

Guideline for the Selection of Main Implementing Entities (MIEs) and Sub-implementing Entities (SIEs) of EIF-funded projects

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Background

1. The EIF Value for Money (VfM) Action Matrix, endorsed by the EIF Board in June 2018, aims to enhance the EIF programme's economy, effectiveness, efficiency and equity. To that end, the EIF Board encourages the EIF partners, among other things, to apply procurement excellence processes and optimization of resources.
2. This Guideline provides clarity on rules and responsibilities of the ES and the TFM, the LDC governments and the EIF partners in the process of selection of MIEs/SIEs other than government ministries and entities, with the objective of achieving transparency, accountability and the best VfM for EIF-funded activities.

Guidelines for the selection of MIEs/SIEs

3. The EIF National Implementation Arrangements (NIAs) of the country bear the primary responsibility for the selection of the MIEs/SIEs in considering the full range of implementing entities available. They are also responsible for monitoring the quality of services delivered by the selected MIEs/SIEs.
 4. The NIAs will carry out the selection of the MIEs/SIEs in line with their national selection processes, using existing government procurement rules and/or regulations, which are in line with international standards.
 5. Project proposals submitted to the EIF Board for funding consideration should include in the section of "implementation arrangement" the following:
 - A short description of the selection modality for the MIE/SIEs;
 - An explanation of why the modalities were used and the selection results; and
 - A short description of MIE/SIE status and main activities.
 6. As part of their due diligence responsibilities, the ES and the TFM will assess the capacity of the MIE proposed and avoid potential conflicts of interest.
 7. As per the EIF rules and procedures, the final proposal shall be subject to the approval of the EIF Board or delegated authority, as appropriate.
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