



Water for Women WASH Research Awards – Addendum 5

Q1. Must the inception phase activities start and/or complete prior to 1 July 2018? Can we plan to start a 2-month inception on 1 July 2018 (followed by a 34-month implementation phase)?

Following the selection process, the Water for Women Fund will negotiate contracts with successful Research Organisations. It is expected that activities should commence before 1 July 2018, however details of start and completion dates for each Research Award will be determined on a case by case basis.

Q2. On the SmartyGrants form (Section 3: Application Components) only one country can be selected. Our proposal focuses on two countries with equal input (no primary country), what should we do in this case? Can we expect the form to be updated to allow for selection of multiple countries, or should we select the regional option (e.g. “Region: Pacific”)?

The SmartyGrants form will not be amended or updated. It is recommended that a regional option be selected. This will not affect the assessment or scoring of the proposal.

Q3. Is there a possibility for a Research Organisation to develop a proposal and then invite CSOs who are also working on similar issues on the ground as partners in the proposal? In this context, it would be useful for us to know if there is a list of selected CSOs who are eligible for the fund and if we could have access to it.

Yes, that approach is possible. For your information, a list of selected CSOs implementing projects under Water for Women can be found at:

<http://ghd.com.au/global/about-us/news/media-lounge-2017/csosadb/>

It is also possible for you to partner with CSOs that are not currently in the Fund if you can demonstrate how the research will contribute to the overall Fund objectives.

Q4. We would like to include the PhD fees and stipend for an overseas student studying at the research agency which is the proposed grant holder. The person will not be a staff member. Is this allowed? If it is, should the PhD fee and the stipend be included under staff costs in the budget?

The WASH Research Awards are not established as a mechanism for higher education study, and funding of tuition fees and stipends is not allowed. Research students can be included in the proposal, however research must convincingly form an integral part of the proposed research project, with their respective role and responsibilities to be listed in the staff table.

Q5. Are proposals for countries like Jordan in the Middle East region eligible or not in the current call?



These countries are not eligible. The WASH Research Awards focus on South Asia, East Asia and the Pacific.

Q6. Does a partner CSO refer only to those CSOs who have already received a grant to design a detailed project design document as part of the call for proposal dated August 18th 2018 (competitive grant of Water for Women published by DFAT)? Or can it be other CSOs, working towards large scale implementation?

Research organisations can partner with CSOs not funded by the Water for Women Fund.

Q7. What kind of supporting documents might be required to validate the applicant organisation as a research firm?

No supporting documents are specified, however proposals should describe how research is a core component of the organisation's mandate. There is scope in the application under "Organisational Capacity" to provide further information on how the organisation can carry out quality research and manage grant funds according to DFAT's policies.

Q8. Are there any restrictions on an organisation applying for the Type 2 Award if they are associated with designing a current CSO implementation proposal?

No. Existing relationships with CSO implementing partners should, however, be clearly stated in the application.