

4 IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 Financing Agreement

In order to implement this action, it is not envisaged to conclude a financing agreement with the Republic of South Africa.

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 48 months.

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

NA

4.4 Implementation Modalities

The Commission will ensure that the EU 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 Grants: (direct management)

(a) Purpose of the grant(s)

To achieve: SO 3: Parents, guardians, community leaders and young people have the capacity to identify, prevent, and respond to gender-based violence in homes, schools, and communities, through a whole of community approach

(b) Type of applicants targeted

NGOs with presence at community level in the four key provinces.

4.4.2 Indirect Management with an entrusted entity

A part of this action may be implemented in indirect management with one or multiple entity/ies, which will be selected by the Commission's services using the following criteria:

- proven record of experiences working in education system as well as GBV prevention and response;
- availability of technical expertise in GBV prevention in education space;
- ability to scale the evidence-based programmes across the targeted areas;
- ability to manage and mitigate programme risks with transparency;

The implementation by this/these entity/-ies entails contributing to the following objectives:

SO 1: To empower learners to recognise, report and prevent GBV in their schools, online and in communities.

SO 2: To create safer, child-friendly schools and communities by establishing effective GBV policies, reporting and referral mechanisms, supported by data-driven policies and interventions for comprehensive GBV prevention and response.

²² www.sanctionsmap.eu. Please note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy between the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.