Call for Concept Notes:

Education Cannot Wait Seed Funding Ethiopia Multi-Year Resilience Programme (MYRP) 2020-23

Information Session earlier planned for 19th March 2020 at the Ministry of Education, will not be conducted in accordance with the Covid-19 prevention measures recommended;

As a result, we have put together some anticipated questions with possible answers:

1. If a partner does not find any very good local NGOs and or Community groups to be part of the consortium, should that stop them from applying? We see consortium is strongly encouraged and with local NGOs included in the Consortium.
   - We strongly encourage applicants to consider consortiums and where possible include local NGOs and or community groups in the consortium. NGOs that have been done capacity and risk assessment are encouraged.

2. If an organization has the required staff and capacity to implement the programme in any or all the regions, can it submit concept Notes without being in consortium and this will be considered?
   - As indicated above, applicants in consortiums stand a better chance for consideration. However, organisations that have strong applications and meet the selection criteria will be favourably assessed. Consortiums are meant to help organizations have complimentary expertise and wider reach.

3. Can a consortium be made up of two organizations only?
   - Yes. A consortium can be formed of two organizations. More would even be better.

4. Can organizations or consortiums submit a proposal on one or two of the programme outcomes and still be considered for partnerships?
   - Yes. Organizations that meet the selection criteria and have technically strong proposals can be considered. This is when all other requirements are fulfilled.

5. Is it acceptable for an organization to submit proposals on one or two outcomes but these outcomes are implemented in both UNICEF and SCI geographical areas?
   - Yes, it is acceptable for organizations/consortiums to submit concept notes on one or two outcomes across the preferred regions.

6. To what extent can the proposed activities be modified? And how much innovative can proposals be?
   - Any modification of proposed activities should still lead to the achievement of the set outcomes and be linked to the set outputs and contribute to the achievement and measurement of the set indicators. There is no limit to innovation by applicants as long as any innovation contributes to the achievement of the set outcomes and outputs.
7. If the proposed budget is less than the ceiling, does it mean that the consortium members (CSO) did not good budgeting?
   • No. Applicants may have a less or slightly more budget depending on their budgeting and this should be fine as long as the technical proposal is strong.

8. Is the financial contribution mandatory for selection?
   • No. Financial contribution is not a mandatory requirement for selection. However, any consortium members or CSOs able to contribute any amount to the implementation of the programme are encouraged to do so.

9. In the Call for Concept Notes, it says that only funding for one year has been secured, does this mean that calls for Proposals will be launched again after securing funds for the following years?

   No. If the consortium that has signed partnership agreement (with the grantees) are performing well, the partnership will continue into the next year following the confirmation of funds without having to call for new proposals.

10. If partners have any further questions, can they send an email or make a phone call?

    Yes. Partners with further questions of clarifications can send emails to the provided emails in the call for Concept Notes; dminoque@unicef.org  Cc’ing pbagambe@unicef.org and mellese.bedanie@savethechildren.org and sisay.dejene@savethechildren.org