**Questions and answers for the concept notes applicants of John D. Rockefeller 3rd Scholars Program (JDR3)**

**Question 1:**

Should we include a study budget at this stage? if so, are there any restrictions on the allocation of the budget (the share allocated to fees and to the costs associated with the study (transportation, etc.)?

**Answer 1:**

- At the first stage of the competition, there is no need to include a budget in the research concept. The research budget is required in the second stage of the competition.   In the second stage of the competition, each research team develops and submits a complete research proposal, including a budget.  The form of the budget will be provided to the semi-finalists of the competition at the second stage.

**Question 2:**

The announcement indicates that it is possible to present the results of the study to interested parties. Will this be organized by the organization, or if we plan this event, do we need to lay a budget for it as well? Will there be any support for organizing and inviting stakeholders?

**Answer 2:**

-The finalists of this program are expected to organize their events and include those activities in their in their budgets at the semi-finalist stage. Participants must organize the events themselves and invite interested persons.  Members of the Technical  Advisory Committee of the John D. Rockefeller III Fellowship Program will review the program of the integration with decision makers, and may recommend technical support, feedback and recommendations for decision makers and interested persons which are necessary to meet.

**Question 3:**

If the lead researcher is under the age of 45, is it permissible for two principal partner researchers over the age of 45 to participate in the project? (if the latter have experience and knowledge in the field of migration, trafficking in human beings, the legal and justice system, foreign labour and/or migration)

**Answer 3:**

- According to the requirements of the John D. Rockefeller III Scholarship Program, all participants must be no older than 45 years old.

**Question 4:**

In what form should the estimated budget of the project be provided? Are there any unacceptable items of expenditure? Does the entire calculation have to be calculated in U.S. dollars?

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**Question 5:**

Are there any requirements for the applicant organization? Where (in which section) is the applicant organization indicated?

**Answer 5:**

- Research concepts will be accepted from individuals or groups of researchers, and not from organizations. Requirements for candidates are spelled out in section VI of the document a **"Invitation to submit research concepts"**:   Concepts will be accepted from researchers under the age of 45 living in Kazakhstan or Kyrgyzstan. Individuals or groups of up to four researchers can apply. Applicants must have a bachelor's or master's degree in law, social sciences, studies, or in another relevant field.

**Question 6:**

Is a consortium/agreement between researchers participating in the competition from different organizations necessary?

**Answer 6:**

- The consortium/agreement between the researchers is not required and does not affect the selection of participants  in the competition.

**Question 7:**

What does the donor mean by the word "applied research"? Instructions for presenting research concepts: Applied Research on Trafficking Policies in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

**Answer 7:**

- Applied research is scientific research aimed at practical solutions to technical and social problems in the field of human trafficking in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

**Question 8:**

6. Should the project cover the analysis of NAPs and trafficking policies in both countries (Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan)? Is it enough to conduct an analysis of the legal acts and policies of Kazakhstan, as well as a field study in Kyrgyzstan?

**Answer 8:**

- Research projects can cover Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan or either one of these countries.  Yes, it is possible to analyze the legal acts and policies of Kazakhstan and conduct a field study in Kyrgyzstan.

**Question 9:**

1. Which programs are conducting this research? A context is needed to define the broad objectives of the study.

**Answer 9:**

- In 2004, Winrock International created the John D. Rockefeller III Fellowship Program  (JDR3), supporting the Rockefeller family's longstanding commitment to building the capacity and leadership skills of scientists in developing countries.

The John D. Rockefeller III Fellowship  Program  is held in conjunction with the USAID Safe Migration in Central Asia (SMICA) Program. This is a five-year project implemented by Winrock International in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.  SMICA uses evidence-based practices and cross-border connections to enhance mutual accountability and effectiveness of governments, NGOs, and the private sector to prevent trafficking in persons, protect survivors, and promote safe migration. Building on previous USAID programs  in the region, SMICA  raises awareness and promotes behavioral change among migrants to protect their rights, by providing them with support and other services and highlighting the contribution of migrants to host communities.

**Question 10:**

According to the legislation of Russia and the legislation of Kyrgyzstan, the concepts of public services are different. What is the concept of Winrock for this study?

**Answer 10:**

- The John D. Rockefeller III Fellowship Program  is designed to cover research topics in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan and is guided for this study by the legislation and policies of these countries only.

**Question 11:**

In what format should the budget be submitted? If there is an established form, please send it

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**Question 12:**

4. Our group decides to focus on the education sector. Does this meet the customer's expectations, or is wider coverage needed?

**Answer 12:**

- The JDR3 program invites interested individuals to create research concepts on the following topics with relevant research questions in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. Applicants can submit a concept on only one topic.

● Topic 1. Awareness of potential and labor migrants about the problem of human trafficking

- What are the main problems of combating human trafficking in Central Asia?

● Topic 2. Access of migrant children to public services in countries of destination (with a focus on Central Asian countries: Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan).

- What challenges do migrants face in obtaining public services for their children in the country of destination?

● Topic 3. Referral of trafficking cases to court in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan

- What policy changes are needed to improve victims' access to justice in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan?

**Question 13:**

In what format will the financial statements be submitted?

**Answer 13:**

- Instructions on financial reporting will be explained for the finalists of the program later.

**Question 14:**

I am interesting in applying under the second theme of the program regarding the issues of children and migration. Is it possible to change the topic to certain mechanisms for the protection of migrants?

**Answer 14:**

- Participants of the competition can make adjustments to the topics of research concepts.