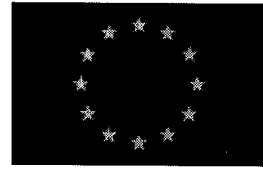




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Questions and Answers

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1. What kind of resources do I need to implement a project?	See details on the guidelines for Applicants and the Grant Application Form. See the following Delegation of the European Commission websites www.eudelbangladesh.org and the Project websites http://fssfc.gov.bd
2. What are the selection criteria for grants? Is there a place in which criteria are listed?	Please refer to the Guidelines Chapter 2.3 "Evaluations and selection of applications".
3. Will the answers to specific questions be given only to those who ask the questions? Or will you publish all the asked questions and answers on your web page.	Answers together with questions will be published on the web pages of the Delegation of the European Commission www.eudelbangladesh.org and the project web site www.fssfc.gov.bd .
4. Will there be a second Call for Proposals?	No, there will be no second call
5. How many payments will be made during the project implementation?	There will be pre-financing on the signing of the grant contract, the annual payment on acceptance of interim report and final payment on acceptance of final report . Please see Article 15 of Annex II-General Conditions for details.
6. How many technical and financial checks will be made by or on behalf of the European Commission?	Please see Article 16 of the Annex II-General Conditions of Grant contract. In addition to the above, the Action will be monitored by the PTF (Project Task Force) on a regular basis including the implementation of spot checks.
7. When is the final deadline for submission of the proposals?	Please see Section 2.2.3 of the Guidelines
8. We have supporting documentation which is not in English. May we submit in original language?	Please see Section 2.4 of the Guidelines for details for submission of documents not in the official language.

<p>9. What is the difference between “actual” eligible costs and “indirect” costs, which have been deemed eligible, maximum 1 % of total project costs?</p>	<p>"Actual" costs are "eligible direct costs", costs must comply with the provisions of Article 14 of the General Conditions to the Standard Grant Contract (Annex V of guidelines).</p> <p>“Indirect” costs refer to expenditure due to overheads. Indirect costs may be eligible at not more than 7% of the total eligible direct costs.</p> <p>See Section 2.1.4 of the Guidelines for Applicants for further details.</p>
<p>10. Are the translation costs for supporting documentation eligible as “actual costs”?</p>	<p>For an eligible direct cost the expenditure is to be incurred during the implementation of the action. Hence, expenditure made during the preparation of the grant proposal such as translation, photocopying, use of consultants, visits to the areas in which the grant will be dispersed etc, are not eligible costs.</p>
<p>11. What is to be budgeted as a unit price for the audits required, and for how many?</p>	<p>Costs of audits are deemed as “eligible costs” and as such should be detailed in Annex B – Budget, Section 5- Other costs and services.</p> <p>Prices will depend on the scope of the audit but should be gauged on the average for the market in question and/or similar to audit costs normally borne by the beneficiary.</p> <p>Applicants should keep budget provision for annual and final audit.</p>
<p>12. The turn over amount 425 lakh which you have mention in the guideline may i like to put this queries that amount should cover the only in case of lead organization or included partners?</p>	<p>This amount is applicable for the Applicant (Lead organization).</p>
<p>13. How many project related consultant(s) e.g. Crop Scientists (Agronomist), Soil Scientists, Agricultural Economists and others could be appointed by the Beneficiary organization/ authority?</p>	<p>It depends on personpower you have in your organization & proposal you are offering.</p>
<p>14. How much remuneration/salary per capita per month will be offered to the project related consultant(s) mentioned above by the beneficiary organization/authority?</p>	<p>It should correspond to actual salaries plus social security charges and other remuneration related costs; salaries and costs must not exceed those normally borne by beneficiaries or its partners.</p> <p>See Article 14 of General Conditions for further details.</p>

15. The appointed consultant(s) could be taken either for the whole project period or for the partial period?	It depends on proposal you are offering including activities.
16. Please let me know specifically for consultants' traveling allowance and per diem with staying per night	See answer to question no. 14.
17. How much honorarium will be offered for the trainer and trainees for arranging seminar / symposium / workshop / farmers field day / farmers' training etc	See answer to question no. 14
18. How many applications may one organization can submit under this call? How many organisations can make consortium?	See Section 2.1.3, heading "Number of application and grants per applicant" of the Guidelines. No limit but should be manageable.
19. In case of partnership application, Is the lead organization is responsible for all sorts of financial matter?	Yes.
20. How do you categorize Poor farmer? Government have classified farmers into 5 groups—Namely—Rich, Medium, Small, Marginal and Landless. No exact definition of poor from Government but According to Financing agreements—The target groups should be Poor, Small and marginal farmers. – We want advice from you.	The target beneficiaries are small & marginal farmers. See corrigendum published in Delegation of the European Commission website www.eudelbangladesh.org and the Project website http://fssfc.gov.bd
21. What did you meant by Target and final beneficiaries?	Target Beneficiaries: Small and marginal farm households who will be directly positively affected by the project at the project purpose level. Final Beneficiaries: Are those who will benefit from the project in the long term at the level of the society or sector at large.
22. We are just unclear about the thematic areas. Whether the four thematic areas will be integrated in a single project proposal or separate PP will be written in four thematic areas individually?	All the thematic areas should be integrated in one proposal for any LOT (except Lot-7). The proposal for LOT 7 must address themes mentioned for LOT 7.
23. Section 2.1.1 Eligibility of applicants, page 8, states that only International Organizations (IRRI, World Fish, Red Cross, etc.) Bangladesh or EC based organizations may submit. Is this correct?	The cfp is open to all members of OECD/DAC List of ODA Recipients. The list is available in following website in Annex a2: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/index_en.htm
24. Several of the items on the EC website do not	Log frame and other appendices are available in

appear to be working. For instance- the logframe and the various appendices? May we receive hard copies from the EC Delegation? Or from other sources?

website: <https://www.fssc.gov.bd>. The website is working and documents can be downloaded.