

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - FAQs**

As part of the preparation for the submission of technical and financial proposals for "THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS/CONSORTIA IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PROJECT "INVESTING IN WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR A GREENER ECONOMY IN BENIN" (IIW-B), see below FAQs to aid in your bid submission.

1. The areas of implementation of the project? **Up to 9 departments in total representing the sites of beneficiaries or less if some beneficiaries are in the same area**
2. The financial envelope available? **Applicants are required to develop their own budget based on the content of the TOR**
3. The frameworks to be used for the preparation of the budget? **AECF doesn't have a specific template. Bidders to develop theirs**
4. the outlines or letter templates for the submission of technical and financial proposals? **AECF doesn't have a specific template. Bidders to develop theirs**
5. Does each proposal have to take into account all the outputs mentioned, or can the applicant organisations choose the outputs on which they wish to intervene? **Consider all the contents of the TOR to ensure comparison is made on a like-for-like basis with other bidders**
6. Can a consortium be composed of both women's rights organizations (WROs and private companies)? **No**
7. The completeness of the files of this call (I found only the terms of reference). **The TOR is the only file required for you to facilitate a technical and financial bid**
8. What is the rate of indirect costs (overhead) applicable in the context of these subsidies? **Applicants are required to develop their own budget based on the content of the TOR**
9. Could you confirm whether, under this call for proposals, a consortium can include an ODDF as the lead organisation, with an organisation such as TechnoServe as an implementing partner?

**One of the ODDFs is supposed to lead the consortium**

10. Can we rely on the beneficiaries of our current and past projects, or are we required to work exclusively with AECF-supported participants in its investment portfolios in Benin?

**You may prioritize AECF beneficiaries mainly for their site. If by chance, there are some old partners there they could be involved**

11. Can we link our proposal to one of our existing programmes in order to strengthen the gender component, or does the AECF have an entirely separate project?

**The Gender activities described here are implemented under the framework of the IFEV/ AECF project**

12. What is the minimum and maximum amount per grant, and how many grants are planned in total?

**As the TOR is clear on activities and the scope, please do propose your best proposal in terms of cost.**

13. What is the precise geographical area of coverage of the project?

It will be in 9 departments in total or less

14. Could you also specify the geographical scope expected for interventions in Benin (e.g. targeted regions or departments, priority areas, or the possibility of intervening throughout the national territory)?

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