

4 IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 Financing Agreement

In order to implement this action, it is not envisaged to conclude a financing agreement with the partner country.

4.2 Indicative Implementation Period

The indicative operational implementation period of this action, during which the activities described in section 3 will be carried out and the corresponding contracts and agreements implemented, is 50 months from the date of adoption by the Commission of this Financing Decision. Extensions of the implementation period may be agreed by the Commission's responsible authorizing officer in duly justified cases.

4.3 Implementation Modalities

The Commission will ensure that the EU appropriate rules and procedures for providing financing to third parties are respected, including review procedures, where appropriate, and compliance of the action with EU restrictive measures.⁸

4.3.1 Indirect Management with an entrusted entity

This action may be implemented in indirect management with an entity, which will be selected by the Commission's services using the following criteria: thematic expertise in the sector; proven operational and management capacity of the organisation; neutrality; mandate and capacity to engage with Kenya and readiness to rapidly implement activities.

The implementation by this entity entails both objectives of the action.

4.3.2 Changes from indirect to direct management mode (and vice versa) due to exceptional circumstances (one alternative second option)

If negotiations with entity in section 4.3.1 fails, the action may be implemented in direct management through grant(s) in accordance with the implementation modalities identified here under.

Grant(s): (direct management)

(a) Purpose of the grant(s)

To better protect women, youth and children against all forms of gender based violence, and to support Kenya's efforts to effectively combat FGM

(b) Type of applicants targeted

The applicants targeted are the ones working with CSOs particularly those working with women and youth, Grassroots organisations.

4.4 Scope of geographical eligibility for procurement and grants

The geographical eligibility in terms of place of establishment for participating in procurement and grant award procedures and in terms of origin of supplies purchased as established in the basic act and set out in the relevant contractual documents shall apply.

The Commission's authorizing officer responsible may extend the geographical eligibility on the basis of urgency or of unavailability of services in the target counties, or in other duly substantiated cases where application of the

⁸ www.sanctionsmap.eu. Please note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy between the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.