

RFP Q&A

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1	What level of a revision would require new testing on a stove? For example, if performance or the combustion chamber isn't altered but instead something like the handles or feet of the stove are, would that require a recertification from the testing center?	<p><i>Recertification would not be required if the materials and dimensions of main body of the stove (including combustion chamber, liner, insulation, metal cladding, fuel opening, pot rest) have not been altered between the model tested and the model submitted for the tender.</i></p> <p><i>Minor modifications to stove models, such as changing handles or feet would not require recertification.</i></p> <p><i>UNHCR shall agree in writing to any modifications to the product before revised models would be accepted for procurement.</i></p>
2	From our consumer research- we have seen the optimal power requirement for domestic use is around 1-1.5 Kw per pot. 2 kW is substantially higher (which you also score higher), so why is 2.0 the highest rate when it is not necessarily the optimal firepower/ cooking energy delivered in a domestic household setting?	<p><i>The scoring sheet has been modified so that there is no additional scoring for stoves with cooking power above 0.5kW. It remains one of the minimum criteria that stoves must have at least 0.5kW of cooking power.</i></p>
3	How many stoves per category are you accepting?	<p><i>There is no limit to the number of stoves per category that can be submitted for testing and evaluation.</i></p>
4	Will future tenders related to the results of this process be category	<p><i>This tender may or may not affect future tender processes.</i></p>

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	<p>specific – meaning will the actual tender be for a specific category only (ie ‘tier 3 stoves’)? If not, will the Categories play a role in a decision making process for a particular tender??</p>	<p><i>This tender is for all 3 categories outlined in the tender.</i></p>
5	<p>The requirement of tier 1 indoor emissions will be problematic for many improved charcoal stoves because the tier 1 CO threshold is based on the levels of a 3-stone wood fire. Traditional charcoal stoves typically have more than double the CO levels of a 3-stone wood fire – meaning even a charcoal stove that reduces CO by ~50% still classifies as a tier 0 stove. Any thoughts on this?</p>	<p><i>Tier 1 Emissions will no longer a minimum criterion. Stoves will receive a score based on their emissions rating. The scoring criteria have been revised so that UNHCR’s specifications are based on the levels of emissions that have potential to achieve certain exposure levels. Thus, the thresholds are for the proposed stove rather than the comparison of the proposed stove to any baseline.</i></p>
6	<p>Usability is the highest ranking category: The terms of reference give limited guidance, stating “the test center will determine the ease of use”. Is additional guidance given to test centers to be able to perform this task at an equal standard?</p>	<p><i>The scoring matrix has been revised to reflect more specific criteria for measurement of usability. Many of the measures of usability are already included in the minimum criteria.</i></p>
7	<p>Is there the possibility to add additional qualifying products that are launched during the 2+1 year LTA timeframe into the LTA – even if launched post DEC 2016? classifies as a tier 0 stove. Any thoughts on this?</p>	<p><i>It will not be possible to consider new products which were not offered during the bidding phase.</i></p>

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8	Will local assembly options be considered? If considered will local assembly options be favored?	<i>If locally assembled options meet the other criteria outlined, then they will be considered. They will not be favored as part of this tender.</i>
9	Is the Global Alliance list considered a pre-approved testing center (provided in the link in the document: http://cleancookstoves.org/technology-and-fuels/testing/centers.html), or do we still need to pre-approve testing centers that are listed on the link?	<i>The Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves' list of testing centers includes all testing centers that are operating around the world, to provide as many options to cookstoves sector organizations with different needs and priorities. Not all of the testing centers on that list meet the criteria in the UNHCR tender. The supplier should verify that the test center used can demonstrate that they meet the criteria outlined in the UNHCR tender.</i>