 of the CFP indicates that the maximum allowable funding per applicant is \$2.5 million. It also states that organizations may act as the lead applicant on no more than two submissions. Could UNOPS confirm whether the allowable funding for two submissions is \$2.5 million for each submission, or a total of \$2.5 million across both submissions?	Based on the CFP document, the funding limit per applicant is \$2.5 million per grant submission. Organizations can act as the lead applicant on up to two submissions, meaning that the funding limit applies individually to each submission. Therefore, the maximum allowable funding for two submissions would be \$2.5 million per submission.
Q.13	May the applicant propose key personnel exclusively from the lead organization or include personnel from the joint venture / consortium / association members as well?	Not necessarily from the lead organization only.
Q.14	Could you clarify whether the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) form should be completed by the organisation itself via the online portal, or if this needs to be done in collaboration with our implementing partners via the self-assessment form?	The Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) self-assessment form is required to be completed by the organization itself via the UN Partner Portal (UNPP).