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Reissue RFA-23-003

Organizations of Persons with Disabilities to Advance Political Rights and Oppose Corruption in Lebanon

Questions and Answers

Q1. If we already submitted an application during the first Request for Applications (RFA), do we need to resubmit the package and all relevant documentation for the reissue?

IFES Response: Yes. Since IFES has reissued the RFA, any proposal that should be considered would need to be submitted by the deadline of March 20, 2023; by 17:00 Beirut time. Any submissions to the previous RFA will not be considered for this opportunity unless they are resubmitted.

Q2. Who should the application be submitted to?

IFES Response: As noted on page 3, all submissions should be sent to Henda Ghobrial, hghobrial@ifes.org and Kareina Bakleh, kbakleh@ifes.org.

Q3. If we have an idea for specific activities, can we submit a proposal for this RFA?

IFES Response: The purpose of this RFA is to select an OPD partner who will be able to carry out the Scope of Work detailed in Section 4 of the RFA (pages 5-6). The scope of work should be interpreted as broad technical support focused on expanding the project coalition to include partners and individuals in Tripoli /Akkar, Baalbek/Bekaa, as well as in Beirut, and providing technical expertise to other organizations on working with people with disabilities, especially those with intersectional identities (such as women with disabilities or young people with disabilities). The capacity to network and expand advocacy reach to areas outside of Beirut, especially Tripoli and Baalbek, is essential. Applications that focus on specific activities, but do not speak to the overall Scope of Work as described, will not be deemed responsive and will not be considered for funding under this RFA.

Please note that in a future stage of this project, IFES will open a request for proposals (RFP) that will provide small grants for activity-based projects, which we will be announced in due time. We strongly encourage all partners who are interested in sending activity-based applications to submit their proposals in conjunction with that future RFP.

Q4. What was the objection to the previous application we submitted?

IFES Response: There were no objections to any previous proposals, and no rejection/approval decisions were made. IFES reissued the RFA and held this Q&A information session to ensure that the purpose of the RFA is clear to all interested organizations and to encourage responsive applications.

Q5. Does the application need to be in English?

IFES Response: Yes. It is necessary for all bidders to submit application documents in English to facilitate the review process. It is important to note that the selected organization will be expected to submit all progress reports and future deliverables in English as well.