

UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (UNCDF)
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
Using Digital Innovation in Education to improve the quality of service by teaching and teaching staff

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Queries and answers

Q: In regard to this RFA, I understand the selected projects will be implemented in the following regions: Kiryandongo, West Nile, Acholi and Lango. I write to seek your guidance if an applicant is ok to implement a chosen focus area in only one region or if we are required to implement the chosen focus area in all the Four regions?

A: Yes It's possible to focus on one district. The applicants are open to propose an area of intervention in one district but the final decision of the location in terms of district/region will be done later during the closing of the selection of partners, considering other key aspects of the project such as availability of infrastructure, resources in schools and skills on the ground. Only one region/district will be selected among the listed districts. However, other aspects will be considered in the selection of the focus district.

Q: May we also be advised on districts that constitute each of the stated regions as per UNCDF guidelines?

A: Same as above, this is part of the final selection to be considered with aspect such as infrastructure, available resources in private and public schools in targeted district... UNCDF encourages applicants to share an open proposal showcasing the support to one district. As an example, an applicant can showcase an intervention in one district targeting 5 private schools and 5 public school within one district. The final district should be confirmed after the selection process with the collaboration of public Ugandan stakeholders and UNCDF.

Q: To how many applicants will each grant be awarded?

Each area of interest can be awarded to one or two applicants maximum. UNCDF may consider two applicants when there are two interesting models to be tested in different locations.

Q: For how many years should we prepare project budgets as the project may go live in 6 months and the RFA states that "the applicant shall quote its costs for the operations and management of the project..."?

The budget should be done for 2 years. It is also possible to budget for less than two years if your project activities and deliverables are aligned with your timeline.

Q: Will there be provided more detailed scopes for each area?

The selected applicants will provide a detailed scope for the project. In the proposal it is crucial to focus on the product and model together with a reasonable budget, within the 2-year maximum duration. The applicant should provide a scope highlighting the different project phases and this will demonstrate the level of understanding of the area and this will influence the final decision.

Q: As per our understanding, the applicants shall provide KPI values which shall be met during the project implementation phases. What if they are not met?

KPI values should be collected by the recipient institution's system and accessible for analysis. If target values are not met this needs to be addressed with UNCDF to evaluate the termination of the project or other corrective measures.