

1. Depending on the choices made on some parameters (e.g. level of data collection efforts in the different steps of the evaluation process, security measures integrated in field mission planning) there can be a high degree of variability in budget and methodology. In order to better respond to the expectations regarding this assignment and allow for comparison between the proposals made by the various bidders, could you provide an estimated (or maximum) budget for the evaluation? Alternatively, could you give an estimated total number of working days for this evaluation?

**Response:** The budget and the total number of days for evaluation shall be determined by the proposed methodology. We do not have any benchmark for such.

2. On page 17, bidders are asked to “attach previous work samples along with the proposal”. Could you kindly provide more information on the format of these work samples (full reports, summary of references, etc.) and the preferred types of samples (e.g. evaluation reports, studies in the humanitarian fields, reports related to assignment in Afghanistan)?

**Response:** Bidders can share links to evaluation reports if they are publicly available or include a report as attachment when not publicly available. The sample needs to demonstrate as best as possible the team’s experience with producing high quality evaluations. This can be the evaluation report but also a summary of the report if the main report cannot be shared. The focus should be on demonstrating the experience of the team rather than the bidding institution. Samples that demonstrate experience with country programme or strategic evaluations are strongly preferred. Besides 1-3 work samples, it is highly recommended to additionally share references that demonstrate the bidder’s experience and capacity to successfully design and implement the assignment.

3. The evaluation timeframe proposed in the ToR looks very challenging, particularly given that bids are due just a few days before inception is due to start. On top of that, our strongest team members would not be able to mobilise as rapidly as expected in the ToR. Would UNICEF be willing to consider delaying the start of the evaluation until the beginning of January?

**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.

4. We fully understand the project will take place particularly in the South, South East and Western regions of Afghanistan, but the only point that we are concerned about is that the tender requested through UNICEF Nepal country office. Would you please confirm if this interpretation is correct?

**Response:** Yes, your understanding is correct. UNICEF Nepal is facilitating the tender process on behalf of Regional office for South Asia.

5. Is it allowed that a team of consultants apply for this solicitation, who are not affiliated to a firm/company, but are applying as a team; where the roles and responsibilities are clearly identified for each consultant (such as principal/lead consultant, data analyst, etc...)

**Response:** No; only companies can apply for this RFP.