



INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ELECTORAL SYSTEMS

RFA 24-018 C2C; RFA 24-019 OPD; RFA 24-020 She Leads

Questions and Answers

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- Q1. **RFA-24-018 C2C:** What does it mean by locally registered organizations? "*Locally registered Disabled Persons Organizations (DPOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Non-Political Party Organizations or other similar not-for-profit institutions are invited to apply*". Our organization is based in Sindh province, but we would like to apply with our local partners in Mardan.
IFES Response: IFES would like to select an organization registered in Pakistan; IFES is not asking for organizations with registration in specific areas or provinces, as long as that organization is able to conduct activities in the requested areas.
- Q2. **GENERAL:** We are optimizing for the resources and would like to go with multiple grants but we wanted to know if we can proceed with the application for more than 1 grant.
IFES Response: Yes, a given organization may submit applications for more than one grant.
- Q3. **GENERAL:** I would like to inquire about your open proposals if we can apply for more than 1 Grant at a time?
IFES Response: As stated above, an organization may apply for more than one grant.
- Q4. **RFA-24-020 SHE LEADS:** I have just one question, this application is only for KP. our organization, and not part of this process I understand, there will be no program like this for young leaders. For our district Malir or Sindh?
IFES Response: That is correct, this particular application only covers the She Leads program in KP.
- Q5. **RFA-24-020 SHE LEADS:** The focus districts where the program has to be implemented needs clarity as the target mentioned against the one district on page 8 of the RFA is not clear. Page 8 of the RFA says one district Dir Lower while the target is 200 which is not aligned to one district as per description of the target mentioned {50 women in each district (25 community women leaders and 25 local government representatives) and 100 male allies (25 from each district)}.
IFES Response: The following is the full list of districts which should be included in this project. These were omitted from the RFA in error.

Provinces	Districts	Target	Duration
KP	Lower Dir	Total target - 200 She Leads – 50 Women in each district (25 Community leaders and 25 Local government representatives) - 100 MALE Allies – 25 from each district	1 Years
	Charsada		
	Mansehra		
	Mohmand		

Q6. **RFA-24-020 SHE LEADS:** The budget figure for the RFA is not clear, though on page 5 under 5.2 mentioned that, Applicants expected to expend \$750,000 or more in U.S. So the budget ceiling needs more clarity for the implementation of the program/project?

IFES Response: IFES would prefer not to restrict organizations to a specific budget figure. We would instead like to see how much each organization would spend to implement the activities included under the scope of work. The \$750,000 figure included in the RFA is only meant to give information on IFES’ monitoring and evaluation policies for subaward partners.

Q7. **RFA-24-020 SHE LEADS:** I need clarity on PAN, Is this similar to NTN in Pakistan?

IFES Response: PAN stands for Permanent Account Number; it is the same concept as the NTN in Pakistan.

Q8. **RFA-24-020 SHE LEADS:** There is confusion regarding the target beneficiaries. Only one district, Lower Dir, is mentioned under the district section. However, in the target beneficiaries section, a total of 200 participants for the She Leads program is mentioned. This includes 50 women in each district (25 community leaders and 25 local government representatives) and 100 male allies (25 from each district). Could you please clarify?

IFES Response: See response to Q5. A total of 200 She Leads targets are planned across four districts of KP. In each district, 50 She Leads will undergo training, comprising 25 community women and 25 local government representatives. Additionally, a total of 100 Male Allies will be involved, with 25 from each district. For more information, please consult the table above, under Q5.

Q9. **RFA-24-020 SHE LEADS:** What is the ideal size of the District Coordination Committee (DCC)? Does "She Leads" refer here to both community members and local government representatives, or only community members? Additionally, what is the number or percentage of male allies in the DCC?

IFES Response: The size of DCCs will depend on specific factors of the district in question and will be determined in consultation with IFES during program implementation. All She Leads participants and MALE Allies are eligible for inclusion in the DCCs. There is no required number or percentage of MALE Allies for inclusion in the DCCs. But participants who have demonstrated outstanding performance in

their beginners training, effectively implemented their action plans on schedule, engaged extensively within their communities, and maintained active communication with local government representatives and other relevant departments.

Q10. **RFA-24-020 SHE LEADS:** What are the maximum and minimum amounts for small grants under the She Leads program?

IFES Response: Micro grant allocation should be no more than PKR 30,000 for each participant.

Q11. **RFA-24-019 OPD:** Could you at least share the district-wise numbers of organizations mobilized for the 2021/2022 election accessibility observation?

IFES Response: IFES partners engaged not only formal and informal organizations of persons with disabilities for election accessibility observation but also over 150 individuals with disabilities for this assignment. Further details will be shared exclusively with the selected implementing partner, if required.

Q12. **GENERAL:** What are the maximum and minimum amounts for micro-grants per organization?

IFES Response: Micro grant allocation should be no more than PKR 30,000 for each participant.

Q13. **RFA-24-018 C2C:** Could you provide the names of the districts where the C2C program has already been implemented or is currently in the implementation phase so we can plan accordingly?

IFES Response: C2C has been implemented in KP province in the specified districts in the past. IFES is also preparing to implement new iterations of the program in Balochistan, Sindh, and KP under different funding, which will take place over the next year.

Q14. **RFA-24-018 C2C:** Are there any microgrants allocated for C2C alumni?

IFES Response: IFES has not included microgrants for C2C alumni in the scope of work for the C2C program.

Q15. **GENERAL:** Can under the consortium / Joint venture organizations are eligible to apply?

IFES Response: Yes, IFES will accept applications from consortiums/joint venture organizations.

Q16. **GENERAL:** What is the duration of each application?

IFES Response: The duration for each of the programs described in RFA-24-018, RFA-24-019, and RFA-24-020 is included below:

- RFA-24-018 (C2C): one year
- RFA-24-019 (OPD): one year
- RFA-24-020 (She Leads): one year

Q17. **GENERAL:** What is the budget ceiling Minimum and Maximum Range?

IFES Response: IFES would prefer not to restrict organizations to a specific budget figure. We would instead like to see how much each organization would spend to implement the activities included under the scope of work.

Q18. **GENERAL:** What is the clear understanding of the DPO, CSO & NGO as locally registered? Is it mean Pakistan territory registered or specific area or Province?

IFES Response: IFES Pakistan is seeking organizations that have prior registration and experience in the provinces specified in the RFAs to submit proposals.