



CLARIFICATIONS (No.1)

To RFQ UNFPA/USA/RFQ/24/107

Development of a global report on the impact of the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals on People of African Descent

| No. | Questions/Request for Clarification | Answers/Clarification |
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| 1 | The call indicates that the scope of the research is global. How should "global" be understood in this context? Does it mean that it encompasses all 17 SDGs and, consequently, all various areas and themes in which the specific dimension of racism should be analyzed? Or does it also suggest that secondary data, lived experiences, and storytelling must have global representativeness? | The term 'global' encompasses all 17 SDGs, emphasizing the dimension of racism and using secondary datasets (when available and accessible). The working group on people of African descent operational guidance [https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Issues/Racism/WGEAPD/Guidelines_inclusion_2030_Agenda.pdf] should serve as guidance for prioritization of SDGs. Lived experiences, and storytelling with a balanced global representation. We expect a robust mixed-method approach to this research work. |
| 2 | Would it be possible, within the scope of the project, to conduct a systematic global analysis of the 17 SDGs from an intersectional perspective while focusing solely on Brazil, for instance, in the qualitative and quantitative analysis? | Conducting a systematic global analysis of the 17 SDGs from an intersectional perspective would be a great initiative. It is to be noted that consultants use the operational guidelines provided in the RFQ [https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Issues/Racism/WGEAPD/Guidelines_inclusion_2030_Agenda.pdf]. In the RFQ, we provided a guideline scope of study that included Europe, LAC, and Northern America. Hence, no, solely Brazil would not be adequate. Getting a balanced geographical representation on both the qualitative and quantitative data would be critical. |
| 3 | "VII. Termos de pagamento Os termos de pagamento do UNFPA são 30 dias corridos após o recebimento da fatura e a entrega/aceitação dos resultados esperados vinculados ao pagamento, conforme especificado no contrato" | At the time of preparing the contract and depending on how the proposal is presented, partial payments can be established in relation to the different deliverables. |

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| | O pagamento é feito 30 dias corridos após o envio da fatura, no início da pesquisa, ou será pago apenas no final da pesquisa com a entrega dos resultados finais do report? | |
| 4 | <p>Regional Focus:</p> <p>Are there specific countries or regions where the study should focus more deeply, or should the analysis aim to cover all regions equally?</p> | This is a global work; any approach capturing global perspectives it is required. . We expect the consultants to provide compelling reasons for selecting countries within a region as provided (that is, Latin America and Caribbean, and , Europe, and North America). For example availability of secondary data, comparability of data, sample size, existing relevant reports/studies etc. |
| 5 | <p>Climate Impact Prioritization:</p> <p>Should we focus on specific climate events (e.g., hurricanes, droughts) that have a proven impact on PAD communities, or should we broadly address all climate risks? Would you suggest we link the specific objectives with the SDGs on climate and environment (SDG 13)?</p> | We do not want to limit ourselves to only one SDG, in this case, SDG 13. The study requires y to link the specific objectives with all 17 SDGs depending on data and evidence availability and using the Working Group on People of African Descent operational guidance as a reference for any needed prioritization [https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Issues/Racism/WGEAPD/Guidelines_inclusion_2030_Agenda.pdf]. |
| 6 | <p>Data Sources:</p> <p>Does UNFPA have preferred datasets or tools for assessing the intersection of climate, health, and SDGs, particularly for PAD populations?</p> <p>Will we be able to get access to the UN partners involved in initiatives with PAD?</p> | Secondary data sources are publicly available for you to use, such as census datasets, DHS, MICS, administrative datasets, Volunteer National reports, Universal Periodic Review reports, relevant regional and global reports, and relevant secretary general reports and others deemed appropriate and relevant. We expect consultant propose a robust mixed methods approach. |
| 7 | Community Participation: To what extent should local PAD communities or organizations be directly involved in the research and data collection process? | We will review the approach you deem appropriate to involve the local PAD communities and organizations. |

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| 8 | Deliverables: Does UNFPA have specific guidelines or formats for how the final report and associated visual data (e.g., infographics) should be presented? | The UNFPA would rely on your expert advice on the format of the final report and its associated visual data. We recommend taking a look at the UNFPA publications webpage. |
| 9 | Policy Review Expectations: Are there specific national or international policies UNFPA would like the study to review in detail, or should this be determined by the research team? | These would be determined by the research team in consultation with and supported by UNFPA. |
| 10 | O valor máximo de US\$70.000 para a proposta é um critério eliminatório? É possível, por meio de uma proposta fundamentada, apresentar valores superiores a essa marca? | Yes, its the maximum budget. |
| 11 | <p>Existe uma lista de países pré-selecionados para delinear o escopo do que se chama de “análise sistemática global dos ODSs”? Existe um recorte preferencial de metas dos ODSs? Ou a consultoria pode apresentar uma proposta metodológica própria, desde que fundamentada em critérios técnicos que garantam uma amostra representativa de pessoas afrodescendentes?</p> <p>O sistema ONU reconhece 193 países no mundo, e os 17 ODSs englobam 169 metas. A cobertura geográfica e os objetivos descritos no TdR são bastante amplos, portanto, demandando o levantamento e o cruzamento de dados de múltiplos países e com referência a diversas metas. Considerando o escopo da consultoria apresentado nos Requisitos de Serviço, em termos de recursos financeiros e de tempo de execução, a pesquisa exigiria a delimitação de recortes geográficos e de metas de ODS mais claros para ser viável tecnicamente (sem prejuízo de uma amostra representativa de pessoas afrodescendentes, como preconizado no TdR).</p> | <p>A consultoria deve apresentar uma proposta metodológica própria, bem argumentada e justificada em critérios técnicos. A amostra deve representar as regiões solicitadas de forma equilibrada e de forma representativa de pessoas afrodescendentes.</p> <p>O estudo deve incluir uma amostra equilibrada e representativa das regiões estabelecidas tendo em conta os dados e evidências disponíveis. As propostas devem-se guiar pelo “Working Group on People of African Descent SDG guideline” para efeito de priorização. A equipa de consultoria deve fazer uma proposta metodológica justificada em critérios técnicos robustos.</p> |



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| 12 | O Workshop Colaborativo a que se faz referência nos Termos de Referência é uma atividade presencial? A consultoria deve incluir os custos logísticos da realização do evento ou ele será preparado pela UNFPA? | As consultas podem ser presencial, virtual ou uma combinação (hybrid). Custos logísticos serão cobertos pela UNFPA. |
| 13 | As “consultas realizadas na sede, nas regiões e nos países até junho/2025”, descritas no Cronograma, deverão ser presenciais ou poderão ser virtuais? | Pode ser presencial, virtual ou uma combinação (hybrid). |
| 14 | Existe escopo de abrangência pré-identificado para a “ampla análise de publicações acadêmicas recentes”, para delinear o alcance de tal revisão bibliográfica? | Não. Façam uma proposta que seja representativa tecnicamente justificada. |
| 15 | No desenvolvimento das atividades está demarcado a realização de entrevistas com informantes importantes. Existe uma lista prédefinida ou será informada pelo grupo do comitê diretivo do UNFPA no decorrer da pesquisa? | A lista final será informada pelo grupo do comitê diretivo do UNFPA no decorrer da pesquisa em parceria com a equipa de consultoria. Mas espera-se que a proposta inclua sugestões iniciais. |
| 16 | As the RFQ mentions under “Background of the Assignment” that UNFPA expects the review to “include several chapters that reflect each individual goal, depending on availability of relevant disaggregated data”, will UNFPA consider proposals that do not include all the SDGs, but that rather justify carrying out this work using a selection of SDGs that reflect the main issues affecting people of African descent? | We advise research organizations and academic institutions to use all the SDGs to reflect the main issues affecting people of African descent. The Operational Guidelines for PAD provided in the RFQ should serve as a guide [https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Issues/Racism/WGEAPD/Guidelines_inclusion_2030_Agenda.pdf]. |
| 17 | Can you please clarify the (tentative) number of country case studies you would like to have across the 3 regions (LAC, Nort America, Europe)? Would you require these to be standalone products ready for publication? | For case studies, we expect research teams to come up with compelling reasons to select a minimum of one to a maximum of three countries across each region. These would be required as standalone products. |
| 18 | Can you please clarify whether primary data collection (survey, KIs, FGDs) is expected at global level or for case study countries only? | Primary data collection is expected to be principally for case study countries. |
| 19 | Can you also please clarify whether the policy reviews are expected at global level or for case study countries only? | We expect policy reviews at both global and country levels. |

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| 20 | In terms of deliverables, the RFQ mentions an inception report, a policy review, a final report and a manuscript. Are these 4 stand-alone documents? And are there any other stand-alone documents required? | An inception report, a policy review, a final report and a manuscript are stand-alone deliverables. Other documents may be required if necessary and if agreed upon in consultation with the advisory committee and the consultant's team |
| 21 | Will UNFPA take care of the design of the documents or should we include (the costs for) a design person in our proposal? | The flow and layout can be proposed, but the artistic design will be done and contracted separately. We do recommend including someone in the team with a strong communication background |
| 22 | Would it be possible to give us a one-week extension of the deadline for submission of proposals, to allow us sufficient time to prepare a quality proposal? | The submission of proposals will be extended to 30th December 2024. |