GFF x CIVIC Platform
Question & Answer Matrix, Information Webinar, August 5th, 2025

Category	Verbatim Questions	Answer
General Information	• Will an offline version of the Google Form be made available for applicants who may face connectivity issues? • Can the list of registered participants from the webinar be shared with attendees?	Lists of participants are not shared publicly; recordings and updates will be available on civicglobal.org. An offline version of the Google form and EOI questions will be made available for download on civicglobal.org.
Budget Information	• What is the average annual operating budget? • For eligibility, do applicants need to demonstrate prior management of budgets exceeding $2.5 million? • What percentage of the budget can be allocated to overhead costs? • Could you clarify the budget allocation for each pillar? • What are the Trust Fund grants' payment modalities? • Is co-financing required for applicants?	Eligibility requires an average annual operating budget over the past three years equivalent or superior to USD $2.5M. Verification documents such as audited financial statements or official tax filings are acceptable. Each Pillar grant is $5M USD over two years, including administrative and coordination costs. A significant portion (approximately 75%) is expected to be allocated for subgrants, approximately 25% can be used for consortium management overhead, and directly executed activities (TA, capacity building, convening). Technical assistance and peer learning may count toward the 75% sub-grant allocation if implemented by subgrantees. The proportion between overhead costs and subgrants are *indicative*

		(See FAQ *Funding Structure and Subgranting*). Trust Fund grant payment modalities and eligible expenditures will be clarified at the Call for Proposal (CfP) phase. Co-financing is not required.
Eligibility & Legal Status	• Can academia be part of the consortium? • Could two international/global orgs apply? • Do subgrantees need to be legally registered in a GFF country? • What documentation is required to prove CSO status? • Why is language an eligibility criteria? • Can private sector organizations be included in the consortium? • Can an organization within a consortium be a registered social enterprise or a company? • Can social entrepreneurs be included in the consortium • Do organizations certified as public charities (but not purely CSOs) qualify? • Are national NGOs with extensive single-country coverage eligible?	Eligible applicants are consortia of CSOs (including YLOs/YSOs), which may include academic institutions as technical partners. International/global organizations can apply (See FAQ *Consortium Composition and Eligibility*). Subgrantees that will be awarded by the Consortium must demonstrate legal registration to operate in the country in which activities will be implemented. Documentation of legal registration as a non-profit must be attached. (See FAQ *Consortium Composition and Eligibility*). Language is an eligibility requirement to ensure accessibility in English and French. The call is restricted to organizations registered as non-profit. National NGOs with strong coverage and track record are eligible. However, they are encouraged to form consortiums with CSOs that

		have broader regional or global reach.
Consortium Composition & Participation	• Can a consortium consist of coalitions/networks? • Do members need to cover both Africa and Asia? • Can an organization be in multiple consortiums? • Is it encouraged to have consortium members based in the Global North and South? • Is a global network of Global South organizations with a secretariat in the North considered Global South? • Are federations treated as one entity when applying? a. Will two entities of the same federation count as one member? b. Does a registered federation member count for legal registration of the lead? • Can non-lead members also sub-grant?	Consortiums must be multi-CSO groupings (single organizations cannot apply independently). They may include coalitions, networks, and umbrella organizations. **Operational presence in all eligible countries is not required;** coverage should align with the consortium's capacity and strategy. Consortiums are encouraged to include regional/global and Global South CSOs, with emphasis on local and youth-led partners. A Global South-led network with a Northern secretariat may be considered Global South if the majority of membership and leadership are based in the South. Network-based, umbrella, or translocal membership organizations may include sub-granting to member entities as part of their proposed implementation approach, where consistent with the objectives of the platform and compliant with fiduciary requirements. **Federated organizations** (e.g., international NGOs with independent national chapters) should submit one EOI per federation, not from multiple national entities. Multiple national

		affiliates of the same federation will be counted as a single consortium member. Legal registration of any member chapter may be used to meet lead eligibility, provided the designated lead holds fiduciary and legal responsibility. Subgranting modalities for lead and non-lead members will be clarified at the CfP stage.
Pillar 1 & Pillar 2 Scope	• For Pillar 1, how many countries should grants cover? • For Pillar 2, does the consortium have to cover all 12 of 23 eligible countries, or up to 12? • Can capacity building and peer learning be included under sub-grants? • Do both pillars require sub-granting, and what percentage is expected? • Does technical assistance and peer learning count toward the 75% sub-grant allocation?	For Pillar 1, granting will be clarified at the CfP phase. General capacity-building and peer learning may extend across all eligible countries, but proposals must be realistic. For **Pillar 2,** consortiums are expected to cover <u>up to 12 countries,</u> not all eligible ones. Subgrants (which will be managed by the lead consortium partner) can finance capacity building, peer learning, coalition-building, and evidence-based advocacy, alongside innovative pilots. Both pillars require sub-granting, with about 75% expected for sub-grants. Technical assistance, peer-to-peer learning, and capacity-building for local organizations may count within this 75% allocation, provided they are implemented by and directly support sub-

		grantees.
Funding Structure & Sub-Granting	• What types of costs or activities are expected to fall under the sub-granting portion of the budget? • Is the guideline that 75% of the total grant should go toward sub-grants a strict requirement, or is there flexibility? • Are consortium members eligible to implement activities directly, or are they limited to managing sub-grants?	Sub-grants should support local and grassroots CSOs/YLOs with activities aligned with each pillar. Around 75% of total funds are expected for sub-grants, with about 25% for consortium management. This ratio is a guideline, not a rigid cap. Consortium members may also implement activities to strengthen the objectives of each Pillar including but not limited to communities of practices, networking, capacity building etc. This will be further clarified at the CfP phase.
Selection & Evaluation Process	• Will there be specific evaluation criteria and a scoring framework for applications? • Will a detailed grading rubric be shared with applicants in advance of the submission deadline? • What compliance and reporting requirements should grantees expect? • What is the anticipated start date for funded activities?	EOIs will be shortlisted using eligibility criteria (legal status, RMNCAH-N focus, experience). Once full proposals are submitted, an independent evaluation committee will score these to ensure the proposals align with the Platform's strategic objectives. Proposal grading, compliance, and reporting requirements will be further clarified at the CfP phase. The EOI application deadline is August 22. Selection and notification of winning consortiums will take place the week of September 29th. Timelines for activity initiation will be further clarified at the CfP phase.
Geographic Coverage	• Should the applicant have	Consortiums do not need to

	operational presence in all 12 countries? • Is coverage expected across "partner" or "eligible" GFF countries?	have operational presence or legal registration in all 12 of 23 eligible countries. Rather, consortiums should demonstrate ability/capacity to work in eligible countries (See FAQ *Consortium Composition and Eligibility).* Selection will prioritize those with strategic fit, entry points in current WB/GFF operations, and potential for high impact. Coverage applies to eligible GFF partner countries, as listed in the EOI.
Youth Engagement and Informal Groups	• Can non-formally registered youth networks operating within registered CSO coalitions be considered as implementing partners?	No. Informal or unregistered youth networks cannot participate as implementing partners. There may be modalities to support such networks in sub-granting once consortiums are established.