



SADC SECRETARIAT RESPONSES 3rd INFORMATION SESSION

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CONTRACT TITLE: SUPPORT TO INDUSTRIALISATION AND PRODUCTIVE SECTORS (SIPS)

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	Key issues	Response
1	Can the lead applicant be a profit-making company or an association?	<p>Yes, any legal entity is eligible provided they meet the requirements in paragraph 2.2.1. of the Guidelines for applicants, i.e. <i>be established in one or more than one SADC Member State and/or be established in a) and ACP State b) a Member State of the European Union etc.</i></p> <p>These include NGOs, profit making companies, associations, trade unions, employers' associations, universities, investigation institutes, parastatals, public administrations etc.</p>
2	Where can the application be sent? Can it be sent via email?	<p>According to paragraph 2.2.3. of the Guidelines for Applicants, applications must be sent to the following Email address: sips2022@sadc.int</p>

3	<p>What happens if one organisation submits two applications on the same theme (either two on leather or two on ARV) and they are both found compliant? May the applicant choose which application should be funded?</p>	<p>According to paragraph 2.1.4, applicants may not submit more than two applications per them and may not be awarded more than one per theme.</p> <p>In case an applicant submits two applications and they are both found compliant, the Evaluation Committee will decide which proposal meets better the requirements of the call for proposal and therefore be proposed for award.</p> <p>The evaluation committee scores proposals in accordance with the evaluation grids contained in paragraph 2.3 of the Guidelines for Applicants. Only the proposals obtaining higher scores will be proposed for funding.</p>
4	<p>Is an upgrade of pharmaceutical and engineering (backward integration) of a primary and secondary packaging plant of ARV tablets eligible for this proposal?</p>	<p>The activity is eligible provided that it complies with the rest of the requisites in the Guidelines for Applicants.</p>
5	<p>Are the purchase of equipment and trainings for the operationalisation of that equipment eligible activities?</p>	<p>Yes, grant funds can be used to purchase equipment and deliver the trainings necessary for the operationalisation of the equipment.</p>
6	<p>Is a proposal eligible if it takes place in one Member State only?</p>	<p>No, the actions in the proposal must take place in at least two Member States. According to paragraph 2.1.4. “<i>actions must take place in at least two Member States of SADC region, except South Africa</i>”. This does not mean that all the actions in a proposal need to take place in at least two Member States some actions may take place in one Member State and other actions in another Member States.</p>
7	<p>Are dossier number and reference number the same?</p>	<p>The Reference of this call is SADC 3/5/2/197. According to paragraph 2.2.2 of the Guidelines for Applicants, the email with the submission of the application must bear the reference number; the lot number (leather of ARV); and the title of the call for proposals: “<i>support to industrialisation and productive sectors (SIPS)</i>”.</p>

8	Can any organisation at the leather value chain apply?	Yes, any organisation at the leather value chain can apply provided they meet the requirements in the Guidelines for Applicants.
9	Can an organisation that is already receiving funds from other sources apply?	Yes, organisations with experience in grant implementation are encouraged to participate. It must be noted that grants shall be non-cumulative according to article 56 of the SADC Policy for Procurement and Grants.
10	Must applicants follow the templates for concept note and full application as in the call for proposal/application form?	Yes, the templates in the Grant Application Form must be respected in preparing the application.
11	Can a legal entity established in South Africa be a lead applicant?	Yes, legal entities established in South Africa are eligible as lead applicants. The actions proposed cannot take place in South Africa but the lead applicant or the co applicants can be from South Africa.

End of Responses

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