

1. The proposal deadline is October 26th and the schedule in the ToR indicates a start date for the inception phase of November 1. QUESTION: Given the procurement process that must take place, is UNICEF open to a start date that is later than that indicated in the ToR?

Response: The proposed timeline of the project is UNICEF expectations however this can be mutually agreed once the best offer is identified follow this competitive process.

2. Pg. 11 of the ToR states that "The bidders are encouraged to present proposals on how data collection can take place without international travel". QUESTION: Will UNICEF consider proposals that only propose implementation without international travel (i.e., that do not entertain the possibility of international travel)?

Response: No, UNICEF will also consider proposals that entertain international travel. However, given the Covid-19 pandemic international travel may be constraint, reason why proposals that consider international travel constraints and propose mitigation measures are encouraged. Delaying activities because of international travel restrictions is not an option to consider in the proposal.

3. Does UNICEF have an expectation for the duration of the fieldwork period?

Response: There is no fixed expectation for the duration of the fieldwork period. Fieldwork and analysis are foreseen to take place between 1 December 2020 and end of January 2021. However, this period also needs to include initial analysis so that preliminary findings can be presented and discussed for validation at the end of the period. The bidder is to propose techniques how this can most efficiently happen. It is expected that different data collection methods targeting different stakeholder groups will need to take place in parallel. It is also recommended that sufficient time is invested in secondary data analysis upfront so primary data collection can focus on complementing secondary analysis. Nonetheless, given that new secondary data sources will likely come up during interviews, secondary data review will need to continue during the primary data collection.