

2020 Eligibility Subcommittee Proposal for Including local offices of International NGOs as an eligible category of Institution

Background

In 2006, Research4Life agreed to add national NGOs to the categories of eligible countries. Since that time, we have had a growing number of requests of locally sited offices of regional and international NGOs wanting to have access. Many of those then turn directly to the publishers asking for gratis access.

At the request of the General Partners Meeting, Eligibility Subcommittee investigated a number of alternatives to defining eligibility for this category of institution which could be verified and classified appropriately.

The Eligibility Subcommittee is now proposing the following addition to eligibility

- Only NGOs listed on the database of the UN Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations (General, Special, and Roster categories) AND who have offices in Research4Life eligible countries will be considered:
<http://esango.un.org/civilsociety/displayDPISearch.do?method=search&sessionCheck=false>
- INGOs will be defined as a separate category within the eligible countries. Each office would then have the eligibility of the country where the office is located, and any publisher wanting to exclude that category can do so on a country-by-country basis.