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CLARIFICATION Nº 1 TO
RFP Nº UNFPA/USA/RFQ/23/010

All the bidders are kindly required to take note of the following clarification:

1. The scope appears to suggest that all 11 countries are covered by the evaluation, while the question on Sustainability appears to refer to only 6 countries (which we assume are those with joint implementation). Please could we confirm the scope of the evaluation in terms of countries, and which 6 countries were jointly supported.

The project was implemented in 11 countries by UNFPA, 6 of which are in common with UNWomen. The countries include Bangladesh, Cameroon, Colombia, Ethiopia, Myanmar and Opt.

2. The methodology suggests that a number of case study field visits will be undertaken. For the purposes of quotation, please could we seek clarity on the indicative number and (preferably) example location(s) of country field visits. Please could we further seek clarity on whether UNFPA intends to establish a fixed-price contract that includes international travel, or base purchase orders on the final agreed countries/days/DSA after the inception phase.

The proposal should include a separate budget for travel to 2 countries. The focus will be on 2 out of 6 countries. Countries will be defined during the inception phase.

3. Will UNFPA, UN Women and/or OCHA Country Offices provide logistical support to in-country field visits?

Yes.

4. The methodology also refers to drawing on an end line survey and thematic reviews/case studies. Please could we clarify if these already exist or are expected to be produced as part of the evaluation itself.

These are being produced separately.

5. The description of the evaluation team describes the background of the team leader as well as the collective expertise of the rest of the team, but does not include any details about the envisaged size of the team or other specific roles. Please could we clarify if there is any preference for the which roles should be included in the evaluation

No preference.

6. Out of the 11 countries, which countries are the ones where both UNFPA and UNW were actively implementing? Are these the six countries that will be the consolidated focus of the evaluation or a mixture of where both UNFPA and UNW were implementing separately?

The six countries are the ones where UNFPA and UN Women are actively implementing the Global Grant. The countries include Bangladesh, Cameroon, Colombia, Ethiopia, Myanmar and Opt. We will include one country with "UNFPA only "without travel.

7. The Financial Bid template is very high-level, therefore how detailed is the budget expected to be?

Is there a budget ceiling/envelope for this evaluation?

Less than \$100K.

Should travel costs be included and line itemed?

Yes, travel costs should be included and budgeted separately.

The tender states on page four that field visits in selected countries will be defined during the inception phase, how many countries should be budgeted for mission-based travel and which countries should be used as guidance?

2 countries should be budgeted for the field visits. The final list of countries will be decided during the inception phase.

Where in the countries will mission-based travel likely take place for the evaluation and where are the partners located (as this will all impact costs)

This depends on the security and accessibility. But the visit will in principle be limited to the capital.

8. On page three, can you provide clarity on the questions for research objectives examining the benefits of targeted funding? Is this specifically about the CERF Block Grants or more generally on targeted funding? Do you want the evaluation to measure the benefits of block grants in general and make the case for dedicated funding to reach intended GBV outcomes, with ideally this block grant as a solid way to reach this outcome? Can you please specify in the research question how it is envisioned?

The research questions will be further elaborated during the inception phase for the joint evaluation. The focus is on the CERF Global Grant as an example of dedicated funding

9. Under the efficiency bullet, can you please define how efficiency is intended to be measured and against what, i.e. effectiveness focused on women's rights organizations or cost efficiency? Several of the efficiency questions require comparison data which seems

outside the scope of this evaluation, i.e. is this in comparison to other types of funding sources? Will the selected bidder have comparison data?

These were indicative questions. The consultant can discuss these during inception

10. Is the Reference Group mentioned already defined/selected? If so can you share the details of the Reference Group and the terms of reference and members? Have they been following the project to date and are they familiar with the funding mechanism?

Not selected.

11. Is there a format/template for the technical bid?

No.