Minutes of pre-bid conference CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR GRANT COMPETITION TO ESTABLISH NEW OR EXPAND EXISTING SOCIAL ENTERPRISES; TO DEVELOP SERVICES AND PRODUCTS FOR AND BY VULNERABLE GROUPS IN RESPONSE AND BUILDING RESILENCE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Project: Improving Rural Development in Georgia

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Via Zoom Conference

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Key Information

The representative of the project, Mr. Giorgi Tsimintia, gave a brief presentation of:

- Project background
- Purpose of the Grant Competition

Overall, the purpose of the Grant Competition is to respond and build the resilience of rural areas in Georgia to the COVID-19 outbreak and the economic and social consequences through Social Enterprise development in the IRDG project target municipalities.

O and A session:

Q 1: Hello, I am a beneficiary of the Rural Development Program. I have already won the grant for the hostels and registered the LTD in this regard. I would like, to add the social enterprise component to my business model. Is it acceptable within this grant scheme, or would it be a violation? **Answer:** We will clarify this further for you. Please also write as this guestion in the e-mail to us.

Q 2: Could you please list the target municipalities?

Answer: Our target Municipalities are as follows: Keda, Khulo, Akhalkalaki, Dedoplistskaro, Tetritskaro, Lagodekhi, Kazbegi, and Borjomi Municipalities.

Q 3. What are the eligible costs that could be requested?

Answer: you can find the ineligible costs listed under the announced document, and you may refer to the list. Please note that the beneficiary's co-financing is equal to 10%.

Q 4. Could you please provide an estimated duration of the evaluation process?

Answer: the estimated duration is a maximum of ten (10) days after the deadline for the submission of proposals.

Q5: Do you have any restrictions regarding the legal status of the applicant?

Answer: No, at the stage of the proposal submission, there is no mandatory legal status required, though, during the contracting process, the applicant should have an NGO or LTD status.