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1	Grants	We have seen the application template in PDF format, are we expected to change to writable format (MSW) to comfortably edit?	Please find link below and in the email body to the attachments - note annex 1 application template has annex 4,5,6,7 and RFA application checklist that can be filled within the document. CBCR-RFA-007-2024 RFA Templates
2	Grants	Is it possible to join several consortiums that operate in the different corridors of the Mandera Triangle so that we can submit several applications together with the local NGOs operating in the other side of the border? The Mandera-BeledHawa-Suftu CBCR corridor covers three countries. Do we need to have 3 Consortium members, each targeting each country as is the case with the rest of the Consortium members for other corridors?	**Note this is ONLY APPLICABLE to MANDERA-BELEDHAWA-SUFTU Corridor:** CBCR is cognizant of the fact that Mandera-Beledhawa-Suftu (MABASU) corridor covers three countries (Kenya, Somalia, and Ethiopia). An important approach CBCR has taken with the RFA is to pair up two organizations (one on each side of the border); however, since MABASU corridor covers three countries it requires three partners one on each side of the border. With this, CBCR anticipates awarding up to USD 56,000 (in local currency equivalent) for each partner and not exceeding USD 170,000 in MABASU corridor only. Additionally, with this CBCR has revised the MABASU coded resilience priority activities for the three partners within the corridor to focus on. Link: Revised MABASU Priorities: Each applicant will need to focus on addressing ALL the potential resilience solutions identified in the link for the MABASU corridor in their respective country, by describing sequentially the logical steps they will follow to achieve the higher-level activity. *For example, in Mandera-Beledhawa-Suftu Corridor, the winning consortia of three partners will implement all the activities (MABASU 1-8) with the separate partners individually implementing what is to their side of border/location.* **See below further guidance:**

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			1. The Suftu partner will address the following priorities MABASU 1,2,3,4,5,7,8. 2. The Mandera partner will address the following MABASU 1,2,3,5,7,8. 3. The Beledhawa partner will address the following priorities – MABASU 1,2,3,5,7,8. 4. All the three partners will jointly implement MABASU 6. ***Find here link to MABASU teaming MOU template:** Link: MABASU Corridor Teaming MOU Template*
3	Grants/Technical	Is Lafey - Damasa corridor included in the Elwak Kenya - Elwak Somalia corridor? If yes, how many grants are in that corridor?	The Elwak Kenya-Elwak Somalia corridor covers all villages that are along the borders of the two corridors. This includes Lafey, Damasa, El-Ram and adjacent cross-border villages.
4	Grants	Can an organization apply for two different corridors but in different countries? Can Kenya NGOs based in Kenya join as a consortium from Kenya side and one from Ethiopia side?	CBCR envisions awarding two grants per corridor to a consortium of two LDOs, one targeting each country within the respective cross-border corridor (for example, for solutions proposed for the Dollo Ado Ethiopia – Dollo Somalia corridor, one grant would be issued for Ethiopia based LDO and one for Somalia based LDO). With this, if one LDO is registered in both countries along the corridor, the LDO is required to identify the country that it has strong footing and partner with a different LDO based on the other side of the corridor. E.g., LDO A is registered in both Somalia and Ethiopia, LDO A has built a better working environment with all stakeholders in Somalia, then LDO A needs to focus on Somalia side of the corridor while partnering with a different LDO B in Ethiopia.
5	Grants	Please confirm if CBCR has allocated $140,000 per corridor or it is $280,000?	As per the RFA, CBCR anticipates awarding up to USD 70,000 (in local currency equivalent) to each partner and not exceeding USD 140,000 for

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			each corridor. Two applicants will be selected for each corridor. This is specific for the following 4 corridors: 1. Dollo Ado-Ethiopia and Dollo- Somalia (DEDS) 2. Rhamu-Kenya, Sade /Boqolmayu -Ethiopia (RKSE) 3. Banissa – Malkamari - Mubarak (BAMU), Kenya, Ethiopia 4. Elwak Kenya-Elwak Somalia Corridor (EKES), Kenya, Somalia *For Mandera-Beledhawa-Suftu corridor, see response to Question Two above.*
6	Technical	Are there any specific thematic areas of consideration when it comes to programming under this grant?	Yes, Corridor specific priorities were exclusively captured, and these priorities are proceeds of corridor and cluster level co-creation meeting held by CBCR Activity in all the five corridors (see table 1 in the RFA). *Priorities for Mandera-Beledhawa-Suftu corridor see response to Question 2 above.*
7	Technical	Can we apply only one priority area, such as only TVETs sectors? Are we expected to tackle all the activities in each sector?	CBCR's plan is to **implement ALL the coded priorities** per corridor through a combination of teaming parties (see table 1 in RFA). E.g. For the Dollo Ado Ethiopia – Dollo Somalia corridor, a consortium should implement DEDS 1-11 that covers the four sub-purposes. Therefore, the teaming partners will need to jointly develop a technical proposal for all the identified priorities, while contextualizing the solutions to each Country within the corridor. Each applicant will then submit the same technical approach in their individual applications with separate budget for each LDO based on the activities in specific area of coverage within the corridor.
8	Technical	We would like to inquire about the possibility of including WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) and mental wellness projects within our grant application.	CBCR is funding priorities that were identified through the co-creation process and aligned to CBCR objectives. Please focus on solutions that are specific to the priorities in Table 1.

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9	Grants	What if the proposed priority corridor action plans which build on one another surpass the allocated budget, will CBCR provide additional resources for that?	As per the RFA the ceiling of each grant is USD 70,000 (equivalent to local currency). With this, each applicant needs to identify impactful solutions under each priority area within a specific corridor and ensure the total budget is within the ceiling amount. *For Mandera-Beledhawa-Suftu corridor, see response to Question Two above.*
10	Grants	Due to the high rate of inflation in the three countries especially Mandera cluster, can organizations applying get their funds in USD instead of local currencies?	As per the approved CBCR grants manual, each grant will be awarded in local currency. Expenses under the grant are expected to be in local currency and not USD so the inflation will not affect the implementation of the grant activities. *For Mandera-Beledhawa-Suftu corridor, see response to Question Two above.*
11	Grants	Is this call only targeting LDO's or BBO's already working with CBCR can go for it?	As per the RFA, CBCR is targeting all eligible Local Development Organizations. See further instructions in Section III Eligible Recipients.
12	Grants	What is the percentage threshold of activities against administrative/operations costs?	Ideally, each applicant is expected to be within the following threshold of 70% of the budget dedicated to activities, 30% of the budget on administrative/operations. However, at the point of budget negotiation, CBCR will review all costs based on reasonability, allocability, and allowability.
13	Grants	Request to activate Unique Entity ID (UEI).	UEI numbers do not expire once they are assigned to an entity. However, entity registrations in SAM.gov do expire annually and require annual renewal to remain in the active status. If you do not update or renew your registration, it will be in an inactive status, but your entity will still have its same UEI. You can view your UEI on your entity's registration record in SAM.gov.

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			See below the process of renewing SAM registration: 1. Go to www.sam.gov and login with your SAM username and password. 2. Click "Register/Update Entity" and then "Complete Registrations" (if you started your update earlier, click on "Incomplete Registrations"). 3. Click the company you want to restore or upgrade within the panel entitled "Entity List". 4. Within the "Registration Details" panel that occupies, click on "Update Entity". 5. Click Submit! *There is no cost to use SAM.gov. You can use the SAM.gov website for free to register, renew, check status of an entity registration, and search for entity registration and exclusion records.*
14	Grants	We don't have the SAM yet and we want to submit after the deadline, is it possible?	It is acceptable to submit a grant application without an active UEI number. However, if your application is successful, a UEI number will be required prior to grant award. See annex 6 for instructions for obtaining UEI number and SAM registration.
15	Grants	What is the duration /lifespan of the Activity/Project?	The duration of any grant award under this solicitation is expected to be no more than 12 months with an anticipated start date of April 2024.
16	Grants	Are you awarding this as a grant or as a consultancy?	CBCR envisions awarding two grants per corridor to LDOs: one LDO on either side of the corridor e.g Kenya side and Ethiopia side. See section I & II in the RFA for further details. **For applicants within Mandera-Beledhawa-Suftu corridor refer to the response of question 2 above**.

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