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Responses to consolidated clarification questions | Updated on 8 January 2025

This document compiles clarification questions and answers received through our email Kenya@ukpact.co.uk in relation to the live Energy sector call for proposal by 7th January 2025. The deadline for submitting clarification questions is 15th January 2025. The final publication of clarification questions and answers received will be on 20th January 2025.

Project-specific questions relating to Thematic Areas: Clean Cooking, Integrated National Energy Planning & Off-grid solutions	
The off-grid energy solutions highlighted in the TOR (background section) included solar home systems and mini-grids. Are these solutions a minimum requirement? Is there a preferred or priority technology scope? Are there in-eligible off-grid energy solutions?	Solar home systems and mini-grids have simply been mentioned as illustrative options, and there are no ineligible off-grid energy solutions for consideration. However, solutions that can be feasibly replicated and scaled up are preferred, as part of sustainability and long-term impact outlook for the proposed interventions.
On Entrepreneurship, the key activities in the TOR refer to clean energy/renewable energy technologies. In this context, is there a priority category or specific definition of entrepreneurship? For instance, does this include technicians, installers, and sales agents formally employed by the technology companies? Does this include technology users who are also using the technologies to enhance economic activities?	Entrepreneurship within the framework of UK PACT is considered to encompass all activities and actors along the value chain of the clean energy sector, as well as the application of clean energy technologies for income generation. Therefore, this includes technology companies, and all the people engaged in their operations e.g., innovators, technicians, installers, sales agents and customers / end users.
Could you please clarify the flexibility in the project scope for applicants? If an applicant applies for the full scope of the project, are they allowed to focus on specific elements, or are they encouraged to incorporate additional relevant aspects that may impact the project area?	At a minimum, your proposal must be responding to the specific areas outlines in the Terms of Reference. We welcome creativity, expansion and additional suggestions from the market, but ask that applicants ensure that their applications cover the stated interventions as a minimum to ensure eligibility of their proposals.
Can the applicants select which 5 counties they are proposing for CEP development, or must they include (all or some of) the four counties mentioned in the webinar (Siaya, Tharaka Nithi, Uasin Githu Marsabit)?	Applicants are free to propose any target counties for CEP development, with justification of their viability for this activity, and an illustration of county government commitment to take up the planning process and implementation thereafter. There should be a clear link to the requirements of the terms of reference with justification on how the new county has high mitigation potential and provide good value for money.
Are the implementation strategies, resource mobilisation plans and investment prospectus outputs only for additional counties, not	The implementation strategies, resource mobilisation plans and investment prospectus can be for the same counties proposed for CEP development, or for other counties that already have complete CEPs in place. Rationale for selection of counties is required and should

linked to the 5 which will be supported to finalize CEPs?	include an illustration of county government commitment to take up the development processes and implementation.
Do the outputs in (2) have to focus on the six counties mentioned in the webinar (Meru, Kericho, Kajiado, Nakuru, Machakos, Bomet)? And are we expected to produce the outputs for all these counties or a selection.	Applicants are free to propose any target counties with justification of their viability for this activity, and an illustration of county government commitment to take up the planning process and implementation thereafter. It is expected that the outputs will focus on the main aims and objective of the project. While not all outputs have to be included, preference will be given to proposals that demonstrate coherent outputs that are achievable and capable of contributing to the realisation of tangible outcomes and impact as envisioned in the Terms of Reference. Please refer to our Theory of Change document here to align project outputs with the expected outcomes and impact for the specific project.
If the proposed methodology could also support outputs under Project 2, should we mention this?	Yes, applicants may mention methodologies that could support outputs under a different project, especially if there is a high potential for synergy. There will be an opportunity to refine and clarify proposed approaches during the co-creation and inception phases of the project.

Eligibility criteria

I would like to know if it is permissible to submit multiple applications covering different topics or sectors, each in partnership with different organizations. For example, could we apply twice, for more than one topic, where each application focuses on a distinct sector and involves a unique set of partners?	You can apply to multiple projects but cannot apply more than once to the same project. Applicants may submit proposals for more than one project, noting that each project is distinct, and that each proposal should address only one project. Each proposal will be assessed independently.

Application guidance: proposal, workplan, budget, theory of change, and risk register
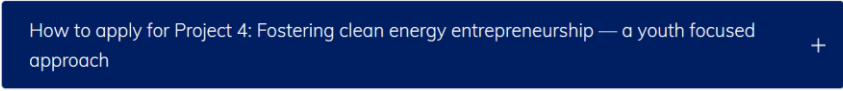
Question on overhead calculation for UK academic organizations: I notice on the spreadsheet tab "Alt overheads calculation" there is a comment "If you cannot use the methodology below because you are an academic organisation or similar, please contact the UK PACT team at the email address listed in the terms of reference. OK for our University finance team to use their normal method for calculating overheads (TRAC https://www.trac.ac.uk/about/), and include the details in the notes section?	Yes, the university can use TRAC to calculate overheads and provide details in the notes sections.
Could you confirm that staff costs should be entered into the Project	A daily rate should be included in the budget and workplan template for all proposed project staff. The value of a daily rate should be the actual cost to the business of employing the personnel, with no overheads, profit or contingency.

Budget and Workplan sheet using daily rates?	Please refer to our <u>Applicant handbook</u> section 3 for more details on designing a UK PACT Country Fund Project.
kindly request that you may advise on if there is a standard template for drafting the first submission. I would like to apply for an energy Support Grant kindly send me an Application Template. The website mentions the application pack, but I can't find a link to where this can be downloaded from?	All applications templates can be downloaded from our website [Kenya-UK PACT Call for Proposals: Clean Energy Transition](#). Each project has the below "How to apply for project x" section where you will find more details about the application process, timelines and templates. How to apply for Project 4: Fostering clean energy entrepreneurship — a youth focused approach +
I am reaching out to check whether it would be possible to make the forms (Kenya Fund December 2024: Energy (Page 1 of 19)) required ahead to submit the application pack available offline to facilitate the submission process. That would ensure we are able to gather any relevant information ahead of time.	No, the live form is a pre-requisite of the application process.

Timelines, communication and contacts

Could I also confirm whether projects must start in April 2025? I can see in the Budget template that the financial year column begins April 2025.	All projects are assumed to have a start date in May 2025. Our Financial year starts from 1st April to 31st March which is the period captured in our budgets and financial reports.