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GRANT AWARD PROCEDURE

Further Support to the Penitentiary reform in Azerbaijan – 2 (SPERA 2)
[Ref. GRANT SPERA]

Deadline for applications – 1st March 2020

Questions & Answers

Question 1: Can we cover currently imprisoned persons under this call for proposals and work on their rehabilitation and reintegration processes before their release? In this case, the activities will be implemented both in and outside of the prison.

Answer 1: According to the Call for Proposals (page 4 - Requirements), the grants will fund a project designed to develop and implement reintegration programmes in order to support released prisoners.

Question 2: Can we cover several objectives (legal and psychological aid, vocational education, business training and awareness-raising among entrepreneurs) mentioned in CoP within one proposed project?

Answer 2: Applicants may submit proposals for one, several or all grants. Applicants interested in several grants should submit individual applications of each grant proposal.

Question 3: And the last question is related to point 7 of CoP: The following types of action will not be considered: procurement of equipment. The CoP says the possibility of provision of vocational education and business support to ex-prisoners. However to realize such activities some equipment is needed within the education process. In addition, within the business support mechanism one of major requests (based on prior experience) are related to the purchase of equipment and small machines. Do such expenses can be considered within the proposed project or we should avoid the purchase and delivery of any equipment within both education and business start-up support mechanisms?

Answer 3: The question may be summarised as follows: does the requirement under paragraph 7 – according to which actions including the ‘procurement of equipment’ cannot be supported – entail that:

- An NGO cannot use the grant to purchase equipment to be employed in the framework of the action, and namely for conducting trainings (grant no. 1)?
- The grants awarded under the small grants scheme (grant no. 2) cannot be employed to purchase equipment?

According to the Call for Proposals, actions including “the procurement of equipment” cannot be supported. Therefore, the grant cannot be used to purchase equipment even if it is meant to be employed for activities linked to the implementation of the action, such as delivering trainings.

The restriction laid down in paragraph 7, however, does not apply to the way the small grants awarded under Grant no. 2 are spent. They can, therefore, be used by end-beneficiaries to purchase equipment.