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**Questions & Answers from Information Session held on 24.04.2024 and and  
CfP Functional Mailbox**

- Q1. Can an organisation based in the UK and with offices in Malawi be a lead for the call for proposals?**
- A1. Yes, all countries are eligible under this call. For more information, refer to Section 1 of Annex A2a1 of the European Union Practical Guide (Eligibility programmes 2021-2027).
- Q2. Can you provide clarification regarding the restriction on target districts? Can more districts than the ones mentioned in the call be included in the proposal, or must the core activities be limited to those specified districts? This is a question about going beyond the target districts mentioned in the call.**
- A2. Actions must take place **in a minimum of five or more** of the following districts: Balaka, Chikwawa, Chiradzulu, Dedza, Ntcheu, Nsanje, Thyolo, Mulanje, Machinga, Mangochi, Phalombe, Salima and Zomba. Additional districts can be proposed beyond the minimum required and beyond those districts listed.



**Q3. Are Government or Research Institutions eligible as lead or co-applicants in this call?**

A3. All Institutions that fulfil the eligibility criteria as set out in section 2.1.1 of the guidelines for grant applicants are eligible to apply. Other organisations not fulfilling these criteria can be included in the action as Associates.

**Q.4 Would you be able to clarify what an Associate of CSOs means? Can an associate be a government agency?**

A4. An associate of CSOs refers to a coalition of independent actors, organised on a not-for-profit basis in different development fields.

**Q.5 Is a local lead applicant eligible for the 95% co-financing if the co-applicants are international organisations?**

A.5 No. The 95% co-financing is only applicable to consortiums made up of only local organisations.

**Q.6 Does the EU have specific criteria on how funds are distributed amongst the lead and co-applicants?**

A.6 No. The EU leaves these arrangements to the grant beneficiaries. However, there is an expectation that these arrangements are fair and promote fair and equal representation of the work to be done by the grant beneficiaries.

**Q.7 Are there any restrictions on where grant partners source their co - financing?**

A.7 As per EU rules, the only applicable restriction is that those funds must be from sources other than the general budget of the Union or the European Development Fund.



**Q8. How novel does the application need to be or can it build on an existing project, including an EU-funded project?**

A.8 Applicants can build on to their existing successful projects, including previously funded EU projects.

**Q.9 Are organisations that are currently beneficiaries of EU funding eligible to apply for this call for proposals?**

A.9 Yes. There are no restrictions barring organisations already benefitting from EU Support to apply for this call. Each European Union Call for Proposals is assessed independently.