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1. The applicant is a non-profit organisation with legal personality that carries out its activities in a partnership involving public[[1]](#footnote-1) and private[[2]](#footnote-2) partners and whose objective is to pool knowledge and expertise in order to work efficiently and effectively on the development and/or improvement and accessibility of effective, safe, affordable and demand-driven products to promote sexual and reproductive health and/or products to prevent and combat poverty-related diseases and conditions[[3]](#footnote-3) and/or products to prevent and combat new and recurring epidemics that primarily affect people in financially vulnerable situations in LICs and MICs, that are not being developed commercially due to market failure.
2. The applicant is financed by more than one donor. Donors can be drawn from different sectors, such as the public or private sector[[4]](#footnote-4) and NGOs.
3. The applicant must demonstrate that at least 25% of its total annual income in the period from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2021 inclusive, came from sources other than direct grants and/or contributions from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Funds which are directly or indirectly obtained from the budget of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (for example, a grant or contribution from a Dutch embassy) do not count when determining the extent of the applicant’s own income, but do count towards its total annual income.
4. The applicant is capable of proper financial management and its expertise can ensure effective and efficient implementation of activities like those for which grant funding is requested.
5. The applicant has an access strategy or policy that at a minimum covers intellectual property, product registration, distribution and pricing, in order to ensure that the (final) products are affordable[[5]](#footnote-5) and accessible to the target group(s) in LICs and MICs.
6. The applicant has adopted an integrity policy and put in place procedures to implement it. This integrity policy and these procedures are intended to prevent as much as possible any sexual misconduct and other serious forms of inappropriate behaviour towards employees and other individuals during the implementation of the proposed activities by the applicant and any other parties they involve in the activities, and in the event of such incidents, to investigate and take appropriate measures to put an end as promptly as possible to the misconduct or inappropriate behaviour and mitigate the consequences. These procedures must be structured in a way that guarantees prompt reporting of any such incidents to the minister

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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.[[6]](#footnote-6)
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. These could be government or semi-government organisations (including research organisations). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. These could be either for-profit organisations or non-profit organisations such as funds (including research organisations). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB), malaria and neglected tropical diseases. See: https://www.who.int/health-topics/neglected-tropical-diseases#tab=tab\_1 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. These could be either for-profit organisations, or non-profit organisations such as funds. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Keeping the ultimate costs for the end user as low as possible. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. 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-6)