

Question and answer session at the webinar on the Modern Slavery and Human Rights Policy and Evidence Centre's funding call on prevention of modern slavery.

Would an application that centres around other countries meet the scope?

- Yes it would, so for example if you are looking at international supply chains and interventions in those, that is absolutely fine as long as you're demonstrating the relevance to UK laws and policy. You need to clearly explain this link in your application.

Will a copy of today's PowerPoint be available?

- Yes so we will put the recording of today's webinar and all the slides onto the funding call page on our website, hopefully in the next few days.

Why are we emphasizing early interventions and re-trafficking?

- So we have done synthesis work looking at all of the research the PEC has funded and a lot of the focus has gone on treatment farms whereas there wasn't much in the evidence base around looking at early intervention and interventions to prevent re-trafficking. We are trying to enhance the evidence base in this gap

Are Voluntary Community Sector partners eligible towards the costs?

- Yes, you can definitely include costs for non-NGO partners. Charities can receive up to 50% of the budget allocation. If you require further clarification about this please email office@modernslaverypec.org.uk

Do you have a list of charities that might be interested in partnering?

- The PEC has a Google group that has a range of different potential partners interested in the PEC's work made up of both charities and academic partners. It is worth dropping an email into the group to see

How are we able to evidence a reduction in re-trafficking in the timescale?

- In your application we would be looking at you to demonstrate what is feasible and the rationale for why you have selected a particular intervention. Think about what is achievable within the timeframe and why your chosen intervention is appropriate.

Can you work with a university based in Ireland?

- If the university is located in Northern Ireland then it would be eligible through the regular routes. If it is based in the Republic of Ireland, international partners are eligible on this call, so they would be eligible to receive up to 30% of the budget and could be a co-lead. But a reminder that the application should show relevance to wider UK laws and policies.

Can universities and charities collaborate with other non-profit entities such as subcontractors?

- Yes absolutely. This would come from the university's portion of the budget because it would be a subcontractor for the university

Will the size of the intervention I suggest be used in the assessment of applications?

- Not as such. The assessment criteria is located at the end of the call for funding document. It is more about being able to demonstrate the rationale of why you have picked a certain intervention rather than the size of intervention.

Can a charity claim support towards service delivery?

- The cost of running the intervention that's being assessed isn't eligible but any costs around the assessment are eligible. So, for example the NGO might need staff for somebody to pull together data sets to do the assessment of the intervention which would be an eligible cost. However, we wouldn't be able to cover the cost of actually running the intervention itself.

Can an individual be a PI on one project and then part of a wider team on a different application?

- No for this particular call that would not be allowed.

Can a project solely focus on the prevention of re-trafficking in the UK rather than prevention in general?

- Yes so we would be expecting applications to be focusing on either prevention early/before or prevention of re-trafficking, we are not expecting a focus on both.

Are the projects that you've previously funded listed on your website and is there any scope to understand the project that might have been declined?

- We have funded a cohort of projects on prevention which are available to view on our website. You can also see the old prevention calls for funding that we've run and the sort of topics that have been covered before.
- In terms of projects that haven't been taken forward we don't have any capacity to share why they weren't but just to bear in mind that our calls are really quite targeted and specific.