

ANNEX 1: Assessment elements for Medium & Large Programmes

This section provides a more detailed explanation of how the seven assessment criteria outlined in the guidelines will be assessed. The right-hand column indicates the basis for each assessment. In most cases, this will be the full application, although additional supporting documents may also be used to assess specific elements.

Criteria		Basis of assessment
Relevance Weight: 20%	<u>All applicants must demonstrate that the programme:</u> Align with the purpose and principles of the CSF. <u>For all programs the assessment of the criteria will include:</u> • An assessment of the extent to which the programme reflects learning from previous interventions and experiences • An assessment of how the programme builds on locally identified needs and concerns and includes a relevant stakeholder analysis • An assessment of the extent to which the programme's outcomes and strategy responds to needs and priorities identified in the context and stakeholder analysis • An assessment of the extent to which programme partners have the potential to continue the work as active and relevant civil society actors in the given context beyond the programme activities <u>For large programmes, the assessment will also include:</u> • An assessment of the relevant local led development achievements within current and previous programme periods	Application Track record EoI Application External review (only re-applicants) Application External review (only re-applicants)
Partnership Weight: 25%	<u>All applicants must demonstrate that:</u> The programme is contributing to locally led development where Global South partners have agency in framing, design, delivery and accountability, with the support of the Danish partner. Accountability: All key partners meet the MoFA Anti-Corruption, PSEAH, Anti-Child Labour, and Counter-Terrorism Clause <u>For all programs the assessment of the criteria will include:</u> • The extent to which the Danish partner demonstrates adequate organisational capacity and relevant public anchoring. • The extent to which key partners possess the organisational capacity and relevant constituency and/or mandate in relation to the programme's target groups. • An assessment of how effectively the programme strategy builds on the respective strategic priorities, strengths, and experience of the partners. • An assessment of the degree to which the proposed programme creates synergies among partner organisations. • An assessment of the extent to which appropriate mechanisms are in place to promote and enable locally led development. • An assessment of the relevance and added value of the role played by the Danish partner(s) within the programme.	Application CISU compliance report Vores CISU Track record document Application

	- An assessment of the Danish partner(s)' capacity to secure and manage CSP grants, as well as other relevant development cooperation funding. - An assessment of whether the programme design clearly defines the expected roles and responsibilities of each partner and the communities involved. <u>For large programmes the assessment will also include:</u> - The degree to which the programme involves networking partners and global connections with relevance for the programme. - A well-defined pathway for Local Led Development, with expected milestones throughout the programme period.	Track record document Application
Strategy Weight: 20%	<u>All applicants must demonstrate a:</u> Justification for how the programme works with all three elements of the Development Triangle. <u>For all programmes the assessment of the criteria will include:</u> - A relevant strategy based on a Theory of Change including key changes and assumptions and risks. - How the programme builds on results and learning from previous interventions (including individual partners' experience and non-CISU-funded work). - A coherent summary results framework including the impact goal, expected outcomes and outputs. - A brief description of approaches relevant for the key clusters of activities supporting outputs/outcomes - RISK management: The programme considers likely risks and possible mitigation measures in the context. - The likelihood that programme results will be sustained beyond the programme period <u>For large programmes the assessment will also include:</u> The programme includes realistic strategies, which ensure that programme results can be sustained and built upon after the programme ends.	Application ToC annex Application Application
Target group Weight: 10%	<u>All applicants must demonstrate that:</u> The target group(s) are well defined and relevant to program. <u>For all programmes the assessment of the criteria will include:</u> - The extent to which Target group(s) includes relevant duty bearers and rights holders and are relevant to program outcomes - The extent to which the target group(s) are involved in the design and the ongoing adjustment of the programme. - AGENCY: The extent to which the programme strengthens the voice, organisation and/or influence of relevant rights holders. - Target groups are proportional to the program costs. <u>For large programmes the assessment will also include:</u> - Relevant duty bearers are appropriately included in the summary result framework, consistent with the ambitions of the Theory of Change.	Application Application Application

MEAL & RISKS Weight: 10%	<u>All applicants must demonstrate that:</u> Key programme partners have proven experience with MEAL practice. <u>For all programmes the assessment of the criteria will include:</u> • The setup and methods for monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning (MEAL) are suitable for documenting the outcomes of the programme. • A relevant risk monitoring system is described <u>For large programmes the assessment will also include:</u> Programme partners have strengthened their process for capturing and documenting change for external sharing.	Track record CISU compliance report Application Application
Cost level Weight: 10%	<u>All applicants must demonstrate that:</u> For medium program at least 10 % of PPA, and for Large Program 20% of PPA. The budget is clear and transparent. <u>For all programmes the assessment of the criteria will include:</u> • The cost level is reasonable and reflects the responsibilities of each partner. • Target groups are proportional to the program costs. • The Danish partner costs are proportional to the expected added value • A realistic plan to achieve own financing requirement. • Reapplicants: The extent to which the program reapplicants has met own financing requirement in previous program period. <u>For large programmes the assessment will also include:</u> • Justification of overall budget level compared to previous program grant	CISU compliance report Track record Application Budget Application Budget
Popular engagement in Denmark Weight: 5 %	<u>All applicants must demonstrate that:</u> Describe activities that will foster information and/or popular engagement in Denmark within the thematic and/or geographical areas of the program. <u>For all programs the assessment of the criteria will include:</u> • The approaches and activities to foster information and popular engagement in Denmark strengthen the understanding of - or interest in - the programme's thematic area beyond the Danish organisations normal reach. • The extent to which the planned activities are expected to engage people beyond the applicant's existing membership. <u>For large program the assessment of the criteria will also include:</u> • The extent to which programme engagement activities complement and reinforce the Danish partner's wider engagement initiatives.	Application CISU compliance report Application Application