

## **Clarification questions on Terms of Reference (Technical specification) for undertaking a study on economic opportunities for rural women in Moldova**

### **Question:**

1. As mentioned on page 14, we would like to confirm that the whole study address 4 raions: Singerei, Telenesti, Cantemir and Nisporeni, is is correct? Do we consider urban and rural areas?

### **Answer:**

Indeed the study is to focus on the analyses of the situation in the four pilot rayons of the programme, i.e Singerei, Nisporeni, Telenesti and Cantemir, including villages as well as the rayons centers. Nevertheless, it is expected that research will address the issues of the four rayons, starting from the overall general assessment of the situation in the country, so as to present a clear picture of where each of the region stands in terms of their economic situation, and then presenting the results of the research per rayons, with respective values of the indicators per each. Also, please note that on the same p. 14, under the Tasks section, first three tasks are related very much on the assessment of the situation in the country as a whole, i.e, Desk review of the economic situation in Moldova ..., Conducting a series of meetings with key players at the national and local levels, etc

### **Question:**

2. What type of proposal do you expect at this point, when at page 14 Task 2 we have to develop the research methodology during the project already? How we can budget all activities now? OR, shall we foresee a methodology or propose one that showed best result in similar research? In this case how do you compare researchers?

### **Answer:**

The P 2 under the Task section on page 14 refers to a very detailed methodology, with concrete assessment methods for each of the areas, specific questionnaire developed or other details of the assessment tools, etc. based on the results of the desk study, for which a tentative timeframe of 10 days after the contract award has been set. We do not expect this type if details such as questionnaire at the proposal stage, but the methodology with envisaged sets of tools and key stakeholders and indicators, and the sample selection process, etc. are part of the offer.

### **Question:**

3. Which currency shall be used for budgeting, USD or MDL?

### **Answer:**

As mentioned in Para 11 on page 3, all the prices shall be quoted in MDL and shall be VAT exempted. Shall the offerors provide the price other currencies, all will be converted, for comparison, into Moldovan Lei, using the UN Operational Rate of Exchange on the day of the competition deadline.