



Request for qualifications

Implementation grant management partner, Swashakt Evidence Programme

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1. Background

3ie's mission is to enhance development effectiveness through the promotion of evidence-informed decision-making using robust research and syntheses. As part of its activities to fulfil this mission, 3ie launched a new programme to generate evidence on the potential of women's collective enterprises to improve their economic empowerment. Under this programme, 3ie launched [a request for proposals on the 25 February 2020 to fund implementation and evaluation of projects and interventions that aim to enhance viability, scalability and returns of women's collective enterprises](#). Grants under this programme will include funding to support the implementation and evaluation of interventions for a period of up to three years.

This RFQ seeks an organisation based in India to partner with 3ie to manage implementation grants funded under this three-year programme.

2. Scope of work

The implementation grant management partner for this evidence programme will work closely with 3ie to:

1. Co-create the criteria for the selection of implementation grants to be funded.
2. Based on the selection criteria, review the proposals and shortlist the best submissions.
3. Develop and apply due diligence assessments of shortlisted implementation grants.
4. Develop implementation monitoring and reporting mechanisms such as log frames and results frameworks for funded implementation grants.
5. Continuously monitor the implementation process as per the agreed monitoring mechanism.
6. Report on the risks to stated programme objectives arising from the implementation grants.
7. Provide regular progress updates on individual grants to 3ie to facilitate the release of funds to the implementing agencies.
8. Develop a learning paper on best practices followed by funded implementation agencies

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The partner will provide personnel time for management and monitoring of the implementation agencies. The implementation will be strictly monitored by tracking the key performance indicators agreed with the implementation agencies at the contracting stage. With 3ie, the partner will also agree on a list of deliverables for the implementing agencies, which will act as triggers for payments.

3. Requirements

3ie expects applicant organisations to demonstrate the following qualifications:

- (i) Knowledge of women's collective enterprises in India and the opportunities and challenges they face;
- (ii) Knowledge of the policies and schemes in India that are relevant for the promotion of small- and medium-sized enterprises;
- (iii) Experience in monitoring programme implementation against relevant performance indicators; and
- (iv) Experience in the development of M&E systems for programmes.

Only FCRA-registered organizations, and not individuals, may apply for this award. Note that the team selected to partner with 3ie to manage implementation grants will not be eligible to apply for implementation and evaluation grants under the Swashakt Evidence Programme.

4. How to apply

- (i) Application package must be submitted by email to ep1@3ieimpact.org by 13 April 2020, 18:00 IST.
- (ii) The application package (of size up to 25 MB) must include a cover letter clearly addressing how the team meets each of the requirements stated above, organisational and team description, CVs, and completed budget summary information and template (see the enclosed application and budget template).
- (iii) All applications will be reviewed. Qualifications will be scored against the stated requirements and each criterion will be given equal weight.

5. Key dates

| Activity | Date |
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| RFQ posted online | 17 March 2020 |
| Last date for submitting qualifications | 13 April 2020, 18:00 IST |
| Grant start date | 24 April 2020 |