

Introduction to Tilitonseits grant approaches & session objectives

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Setting the Context for the General Open Call 2

- Objectives of session – to enable potential bidders and applicants to fully understand requirements for the General Open Call 2 – for those of you who attended the thematic call meeting a few weeks ago, you will notice that there are differences. We have structured the sessions deliberately, so that they compliment each other and offer you with the best understanding of the requirements

Setting the context for the General Open Call 2(continued)

- The first three sessions are complimentary and are meant to set the context by outlining the background and underlying principles for the Tilitonse Fund.
- I will explain in this session the context in relation to our overall grant making approaches. The next two sessions will explain the Theory of Change and the Political Economy Analysis. I will explain in this session the context for these sessions in relation to the Thematic Call.
- The last sessions guide you through the Tilitonse technical requirements, the dos and donts that can make your CN 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.
- The three partners involved are DFID, the Irish Aid and the Royal Norwegian Embassy. Altogether the resources available for grants were totalling 12 Million British Pounds for the 4 year duration of the programme. Our session on budgets by Mr. Mkandawire will provide with the requisite budget allocation details and status of where we are with the funds.
- We have four result areas aimed at enhancing CS capability, improving citizenship access to information, CSOs influencing policy , strategies and resource allocation and Monitoring by CSOs of Policies, especially budgets and service delivery.
- Tilitonse is meant to be a Civil Society support fund with a difference. It is designed in a way to reflect and build upon our Theory of Change and knowledge of the political economy.

Background and grant making approaches

- Tilitonse is under pinned by the ToC which states that “increased levels of citizen voice, action and interaction with government, the private sector and like-minded interest groups, can create increased responsiveness in duty bearers and power holders leading to greater social inclusion, increased accountability and improved delivery of basic services.” Dr. Chiweza will dwell on this in a much more detailed way.

Tilitonse Grant Making Approaches(continued)

- We have three main grant making windows: General Open Call, Thematic Calls and Strategic Opportunities. We Started-off with Accelerated Grant Window which did not follow due process and PEA. 7 grantees were approved.
- The General Open Call does not restrictive in the sense that the areas are not defined for you. The emphasis is on potential bidders to be in Governance and their applications to relate to the 4 Tilitonse outputs/result Areas. It is also a two stage process starting-off with submission of CN and if you succeed you will then be invited to submit Full Proposals in the next stage of the process.
- Under the Thematic Call, you may recall, we ask people to submit proposals based on already defined themes /areas: access to information, Mining and Local Governance.
- The major difference is that in defining the three areas, we used our Political Economy Analysis Group to undertake a Political Economy Analysis and also ensured that the Theory of Change was addressed.

Tilitonse Grant making Approaches (continued)

- Unlike the thematic call under the GOC – potential bidders have to do the PEA themselves in order to identify what problem area they would like to undertake for the proposed intervention. Dr Chingaibe will take you through the PEA process. It is important that this is properly understood because you do not have the requisite space in the CN to articulate in detail.
- There is need to reflect very strongly the Theory of Change. Dr. Chiweza will take you through the understanding again with the limitation of space in mind since the CN submission requirement is four pages only. Fannie will explain to you in detail these requirements.

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.

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!**

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