

250120 - UGA - Invitation for Data-driven Fintech Lenders to Apply for UNCDF Financing to Support MSMEs Led or Owned by Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in Uganda

Questions and Answers

- 1. We would like to clarify whether the allocated budget of up to \$3 million for i) working capital and/or ii) device financing also covers other direct or indirect costs, such as staff salaries, or if it is strictly designated for on-lending.**

The allocated budget of up to \$3 million is strictly designated for on-lending purposes, specifically for i) working capital and/or ii) device financing. It does not cover other direct or indirect costs such as staff salaries or operational expenses.

- 2. I am wondering, for the category of device financing, which devices qualify exactly?**

Regarding your question, the devices that apply include:

- Laptops
- Smartphones
- Tablets
- POS machines (for MSMEs)

If you offer any such devices with financing options – as required in the TOR, you are invited to apply.

- 3. In the EOI document, there was a meeting that was set for today, but we couldn't find any details as to where this was happening. Did it happen already? If it did, might you have the recording of this? If not, when is the expected meeting date?**

We regret that you missed this event. We also apologize that the link may have been provided a bit late. Nevertheless, we will be posting a document that summarizes the questions received during the session and our response to them, as soon as they are available.

- 4. After signing up, we were taken to the pre-screening questions which look similar to the questions on the application form, what is the required depth of detail in the pre-screening form, given that after this stage, we are expecting a full application?**

The pre-screening questions represent the basis for the eligibility of an applicant to move forward to the next stage. We strongly recommend that you review the eligibility requirements cited in Section V.1 of the EOI and ensure that you have provided sufficient information and documentation to establish your compliance with them.

- 5. What should we expect after submission of the pre-screening questions in terms of next steps and timelines to go to the next stage? How long does it take to get feedback on the pre-screening process?**

The timeline for this selection process has been provided in Section VI.2 of the EOI.

6. We are requesting your TIN to process a Tax Clearance Certificate.

Regarding your inquiry, we are pleased to inform you that, UNCDF, as a subsidiary organ of the United Nations, is immune from taxation based on the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities Act of the United Nations, which has been adopted by the General Assembly in 1946 (General Convention). As such, we do not have a TIN number that we can provide you.