

# Tilitonse Fund

## SETTING THE CONTEXT FOR THE THEMATIC CALL

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# Setting the Context for a Thematic Call

- Objectives of session – to enable potential bidders and applicants to fully understand requirements especially in relation to the three thematic areas – how did we arrive at these, what was the rationale and what are our expectations. Who should apply will depend on your understanding of the underlying assumptions, hence structure of the sessions.

# Setting the context for a Thematic Call(continued)

- This first three sessions are complimentary and are meant to outline the background and underlying principles.
- The next three sessions build on these underlying principles to give you the governance issues around the three selected areas of : Local Governance, Mining and Access to information.
- The last sessions guide you through the Tilitonse technical requirements, the dos and donts that can make your application either successful or not

# Background and grant making approaches

- Tilitonse is a multi-donor pooled grant making facility supporting more accountable, responsive and inclusive governance in Malawi through grants to projects led by civil society and other local organisations.
- It is meant to be a Civil Society support fund with a difference. It is designed in a way to reflect and build upon knowledge of political economy, and this encourages an approach towards building coalitions around issues of interest. The approach is expected to enhance civil society influence by connecting them in with other actors they don't normally work with, such as the private sector, govt., consumer and middle class groups, and with business interests.

# Tilitonse Grant Making Approaches(continued)

- Started-off with Accelerated Grant Window which did not follow due process and PEA. 7 grantees were approved.
- General Open Call 1 was based on 4 Tilitonse outputs. Bidders selected their problem areas in relation to Tilitonse outputs/Result Areas. Concept Notes, then proposal development. Evaluation criteria emphasized alignment to ToC and PEA. Proposal development assumed incorporation of PEA and ToC by bidders.

# Tilitonse Grant making Approaches (continued)

- Thematic Call – identification of issues based on PEA
- Unlike GOC – PEA already done and issues linked to ToC
- It is not OPEN but restricted to those who are already in the identified areas AND can work with other players(coalitions)
- Those who do not fit this bill should wait for the GOC 2 coming out starting today.

# Tilitonse Grant Making Approaches(continued)

- The other Grant making window is called Strategic opportunities. Originally this was supposed to identify issues through research resulting in Issue Based Projects. This was scrapped and in a way has been replaced by the thematic call.
- There is a proposal to establish a rapid response window under this, which is still being looked into depending on availability of funding

## Existing ToC

- “Increased levels of citizen action, citizen-state interaction and participatory governance, especially at community and district levels, can create increased responsiveness in duty bearers and power holders in and outside government that will lead to improved delivery of basic services, greater social inclusion, and increased accountability.”



# Theory of Change

- We have found out that voice alone may not do it. There is increasing evidence that there is need for action involving various players with POWER and influence.
- We need to understand the dynamics behind the ToC. How does change happen and how can we support that process? Who drives change?
- Change is driven when groups with sufficient POWER come together around issues or problems of mutual concern to them (Henry and Blessings to come more on this)
- Need to choose the right issues (does not happen just as result of coming together)
- Change is not purely driven by agents and organisations
  - These are constrained by institutions and structural interests
- Empowerment of CS results not just from “capacity building” but also through building connections to more powerful influencers
- Must be driven by PE analysis
- Not particularly by donor preferences

# Theory of Change Diagram

- Tilitonse grant making underpinned by ToC(Henry)
- Risk identification
- Risk Mitigation – PEA
- Grant making windows(Activities and outputs)
- Outcomes and impact

# Empowering Civil Society

- Civil Society is generally not very powerful
- **Tilitonse has incorporated capacity building so we can enhance their power. Once a grant is approved we undertake a capacity assessment of the lead organisation and if gaps are identified, we develop a CAP which is costed separately and implemented. This however is being re-visited to ensure more value for money and better impact on Civil Society as a sector!**

# HOW did we identify the issues for this thematic call?

- Before based on drivers of change study which helped to provide the basis for the design of the Tilitonse programme
- Recommendation of Tilitonse board to use the General Open Call using ideas from CSO
- Formation of Political Economy Advisory Group

# The Core Team (PE)

- WHO has the technical ability and local credibility to facilitate this process?
- The core team:
  - Dr.Blessings Chinsinga
  - Dr.Henry Chingaipe
  - Dr.Edge Kanyongolo
  - Dr Fletcher Tembo
  - Dr.Asiyati Chiweza
  - Supported by second group and secretariat focal point

# Selecting Priority Issues

- The Core Team drew up a list 20 issues from a review of 87 CN from GOC
- Priority list of 5 potential themes: Access to information, Public service provision, social exclusion and inclusion, local Governance, social economic development
- There was “selective” public meeting to prioritise these issues; Resulted into further refinement and focussing and four issues. Social exclusion and inclusion was left out. Public Service provision focussed on Agricultural Extension
- PEAG interrogated them further using a second group of specialists who undertook further research. In the end three areas were selected .
- This Thematic Call is a result of the above PEA process

# THE END

- THANK YOU