

(b) Type of applicants: as under STEP, the types of applicants targeted will be mainly private TEVET institutions, local and international NGOs and others TEVET providers such as the grant-aided technical colleges. All applicants should either be established in Malawi or have at least one co-applicant which is established in Malawi.

5.4.2 N/A

5.4.3 Procurement (direct management)

- (i) Result 1.1 – Procurement for a feasibility study on improvement of instructor training facilities.
- (ii) Result 2.3: procurement of services and supplies
- (iii) Result 2.4: procurement of service contract for promoting entrepreneurship and a positive attitude towards entrepreneurship through media campaigns and a substantive learning agenda' (result 2.4). A call for tender towards the procurement of the service under result 2.4 will be launched in the first quarter of 2022 under a suspensive clause prior to the adoption of this decision. This is justified because the implementation of activities under result 2.4 needs to synchronise with implementation of activities under results 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3.

5.4.4 Indirect management with an international organisation

5.4.4.1 Indirect management with an international organisation

A part of this action may be implemented in indirect management with an entity which will be selected by the Commission's services using the following criteria: proven regional/ international experience in the TEVET sector; capacity to provide assistance to institutions in charge of the TEVET sector; familiarity with evidence based approach in the sector by conducting studies and research that can contribute to innovate the sector; experience in strengthening the linkages between the TEVET offer and the labour market demand; and increase opportunities for both formal and informal TEVET with a particular attention to the gender, equity and environment dimension.

The entity will be in charge to contribute to the achievement of activities through a Technical Assistance focussing on the Specific Objectives 1 to upgrade the TEVET sector to deliver demand driven and gender-balanced vocational education and training; and specifically of selected activities under Results 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 as per section 4 above.

Exception to the non-retroactivity of costs. The Commission authorises that the costs incurred may be recognised as eligible as of 4 April 2022 in order to be able to conduct initial assessment missions/studies/consultations with stakeholders as to define the specific required services in agreement with the national and local authorities and be able to sign the contract, including the description of the action, in due time and in parallel with the other interlinked components of the programme.

5.4.4.2 Indirect management with an international organisation

A part of this action may be implemented in indirect management with an entity which will be selected by the Commission's services using the following criteria: proven regional/ international experience in implementing quality works contracts in the education/Tevet sector and in difficult and remote environment; proven experience in procurement and management of large works and