Q: The instructions ask for 'two signed paper copies' of the application. Do you expect every page of the application (letter, strategic plan and supporting documents) to be signed? Or is it enough to sign the application letters only?

A: Only the application letters need to be signed, not the annexes.

Q: Do you expect to make more than one grant award?

A: A grant will be awarded to one organization only. The maximum amount of financing to be awarded is 350 000 EUR, with a possibility of another 350 000 EUR later in 2019, pending annual Parliamentary approval in Finland. The additional amount’s availability is not guaranteed. A minimum limit of funding has not been established, but the MFA reserves the right not to award a grant in case the proposals do not meet the quality thresholds.

Q: What is the process after submission of the paperwork? Will an oral submission or presentation be required?

A: After the submission of the proposals, the Ministry will evaluate and assess the organizations and their applications based on the criteria set in the call for proposals. The internal quality assurance process also involves the Ministry headquarters before a funding decision is made. There will be no other requests such as oral presentations after submission of proposal.

Q: The first eligibility criteria mentioned is for the applicant organization to “be ODA eligible.” How is that eligibility determined for a Tanzanian organization? Is there a format/template for applicants to complete for the ODA eligibility assessment?

A: There is not a specific format for assessing the ODA eligibility. In general, based on the OECD DAC guidelines, contributions to non-governmental organizations and networks are reportable under bilateral ODA, provided the main objective of the organization is the promotion of economic development and welfare of developing countries (see ODA definition). The MFA will assess the ODA eligibility based on the organization’s mission and/or strategic objectives, core activities and how they contribute to Tanzania’s development agenda.

Q: What will be the decision-making timeframe?

A: The funding decision will be made latest by the end of the 2018.

Q: What do you mean by organization capacity assessment?

A: With an institutional capacity assessment MFA refers to a recent assessment or review or performance audit (or similar, the title can vary) done by external experts in order to analyze
organization’s capacity in terms of its governance and management, in particular financial management. The scope can also be broader but these aspects should be covered in it.

Q: The call for proposal only mentions that the application letter is to be in English. How about the other documentation required for the application?

A: All the submitted documentation related to the call needs to be in English.