

## Minutes of pre-bid conference

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR GRANT COMPETITION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SMART VILLAGES IN GEORGIA (2nd Call)

#### Project: Improving Rural Development in Georgia

Date: 22-June-2021, 11:00 a.m.

Via Zoom Conference

**UNDP Project: Improving Rural  
Development  
in Georgia**

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Diversification)  
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#### Attendees:

**Akhalkalaki LAG  
Dedoplistskaro Tourism Development Association  
GEORGIAN FARMERS' ASSOCIATION  
CEO Inventors club of Georgia**

Sergey Khashbekian  
Manana Katashvili  
Irine Tkhelidze  
Omar Bilonashvili

#### Key Information

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

- Project background
- Purpose of the Grant Competition

The **primary objective** of the call is to respond to COVID-19 impact on rural areas and rural actors challenges in Georgia by **finding practical, innovation-driven solutions** to challenges they face and potentially seize new opportunities in jobs creation and income generation, notably with a view of substantial **inclusion of disadvantaged groups**. This further means, enacting innovative solutions to complex challenges in **service access and delivery**<sup>1</sup> that are matching the characteristics and assets of distinct rural areas.

#### Q and A session:

**Q 1:** Does your grant competition cover the whole of Georgia?

**Answer:** IRDG project carries out its activities in eight target Municipalities: Keda, Khulo, Akhalkalaki, Dedoplistskaro, Tetrtskaro, Lagodekhi, Kazbegi, and Borjomi.

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<sup>1</sup> In the areas of: mobility, logistics and local supply; health and social care; education and training; communication

**Q 2.** Do you have any limitations regarding the field of the activities?

**Answer:** Our activities project don't comprise agriculture/farming. We are limited in this regard. Although, your proposal might contain a smart approach that could be beneficial for agricultural/farming activities.

**Q 3.** For instance, is Agro tourism eligible direction for this grant competition?

**Answer:** Can be. As a result of the first CfP for Smart Villages, we had a grantee Georgian farmer's Association, which elaborated a digital map for the rural areas for all local agriculture entrepreneurs and their field of economic activity.

**Q 4.** 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.

**Q 5.** What should be the legal status of the applicant organization?

**Answer:** NGO/NNLE

**Q 6.** I wonder if the project may become a profitable business in the future?

**Answer:** Maybe, I would advise considering the essence of the concept. The methodology that is given, states that it does not have to be a purely commercial project. However, a commercial face it may eventually have in the future.

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