



Invitation for Pre-qualification of NGOs
for the Management of Mentoring Grants

Questions and Answers

1. We did not find any mention of the percentage of the budget that will be allocated for capacity building. In previous years 7% of the budget was for capacity building, will it remain the same this year?

The guidelines do not specify a percentage for the capacity building component. Hence, the capacity building budget shall reflect the needs of the partner NGOs and the partnership needs. This will be justified as part of the needs assessment that Mentoring Grants Manager will undertake with their partner NGOs.

2. In the Palestinian NGO Project III, the percentage of the budget for overheads for the Mentor NGOs was 12% and it was not enough. There were several recommendations from the Mentor NGOs to increase it to 15% but this has not been taken into consideration in this call for proposals. Could this be looked at again?

Management fee for this call of proposals will continue to constitute 12% of the overall grant amount noting that the ceiling of the mentoring grant has been increased to \$US500,000.

3. Regarding the eligibility criteria that Mentor NGOs must have a physical presence in the vicinity of the proposed project. Does it mean that in the Mentor NGO must have an office in the area to be eligible or can a Mentor NGO working at the national level with the staff and capacity to reach the field also be eligible?

Mentoring Grant Managers shall demonstrate that they have an easy access to the proposed targeted geographic areas. Physical presence is a preference under this granting scheme.



4. The guidelines regarding poor and marginalized areas are vague. Is there priority in the geographical areas?

There is no priority in the geographical areas. However, the indicative geographical sharing will be 40% Gaza, 20% East Jerusalem and 40% West Bank (allocated to governorates with high level of poverty based on data from the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics). Targeting will be part of NDC's appraisal of the Mentoring Grants Manager's (MGM) proposal in reaching out to poorest and most needy communities. MGMs will justify their geographic targeting in the submission of full proposals following the needs assessment.

5. How will NDC guarantee full coordination on geographical areas? For example if many Mentor NGOs apply with projects in the same geographical area, how will NDC avoid overlapping beneficiaries and projects?

NDC will guarantee a full coordination on the geographical areas as part of its detailed appraisal and assessment process. The short-listing stage will identify where each MGM intends to implement its program.

6. The guidelines state that the duration of the sub-grant should not exceed 2 years. Does this include a reporting and finalisation period at the end or will Mentor NGOs be given time specifically to do this?

The entire program' duration is 2 years including the reporting and the financial audit of the projects, starting from the date of signature of the Grant Agreement with NDC.

7. How are the villages to the north-west of Jerusalem classified? Are they considered Ramallah district (and therefore, the West Bank) because they are this side of the wall or are they considered as East Jerusalem?

All the villages that were originally considered as part of the Jerusalem District will continue to be considered so under this program.