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1. The extent to which the activities for which grant funding is requested align with the applicant's current (when the application is submitted) core activities and strategy.
2. The extent to which the applicant is a leading player, either in its own right or by virtue of the partners it works with, in the field in which it operates.
3. The extent to which the applicant works to reduce donor dependency in the development of products to promote sexual and reproductive health and/or products to prevent and combat poverty-related diseases and conditions and/or products to prevent and combat new and recurring epidemics in LICs and MICs.
4. The extent to which the applicant, within its total portfolio, focuses on the needs and wishes of its target group(s) in LICs and MICs.
5. The extent to which the applicant, within its total portfolio, works to promote the affordability and accessibility of the (final) products for its target group(s) in LICs and MICs.
6. The extent to which the applicant plays an active role in catalysing investment and policy with regard to the development and production of products in the LICs and MICs where the target groups are situated, by public and private organisations from LICs, MICs and HICs, to promote sexual and reproductive health and/or prevent and combat poverty-related diseases and conditions and/or prevent and combat new and recurring epidemics in LICs and MICs.
7. The extent to which the applicant works to bring about mutual capacity strengthening for the purpose of the development and production of products as referred to in criterion IX.3 in the LICs and MICs where the target groups are situated.
8. The extent to which the applicant guarantees cooperation on an equal footing[[1]](#footnote-1) between and with organisations from LICs, MICs and HICs that work with the applicant.
9. The extent to which the applicant adheres to professional management and governance principles.
10. The extent to which the applicant has adequate operational and portfolio management focused on results.
11. The extent to which the applicant maintains diversified product portfolios.
12. The extent to which the applicant has satisfactory risk management in place, effectively identifying the possible risks of cooperation with various organisations (satisfactory risk analysis), including satisfactory monitoring and mitigation of those risks.[[2]](#footnote-2)

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1. The extent to which the Netherlands’ public investment (the grant requested) adds value, at the envisaged stage(s) of the product development cycle.
2. The extent to which the products that are the focus of the application (will) correspond to the needs and wishes of in particular women and girls of reproductive age (15-49) in LICs and MICs, including women and girls in the most vulnerable situations.[[3]](#footnote-3)
3. The extent to which all relevant activities for which grant funding is requested are dedicated to promoting the affordability and accessibility of the products that are the focus of the application, in particular for women and girls of reproductive age (15-49) in LICs and MICs, including women and girls in the most vulnerable circumstances.
4. The extent to which the activities for which grant funding is requested help catalyse investment and policy with regard to the development and production of products in the LICs and MICs where the target groups are situated, by public and private organisations from LICs, MICs and HICs, to promote sexual and reproductive health and/or prevent and combat poverty-related diseases and conditions and/or prevent and combat new and recurring epidemics in LICs and MICs.
5. The extent to which clear agreements have been made with the partners that will cooperate with the PDP on the implementation of the activities, the allocation of roles and tasks, the results to be achieved, and the sharing of resources and knowledge, with a view to promoting the affordability and accessibility of the products that are the focus of the application.
6. The extent to which the activities for which grant funding is requested help to bring about mutual capacity strengthening for the purpose of the development and production of products as referred to in criterion IX.3 in the LICs and MICs where the target groups are situated.
7. The extent to which the activities for which grant funding is requested help to bring about cooperation on an equal footing between and with organisations from LICs, MICs and HICs that work with the applicant.
8. The extent to which (a) the products that are the focus of the application are/will be usable in practice and (b) the application provides satisfactory insight into potential obstacles and how they will be dealt with.
9. The extent to which the activities for which grant funding is requested contribute to gender equality.
10. The extent to which the activities for which grant funding is requested help to reduce health disparities.
11. The extent to which the application exhibits a clear internal logic and consistency with regard to objectives, results, activities, resources and value for money.[[4]](#footnote-4)
12. The extent to which the intended results as defined by the applicant are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-related (SMART).
13. The extent to which a satisfactory system is in place for Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (PMEL) for the activities for which grant funding is requested.
14. The extent to which satisfactory risk management is in place with regard to the risks of the activities for which grant funding is requested, effectively identifying the possible risks associated with the activities (satisfactory risk analysis), including satisfactory monitoring and mitigation of those risks.
15. The extent to which measures are in place to ensure that the activities for which grant funding is requested comply with international quality standards, especially in relation to clinical studies, ethical aspects and publication requirements.

**Threshold criteria concerning the application**

1. The application focuses on PDP IV’s principal objective and at least one of the three themes described in section III.
2. The activities for which grant funding is requested are aligned with the geographical focus and cover the stages of the product development cycle envisaged by PDP IV and target the group described in section V.
3. The applicant must demonstrate that the market has failed or the risk of market failure is high, resulting in a need for public financing.
4. The application concerns activities that run from 1 December 2022 to 1 December 2027.
5. The total grant requested for the five-year period covered by the application is at least €14 million and no more than €21 million.
6. No previous grant derived from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ budget has been awarded for the activities for which grant funding is requested.
7. Under article 9 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grants Decree, a grant will be refused if the application is submitted after the activities have started.[[5]](#footnote-5)
8. If the grant is requested for an ongoing product development cycle or for a product development cycle (or part thereof) for which a grant has previously been awarded, the activities for which a PDP IV grant is requested must concern a clearly delimited part of the product development cycle that can be clearly distinguished by its nature or timing from the part of the product development cycle that has already been started or has already received grant funding

1. An equal say and equal influence during decision-making processes concerning, among other things: roles and responsibilities, the respective parties’ rights and obligations, budget allocation, and the design and implementation of activities. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. This analysis should at any rate examine the success and risk factors or the applicant’s strengths and weaknesses with regard to the implementation of the activities and should propose mitigating measures. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. This is demonstrated by means of a clear problem/needs, context and gender analysis and a description of activities geared to accessibility and community engagement. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Value for money is measured against the following criteria: economy, efficiency, effectiveness and equity. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. It should be noted that any activities that take place before the application is submitted in preparation for the activities for which a grant is requested will not in themselves result in rejection of the application. However, if the application is approved, the costs of those preparatory activities will not be eligible for grant funding. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)