

## Q & A

Q1: Does the newly registered organization have a chance to participate in this grant competition

Answer: Yes, Indeed. The organization participating in the competition should have the relevant experience, though if the proposed team is qualified the evaluation committee will consider the proposal as the eligible one.

Q2: The announcement states that the project should be implemented in eight target Municipalities, does that mean that no application can be submitted beyond those Municipalities?

Answer: Application can be submitted by the NGO from any Municipality within Georgia, although the activities envisaged through the project should be implemented in the target Municipalities.

Q3: Is it required to submit the modality of the training at the date of submission of the application?

Answer: Referring to the announced Call for Proposal, at the initial stage the detailed modality isn't required.

Q4: Do you have initially envisaged the number of beneficiaries?

Answer: At least 10 participants per Municipality.

Q5: Do we have to plan a face to face training modules or online ones?

Answer: While planning, please consider the Covid 19 restrictions. Although, the outcome should be the same for both, face-to-face and online training. You may choose the mixed (Hybrid) approach as well.

Q6: What is your expectation from this grant competition, what value should be created?

Answer: Please refer to the objectives stated in the announced Call for Proposals.

Q7: How many applications will be financed through this grant competition?

Answer: 1 organization per LoT, in total 2 Lots.

Q8: Do you require co-financing?

Answer: No

Q9: Should the grant application cover each municipality per LoT?

Answer: yes

Q10: Is it permitted to involve citizen(s) of the foreign country?

Answer: Yes, it is permitted

Q11: Are the videos and video classes expenses an eligible cost for this grant competition?

Answer: Please refer to Task #3

Q12: Could you please elaborate more on the synergies component?

Answer: The Project goal is to ensure the sustainability of this program and in this regard, based on the experiences gained, the selected organization(s) shall formulate a draft measure on rural digital skills development and present the measure and experiences to the Inter-Agency Coordination Council (IACC) and MEPA, and the Rural Development Council (RDC) and MoA of Ajara A/R. Besides, grant recipients may be required (subject to the request from the IRDG project) to submit digital skills development (DSD) course in video format to MoA of Ajara A/R in required form for the inclusion of the DSD course in training modules of MoA of Ajara A/R.

Q13: Is an ITC equipment cost eligible for this grant application?

Answer: Yes, it is.

Q14: Can a partner company be a non-resident organization? Is it permitted to involve the expert from the international organization?

Answer: Yes, the applicant can have a partner non-resident organization and the expert can be involved as well

Q15: is it reasonable to include a translation fee in the budget?

Answer: It depends on your proposal, if there is a need for translation you may include it in the budget.

Q16: How will you measure the success of the project and can be a certification exam be used in this regard?

Answer: We expect a detailed proposal from the applicant organizations on how to measure the success, we are waiting for your ideas.

Q17: Is it mandatory for all materials to be implemented in Georgian

Answer: Yes, it is. The application should be filled out in English but all materials for courses and training should be in Georgian,

Q18: Is it mandatory for the applicant organization to have a separate bank account?

Answer: yes, it is.

Q19: who provides the venue for the training?

Answer: We think that the training should be held virtually. But if face-to-face modality will be possible the applicant should offer how and where it can be done.

Q20: Could you please advise what is the estimated budget?

Answer: maximum 30,000.00 USD, Minimum 15,000.00 USD

Q21: Do you have a percentage distribution of the budget breakdown per component?

Answer: No budget breakdown is elaborated initially, it is up to the applicant.

Q22: What is the main goal to create Open Educational Resource (OER)?

Answer: Creating an Open Educational Resource (OER) in digital skills for rural communities (including youth, women, and other vulnerable groups) and enterprises with consideration of the rural context of Georgia will grant access to digital infrastructure and existing skills for every entrepreneur within Georgia.

Q23: What is the duration of the project?

Answer: 5 months

Q24: How did you choose the eight target Municipalities

Answer: Project operates in these Municipalities.

Q25: Does the project imply only an educational module or other tools that can be utilized to develop digital skills?

Answer: Yes, it implies the educational component training, creating Open Educational Resource that should be linked to other projects and may become a part of the state program.

Q26: Is it possible to integrate some other training in this grant application besides the digital skills development?

Answer: Yes, indeed. Although it isn't requested.

Q27: Are the recommendation letters required?

Answer: yes it is.

Q 28. Could you please refer to the eligible cost that can be requested?

Answer: You can find the ineligible costs listed under the announced document, and you may refer to the list. We do not have a list of the eligible costs.

Q29: Is it possible that 2 NGOs submit the proposal with the consortium agreement?

Answer: Please note that in the case of the consortium, you should provide us with the signed agreement between two entities, with clearly distributed tasks and responsibilities. O/w the lead one should be NGO and the second one can be both NGO or the Private sector entity. Also, please note that the grant amount will be transferred to the lead organization, which is responsible to monitor the processes to achieve the goals and to ensure the smooth implementation of the planned and agreed tasks.