

This document compiles clarification questions and answers from the Market Engagement Event held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024 in preparation for the Energy sector call for proposals. The webinar recording can be accessed [here](#). Please contact us through [Kenya@ukpact.co.uk](mailto:Kenya@ukpact.co.uk) if you do not see your question below or have further queries on this call.

### Project-specific questions relating to Thematic Areas: Clean Cooking, Integrated National Energy Planning & Off-grid solutions

<p>Geographic target areas were mentioned in project 3 - Are these the only landscapes where projects will be supported under all 5 projects?</p> <p>Is it possible to add another County, say Homabay County? It is among the counties that have not CEP but very promising.</p>	<p>We do welcome proposal in other counties provided there is a clear link to the requirements of the terms of reference with justification on how the new county has high mitigation potential, provide good value for money and the initiatives proposed are transformative.</p>
<p>Will the County Governments be considered as key institutions for capacity building on off-grid and mini grids</p>	<p>Yes, County Governments are potential key beneficiaries and any other key institutions under the Ministry of Energy.</p>
<p>Could you please elaborate on what technical assistance means?</p>	<p>Technical assistance means providing technical expertise to the targeted beneficiaries as per the terms of reference. This includes but not limited to strengthen implementation capacity, capacity building to enhance skills and knowledge, provide technical inputs and expert opinion on policy, capability to conduct feasibility studies and research to inform decision makers, development and application of new tools and technologies.</p>
<p>Can ideas that revolve around green hydrogen fall under integrated national energy planning?</p> <p>Would the project consider metering of electric cooking devices for data collection, community education/demonstrations?</p> <p>Is it allowable for such a call be responded to by institution that would like to leverage on energy transition to support some of their nature-based solution</p>	<p>Your proposal must be responding to a specific demand as per the terms of reference shared along with this CfP.</p> <p>Each of these projects has a number of specific expected outputs and interventions. 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.</p>

Would institutional cooking solutions be eligible? Or only focused on domestic cooking?	Yes, institutional cooking solutions will be eligible.
Are NbS Projects encouraged or (as i understand it) this is very Energy Focused and not NbS?	This is an energy focused call. The NbS call will be launched early next year.  Kindly check updates here: <a href="https://www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/kenya">https://www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/kenya</a>

**Eligibility criteria**

Are US based academic institutions with regional office in Kenya allowed to apply for this funding?	Yes.
Are UN bodies working in Kenya eligible to apply?	We invite all organisations with relevant experience in delivering technical assistance and capacity-building projects. This could be think-tanks, consultancies, academic institutions, community organisations, NGOs, professional associations, or any similar organisations that have the knowledge, skills and experience to deliver an eligible project.
Can a global organization operating locally apply or only local organizations?	While applicants can be registered outside Kenya, they must demonstrate a strong understanding of Kenya priorities and delivery context, as well as bringing relevant expertise required. We encourage consortia to include at least one local partner. Additional consideration will be given to consortia which include local organisations, women-owned entities, youth-owned entities, and entities owned by people with disabilities
Can private sector organisations only be included on proposals led by non-for-profits?	Government agencies, institutions, parastatals and/ or departments are not eligible to apply either as a lead organisation, or as a partner organisation within a consortium but can be listed as a beneficiary of the project.
Some Universities e.g. University of Nairobi, are research institutions. Do we qualify to apply?	For-profit organisations can participate, either as the lead or through consortium. However, profit is not an eligible cost in UK PACT budgets, either as a direct cost or within overheads. Proposals must be submitted on a not-for profit basis.
For eligibility: How about national research institutions?	
Can a university lead the project?	
Are CBOs or charitable trusts qualify?	
Are funds eligible to be used as sub-grants/hybrid loans to enterprises to grow their businesses? As part of a broader program (Project 4)? If yes – what kind of expenses would be eligible for the supported entrepreneurs?	No, Lead partners of consortia can have downstream partners that are essentially viewed as sub-grantees. However, they should be contributing to the project activities and deliverables as set out in the work plan and associated budget.  We welcome creativity, innovation, 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.  UK PACT funding cannot be used to fund profit. Some of the eligible cost include:  Consultancy and/or staff time required to deliver activities. Personnel costs as described below as an example of the not-for-profit requirement:
Do you fund salaries of project staff during project period?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily rates for personnel should be the actual cost to the business of employing the personnel (cost to company), with no overheads, profit or contingency. For internal staff or fixed term staff this might include salary remuneration and any benefits including superannuation (pension) and taxes.</li> </ul>

- For sub-contractors, the daily fee rate will be the exact total invoiced to your organisation that is chargeable to the project.
- Due to the vast variety of types of organisations that will be applying to UK PACT, we have provided indicative ranges for personnel rates with caps on the upper limit. The ranges can be found on the 'Eligible Costs' tab in the Budget and Workplan template.

The grant makes allowance for organisational overheads, which are costed on a separate tab in the UK PACT Budget and Workplan template provided. The amount of overhead that can be funded by UK PACT should be an 'appropriate apportionment' and is calculated as the percentage of core costs necessary to support your organisation's ongoing business or activities. This is described in detail in the Applicant Handbook.

Reasonable travel and subsistence costs for receipted actual expenditures only.

Other costs directly related to project activities and outputs (workshops, seminars, production of reports, translation etc.)

**UK PACT does not fund infrastructure, construction or capital expenditure (CAPEX) projects. We cannot award funding for tangible assets or capex e.g. Laptops, cars, machinery, solar panels**

As a prospective grantee on a UK government funded programme, we are obliged to carry out due diligence on your organisation and those that control the organisation. Applicants who ultimately do not pass the due diligence process will not be awarded a grant.

Is there any priority for related projects that have reached a pre-feasibility stage already?	Yes, UK PACT does support development and piloting or application of new tools, technologies and practices. Even so, your proposal must be responding to a specific demand as per the terms of reference shared along with this CfP.
Can multiple individuals at the same organisation apply for the same project?	<p>You can apply to multiple projects but cannot apply more than once to the same project.</p> <p>Organisations may apply to multiple projects, whether as a lead or a consortium member.</p> <p>Consortium partners and subcontractors may form part of multiple proposals to the same project.</p>
Can a new non-for-profit include in the budget for capacity building for the institution and its partners (beneficiaries e.g. youth)	No, you need to have the institutional capacity to deliver the technical assistance to key beneficiaries as per the terms of reference.
Can you provide a link to the partner eligibility criteria?	<p>We do not have a partner eligible criterion. The lead partner and consortium partners must be able to meet minimum programme delivery requirements as per the applicant handbook.</p> <p>Locally led consortia are encouraged, and we encourage that all consortia have at least one local partner.</p>

**Application guidance: proposal, workplan, budget, theory of change, and risk register**

What is the ticket size range?	Project budget could range from £400,000 - £1,500,000 with up to a maximum budget of £500,000 per project per financial year (1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> March).
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	Projects stretching over multiple financial years may exceed £500,000 in their total value, however, within the budget, no single financial year should exceed the amount of £500,000. For example, a project running from April 2025-March 2027 would be eligible for up to £1,000,000 in funding; however, the total project budget for April 2025 – March 2026 may not exceed £500,000 (and similarly for the other financial years found within this period).
For trainings that require travelling to different country for skills gaining are they eligible to include flight cost?	Yes, flights cost is eligible cost. Any air travel funded by UK PACT must be economy class by default.
What are the documents that as a NGO should have?	Registration number, compliance documents, audited reports, and adequate policies to meet FCDO and Palladium code of conducts.  As a prospective grantee on a UK government funded programme, we are obliged to carry out due diligence on your organisation and those that control the organisation. Applicants who ultimately do not pass the due diligence process will not be awarded a grant.

### Timelines, communication and contacts

On the possible duration of projects. You mentioned 24 months but the website indicates 36 months. Can you please clarify?	The duration of each project will be up to 24 months, potential project starts date of April/May 2025 and an end date March 2027.
How many projects will be selected and funded?  How many awards per project area are you aiming to make?	We are aiming for 4-5 projects, this may change depending on the quality of proposals we receive.
Would a recording of today's webinar be uploaded anywhere else later? Youtube or LinkedIn?	Yes, the recording of the webinar will be available on the UK PACT website here.  <a href="https://www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/kenya">https://www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/kenya</a>
Any indication regarding the next window for South Africa?  When is the next window for South Africa?  Any information on whether you fund regional programmes in Africa?	South Africa opportunities can be accessed here: <a href="https://www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/south-africa">https://www.ukpact.co.uk/country-programme/south-africa</a> .  No, we do not have regional funds. We do have specific country funds for Kenya, South Africa and Nigeria.
When the Call will be released?	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Consortia and consortium-building

Can consortia have institutions outside the country/continent?	Yes.  While applicants can be registered outside Kenya, they must demonstrate a strong understanding of Kenya priorities and delivery context, as well as bringing relevant expertise required. We encourage consortia to include at least one local partner. Additional consideration will be given to consortia
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