Q. Is there an acceptable level of overhead for a Target Project budget? (Overhead is also known as administrative costs or general operating expenses, such as materials, salaries, etc. These are things that help keep the lights on rather than funding direct services like programs.)

A. No. However, it will be helpful for the Selection Committee if the human connection is clearly highlighted.

- For example, “The burden of COPD—a lung ailment—is over 50% higher among women than among men. In most countries women tend to be in charge of cooking. When they cook over open fires or traditional stoves, they breathe in a mix of hundreds of pollutants on a daily basis. This indoor smoke is responsible for half a million of the 1.3 million annual deaths due to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) among women worldwide. In comparison, only about 12% of COPD deaths among men each year are related to indoor smoke. During pregnancy, exposure of the developing embryo to such harmful pollutants may cause low birth weight or even stillbirth.” World Health Organization - 10 Facts on Women’s Health. Equipment and labor are needed to build external stoves, which will reduce deaths among women and increase developing babies’ health.

- The Selection Committee will evaluate the project proposal for how well it meets the overall selection criteria. Budget allocation will play a role; however, the overall outcomes are more important. Please refer to the Selection Criteria as outlined in the Application Packet, which you can find via the Blog: Health Matters, Could My Project be the Target Project for Health?.

Q. Can we share former Target Project applications (i.e., Free the Girls and/or Hope Beyond Displacement) with this year’s applicants so they can see what a successful application looks like?

A. We can’t share the original applications; however, you are welcome to read the summaries for the three shortlisted Education Target Project Proposals.

Q. How are the financial disbursements made to the winning organization?

A. Disbursements are made by The FAWCO Foundation on a quarterly basis, approximately thirty days after the end of each quarter. The amounts will vary depending on the fundraising individual clubs did each quarter as well as individual donations and any matching grant programs. It is important that the selected organization understands this and has the financial flexibility to manage this financial ebb and flow.