

RFP2021.01 – Clarification Nr. 1

No.	RFP Section reference	Question	Answer
1	Paragraph 3.3.3	Is there any flexibility with regard to the review timeline, especially around the mid-March start date?	<i>Given the urgency and importance to have the presentation of findings to Unitaid Executive Board by June 16th -17th 2021, we are anticipating the work to commence in mid- to end of March, subject to contract approval, otherwise there may be a risk that the deliverable timeline may not be met.</i>
2	Paragraph 3.2.2	We have seen a requirement in the RFP but not the TOR that consultants dedicated to the project shall be deployed on a full-time basis to support Unitaid. Does this requirement apply to all staff on the review? Is there any flexibility on this requirement?	<i>Consultants can be deployed on a part-time basis, as long as the Contractor deploys sufficient resources for the completion of deliverables within the agreed timeline.</i>
3	Paragraph 3.2.2	Do you foresee that the winning bidder for this work would face any potential conflict-of-interest with regard to conducting other work for Unitaid (specifically grant evaluations) during the next strategic period?	<i>We do not foresee that working on the External Review would pose a conflict of interest for the successful bidder to then conduct other work for Unitaid under the next strategic period (e.g., grant evaluations, landscape development)</i>
4	Paragraph 3.2.2	<p>Can you please advise on what is meant by “conflict” as noted in the RFP?</p> <p><i>In light of the sensitive nature of the review and the corresponding need for the findings and recommendations to be as credible and useful as possible, it is imperative that the selected team of Reviewers be unencumbered by relationships with entities of any kind that might hinder an impartial, objective assessment of the topic under review, or by involvement in the Unitaid strategy development and implementation processes. Accordingly, members of the proposed/selected team will be required to sign a conflict of interest disclaimer which attests to the absence of any such encumbrances.</i></p>	<p><i>Unitaid is not able to present an exhaustive list of what might constitute a conflict of interest (COI), but we encourage bidders to flag anything that might pose a risk of COI (based on their understanding of the required work under the RFP) and Unitaid will assess this on a case-by-case basis. At a minimum, bidders should note:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. If they have involved in any way in Unitaid strategy development and implementation; and/or</i><i>2. If they have been involved in any way in Unitaid grant activities.</i>

