

Call for Proposals EIIP 001/2020

Questions and Answers

Q1: Do you accept applicants who haven't worked with ILO before?

A1: Yes

Q2: Is it required for the NGO to be registered in VAT to apply?

A2: Not mandatory.

Q3: Can you send us the concept note template in word format?

A3: The documents can be shared in PDF format only. You can convert into word the templates that you need to use.

Q4: Exchange rate, the one to be used should be the one used by the bank?

A4: Payments will be made as fresh dollar to the NGO which gives you flexibility to withdraw dollars and convert at market rate for local payments. **N.B: While wages cost will be transferred to the IP in USD wages should be paid in LBP. If the IP will use a semi-official and favorable market exchange conversion from USD to LBP this will be regarded an advantage and should be indicated in the proposal, ie the corresponding budget for labour wages based on the numbers in the table should be indicated in the proposal.**

Q5: For the 10,000 m2, do they have to be one plot or they can belong to several farmers and/or municipality, and what is the ratio of public/private land? What is the maximum area?

A5: As indicated in the call for proposal it is expected that a number of private farmers will be included in and around the municipality. Details will be determined after award in consultation with the municipalities.

Q6: Can we do any technical training in the project? Are awareness sessions regarding labor law and measures during covid-19 expected for the farmers/workers?

A6: Yes.

Q7: In the union of east Zahle municipalities, is it recommended to work with one or with several municipality (ies) from within the union?

A7: The project entry will be through the union of municipalities, details will be determined after award in consultation with the head of the union of municipalities.

Q8: I have a concern regarding the payment to the officer from the municipality, you have specified 40 days throughout the project, but the workers will be effectively working more than 40 days collectively. I mean each worker will work 40 days in total throughout the project, but the work itself will be done over more than just 40 days. So technically this would only cover part of someone's salary at the municipality. In addition, this salary will be

reimbursed to the municipality only with the last payment upon the completion of the project?

A8: Technically, it is a top up for a municipal staff; however, it can be paid on a monthly basis.

Q9: Are the distribution fees of the final produce by the municipalities (if work is done on municipality land) covered by the project?

A9: The project will help work out the strategy for surplus production. However, farmers/municipalities are responsible for distribution and sale.

Q10: When you mentioned Bchare you meant the village or the Kaza?

A10: Bshare the village.

Q11: When you mentioned 10000 sq.m of farmlands you meant the total area for all farmers in each area or each one of the farmers should have a minimum 10000 sq.m of farmland.

A11: It can be divided into plots.

Q12: Is there any possibility for an extension of the deadline to submit our proposal?

A12: Not possible at the moment.

Q13: Would you accept a consortium of NGOs to apply? Is it possible for 2 NGOs to apply as a joint venture?

A13: No