

The Commission's authorising officer responsible may extend the geographical eligibility on the basis of urgency or of unavailability of services in the markets of the countries or territories concerned, or in other duly substantiated cases where application of the eligibility rules would make the realisation of this action impossible or exceedingly difficult (Article 28(10) NDICI-Global Europe Regulation).

4.5. Indicative Budget

| Indicative Budget components | EU contribution (amount in EUR) |
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| Implementation modalities – cf. section 4.3 | |
| Objective “To Reduce maternal and infant morbidity and mortality associated with premature births and congenital malformations in the short and long term from a right to health perspective” composed of | |
| Indirect management with Italian Agency for Development Cooperation cf. section 4.3.1 | 3,380,000 |
| Audit | 20,000 |
| Totals | 3,400,000 |

4.6 Organisational Set-up and Responsibilities

The Italian Agency for Development Cooperation is responsible for the full implementation of the action. The proposed management and governance system is based on three levels: an Operational Coordination Unit in El Salvador, a Technical-Scientific Committee, and a Steering Committee.

An operational Coordination Unit aimed to ensure optimal project management will be set up.

The Technical-Scientific Committee (TSC) will comprise the Project Manager of the project, a technical expert from AICS, a technical expert from the Ministry of Health, a technical expert from the Office of the First Lady, a technical expert from ESCO, and (if necessary) a technical expert from the civil society organization responsible for the third part of the project. A representative of the EU Delegation will also be invited to participate in the Committee. The TSC is tasked with providing consultation and technical guidance to the project, ensuring that activities align with the objectives and strategies of the action.

A Steering Committee will be established in order to provide general guidance and oversee the action's implementation. It will consist of representatives from AICS, the European Union, the Ministry of Health, and the Office of the First Lady.

As part of its prerogative of budget implementation and to safeguard the financial interests of the Union, the Commission may participate in the above structures set up for governing the implementation of the action and may sign or enter into joint declarations or statements, for the purpose of enhancing the visibility of the EU and its contribution to this action and ensuring effective coordination.

5 PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

5.1 Monitoring and Reporting

The day-to-day technical and financial monitoring of the implementation of this action will be a continuous process, and part of the implementing partner's responsibilities. To this aim, the implementing partner shall establish a permanent internal, technical and financial monitoring system for the action and elaborate regular progress reports (not less than annual) and final reports. Every report shall provide an accurate account of implementation of the action, difficulties encountered, changes introduced, as well as the degree of achievement of its results (Outputs and direct Outcomes) as measured by corresponding indicators, using as