

## Questions and Answers

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### **ARE – Request for Application (RFA008): Establishing of a local nursery for certified grapes seedlings.**

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- 1. Is it possible to extend the deadline of the submission 10 days or 1 week in order to have more accurate and precise budget since the quotations for some equipment will be received from outside Lebanon?**

**Answer:** The schedule of the RFA008 is very tight since we are trying to capture this season which is critical, and any delays will jeopardize the ability to capture the season. However, to avoid the delay waiting for the quotations, the budget can include estimates of the equipment prices. In this case, please specify in the application that the prices are estimates and will slightly vary based on the final quotations.

- 2. Can the construction of the floor of the warehouse be included in the budget as eligible cost?**

**Answer:** The construction of the flooring can be included in the proposal.

- 3. Can the laboratory testing be covered in the budget?**

**Answer:** Yes, the cost can be covered in the budget. What ARE is interested in is the production of certified seedlings. Normally certifications are owned and managed by government entities such as the Ministry of Agriculture. If in case there are not any clear certification programs, the alternative will be to adopt the protocol that the applicant will be suggesting certifying the products as disease free and true to type production including the laboratory tests.

- 4. If the applicant is aiming to collect local varieties from all Lebanon and create a bank in their land of different varieties to be used by other growers and wineries to start their production. Is it possible to include this in the budget?**

**Answer:** The project is a pilot project towards the indigenous grapes in arak and wine, therefore, it is not limited to some local indigenous grape varieties. The applicant can mention in the proposal all types of indigenous varieties that they want to include with breakdown for target production, and also, during the mapping phase of the project other varieties can be included based on the assessment done all over Lebanon with the distilleries and wineries and their need of varieties.