

Grant 2 will contribute to the achievement of Outcome/Output 2 “Improved capacities and resources of IDPs and their host communities for peaceful and resilient livelihoods”.

(b) Type of applicants targeted

Grant 1 is mainly targeting local institution/organization based in Yemen with proven management & financial capacity and long-term experience working with local communities/authorities in the area of food security/nutrition/food production and local development. The targeted applicants should have the capacity to easily access all areas in Yemen, including remote areas and have a track-record working with vulnerable groups including women, youth and persons with disabilities.

Grant 2 is mainly targeting international organization with proven track record working in Yemen with IDPs and particularly in the Nexus approach in order to transition IDPs and their hosting communities from a purely humanitarian approach towards more durable solutions.

(c) Justification of direct grants

Under the responsibility of the Commission’s authorising officer responsible, the grant may be awarded without a call for proposals to an international or local institution/organisation, selected using the following criteria:

- Experience and track record implementing similar actions in Yemen;
- Relevant expertise in the areas covered by this action;
- Financial, management and operational capacity.

Under the responsibility of the Commission’s authorising officer responsible, the recourse to an award of a grant without a call for proposals is justified pursuant to Article 195(a) of the Financial Regulation because Yemen is in crisis situation within the meaning of Article 2(21) of the Financial Regulation as per the Commission Directorate General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA) Declaration of Crisis 2022-2023 for Yemen, and in light of the fact that potential beneficiaries with relevant technical competence, specialisation and administrative power, are limited in number pursuant to Article 195(f) of the Financial Regulation.

A direct grant may be awarded considering the exceptional circumstances in Yemen, notably the crisis situation, the *de facto* split of the country into two territories with parallel political/institutional and economic structures, the volatile security context and the limited number of organisations having the capacity and the technical expertise to implement the Action.

4.3.2 Direct Management (Procurement)