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Eligibility criteria to apply for Direct Access for NGOs/CSOs o!Types of Organisation o!Registration (non profit) considerations o!Financial considerations (inc taxation) o!Other considerations

Q&A

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Types of eligible organisations:

Non-governmental organizations (NGO) or civil society organizations (CSO) that meet these principles:

•! Mandate:

-! The organizations' mandate and values must be guided by principles of human development

• Association/ registration:

- -! The organization must be registered as a non-profit/charity or equivalent with the government (i.e. not as a for-profit)
- Provide an explanation of the CSO' s legal structure, including the

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The organisation:

•! Must be registered as a non-profit or equivalent at time of signing the agreement

Implementation

- •! If organization is <u>directly implementing</u> in country, must be registered in the country of implementation at the national level following local registration practices
- •! If organization is <u>not directly implementing</u> in country, its partners must be registered in the country of implementation

Duration/ renewal

 Registration should valid for the duration of the grant OR the registration is eligible for a standard renewal process as per local practices



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Information needs to be for the <u>country</u> level, sufficient information is submitted to determine the following:

-! Should have tax exempt status for <u>income or surplus (i.e.</u> no direct taxation of grant funds, or any residual at year-end).

Strong internal control environment and financially healthy

-! Strong financial management demonstrated with no major internal control weaknesses

Grantee does not request funds in excess of their absorption capacity

 For the previous two calendar years, demonstrate an annual CSO budget in the country of proposed project implementation is at least twice the annualized budget sought from PBF.