

CLARIFICATION NUMBER: ONE



REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPORT TO INDUSTRIALISATION AND PRODUCTIVE SECTORS (SIPS)

Reference Number: SADC/3/5/2/197

DATED: 17th JANUARY 2022

| NO | QUESTION | RESPONSE |
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| 1 | I would like to get clarity on this grant application. For instance, who is eligible, and under which sectors exactly does one need to fall under. I am based in Botswana and would also like to know where exactly your offices are located | <p>The basis for the call are published in the following link: https://www.sadc.int/opportunities/procurement/open-procurement-opportunities/request-applications-sips/</p> <p>The Guidelines for Applicants define who is eligible on paragraph 2.1. The eligible sectors are defined in paragraph 1.</p> <p>The applications in accordance with the Guidelines for Applicants should be sent electronically to the following email address before 31/1/2022 at 16:00 Gaborone time: sips2022@sadc.int</p> |

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| 2 | <p>Thank you all for the 3rd Information Session. Kindly put some light on the Note below, “Note: Applicants are encouraged to integrate response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the project proposals.”</p> <p>This mail aims to understand more to prepare the Integrated Response plan as requested above.</p> | <p>The note indicates that applicants are encouraged to mainstream measures to mitigate the impact of COVID 19 pandemic in their proposals. Please refer also to answer to Question 3 below.</p> |
| 3 | <p>The call for proposal is focused on Leather value chain and ARV value chain, however it is noted that applicants are encouraged to integrate response to Covid-19 pandemic in project proposals. Regarding to this, I would like to know if our proposal for is for grant request on manufacturing of products to combat Covid-19 pandemic only, will it be accepted or it must also be in line with ARV value chain?</p> | <p>Proposals have to be focused on Leather and ARV value chain. The applicants are encouraged to integrate measures to mitigate the impact of COVID 19 pandemic in their proposals of either of the two value chains. Applications cannot only focus on products to combat COVID-19 pandemic.</p> |
| 4 | <p>On page 28 of the guidelines, on point no.6 it is mentioned that ‘The Contract Authority may decide not to request for supporting documents for applications for grant not exceeding USD 60,000’. Does this me ans the company can request for grant less than the limit mentioned on page 7 of the guidelines? (ie USD 400,000 to 600,000)</p> | <p>The applicants can only present proposals between the limits mentioned on page 7 of the guidelines (USD 400.000 to 600.000)</p> |
| 5 | <p>I would like to get clarification on LOTS of the action. I failed to understand where the Leather Value Chain falls in. LOT X or LOT Y?</p> | <p>According to paragraph 1.1. of the Guidelines for Applicants, the action has two themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theme 1: leather value chain; and 2. Theme 2: ARV value chain. |

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| | | Both themes are allocated the same financial envelope. The application should indicate to which theme the applicant is applying. |
| 6 | <p>My team intends to participate in the 2nd Call Reference SADC/3/5/197. We want to establish whether it is proper to engage a private company that is one of the major player in the XXXXX Leather Value Chain as Lead Applicant.</p> <p>The company, XXXX is a profit making organisation and is very active in SADC Region. However, for the purpose of this Grant Call, the project will be isolated from main operations of XXXX company.</p> <p>Zambezi will second its relevant key staff to Project Implementation Unit (PIU) that will join hands with my team of experts.</p> <p>The PIU will be a non-making profit entity. XXXX might benefit indirectly like any player in the SADC leather value chain from the outcome of the interventions to be initiated by the PIU.</p> | <p>Paragraph 2.1.1. of the Guidelines for Applicants establishes the eligibility rules for applicants and co-applicants.</p> <p>In order to be eligible an applicant must be legally established in a SADC Member State or any of the countries mentioned in paragraph 2.1.1(1).</p> <p>Eligible applicants include profit making entities such as commercial companies; non-profit making entities such trade unions, employers' associations, chambers of commerce, universities, investigation centres; and public entities such as public administrations, parastatals, state owned companies etc.</p> <p>The applicants may establish consortia including several entities which can have different legal nature (profit, non-profit etc)</p> |

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