

4 IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 Financing Agreement

In order to implement this Action, it is envisaged to conclude a financing agreement with the Government of Bangladesh.

4.2 Indicative Implementation Period

The indicative operational implementation period of this Action, during which the activities described in section 3 will be carried out and the corresponding contracts and agreements implemented, is 72 months from the date of entry into force of the financing agreement.

Extensions of the implementation period may be agreed by the Commission's responsible authorising officer by amending this Financing Decision and the relevant contracts and agreements.

4.3 Implementation of the Budget Support Component [For Budget Support only]

N/A

4.4 Implementation Modalities

The Commission will ensure that the EU appropriate rules and procedures for providing financing to third parties are respected, including review procedures, where appropriate, and compliance of the action with EU restrictive measures²².

4.4.1 Direct Management (Grants)

Grants: (direct management)

(a) Purpose of the grant(s)

The grant will contribute to achieving of Specific Objective/Outcome 3 - to contribute to change social norms and gender stereotypes perpetuating gender inequality and GBV of the Action and their related outputs as described in section 3.

(b) Type of applicants targeted

Applicants should be legal persons, national or international non-governmental organisations (NGOs) or civil society organisations (CSO).

The part of the action under the budgetary envelope reserved for grants may, partially or totally and including where an entity is designated for receiving a grant without a call for proposals, be implemented in indirect management with an entity, which will be selected by the Commission's services using the criteria defined in section 4.4.4 below.

4.4.2 Direct Management (Prize(s))

N/A

4.4.3 Direct Management (Procurement)

N/A

4.4.4 Indirect Management with an entrusted entity

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: (a) recognised and solid expertise in gender equality and GBV, (b) close connection with relevant Ministries (e.g. with leadership role in the Local Consultative Group Women and Gender Equality, a forum bringing together Government and development partners) and (c) a conveyor role among the donor community in Bangladesh.