Stichting GNDR FAQs

1. Why was Stichting GNDR registered?
With the UK going out of the European Union, there was a risk of agencies registered in UK not having access to European funding. After assessment of the possible registration of GNDR in Germany, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland and The Netherlands, it was agreed to have the registration in The Netherlands.

2. Does it mean that we will have more regional offices registered across the world?
During the current strategy period, we don’t have any plan to have legal registration in any of the regions.

3. What are the linkages between GNDR UK and Stichting GNDR?
Stichting GNDR was created by GNDR UK. Stichting GNDR is an independent organisation, and the current linkages are in four ways: (1) the representatives from the Global Board and Trustees are also in the Supervisory Board of Stichting GNDR. (2) The Executive Director of GNDR UK is the ex officio Executive Director of Stichting GNDR. (3) The members of the Supervisory Board and the Executive Board of Stichting GNDR are invited to the Global Board meetings as observers. (4) Both GNDR UK and Stichting GNDR subscribe to the Global Strategy “Local leadership for global impact”.

4. What is the status of Stichting GNDR? Is it an independent organisation or a sub-office of GNDR UK?
Stichting GNDR is an independent organisation and not a sub-office of GNDR UK. However, the governance and management of Stichting GNDR have convergences with GNDR UK (as previously explained in question 3).

5. What is the role of the Supervisory Board?
Article 13.1 “Without prejudice to what is provided elsewhere in these articles of association, it is the duty of the supervisory board to supervise the management conducted by the executive board and the day-to-day affairs of the foundation.”

6. How are the members of the Supervisory Board selected or elected?
Article 11.1. “The foundation has a supervisory board consisting of at least three and no more than seven natural persons.”
Article 11.2. “Members of the supervisory board are appointed by the supervisory board. The chairperson shall be appointed by the supervisory board from its midst. The supervisory board may also appoint a deputy chairperson from its midst. The other members of the supervisory
There are currently 2 members from amongst the Trustees, 3 members from the Global Board including the European representative and 2 Dutch representatives, that are the founding members of the Supervisory Board.

7. How will the Global strategy of GNDR be binding for Stichting GNDR?
The Supervisory Board of Stichting GNDR also participated in approving the Global Strategy and committed to be bound by that.

8. What is the role of the Supervisory Board of Stichting GNDR in the Global Board?
They attend the Global Board meeting as observers.

9. What is the role of the Executive Director in Stichting GNDR?
The Executive Director is ex officio chief executive of Stichting GNDR.

10. What is the role of the Executive Board of Stichting GNDR?
Article 8 1. “The executive board is charged with the management of the foundation, under the supervision of the supervisory board. In the performance of its duties and powers the executive board will be guided by the object and the interest of the foundation.”

11. Who are the members of the Executive Board?
One of the two Executive Board members is a professional from The Netherlands. The Executive Director of GNDR UK and Ruud van den Hurk are the members of Stichting GNDR Executive Board.
It may be noted that the Executive Board is expected to be comprised of at least 50% Dutch members to get tax benefits.

12. How is the finance going to be managed for Stichting GNDR?
The finance will be managed by the head of finance of GNDR UK in collaboration with our host in The Netherlands, Cordaid.

13. How many staff will be recruited for Stichting GNDR?
We have recruited one staff member to be based in The Netherlands (hosted by Cordaid).

14. What is the role of Cordaid in Stichting GNDR?
Corda is an active member of GNDR UK and is the host of Stichting GNDR.
The CEO of Cordaid is the Vice-Chair of Stichting GNDR Supervisory Board.