Multi-beneficiary grant:

- *Can you please elaborate on the 'multi-beneficiary grant agreement' option and how it will work in practice? Will it simply mean they are listed in the contract but only the lead will sign, receive the grant on behalf of the other beneficiaries and maintain full responsibility vis-à-vis ECHO? Just confirm 'multi-beneficiary' refers always to other organisations with a partnership certificate only? The second one regards the multi-beneficiary agreement: is ECHO considering making instalment transfers to each partner directly in case of consortium?*

MGA and Top-ups:

- *Will the MGA be used for potential Top Ups as well ?*

Change linked to exchange rates:

- *Regarding the change related to exchange rate: could we have more details?*

Change linked to staff costs:

- *On the justification of personnel costs based on daily rates, could you clarify what will be expected from partners as most staff are paid on a monthly basis?*

Working with Implementing partners:

- *In relation to 'Financial Support to Third Parties' - it is currently possible to have a consortium of different INGO partners where some of these also work through local partners. Will this still be possible - would all be considered third parties (both the other INGOs and local organisations)?*
- *Could you clarify if IP that does not have a certificate and receives over 60k, needs to be justified? And if so how?*

Budget and financial statements:

- *Could you please clarify the difference between annexes 2 (budget) and 4 (financial statement model)?*

ECHO prior approvals:

- *ECHO prior approvals e.g. : Approval of remote management or Derogation to use of Pre-certified medical suppliers criteria (e.g. derogation to prev. Annex III) -> how would this be provided by ECHO to partners? Would that be a new clause in new Annex 5 Specific Rules for HA?*
- *Could you explain how the current non-essential change system for example for activities or budget flexibility will work under the new MGA?*

Next steps

- *How is ECHO going to ensure alignment between HIPs, Submissions, IT Tools and Grant Agreements being finalised? There is a risk that we are pushed to make applications in a rush and then wait until the tools are in place for contracting. We will start applying for funding before January, working on budget and organizing consortia... do you think we will have a sort of finalised set of documents and tools in November? it would help the work of teams in the field enormously.*
- *Have you had any guidance form echo on ongoing grants that will run beyond the end of the current FPA?*