

## FY 2020, 2nd Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses

### Background

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Business Forecast is an informational resource on potential funding and partnership opportunities at USAID. It is an advanced look at grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements that USAID is in the process of developing and plans to issue in the coming year. Organizations interested in working with USAID can use this tool to plan for proposal or application submissions.

### General Business Forecast Questions

1. **Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPA):** Could you please explain with a hypothetical example how the BPA process works?

**USAID Response:** A Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) is a simplified method of filling anticipated repetitive needs for supplies or services by establishing “charge accounts” with qualified sources of supply. A BPA is not a contract. A BPA is typically established competitively and can have a single or multiple vendors and is used as a simplified acquisition procedure in order to procure services or supplies based on repetitive needs of the government. The government issues funded orders (calls) off of BPA’s when the need arises. Simplified acquisition requirements for competition must be satisfied when issuing calls orders.

A very basic example of a BPA is establishing an agreement with cellular phone providers. When the government needs more cell phones for personnel to use, they could issue a call to the BPA holder to order more phones following the SAP procedures.

2. **Solicitation turn around:** Some USAID missions allow more than six weeks between RFP release and submission date and from our perspective, that contributes to better quality proposals. Would USAID kindly consider encouraging missions to consider a longer turnaround time for solicitations going forward?

**USAID Response:** Turnaround times are frequently the result of considerations of the FAR and SOW complexity, often as determined by the CO/AO. The Effective Partnering and Procurement Reform (EPPR) initiative has encouraged the Agency to explore ways in which the creative exchange between the Agency and respondents could evolve. Some of these approaches include Annual Program Statements (APS) that stay open for a specified term to receive “less than full” proposals such as concept notes that could trigger co-creation *before* a full request for application (RFA). Other approaches EPPR and Agency leadership are exploring include phased competition, pilot phase approaches, and down-select approaches. Through these approaches, EPPR hopes to encourage a culture that supports frequent and collaborative engagement in program design and execution between the Agency and its partners.

3. **Category Management:** In various documents and discussions – including the forecast – USAID appears to be signaling its intention to use Best In Class instruments such as OASIS more frequently – including the use of the OASIS Pool 1 Small Business (SB) mechanisms. As you may be aware, GSA has been making those Pool 1 Small Business Awards on a phased basis. The first phase of awardees (and notices to unsuccessful offerors) was announced in the fall, and the

second phase was announced February 13 - but was quickly halted due to three protests being lodged (please see the link below). ECODIT has an offer pending with GSA for an OASIS Pool 1 SB award, and has responded to a request for clarifications by GSA, but is not part of this Phase 2 group under protest.

Our question is whether the lack of final awards under the OASIS Pool 1 to small businesses will affect USAID's decision to use OASIS for upcoming opportunities where there had been some indication that USAID was planning to use OASIS. Would USAID consider either postponing the release of solicitations pending final OASIS Pool 1 SB awards or consider the use of alternate mechanisms to allow for greater participation by Small Businesses?

**USAID Response:** Active procurements will not be delayed pending the outcome of the protest, or phased award process, noted in your question. USAID will independently determine the appropriate mechanism for soliciting supplies and/or services for each procurement based, in part, on market research conducted to address competition requirements and participation of small businesses.

4. **Small Business Set-asides:** Could USAID provide additional information on its timeline for market research and acquisition strategy? We have seen several opportunities be designated as small business set-asides within weeks of solicitation release which leaves small business partners little time to prepare.

**USAID Response:** The timeline to conduct market research may vary because it depends upon the complexity of the requirement (commercial or nondevelopmental). Typically, market research should be conducted within 18 months "before the award of any task or delivery order if the information is still current, accurate, and relevant (Federal Acquisition Regulations, Part 10)." The contracting officer may have designated a requirement as a set aside based upon historical documentation (similar requirements) or as the result of recent market research.

5. **Performance Work Statements:** We are seeing an increase in the use of Performance Work Statements (PWS). Could USAID clarify what factors are considered when requesting offerors to develop a PWS over a technical approach? Could USAID provide information on how the Agency is developing a standardized use of the PWS format in procurements and evaluation guidelines for PWS-based proposals?

**USAID Response:** There are numerous sources available on PWS and the most important takeaway is that a PWS has two mandatory features which are (1) the work is stated in terms of outcomes or results, rather than methods of performance and (2) measurable performance standards and a method of assessing contractor performance against those standards. The Contracting Officer of the PWS would be able to provide clear and consistent instructions regarding the various requirements to include language. [Linked here is one resource to get started with.](#) If an RFP is unclear or inconsistent regarding PWS instructions, offerors are to submit questions in accordance with the RFP. Each RFP provides unique proposal instructions, and questions related to clarity and inconsistencies are to be addressed by the issuing Contracting Officer.

6. **Best in Class and Spend under Management:** Will or has USAID received Best-In-Class (BIC) and

Spend Under Management (SUM) goals for FY20? If so, will the agency share its percentage/targets with implementers?

**USAID Response:** The FY 2020 CM targets for USAID are: SUM \$3.8B and BIC \$0.2B. Category Management Dashboards & Analytics containing current information for USAID and other Agencies are available for public viewing at the following site:

<https://d2d.gsa.gov/report/public-category-management-dashboards-analytics>

7. **Mission Small Business Goal Program:** Does USAID intend to expand its Small Business Goal Program to additional missions in FY 2020. If so, can USAID share the names of the additional missions?

**USAID Response:** In Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 USAID launched the Mission Small Business Goaling Program with 16 Missions, and the following year an additional 15 Missions were added to the program. The Agency hasn't wavered from its commitment to fully implement the program by FY 2020. The goals are negotiated and applied to each Mission that has an average of \$5M in contract obligations as evidenced by the previous three years. The OSDBU is conducting final discussions with several Missions. We anticipate posting the complete list on the USAID, OSDBU website by March 27, 2020.

8. **Small Business Utilization:** What efforts are being undertaken this quarter to increase subcontracting goals to meet OSDBU's targets for awards to small businesses?

**USAID Response:** The Agency's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 prime small business goal is 12 percent and the subcontracting goal is 16 percent. The Office of Small Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) in coordination with contracting officials review subcontracting plan submissions with a focus on goal achievement throughout the year. We will continue to train our staff and ensure that we accept realistic plans that may lead to an increase in subcontracting obligations to small businesses.

9. **Posting on Business Forecast:** Does USAID provide Missions with guidance on when to place opportunities on the forecast? There have been several occasions where opportunities were updated on the forecast only days before the solicitations were posted.

**USAID Response:** Our goal is to provide information to our partners as soon as possible. It is important to note that we are always trying to balance the accuracy with the timeliness of the Forecast. The earlier we post activities on the Forecast, sometimes the more uncertain we are of specific details. We understand that when activities change on the Forecast this also creates a challenges for partners. We do not have set guidelines as to when an activity should be posted on the Forecast, but we encourage staff to post information on the Business Forecast as soon as possible and will continue to do so.

10. **New Partnership Initiative:** For activities designated as New Partnership Initiatives, could established implementing partners be included as subs or leads with new partners?

**USAID Response:** Depending upon the NPI modality used, especially modality #3, an established implementing partner could certainly be the lead organization, with new and underutilized partners as subs. Under this modality, NPI requires that the prime partner sub-award at least half of the total award amount to new and underutilized partners. We have several good examples of these kinds of partnership “delivering” both empowered new and local partners and program results.

11. **Previous Business Forecast Calls:** The USAID Business Forecast Archive does not yet list the transcripts and recordings for the Q4 FY19 call. Would USAID please provide a transcript of that call?

**USAID Response:** USAID did not host a fourth quarter FY 2019 call.

12. **Last Updated Date:** The USAID Business Forecast website occasionally will indicate updates to a posting, without making any changes. Would USAID please communicate clarifications if and when updates are made to the forecast without any change to content?

**USAID Response:** The A&A Planning tool includes significantly more information than what is included on the Business Forecast as it is used by all Mission and Operating units to manage awards. When you see an updated “last updated date” in the Forecast, but do not see a change in the Forecast information, this means that a field in the A&A Plan, not included in the Forecast, has been updated.

13. **Previously Not Forecasted:** USAID will sometimes post a new business forecast, take it down, and then post it again as new, “previously not forecasted.” Would USAID be amenable to creating an archive of inactive or canceled forecasts, to avoid confusion as to whether an announcement is new, or reposted?

**USAID Response:** Thank you for this suggestion. We have reached out to our technical team to see if this feature can be added to the Forecast.

14. **Cooperative Agreements:** How many Cooperative Agreements did USAID award in Q1FY19 vs Q1FY18? How do those numbers compare with the Q1FY20?

**USAID Response:** Provided below is a breakdown of Cooperative Agreements that USAID has awarded in the first quarter from FY 2018 to FY 2020.

FY2018 Q1 22  
FY2019 Q1 29  
FY2020 Q1 43

15. **RFA vs. NOFO** – Could USAID please explain the difference between a Request for Application (RFA) and a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)?

**USAID Response:** There is no difference between an RFA and a NOFO. Both are used interchangeably for assistance awards.

16. **Engaging with the New Partnerships Initiative** – Other than continuing to monitor the USAID

Business Forecast and Grants.gov for specific opportunities, does USAID have any suggestions for potential new partner organizations on how best to engage in the New Partnerships Initiative?

**USAID Response:** I would encourage prospective partners to not overlook the business forecast -- currently the E3 Bureau is planning activities in the areas of youth engagement, women's empowerment, and higher education where NPI approaches will be used. If your organization meets the criteria for new or underutilized -- you have received less than \$25 million over the past five years from USAID -- your organization may want to start planning to apply or looking for an experienced partner to work with as a sub.

#### **Washington Business Forecast Questions**

1. **Africa:** Transformative Trade and Investment in Africa (TTIA)
  - a. USAID issued an RFI for this activity in January. However, it is not appearing on the USAID Business Forecast. Could USAID please provide an updated timeline of the anticipated solicitation release and award for this activity?
  - b. What type of award mechanism is expected to be utilized?
  - c. Is USAID expecting to issue a single award or multiple awards?
  - d. If multiple awards are expected, are any of the awards anticipated to be small business set asides?

**USAID Response:** Market research is still ongoing. This is expected to be a FY 21 award. While award type is not yet known, TTIA will be aligned with Administration priorities.

2. **Africa:** Water for Africa through Leadership and Institutional Support (WALIS)
  - a. Does USAID anticipate issuing a follow-on to this project?
  - b. If so, can USAID provide a release date?
  - c. Will an RFI be released in advance of the solicitation?

**USAID Response:** No follow-on WALIS activity is planned this FY.

3. **Africa:** BAA for Sustainable Development in Sub-Saharan Africa
  - a. Will USAID include in the forecast anticipated addenda for this BAA?

**USAID Response:** There is only one known Addendum at this time. It is entitled "Research Initiative on Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources Management in Africa".

4. **Africa:** Could USAID please provide an estimated release date for the Transformational Trade and Investment in Africa RFP?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated release date is 4th quarter.

5. **Asia-OAPA-LPA:** Asia-OAPA-LPA Services Contract
  - a. This opportunity was forecasted to be released last August 2019 but, in the forecast, the solicitation number is still on "TBD" status. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated release date of this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** Request for Task Order Proposals No.: 7200AA20R00016 was posted under

the OASIS SB 1 MA-IDIQ Contract for OAL Support Services on Friday March 6, 2020.

6. **BFS:** Water and Development IDIQ

- a. Will USAID provide an update on a Water and Development IDIQ (WADI) follow-on?
- b. Can USAID please confirm whether they plan to issue a WADI II IDIQ and if it plans to issue a pre-solicitation or RFI prior to the RFP release?
- c. If a follow-on to WADI is expected, could USAID provide information on the timing of the solicitation?

**USAID Response:** It is USAID's intention to issue a WADI II IDIQ once internal approvals are obtained. At this time, we can provide no further information on the timing of any market research or solicitation associated with this procurement. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates.

7. **BFS:** Board for International Food and Agricultural Development

- a. Has a determination been made about the release date for BIFAD?
- b. Will it be released as a small business or unrestricted?
- c. Will it be released under the OASIS mechanism?

**USAID Response:** No, a determination for the solicitation release date has not been made. Once the solicitation release date, mechanism and any set asides are identified, the Business Forecast will be updated accordingly.

8. **BFS:** Program Assistant Activity

- a. USAID released a source sought notice for this activity but it was then removed from the forecast. Can USAID confirm if this activity will be placed back on the forecast. If so, when would be an anticipated SOL release date?
- b. Can USAID confirm if the GSA schedule will be applied to this acquisition?
- c. Will this opportunity be a set-aside for small businesses?

**USAID Response:** Yes, this activity is on the business forecast. It is anticipated that this will be solicited on a GSA schedule. This opportunity will be a total small business set-aside.

9. **Bureau for Management:** Management Excellence for Operations (MEO)

- a. Does USAID intend to release follow-on for the MEO IDIQ?
- b. If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipated release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?
- c. Can USAID confirm whether this opportunity will be a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** No, a determination has not been made in this regard.

10. **DCHA:** Regional Disaster Assistance Program (RDAP)

- a. Will USAID please add this opportunity to the Live Business Forecast?
- b. Does USAID expect to release the solicitation for LAC RDAP before the end of the FY2020?
- c. According to the Q1FY2020 Forecast Q&A, USAID stated that they are still completing the review of the RFI findings for the LAC Regional Disaster Assistance Program. Could USAID please confirm if this review has been completed and if the RFP has been

finalized? If so, is there an estimated solicitation date?

- d. According to the Q1FY2020 Forecast Q&A, USAID stated that they have not determined if the LAC Regional Disaster Assistance Program will be a small business set aside. Could USAID please confirm if a decision has been made, and if this will be a small business set aside or if there is any other prerequisite, other than a full and open competition?

**USAID Response:**

- A. We are unable to provide an anticipated release time frame at this moment.
- B. We are unable to provide an anticipated release time frame at this moment.
- C. We do not have an estimated solicitation date at this time.
- D. A decision has not been made on a small business set aside or any other prerequisites at this time.

**11. DCHA: Conflict Prevention and Recovery Program APS**

- a. Does USAID anticipate issuing additional addenda against the New Partnerships Initiative: Conflict Prevention and Recovery Program APS in FY20?

**USAID Response:** The Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance Bureau is currently working on an extension of the NPI: CPRP APS to provide an additional year of availability for interested Missions, Bureaus, and Operating Units. We anticipate additional addenda being issued under the extended APS in FY2020.

**12. DCHA: Development Food Security Activity (DFSA)**

- a. Does the Office of Food for Peace anticipate releasing a Development Food Security Activity (DFSA) opportunity for Ethiopia during FY2020 and, if so, could you please provide an estimated release date?
- b. Would USAID Food for Peace please provide information on potential upcoming DFSA funding for 2020 or 2021?
- c. Potential implementors submitted comments on a draft RFA for Zimbabwe, in November 2019. Can USAID FFP provide an anticipated release-date of the full RFA?

**USAID Response:** The Office of Food for Peace previously announced the intention to release RFAs, subject to the availability of funds, for new DFSAs in FY2020 for Zimbabwe, Mali, and Ethiopia. Per standard FFP practice, RFAs will be sent as a draft to the Food Aid Consultative Group for a 30-day comment period and the draft will also be posted on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). This in no way obligates FFP to issue an RFA, make awards, or to only issue the subject RFA. Since this announcement, RFAs have been issued for Mali and Zimbabwe.

The Zimbabwe RFA was released on January 15, 2020 via [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Applications are due March 16th, 2020 by 11:59 am EST.

**13. DCHA: People to People Reconciliation Fund**

- a. Can you please provide an update regarding the expected resolution date regarding concept notes submitted under Round 1?

**USAID Response:** When applicants are notified is going to vary by Mission and unfortunately at this point we don't have a cutoff date for when applicants will be notified either way. But the

participating Missions are working diligently towards that end and hope to either notify applicants or have a date soon.

14. **DCHA:** Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) 7 IDIQ

- a. Could USAID please provide details on the anticipated timing and scope of any future task orders under the FEWS NET 7 IDIQ?
- b. Can USAID provide any information on the release of future task orders under the FEWS NET IDIQ, particularly Pillar 3?

**USAID Response:** As and when USAID contemplates a task order award under the FEWS NET IDIQs, all IDIQ Holders will receive a Request for Task Order Proposal (RFTOP) unless one of the Fair Opportunity Exceptions applies. The scope of any future task orders will fall within the scope of the FEWS NET 7 IDIQs.

As and when USAID contemplates a task order award under the FEWS NET Unrestricted IDIQs, including any that may fall under Pillar 3, all Unrestricted IDIQ Holders will receive a Request for Task Order Proposal (RFTOP) unless one of the Fair Opportunity Exceptions applies. The scope of any future task orders will fall within the scope of the FEWS NET 7 Unrestricted IDIQs.

15. **DCHA:** Programming Effectively Against Conflict and Extremism (PEACE) Indefinite Quantity Contract (IQC)

- a. In the first quarter FY20 business forecast Q&A, USAID specified that they are considering a follow on to the PEACE activity. Could USAID provide further updates on the anticipated solicitation release date?
- b. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on to the Programming Effectively Against Conflict and Extremism (PEACE) IQC?

**USAID Response:** USAID is designing a new activity to replace the PEACE IQC. Please continue to monitor [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov), [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov), and the Business Forecast for updates.

16. **DCHA:** ACES IDIQ

- a. Could USAID please provide an update as to when the ACES IDIQ is expected to be awarded?
- b. Can USAID provide an updated projected award date for this IDIQ?
- c. Does USAID anticipate any RFTOPs being released under the ACES IDIQ this fiscal year?

**USAID Response:** USAID is working diligently to award the ACES IDIQ as soon as possible, but at this time we cannot say whether or not this will be completed this fiscal year. Given the uncertainty of the award date for the ACES IDIQ we are unable to provide any information regarding RFTOPs or their expected release dates.

17. **DCHA:** ACES Annual Program Statement

- a. The ACES APS has not been used and is due to expire; does USAID plan to extend/renew it?
- b. Are any amendments to the ACES APS expected? If so, when, for which countries, and what will be the technical focus?

**USAID Response:** USAID will extend/renew the APS. USAID is working diligently to make

comprehensive changes to the APS as part of the modification to extend/renew the APS.

18. **DCHA:** Global Civil Society Strengthening LWA

- a. Does USAID have any plans to rebid the Global Civil Society Strengthening Leader with Associates mechanism this fiscal year?

**USAID Response:** USAID has no plans to rebid Civil Society LWA this fiscal year. A new design is currently in progress with an aim for the solicitation to go out in 2021.

19. **DCHA:** Supporting Democratic Elections, Governance, and Political Processes Globally

- a. An RFI on this program area was released in December 2019. Will the business forecast be updated to include any planned procurements related to this RFI?

**USAID Response:** Yes, Business Forecast will be updated in due course.

20. **DCHA:** Global Elections and Political Transitions (GEPT) LWA

- a. Has USAID selected a procurement vehicle for the anticipated follow-on to the Global Elections and Political Transitions (GEPT) LWA?

**USAID Response:** A selection of the procurement instrument for the GEPT LWA follow-on is yet to be made.

21. **E3:** Advancing the Evidence Base and Community Building – Research (a New Partnerships Initiative Activity)

- a. Could USAID confirm if this opportunity has been fully removed or if it will be re-added to the Business Forecast?
- b. Previously, the forecast listed two activities: (1) Advancing the Evidence Base and Community Building – Training and Technical Assistance and (2) Advancing the Evidence Base and Community Building – Research (a New Partnerships Initiative activity). Currently, the forecast does not list these activities, but rather has E3ED Leading through Learning Networks (LTLN). Can you please provide additional information on these opportunities? Have they been consolidated into one activity?

**USAID Response:** Advancing the Evidence Base and Community Building – Research (a New Partnerships Initiative Activity) is now called Supporting Holistic and Actionable Research in Education (SHARE) Addendum under HELIX APS

For additional information on Leading through Learning Networks (LTLN) please continue to monitor the business forecast.

22. **E3:** Education Performance Improvement, Communications, and Knowledge (EPIC)

- a. Does USAID intend to procure a follow-on to the Education Performance Improvement, Communications, and Knowledge (EPIC) contract that is scheduled to close in September 2020?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for additional details and updates.

23. **E3:** Leading Through Learning Networks:

- a. Since the current Forecast lists the Award/Action Type as a GSA Task/Delivery Order (GSA TO/DO), can USAID please specify under which GSA Schedule it intends to procure this TO?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates.

24. **E3:** Making Cities Work (MCW) (formerly HABITAT) IDIQ

- a. Does USAID anticipate issuing a follow-on to the HABITAT MCW IDIQ?

**USAID Response:** There are no plans at this time to issue a follow-on HABITAT MCW IDIQ.

25. **E3:** Restoring the Environment through Prosperity, Livelihoods, and Conserving Ecosystems (REPLACE) IDIQ

- a. Does USAID anticipate issuing a follow-on to the REPLACE IDIQ?

**USAID Response:** There are no plans at this time to issue a follow-on REPLACE IDIQ.

26. **E3:** SERVIR

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on for the SERVIR Program?
- b. If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipated release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?

**USAID Response:** There are no plans at this time to issue a follow-on SERVIR award.

27. **E3:** YouthPower 2: Learning through Action

- a. Can USAID please clarify how the YouthPower2: Learning through Action Activity on the Forecast will differ from the YouthPower2: Learning and Evaluation (YP2LE) project, which is currently being implemented by Making Cents International, and how the two projects will be expected to coordinate?
- b. USAID recently awarded the YouthPower2: Learning and Evaluation (YP2LE) project to Making Cents International, and YouthPower2: Learning through Action Activity is currently on the USAID Forecast. Does USAID plan to release any additional procurements under the YouthPower2 initiative? If yes, is USAID able to share any information about the anticipated procurements? Is this activity a follow-on to YouthPower Implementation IDIQ?
- c. How is this new activity going to be different in scope and content from the current YouthPower2 Learning and Evaluation IDIQ?
- d. Does USAID anticipate any additional YouthPower2 initiatives?
- e. Does USAID envision this would be only for those organizations defined as new partners as prime?
- f. The forecast entry for the 'YouthPower 2 - Learning through Action (YP2LA)' states that the activity will be aligned with the objectives and parameters of the 'New Partnerships Initiative' (NPI). Can USAID clarify what this means for traditional USAID implementing partners who may be interested in the opportunity? Will the procurement be limited to non-traditional partners?
- g. What NPI modalities of eligibility from the NPI APS does USAID expect to use for the upcoming YouthPower2 opportunity?

- h. Will there be scope for regular suppliers to be involved in a capacity building/ technical support role?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to monitor the business forecast for additional updates regarding this procurement.

28. **E3:** We notice that several anticipated opportunities that were in the Forecast until recently have been removed, including W-GDP NPI and various partnerships with private-sector players, such as MasterCard. Does USAID anticipate reinstating these activities to the Forecast or have they been dropped indefinitely?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to monitor the business forecast for updates.

29. **E3:** Gender W-GDP Microsoft Partnership Buy-in

- a. In previous forecasts, USAID's business forecast included an opportunity called Gender W-GDP Microsoft Partnership Buy-in, which is no longer on the forecast under this name. Could USAID please clarify whether this activity has been renamed in the forecast or merged with another activity?
- b. Does USAID anticipate awarding a contract or cooperative agreement for this award?

**USAID Response:** This partnership will no longer be pursued as a new, independent activity.

30. **E3:** W-GDP Initiative

- a. Multiple previously forecasted W-GDP opportunities (W-GDP Visa Partnership, W-GDP PepsiCo Partnership, W-GDP Microsoft Partnership, and W-GDP MasterCard Partnership) were removed from the forecast. Does USAID still intend to release these opportunities?
- b. If so, when and via what procurement mechanism?
- c. If not, does USAID anticipate any similar or related activities under the W-GDP Initiative?

**USAID Response:** We do not anticipate posting the above mentioned activities.

31. **E3:** Energy Sector Self-Reliance BAA

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing any Addenda to the Energy Sector Self-Reliance Broad Agency Announcement (BAA-OAA-E3-ENERGY-2020) specifically targeting or any countries in Eastern or Southern Africa during FY2020?

**USAID Response:** No information is available at this time.

32. **E3:** International Development Finance Corporation

- a. How will future USAID opportunities be impacted by the subsuming of DCA activities by the International Development Finance Corporation? Will DCA-related procurement opportunities now be administered by the DFC?

**USAID Response:** DCA related procurement opportunities will be announced by DFC.

33. **E3:** Supporting Holistic and Actionable Research in Education (SHARE) Addendum under HELIX APS

1. The HELIX APS relates to higher education. Is the research intended to relate to higher education, or education at all levels?
2. In relation to learning and education outcomes, is this referring to the outcomes of pupils and students? Is there interest in exploring differences in the outcomes of pupils and students from marginalised groups?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to monitor the business forecast for updates.

**34. E3: E3 Monitoring and Evaluation Contract**

- a. Could USAID confirm the total estimated cost/amount range for this award?
- b. Could USAID confirm the Small Business Set-Aside status for this activity?
- c. Given the size that is listed compared to the size of the incumbent contract, will this be procured as a Task Order under an IDIQ or as a cost extension to the existing Contract?
- d. What is the anticipated value of this project?
- e. Will this come out as a SB set-aside?
- f. The follow-on to E3 Monitoring and Evaluation Contract is currently listed as TBD for small business set aside. Are there any updates on how this opportunity will be released?

**USAID Response:** The SOAR has not been approved. If and when it is, USAID will share additional information.

**35. E3: Financing Self-Reliance and Market-Led Development (FSRMD) BPAs**

- a. Will FSRMD be released under the GSA PSS (MOBIS 874-1)?
- b. Will there be a small business set aside for this opportunity?
- c. The business forecast states “This requirement will be issued to GSA contract holders” – could you please advise if you intend to use a specific schedule, or utilize the future integrated master GSA schedule?
- d. Does the government intend to issue this as a firm fixed price or time and materials contract?
- e. Does the government intend to issue a single award or multiple awards? If multiple, can you clarify how many?
- f. Will there be an expectation that the awardee(s) would manage grants under contract? If so, is there an estimate on what percent of the award value would be passed through?
- g. What is the required GSA schedule to be considered eligible for award of a BPA under the ‘Financing Self-Reliance and Market-led Development – BPAs under GSA’ award?

**USAID Response:** The SOAR has not been approved. If and when it is, USAID will share additional information in a pre-solicitation notice and conference.

**36. E3: Global Architect and Engineering IDIQ III**

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the timing for the release of this pre-solicitation?
- b. Can USAID reconfirm that this will be a pre-solicitation rather than an RFI or full solicitation?
- c. Does the 7-year contract length that’s indicated include an ordering period (i.e. 5-year base + 2 additional years to order ) or is the base contract for this follow-on being expanded to 7 years?

- d. Does USAID still anticipate that this will be awarded in late February 2021?
- e. Can USAID confirm that the total estimated cost is still \$750M-\$999M?

**USAID Response:** The SOAR has not been approved. If and when it is, USAID will share additional information in a pre-solicitation notice and conference.

**37. E3: Integrated Natural Resources Management Task Order**

- a. According to USAID's forecast, USAID's Office of Land and Urban is planning to release a new TO under the STARR II IDIQ entitled "Integrated Natural Resources Management Task Order". Could USAID please provide detail on the anticipated scope of work and confirm the TO's geographic reach?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to monitor the business forecast for updates.

**38. E3: STARR IDIQ NRM**

- a. The forecast for the Integrated Natural Resource Management Task Order (under STARR II IDIQ) was updated on 2/18/2020 for a significantly higher cost range than the earlier announcement and a release date of 3/3/2020. Would USAID kindly confirm this release date, should no TO be released prior to the USAID forecast call?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to monitor the business forecast for updates. The Task Order RFTOP anticipated release date will be updated there.

**39. E3: Advancing Basic Education: All Children Reading**

- a. Does USAID anticipate an extension to the ABE-ACR IDIQ or a follow-on mechanism to be released?

**USAID Response:** Not at this time.

**40. Global Development Lab: Technical and Professional Support Services (TAPSS)**

- a. Included in the Request for Information for USAID/LAB TAPSS issued on January 16, 2020 was an expectation that individuals with clearances (USAID Facility Access, DOD Secret, and DOD Top Secret) would be required to perform services under the contract. Given USAID's desire to expand its partnership base and engage with small businesses, will a firm with an approved interim facility clearance and the ability to hire and employ cleared professionals be eligible to receive an award?
- b. Can USAID confirm or update that the USAID/LAB TAPSS RFP will be released on March 31st, 2020?
- c. Can USAID confirm that the USAID/LAB TAPSS procurement will be released under the General Services Administration Multiple Award Schedule?
- d. Does USAID anticipate making one or multiple awards for the USAID/LAB TAPSS procurement?

**USAID Response:**

- a.
- b. It is the intent of USAID to release the TAPSS solicitation by Wednesday, April 15, 2020, however this is subject to change.
- c. USAID can confirm that the TAPSS procurement will be released under GSA's OASIS

Small Business Pool 1.

- d. USAID anticipates issuing a single award for the TAPSS procurement.

41. **Global Development Lab:** Development Innovation Ventures

- a. The current Annual Program Statement (APS) closes on March 31, 2020. Are there plans to release a new APS for FY2020-FY2021?
- b. Are there funds for health remaining?

**USAID Response:** The new APS for FY2020-FY2021 is under review, and USAID anticipates posting it by April 1, 2020. DIV does not have any health funds at this time.

42. **Global Health:** Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Partnerships and Learning for Sustainability (WASHPaLS)

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on for the WASHPaLS Program?
- b. If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipated release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates.

43. **Global Health:** PACE APS

- a. Will there be another Round of the PACE APS focusing on Result 3: Data and information analyzed, synthesized and disseminated to engage policy and advocacy audiences to act?
- b. Round 2: Can USAID please provide updates around the expected April co-creation workshop dates and location?
- c. Round 2: Can USAID please provide additional information regarding the anticipated stages of co-creation leading to award?

**USAID Response:** Future Rounds for the PACE APS will be advertised on the Business Forecast and posted on Grants.gov. Future Rounds cannot be guaranteed at this time.

For Round 2, the co-creation workshop is still expected to take place in April 2020, most likely in Washington, DC.

Following co-creation, a request for full applications will be sent to selected successful concept paper applicants that participated in co-creation, and will follow a regular evaluation and award process. Award is anticipated by the end of September 2020.

44. **Global Health:** TB Care II

- a. The current project is due to end in September 2020. Is a follow-on mechanism anticipated? If so, please can USAID update the forecast accordingly?

**USAID Response:** There are no plans for a follow-on to TB Care II.

45. **Global Health:** TREAT TB

- a. The current project is due to end in March 2021. Is a follow-on mechanism anticipated? If so, please can USAID update the forecast accordingly?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates continuing TB research after TREAT TB ends. We are in the planning stages and anticipate one or more new awards in 2021.

46. **Global Health:** Evidence to Action (E2A)

- a. Does USAID anticipate issuing a follow-on award to E2A?

**USAID Response:** No, there will not be a follow-on award to E2A. Rather, there will be integrated projects that encompass these activities. Please see the MOMENTUM APS, advertised on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

47. **Global Health:** New Partners Initiative – Global Health Annual Program Statement

- a. Can USAID/Washington provide any additional information regarding additional planned activities under the New Partners Initiative – Global Health Annual Program Statement (APS)?

**USAID Response:** At this time the USAID/Washington Global Health Bureau does not have additional rounds planned; however, individual missions might. Please keep an eye on the business forecast and [www.usaid.gov/npi](https://www.usaid.gov/npi) for upcoming funding opportunities.

48. **Global Health:** Private Sector Health Systems

- a. In the FY20 Quarter 1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID/Washington Global Health mentioned the Private Sector Health Systems activity may return to the business forecast. Can USAID provide any additional information at this time such as project scope, timing, and award mechanism?

**USAID Response:** The Private Sector Health Systems activity is still in the design stage. Unfortunately, no further information can be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for updates.

49. **Global Health:** Regarding Momentum 3A and 3B, does USAID anticipate a process similar to Momentum Rounds 1 and 2, where concept notes will be submitted, followed by an invitation of selected notes to a co-creation meeting and ultimately an RFP? Or will a more traditional RFP process be followed? If the plan is to request concept notes, is USAID expecting concept notes from individual organizations or from already formed consortia?

**USAID Response:** Yes, an Annual Program Statement (APS) has a two tier process of concept papers followed by full applications. Both Round 3A and 3B anticipate some form of co-creation either before or after the award is made. This may or may not include a co-creation workshop. Specific guidance on the co-creation process will be provided in the 3A and 3B Round documents. Please review the forthcoming 3A and 3B Round documents for what types of entities can submit a concept paper (ie individual organizations or consortia).

50. **Global Health:** MOMENTUM Round 1

- a. Can USAID provide any updates on the expected award date for Round 1?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates making an award by the end of April 2020.

51. **Global Health:** MOMENTUM

- a. Will there be other MOMENTUM rounds beyond the APS Round in India (MNCH Accelerator)?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing additional rounds of MOMENTUM aside from Rounds 3A and 3B that are listed in the forecast?
- c. For Mission-led rounds, will USAID expect to add them to the forecast as India has done?

**USAID Response:** Any future MOMENTUM Rounds will be posted on Grants.gov, and advertised on the Business Forecast. No additional Rounds can be guaranteed. Yes, the MOMENTUM APS requires that all future Rounds - from USAID/W or Missions - be advertised on the Business Forecast.

**52. Global Health: MOMENTUM 2B**

- a. When does USAID anticipate awarding MOMENTUM Round 2B?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates making an award by the end of April 2020.

**53. Global Health: MOMENTUM 3A**

- a. How does USAID define "entrenched obstacles" in the context of this award?
- b. What types of work does USAID expect to fund under R3?
- c. What is different about how "entrenched obstacles" are to be addressed under R3 in contrast to the prior rounds?
- d. When is it currently to be expected? How long will the turnaround be?
- e. Does USAID have additional information about specific technical areas that will be addressed under MOMENTUM Round 3A Overcoming Entrenched Obstacles?
- f. Would USAID please clarify if any further decisions have been made regarding this for MOMENTUM Round 3A?

**USAID Response:** Entrenched Obstacles and the types of work will be clearly articulated in the Round 3A document which is expected to be posted before the end of March.

The "entrenched obstacles" outlined in Round 3 documents are those that USAID determined require additional focused and catalytic investment in order to begin to advance progress in these areas. This does NOT preclude other MOMENTUM awards from working on the technical areas specified in Round 3A, 3B, and potential future Rounds.

Round 3A is expected to be posted before the end of March. Due dates will be specified in the Round 3A document.

The Business Forecast currently reflects all of the specific technical areas to be addressed under Round 3A: Address unmet need for surgical contraception, safe Caesarean Section, and prevention and treatment of obstetric fistula in USAID MCH priority countries.

**54. Global Health: MOMENTUM 3B**

- a. Why is immunization singled out in 3B when it deals with integration?

**USAID Response:** Round 3B's overarching goal is to sustainably strengthen routine immunization programs systems to 1) overcome the entrenched obstacles of stagnating and

declining immunization rates in USAID-supported countries; and 2) address the barriers to reaching zero-dose and underimmunized children with life-saving vaccines and other health services. Round 3B will: 1) provide targeted technical assistance and capacity development assistance to partner countries, local organizations, and USAID Missions; 2) provide global technical expertise on global policies, guidelines; and 3) promote sharing of best practices globally and across countries. While integration could be a potential activity under 3B, the main focus of Round 3B is identifying and addressing entrenched obstacles to address stagnating and declining immunization coverage. Round 3B is distinct from MOMENTUM Round 1 and 2A because of its focus on addressing entrenched obstacles and barriers to strengthen routine immunization systems and reach zero-dose and underimmunized children. Without dedicated and focused attention to this growing challenge, the world risks losing the incredible progress made to date in expanding access to routine immunization.

**55. Global Health: MOMENTUM 4**

- a. Does USAID expect to issue a Round 4 for MOMENTUM this fiscal year?

**USAID Response:** Any future MOMENTUM Rounds will be posted on Grants.gov, and advertised on the Business Forecast. No additional Rounds can be guaranteed.

**56. Global Health: Next Generation Global Health Supply Chain**

- a. Can USAID provide updated information concerning the procurement of the Next Generation Global Health Supply Chain? At the last forecast update it was stated that draft statements of objectives or work would be available by the end of January 2020. To date they have not been released.
- b. Is there any additional information regarding the expected release date of final solicitations and expected release dates?
- c. Will USAID please add this opportunity to the Live Business Forecast?
- d. Can USAID provide any updates on the estimated release date of the draft SOO/SOW?
- e. Does USAID anticipate holding a bidders conference or industry day event?

**USAID Response:** No new information is available at this time. The business forecast will be updated when information is available. Please continue to monitor it.

**57. Global Health: Could USAID clarify timing for the HIV Combination Prevention follow-on in Central America?**

**USAID Response:**

**58. Global Health: Sustaining Health Outcomes through the Private Sector (SHOPS)**

- a. Will SHOPS be recompeted? If yes, will that be this year?
- b. Can USAID provide an update on where these activities are in the design process, and any additional information such as project scope, timing, and award mechanism?

**USAID Response:** Yes, there will be a recompetes in 2021. We anticipate a suite of awards focused on private sector systems. We are currently in the design stage, but anticipate issuing a RFI in the next 60-90 days. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for updates.

59. **Global Health:** iMQA - Innovations for Medicines Quality Assurance

- a. The forecast Q&A posted in Q1 indicated iMQA was still in planning and the procurement package was being finalized. However, subsequent to the Q1 Q&A, the MQASSP APS was extended for 1 year and the business forecast postponed the anticipated solicitation release of iMQA to 10/15/2020 and 2/15/2021. Are the updated dates currently posted on business forecast an accurate reflection of the current plans for this solicitation?

**USAID Response:** The currently posted dates are tentative dates. Future decisions will be made based on the need and GH priorities.

60. **Global Health:** EVALS contract

- a. When does USAID intend to award the EVALS contract?

**USAID Response:** We anticipate awarding the Evaluation and Learning Activity Support contract by March 31, 2020.

61. **Global Health:** Country Health Information Systems and Data Use (CHISU):

- a. Can USAID provide any updated information on an expected award date?

**USAID Response:** USAID is evaluating the applications received.

62. **Global Health:** HRH2030

- a. The HRH2030 project has recently received a no-cost extension. Could USAID clarify if a follow-on project will be added to the forecast?

**USAID Response:** USAID has not determined if there will be a follow-on yet.

63. **HCTM:** Worldwide Training

- a. In the first quarter FY20 business forecast Q&A, USAID specified that worldwide training “will be placed as originally set with a RFI as an OASIS small business award within FY20.” Could USAID provide an update on the anticipated released date for this activity?
- b. Does USAID still anticipate releasing the Worldwide Training follow-on contract under OASIS Small Business Pool?
- c. If yes, is there an anticipated release date and estimated cost for this opportunity?
- d. Can USAID kindly indicate the expected solicitation release date, the mechanism it will be released under, and what type of solicitation it will be (RFP, RFA, BAA)?

**USAID Response:**

64. **LAC:** El Salvador/Honduras/Guatemala Activities

- a. In the previous USAID Business Forecast Q&A (Q4 2019), USAID indicated that the country missions in the Northern Triangle were optimistic that previously anticipated procurements focused on rule of law, citizen security, education, economic growth –

previously forecasted and then put “on hold” – would be released in the upcoming months. Could USAID please confirm that procurements in these sectors are still anticipated to be released over the course of 2020? If so, could USAID please confirm which sector/solicitations would be prioritized?

**USAID Response:** We are still waiting on confirmation on funding priorities.

**65. LAC: Institutional Support Contract**

- a. Could USAID confirm whether successful offerors will be precluded from bidding on future opportunities in LAC due to conflict of interest concerns? If so, what criteria would be used to determine offerors’ eligibility to bid on other anticipated funding opportunities in LAC?
- b. Could USAID confirm what OASIS pool this will be released under?
- c. Can USAID confirm a new anticipated solicitation release date for this activity?
- d. Can USAID please whether the **LAC Institutional Support Services** and **LAC Institutional Support Contract** are same opportunity? Caribbean
- e. Can USAID please confirm whether this opportunity will be released under OASIS Pool 1?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The successful contractor will be required to sign NDAs and COI statements, as well as provide a COI mitigation plan. The contractor will be precluded from bidding on multiple future opportunities if the contractor was involved in the design of the new procurement or had access to sensitive information regarding that procurement.
- b. This was asked and answered in the previous call. Repeating the answer here: This will be released under OASIS Pool 1.
- c. The New Business Forecast for this opportunity is up to date and correct. The SOL was released on Feb 28, 2020.
- d. These are the same. The correct name is the LAC Bureau Institutional Support Contract.
- e. This has already been released under OASIS SB Pool 1.

**66. LAC: Caribbean Marine Biodiversity Project**

- a. If USAID is planning a follow-on to the Caribbean Marine Biodiversity Project, could USAID please provide the anticipated timeline and other detail?

**USAID Response:** The USAID/DR Mission is not planning a follow-on award for the Caribbean Marine Biodiversity Project (CMBP). However, the Mission has completed the first draft of the Caribbean Development Program's Project Approval Document (PAD) and subsequently is working on multiple designs for other/similar/ parallel Biodiversity (coastal-marine) programming.

**67. M/CIO:** What is the status of the CIO DIS Consolidated Award procurement and will an RFI be issued? It had been on the forecast and has been removed. Prior Q&A indicated the Agency was still in the procurement planning stage.

**USAID Response:** The office is considering options for the next phase of DIS. There is no immediate plan to proceed with the consolidated procurement.

68. **M/CIO:** Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date, vehicle and setaside for the USAID Strategic Programs Recompete? Prior Q&A anticipated 1/31/20 as the release date, but the opportunity is still on the forecast as of 2/24/20.

**USAID Response:** The RFQ is still being developed. It is expected to be posted under GSA Schedule 70.

69. **PPL:** Evaluation and Learning Activity Support (Evals)

- a. Will USAID please provide an update as to when the Evaluation and Learning Activity Support (Evals) opportunity is expected to be awarded?

**USAID Response:** We anticipate awarding the Evaluation and Learning Activity Support contract by March 31, 2020.

70. **PPL:** Does USAID Bureau for Policy, Planning and Learning anticipate issuing a solicitation to advance systems approaches? If so, can USAID provide any details regarding the anticipated mechanism, scope, and timeframe?

**USAID Response:** Not at this time.

71. **PPL:** EVAL M&E IDIQ II:

- a. When does USAID/PPL expect to award this IDIQ?

**USAID Response:** The IDIQ is expected to be awarded before the beginning of the 4th quarter.

## Mission Business Forecast Questions

### 1. Afghanistan: MJP Activity

- a. Can USAID possibly confirm if the release date of the MJP Activity can be considered as final?

#### **USAID Response:**

### 2. Afghanistan: Women-focused opportunities

- a. Both the Women in the Economy II and Women's Empowerment and Civil Society calls were taken down from the forecast though the anticipated release date was January 1, 2020. Are they still expected to be released and if so when? Are there changes anticipated for the details of the opportunity beyond the timeline?
- b. The last Forecast Q&A referred to three new women-focused opportunities for Afghanistan, expected for release around March/April, but none have since appeared in the forecast. Could USAID provide additional information and an update on the timeline?
- c. We recently noticed that the Women's Empowerment and Civil Society and Women in the Economy II opportunities have been removed from the mission forecast. Could USAID kindly provide updates on the status of these procurements?

**USAID Response:** Yes, both WED and WICS (they are no more WIE II and WECS) are expected to be released. Updated solicitation release date will be provided on the next A&A Plan update, and will also be shown on the Business Forecast.

Design process was delayed due to many factors so the timeline for solicitation release will be updated on the next A&A Plan update, and will also be linked to the forecast. Two of the new women-focused opportunities (WED and WICS) are still on and will be reflected in the forecast.

These two activities were removed from the forecast because both were in the early design stage. Both will be reflected on the forecast soon.

### 3. Afghanistan: Women's Empowerment Activity

- a. Could USAID/Afghanistan provide an update on the anticipated Afghanistan Women's Empowerment Activity?
- b. Does USAID expect this opportunity to be reinstated with the same anticipated date of March/April, as noted in Q1 FY2020 Business Forecast Q&A?

**USAID Response:** This is now named WED and is still under design. Updated timeline will be provided on the forecast soon as we update the A&A Plan

### 4. Afghanistan: Counter-trafficking in Persons (CTIP)

- a. This opportunity appeared a year ago but has been removed from the most recent Forecasts. The last Quarterly update mentioned that CTIP may move forward based on lessons learned and an RFI. When does the Mission anticipate issuing an RFI for Afghanistan CTIP?

**USAID Response:** RFI was issued last summer and is closed.

5. **Afghanistan:** Following the recent NHTAP and Urban Health Initiative solicitations, does USAID anticipate any other health awards in Afghanistan in the near future? If not, will USAID be prioritizing in-budget support to the Afghan healthcare system?

**USAID Response:** No, Afghanistan does not anticipate issuing any other health awards in the near future.

6. **Afghanistan:** Does USAID/Afghanistan anticipate releasing any new sub-national governance programs? If so, is USAID planning to add these programs to the Mission Forecast?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Afghanistan anticipates releasing the RFP for SALAM in the coming weeks.

7. **Afghanistan:** Enhanced Data Demand and Use

- a. Does USAID plan to re-post the Data Demand and Use opportunity in the forecast?

**USAID Response:**

8. **Afghanistan:** Accessible and Quality Basic Education (AQBE)

- a. Will USAID update the forecast to reflect the Accessible and Quality Basic Education (AQBE) activity mentioned in Q1 forecast Q&A?
- b. Could USAID provide an anticipated solicitation release date?
- c. In the FY20 Q1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID anticipated the release of the " AQBE solicitation in the second quarter of FY2020," is this still the case?
- d. Could USAID provide any information such as anticipated timing of the solicitation, project scope, award mechanism, or award date?
- e. The initial notice had identified 5 provinces as the target locations (Kabul, Balkh, Herat, Kandahar and Nangahar). Does USAID have any updated information on target locations? Will these remain the same, or does USAID expect target locations to be changed?
- f. Does USAID anticipate the budget envelop will remain the same or will it increase given the expanded scope of work?

**USAID Response:**

9. **Armenia:** Business Enabling Environment

- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 4/30/2020?
- b. Could USAID clarify whether this will be a task order under an IDIQ, such as the PFM II IDIQ?
- c. Could USAID clarify whether this project is expected to be small business set-aside?
- d. Does USAID plan to release a pre-solicitation or Request for Information for the Business Enabling Environment Activity?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Armenia has decided to use a buy-in mechanism for this activity. We are removing the Business Enabling Environment Activity from the Business Forecast.

10. **Armenia:** Support for Anti-Corruption Reform

- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 05.01.2020?
- b. The USAID/Armenia Integrity Activity (formerly called Support for Anti-Corruption Reform) has an estimated cost/amount range of \$4M to \$9.99M. This falls comfortably within the size of many small business set-aside activities. The Mission is encouraged to consider posting the activity as a total small business set-aside. Could USAID update the Small Business Set-Aside status?
- c. Has USAID determined whether the Support for Anti-Corruption Reform activity for Armenia will be free and open?

**USAID Response:** Please note that the anticipated solicitation release date is now 05.20.2020. In case the solicitation release date is further changed we will provide updates in the Business Forecast. The Mission has not yet decided if the solicitation will be a small business set-aside. It will partially depend on the responses received under RFI #7201112ORFI00001 recently posted on beta.sam.gov. We encourage small businesses to respond to the RFI.

11. **Armenia:** Workforce Development

- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 6/20/2020?
- b. Could USAID clarify whether this project is expected to be small business set-aside?
- c. Has USAID determined a mechanism for the Workforce Development activity? Does USAID plan to release a pre-solicitation or Request for Information for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated solicitation release date remains 06/20/2020. USAID is considering different implementation mechanisms for this activity and may issue an RFI which will help also with the selection of the instrument, including the determination about whether this will be a small business set-aside.

12. **Azerbaijan:** Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Mechanism

- a. Could USAID update the Award/Action Type? Could USAID clarify whether this will be a task under an existing IDIQ or a contract?
- b. Could USAID update the Small Business Set-Aside Status?
- c. Could USAID update the anticipated solicitation release date?

**USAID Response:** Thank you for the question. We will update this information as soon as it becomes available.

13. **Bangladesh:** Obirodh: Road to Tolerance

- a. Please confirm that USAID does not currently anticipate issuing a solicitation for subsequent CVE programming in Bangladesh following the closure of the Obirodh: Road to Tolerance activity.

**USAID Response:** Currently, we do not anticipate the design or solicitation of a new CVE programming activity as a follow-on to the Obirodh: Road to Tolerance Activity. On the Business Forecast there is a new activity on anti-corruption, entitled Advancing Good Governance and National Integrity.

14. **Bangladesh:** Shobai Miley Pori ("Everyone Reads Together") formerly "Learning Together" (Ekshathe Shikhi)
- Can USAID provide any updates to the scope of work based on the project's revised total estimated cost/amount range and award length?
  - Can USAID confirm that the anticipated solicitation release date of June 1, 2020 is accurate?

**USAID Response:** Updates are not available at this time. The activity is being substantially revised and changed. As a result, the choice of instrument is now TBD. The June 1st solicitation release date is our best estimate as of now.

15. **Bangladesh:** Esho Shikhi
- Can USAID provide the anticipated award date for the Esho Shikhi ("Come and Learn") Activity?

**USAID Response:** The award date is anticipated to fall within the months of July through September.

16. **Bangladesh:** Protibesh
- The Protibesh opportunity has been delayed multiple times over the past year. Could USAID please confirm that the current anticipated solicitation release date of May 1, 2020 is accurate so that bidders can ensure the highest quality of response?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated release date of May 1, 2020 remains unchanged. However, please note that no instrument type decision has been made and was entered in error.

17. **Bangladesh:** Multi-Purpose Disaster Shelter Support Activity
- Could USAID provide further detail on the anticipated scope of this activity?
  - Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI or other pre-solicitation notices for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** We have added a little more information in the Business Forecast. We do not plan to issue an RFI. Although, we will allow enough time for questions and answers in the RFA release.

18. **Bangladesh:** Feed the Future Bangladesh Livestock Production for Improved Nutrition activity
- Does USAID anticipate a follow on to the?
  - If yes, what is the expected timing for this procurement?
  - Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for the program?
  - Could USAID clarify whether the program will be a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?
  - Can USAID provide the anticipated award date for the Bangladesh Horticulture, Fruits, and Non-food Crops Activity?
  - Can USAID provide the anticipated release date for the Feed-the-Future Livestock Production for Improved Nutrition Activity? Can USAID confirm whether this opportunity will be released as a cooperative agreement or contract?

**USAID Response:** We do anticipate a follow-on or similar activity. We will release information on the Business Forecast shortly. For item e., that is still in process.

19. **Belarus:** Innovation Based Economy in Belarus opportunity:

- a. Can USAID clarify the intended procurement mechanism and award amount for this opportunity?
- b. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated release of this opportunity is in March 2020?
- c. Has USAID determined a mechanism for the Innovation Based Economy in Belarus activity? Does USAID plan to release a pre-solicitation or Request for Information for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates an assistance mechanism, however, the final decision will be reflected in the solicitation document USAID anticipates issuing the solicitation/opportunity between end of March and mid-April. We do not plan any pre-solicitation release at this time

20. **Belarus:** Governance Activity

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing any opportunities related to governance in the next two fiscal year?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to monitor the business forecast.

21. **Bosnia-Herzegovina:** INSPIRE

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing the INSPIRE program as a small-business set-aside or as a locally restricted opportunity?

**USAID Response:** We anticipate a full and open competition. USAID/BiH will consider a small business subcontracting plan under this activity.

22. **Bosnia-Herzegovina:** Financial Reform Activity

- a. Does USAID have an updated anticipated solicitation release date for the Financial Reform Activity?

**USAID Response:** The RFP will be released o/a March 13, 2020. USAID Business Forecast is updated accordingly.

23. **Bosnia-Herzegovina:** Greater fiscal accountability and transparency in Bosnia-Herzegovina

- a. Could USAID please provide an updated release date for this opportunity, since the anticipated solicitation release date has passed?
- b. Could USAID clarify whether this will be a task order under an IDIQ, such as the PFM II IDIQ?

**USAID Response:** The RFP will be released o/a March 13, 2020. USAID Business Forecast is updated accordingly. This will be a full and open competition.

24. **Bosnia-Herzegovina:** Sustainable Economic Growth in Bosnia-Herzegovina

- a. What is the anticipated release date for the RFP?
- b. Would USAID consider making this a small-business set aside?
- c. Does USAID have an updated anticipated solicitation release date for the Sustainable

Economic Growth activity?

**USAID Response:** The RFP was released on March 6, 2020. This is a full and open competition.

25. **Botswana:** HIV solicitation

- a. In the last forecast, USAID shared that it anticipates releasing an HIV-focused solicitation in Botswana during the COP20 period that will be limited to local organizations. Can USAID provide any additional information about this opportunity, including an anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:**

26. **Burkina Faso:** HSD-Burkina

- a. The HSD-Burkina opportunity was closed on September 24, 2019. Could USAID provide an update on next steps and when a decision will be made with regards to the award?

**USAID Response:** The HSD Burkina Faso Activity procurement is on-going, and USAID anticipates an award at the beginning of Quarter 3 FY2020.

27. **Burkina Faso:** Governance Activity (BFGA)

- a. The solicitation release date is 2-28-20. Can USAID provide any updates?
- b. Is this still expected to be an RFA (for a Cooperative Agreement)?
- c. Does USAID plan to release an RFI or pre-solicitation notice prior to release of the solicitation?
- d. Can USAID explain how this project will contribute to the RISE II Objective 4, sub IR 4.1, "Improved performance of sub-national state institutions?" Is USAID seeking to support the decentralization process in Burkina Faso?
- e. More generally, what government institutions does USAID envision as primary beneficiaries of the proposed program?
- f. Can USAID also clarify what "national resilience institutions" would be included in Burkina Faso related to sub IR 4.3 of RISE II Objective 4?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated release date is now revised to April 17, 2020. An RFA is still contemplated. USAID does not anticipate releasing an RFI or pre-solicitation notice. Further information will be provided in a subsequent update to the Business Forecast.

28. **Burkina Faso:** Improving Malaria Care (IMC) 2.0

- a. Can USAID provide any additional information on the anticipated timing of the Improving Malaria Care project follow-on in Burkina Faso?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for the "Improving Malaria Care" follow-on project in Burkina Faso?
- c. Does USAID anticipate awarding a contract or cooperative agreement for this opportunity?
- d. Please clarify whether the project will include family planning and maternal and child health activities. If there will be FP and MCH funding, could USAID please clarify the scope of these activities?
- e. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated geographic scope of this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** USAID has no information or update to provide on this procurement at this time as this program/project is still in the early design stages.

29. **Burkina Faso:** Malaria interventions

- a. In the FY20 Quarter 1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID/Burkina Faso mentioned that they were anticipating an integrated activity with malaria interventions in mid-2020. Can USAID provide and update on this award, such as timing, award mechanism, and if they are planning on releasing a draft scope of work or Request for Information?
- b. USAID informed in the 2020 Q1 Forecast Q&A that the anticipated release date for this solicitation is mid-2020. Is this anticipated release date still valid?

**USAID Response:** USAID has no information or update to provide on this procurement at this time as this program/project is still in the early design stages.

30. **Burma:** Does USAID anticipate any new opportunities for Burma focused on health in the next two fiscal years?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Burma will make updates to the business forecast when appropriate.

31. **Burma:** Does USAID anticipate any new opportunities for Burma focused on energy in the next two fiscal years?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Burma will make updates to the business forecast when appropriate.

32. **Burma:** Defeat Malaria in Burma

- a. The current project will end in 2021. Is a subsequent malaria related activity in Burma planned, and if so please can USAID update the forecast accordingly?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Burma will make updates to the business forecast when appropriate.

33. **Cambodia:** Does USAID anticipate any new opportunities for Cambodia related to governance or natural resources management in the next two fiscal years?

**USAID Response:** Please continue monitoring the business forecast for any potential opportunities.

34. **Cambodia:** Cambodia Integrated Early Childhood Development

- a. Would USAID kindly provide an update as to when bidders may expect to hear whether they have moved to Phase 2 for the Cambodia Integrated Early Childhood Development RFA?
- b. Please confirm if USAID is planning to design or solicit a new early childhood education program in FY2020? Can USAID confirm whether this opportunity will be released as a cooperative agreement or contract?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID has notified applicants.
- b. USAID/Cambodia does not plan to design or solicit a new early childhood education

program in FY2020. The Integrated Early Childhood Development Activity includes this component.

35. **Chad:** Chad Civil Society Assistance

- a. This opportunity is no longer listed on the Business Forecast. Does USAID still anticipate its release?

**USAID Response:** USAID has deleted this opportunity from the Business Forecast.

36. **Colombia:** [TBD] Amazon Forests and Biodiversity

- a. Would USAID confirm if the Forecasted release date of March 31, 2020 is still accurate for the [TBD] Amazon Forests and Biodiversity?

**USAID Response:** Yes.

37. **Colombia:** Community Resilience

- a. Does USAID anticipate issuing the solicitation under an existing IDIQ; if so, which IDIQ vehicle?
- b. Does USAID anticipate the focus of this activity to be in communities with migrants from Venezuela?
- c. Would USAID please check and confirm the anticipated solicitation release date?
- d. Will a pre-solicitation be issued prior to the release of the solicitation?
- e. Would USAID please confirm whether activity is in addition to or a replacement of the prior forecasted Colombia Youth Resilience Activity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. No. A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for a Cooperative Agreement was issued for this activity on February 27, 2020.
- b. No. In accordance with page 11 - Section A.7 of the Resilient Communities NOFO (issued on February 27, 2020), "*This Activity will target rural conflict-affected territories with high levels of violence perpetrated against social leaders and vulnerable communities. The Activity will align with USAID's Mission-wide geographic priorities and the GOC's geographic priorities for USAID support. While target areas will be defined in the work plan, it is likely that, at a minimum, the Activity will be implemented in the following five regions: Tumaco, Catatumbo, Bajo Cauca-Southern Córdoba, and Cauca. The specific number of target municipalities will be determined in the Work Plan.*"
- c. The NOFO for this activity was already released, on February 27, 2020.
- d. No. In accordance with the Cover Page of the NOFO, "This is a multi-tiered RFA in accordance with the Automated directives System (ADS) 03.3.6.1(c). Selection under this RFA will be based on a two-step process:
  - Phase 1 - Concept Paper submissions: open to all eligible organizations as described in this RFA.
  - Phase 2 - Full Application submissions: by invitation only to applicants selected during Phase 1 evaluation."
- e. In addition to; While this is a standalone activity, some aspects of its implementation may complement the work of other USAID/Colombia activities, including the Colombia Youth Resilience Activity

**38. Colombia: Youth Resilience Activity**

- a. Does USAID anticipate this being issued as an RFA - as currently stated in the Forecast - or an RFP? Is the solicitation release-date still ETA 3-31-20?
- b. Are Public International Organizations eligible to participate in the Colombia Youth Resilience Activity, either as prime or sub applicants?
- c. Could USAID provide further detail on the anticipated scope of this activity?
- d. Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI or other pre-solicitation notices for this opportunity?
- e. Is USAID considering restricting eligibility to certain entities for this opportunity?
- f. Can USAID provide further detail on the “target locations” of this activity?
- g. With reference to the FY 2020 Q1 Business Forecast Q&A, is USAID still considering holding an Industry Day for co-creation with potential offerors ahead of the release of the Colombia Youth Resilience Activity solicitation?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes, USAID/Colombia plans to issue a NOFO for this Activity on or about March 31, 2020.
- b. This NOFO will be open to all applicants.
- c. Through this activity, USAID seeks to support youth in high risk environments to reach their full potential, as safe, productive, healthy and engaged participants within positive enabling environments where violence is prevented and risks associated with crime are mitigated. Adhering to USAID’s Youth in Development Policy definition of young people, YRA’s target youth range from ages 10 to 29, with a particular emphasis on adolescence and emerging adulthood (ages 15-29). From a socio-ecological systems approach, YRA also targets youth’s families, community, service providers, and others impacting their development. USAID/Colombia will support YRA’s efforts to develop peaceful and protective environments; strengthen relationships among youth, their families, communities, and local authorities; and provide alternative education and economic opportunities for youth, particularly women and girls, in high-risk environments.
- d. No. However, the NOFO will be available for 60 calendar days to provide ample time for applicants.
- e. This NOFO will be open to all applicants.
- f. Consistent with the Mission’s goals and Government of Colombia priorities, USAID/Colombia will support the applicant’s efforts in approximately 30 municipalities, in rural, peri-urban and urban areas, within a number of the following departments: Arauca, Antioquia, Caquetá, Cauca, Chocó, Nariño, Norte de Santander and Valle del Cauca. Municipalities which have been high receptors of victims of conflict and incoming migrant youth, such as Bogotá, Cali, Medellín, Buenaventura, and Cartagena, may also be considered.
- g. No. However, the NOFO will be available for 60 calendar days to provide ample time for applicants.

**39. Cote d’Ivoire: Health solicitations**

- a. The Q&A for the FY20 Q1 USAID Business Forecast call indicates that USAID intends to publish one or more health solicitations in March 2020 for Cote d’Ivoire. To date, no such solicitations appear in the forecast database. Could USAID kindly indicate how many health solicitations it anticipates, their technical and geographic scopes, intended mechanism(s), and expected award size(s) and amount(s)?

- b. In the FY20 Quarter 1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID/Cote d'Ivoire mentioned that there will be health procurements in FY20 focusing on malaria, maternal and child health, and family planning. Can USAID provide an update on where these activities are in the design process, and any additional information such as project scope(s), timing, and award mechanism(s).
- c. Could USAID please provide additional information on the health procurements anticipated for Cote d'Ivoire for FY20? Is USAID planning to include the opportunities in the forecast anytime soon? If not, could you please indicate what is the anticipated award/action type and whether there will be any eligibility criteria restriction (e.g. local organizations only)? How many health solicitations is USAID anticipating?
- d. If multiple solicitations are envisioned, can USAID share further information on the anticipated size, technical scope, and geographic targets for each respective opportunity?
- e. Does USAID anticipate awarding contract(s) or cooperative agreement(s) for these awards?
- f. Has USAID been able to determine whether there will be an integrated health project with a malaria component, or whether one of those procurements will be for a malaria specific project? Could USAID please share any update on the anticipated timing of these procurements ?

**USAID Response:**

- a. No firm decision has been made by the Mission on the number of health solicitations to be released. Design of these activity(ies) is in its early stage(s). Geographic scopes, intended mechanism(s), and expected award size(s) and amount(s) will be determined during the design phases of these activities.
- b. Design in its early phase. Therefore final scope(s), timing and award mechanism(s) are yet to be determined as part of USAID design and implementation processes.
- c. Please refer to USAID Responses (a) and (b) for a general answer to this question. No eligibility restriction is anticipated at this time.
- d. Please see response to question b.
- e. Selection of Instruments will be determined as part of the activity design(s).
- f. The Mission's intention is to design Health programs for FY20 with the most effective implementation results in reaching USAID development objectives in Côte d'Ivoire. Timing of solicitation release is Q.4 of FY20

**40. Cote d'Ivoire: CDI Maternal Child Health (MCH) Family Planning (FP)**

- a. Will USAID clarify timing and content for CDI Maternal Child Health (MCH) Family Planning (FP) solicitation?
- b. Will USAID confirm the contract mechanism type?
- c. Is there any news of when this opportunity will be released on the forecast?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Timing of solicitation release is Q.4 of FY20
- b. Selection of Instrument will be made as part of the activity design phase.
- c. Timing of solicitation release is Q.4 of FY20

**41. Cote d'Ivoire: Strengthening Resilience and Learning to Countering Violent Extremism in the Cote d'Ivoire Northern Border Areas**

- a. Can USAID please provide a description for the Strengthening Resilience and Learning to Countering Violent Extremism in the Cote d'Ivoire Northern Border Areas project, including its stated goal and project objectives?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The goal of the activity is to strengthen community resilience and learning, particularly for youth and women' to counter violent extremism (CVE) in Cote d'Ivoire's northern border areas. Specifically, The activity will:
  - Reinforce resilience structures and factors as well as build in learning to better identify any pockets of radicalization and vulnerability with an emphasis on improving governance in ungoverned spaces in the border regions, enhancing trust between states and their citizens and reinforcing not only the authority but also the utility of the state in the peripheral zones.
  - Address the negative spill-over relating to instability and violence in Burkina Faso and Mali by working to reduce marginalization and inequality particularly around natural resource management and lack of equitable and fair government services.
  - Increase economic opportunities, particularly for youth (adolescents) and women as well as increase positive narratives to increase social cohesion in northern border areas.

**42. Cote d'Ivoire: Resilience and CVE in the Northern Regions**

- a. Does USAID anticipate issuing an RFA or an RFP for this activity?
- b. Is the estimated solicitation-release date still 3-31-2020?
- c. The current USAID Forecast does not provide a description of the activity (only the title); can USAID pls provide the description?
- d. Is it anticipated to be similar to the current or recent USAID-funded activity on the Northern border regions of Ghana?
- e. Does USAID anticipate releasing a Request for Information prior to the release of the RFA?
- f. Could USAID please provide the description of the "Strengthen Resilience and Learning to Countering Violent Extremism in Cote d'Ivoire Northern Border Areas" opportunity included in the Business Forecast for Cote d'Ivoire?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Since this activity remains in design, the choice of instrument will be determined as part of the procurement preparation process.
- b. The estimated released date is Q.3 of FY20.
- c. This information has been updated on the Business Forecast
- d. No. There is no similarity with the Ghana RING program which was an integrated Food for Peace program and Nutrition.
- e. The decision of releasing an RFI has not been taken yet as the activity is in full design.
- f. This information has been updated on the Business Forecast

**43. Democratic Republic of the Congo: Monitoring, Evaluation and Coordination Contract (MECC)**

- a. In the first quarter FY20 business forecast Q&A, USAID specified that it does plan to

issue a follow on to the MECC contract. Could USAID provide an update on the timing of this solicitation?

- b. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date?
- c. Does USAID intend to issue a new RFP for the Monitoring Evaluation Coordination Contract in 2020? Will USAID consider using full & open competition for this RFP?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The Mission intends to publish a sources-sought in the very near future. The development of this follow-on activity is still in its early stages and no decision has been on the timing of either the solicitation release date or the award date.
- b. Yes, the solicitation will be released in 2020. The Mission intends to make this contract a small business set-aside.

44. **Democratic Republic of the Congo: Partnership for the Development of the Eastern Congo (P-DEC)**

- a. The RFI is out & due 2-24-20. When does USAID anticipate the release of a full RFA?
- b. Does USAID intend to make one award or multiple awards for this opportunity?
- c. Can USAID provide an expected date of award and expected size of award?
- d. Can USAID share an expected schedule for co-creation?
- e. Can USAID please confirm the Award/Action Type for any eventual award(s)?
- f. Can USAID please provide clarity on how and when it will issue solicitation(s) for the “Partnership for the Development of Eastern Congo (P-DEC)”?

**USAID Response:**

No firm decision has been made yet on the number of awards that will result from this annual program statement (APS). USAID/DRC will update the business forecast as soon as these decisions have been made.

No decision has been made on the expected date of award or on the size of the award or awards. USAID/DRC will update the business forecast as soon as these decisions have been made.

The expected schedule of co-creation is unknown at the moment. USAID/DRC will update the business forecast as soon as these decisions have been made.

This procurement is expected to be done through an annual program statement. The Mission is unsure of how many awards will result from this procurement.

45. **Democratic Republic of the Congo: PEPFAR/health procurements**

- a. Does USAID/DRC anticipate releasing any additional health procurements in 2020, such as integrated health or PEPFAR programming? If so, could USAID provide any information, such as timing, scope, and award mechanism?

**USAID Response:** No. The Mission does not anticipate releasing additional health procurements in 2020.

46. **Democratic Republic of the Congo: Agriculture Diversification and Market Systems for Resilience**

- a. When is this expected to be released?
- b. Can USAID please confirm that the award type is a contract?

**USAID Response:** The RFTOP was released in late December 2019 and the closing date is Monday, March 16, 2020. Yes. The award type is a task order contract.

47. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Foundational Literacy for Improved Educational Resilience (FLIER) solicitation

- a. Is USAID still anticipating releasing the DRC FLIER solicitation on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020?

**USAID Response:** Yes, by April 15, 2020.

48. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Public Policy solicitation

- a. Is the anticipated release of the DRC Public Policy solicitation still June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020?
- b. A number of NGOs commented on the RFI, particularly raising concerns over the choice of instrument for the program's release. Can USAID please justify the use of a contract for this activity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes. That is still the estimated release date.
- b. USAID believes a contract is the most suitable instrument due to the level of involvement anticipated by USAID project managers and close collaboration with other institutional donors, as well as the complex, changing policy environment in the DRC.

49. **Ecuador:** Can USAID provide any update on the establishment of an operating unit in Ecuador? For current programs and calls (eg DIV, WomenConnect) would Ecuador now presumably be eligible to program?

**USAID Response:**

50. **Egypt:** Business Egypt

- a. Please confirm that the new range of \$10-25M (instead of \$50-99M previously) is the intended size for the final solicitation.
- b. If so, has the project description also changed?
- c. When does USAID expect to release the Business Egypt opportunity?
- d. Given the recent decrease in total estimated cost/amount range, does USAID anticipate a change in the project's scope?

**USAID Response:**

- a. This is our current estimate; however, the design of this Activity is ongoing.
- b. The design of this Activity is ongoing.
- c. This cannot be determined at this time with any degree of specificity.

51. **Egypt:** Services to Improve Performance Management, Enhance Learning and Evaluation (SIMPLE)

- a. In the first quarter FY20 business forecast Q&A, USAID specified that USAID/Egypt is in the process of determining if, and in what form, a potential follow-on to SIMPLE might

take. Is there any further information on a SIMPLE follow-on project or other, similar activity at this time?

- b. Does USAID intend to release a rebid of the Egypt SIMPLE contract?
- c. Will it be a small business set-aside?
- d. What is the anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:**

- a. There is no further information at this time.
- b. USAID/Egypt has not yet completed the redesign of this Activity and has not yet determined this, though it is expected that some type of similar Activity will be designed.
- c. USAID/Egypt has not yet completed the redesign of this Activity and has not yet determined this.
- d. USAID/Egypt has not yet completed the redesign of this Activity and does not yet have an estimate for the release of any potential new opportunity.

52. **Egypt:** Trade Reform and Development in Egypt (TRADE) Activity

- a. When does USAID expect to award TRADE?

**USAID Response:**

- a. We are currently in the evaluation process and will release information on any award at the appropriate time consistent with relevant regulations and policy.

53. **Egypt:** Women's Empowerment

- a. Will this solicitation come out as an RFA or an RFP?
- b. Is the solicitation release-date still 4-30-20?
- c. Does the Mission intend to make one award for this opportunity, or could a potential co-design conference result in multiple awards?
- d. The RFI included a focus on economic empowerment, which has not been represented on the forecast to date despite multiple updates in this time. Does USAID anticipate a focus on economic empowerment or will this activity be more focused on SRHR and GBV?
- e. Does USAID plan to hold a co-creation event for this opportunity, and at what stage in the procurement process?
- f. Could USAID please confirm if it intends to hold a co-creation conference prior to the release of the Egypt Women's Empowerment RFP, and if so, when and where this would be held?
- g. Does USAID have an update on the expected contract mechanism for the USAID/Egypt Women's Empowerment Activity? Can USAID confirm the Business Forecast expected release date of April 15, 2020?
- h. Has USAID determined the Award Type for the Egypt Women's Empowerment (Nosf Misr) opportunity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID/Egypt currently expects to release this opportunity as a Notice of Funding Opportunity (RFA).
- b. USAID/Egypt's current best estimate for the release of the NOFO is 4/30/2020.
- c. USAID/Egypt expects to make one award under the expected NOFO.

- d. USAID/Egypt anticipates that economic empowerment will be part of the NOFO, though the Activity has not yet been completely designed. More specific information will be contained in the NOFO when it is released.
- e. USAID/Egypt does intend to utilize co-creation in this NOFO, though the exact stage and nature of this has not yet been finalized.
- f. USAID/Egypt does not intend to hold a co-creation event prior to the release of the NOFO.
- g. USAID/Egypt expects to award a cooperative agreement; the current best estimate for release of the NOFO is April 30, 2020.
- h. USAID/Egypt expects to award a cooperative agreement.

54. **El Salvador:** Puentes Activity

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a follow-on solicitation for the El Salvador Puentes Activity?
- b. If so, does USAID have any updates on the anticipated value, scope of work, or release date for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** The funding situation for USAID/El Salvador remains uncertain, and therefore, there is no current timeline. We recommend that you periodically check <https://beta.sam.gov/> and/or [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov/) to remain updated on business opportunities in case circumstances change. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

55. **El Salvador:** Justice Sector Activity

- a. Could USAID clarify if and when the USAID/El Salvador Justice Sector Activity is expected to be released?

**USAID Response:** The funding situation for USAID/El Salvador remains uncertain, and therefore, there is no current timeline. We recommend that you periodically check <https://beta.sam.gov/> to remain updated on business opportunities in case circumstances change. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

56. **El Salvador:** Youth, education, citizen security

- a. Does USAID anticipate any opportunities this fiscal year in the below fields?
  - i. youth workforce development;
  - ii. higher education; and/or
  - iii. citizen security area

**USAID Response:** The funding situation for USAID/El Salvador remains uncertain, and therefore, there is no current timeline. We recommend that you periodically check <https://beta.sam.gov/> and/or [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov/) to remain updated on business opportunities in case circumstances change. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

57. **Ethiopia:** New market systems development activity

- a. Does the Mission anticipate a new market systems development activity? Will it focus primarily on youth? What is the timeline for release?

**USAID Response:** The Mission does anticipate a new Market Systems for Growth activity;

however, the activity design is in a very early stage and the release date is not yet determined.

58. **Ethiopia:** Monitoring and Evaluation Platform Project (EPMES)

- a. Does USAID intend to release a rebid of the Ethiopia M&E contract?
- b. Will it be a small business set-aside?
- c. What is the anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:**

The mission is working on the design of the follow on project. It is anticipated that a BAA will soon be published followed by addendums that are specific to EPMES.

This will be a full and open competition solicitation and all including Small business set asides will be welcome to participate in the solicitation/competition process.

It is anticipated that within the next two to four months the solicitation will be on the market.

59. **Ethiopia:** HSS PAD

- a. Draft HSS PAD released as an RFI -- Page 33 of the draft HSS PAD indicates (bottom row of the table) a new Global Health Assistance Program is anticipated. Will USAID please indicate the type of assistance program that is envisaged?

**USAID Response:** This is an illustrative activity at this point. Further details about the specific procurement will be made available in future forecast.

60. **Ethiopia:** Assistance focused on HIV positive children, adolescents and adults

- a. USAID released a call for RFI's for this opportunity however this has not been updated for the USAID Mission Forecast. Can USAID please provide further details on the following:
  - i. Action Type
  - ii. Eligibility requirements
  - iii. Anticipated solicitation release date
  - iv. Anticipated award date
  - v. Total estimated amount

**USAID Response:** The action types anticipated under this opportunity include Cooperative Agreements and Fixed Amount Awards. USAID envisions a minimum of 70% of HIV assistance will be implemented through local-led activities from 2020 to 2025. The anticipated solicitation and award dates of this opportunity are 06/01/2020 and 10/01/2020 respectively. The estimated funding of this opportunity is \$60 million over the life of five (5) years.

61. **Ethiopia:** Lowland WASH

- a. Does USAID intend to release follow-on for the Lowland WASH Program?
- b. Can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipating release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?
- c. This is not on the forecast so can USAID provide details around technical scope, mechanism and budget?

**USAID Response:** The mission is working on the details around technical scope and budget for

the Lowland WASH Program follow-on. USAID/Ethiopia plans to issue pre-solicitation or RFI in Quarter III for this follow-on activity.

62. **Ethiopia:** Assistance focused on key populations and other priority populations

- a. USAID released a call for RFI's for this opportunity however this has not been updated for the USAID Mission Forecast. Can USAID please provide further details on the following:
  - i. Action Type
  - ii. Eligibility requirements
  - iii. Anticipated solicitation release date
  - iv. Anticipated award date
  - v. Total estimated amount

**USAID Response:** The action types anticipated under this opportunity include Cooperative Agreements and Fixed Amount Awards. USAID envisions a minimum of 70% of HIV assistance will be implemented through local-led activities from 2020 to 2025. The anticipated solicitation and award dates of this opportunity are 06/01/2020 and 10/01/2020 respectively. The estimated funding of this opportunity is \$15 million over the life of five (5) years.

63. **Ethiopia:** Empowered Communities for Better Health

- a. USAID released a call for RFI's for this opportunity however this has not been updated for the USAID Mission Forecast. Can USAID please provide further details on the following:
  - i. Action Type:
  - ii. Eligibility requirements:
  - iii. Anticipated solicitation release date:
  - iv. Anticipated award date:
  - v. Total estimated amount:
- b. We have seen the recent RFI issued for Ethiopia's Empowering Communities for Better Health (ECBH) and Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) projects (RFI-663-20-000003); will USAID be adding these opportunities to the business forecast?
- c. USAID's RFI indicates new procurements under each project will be implemented through multiple awards and a mix of procurement mechanisms, including bilateral awards, Government to Government awards, and utilization of USAID/Washington Central Awards. Can USAID please elaborate on the suite of awards anticipated under each project, including solicitation release timelines, estimated value, and award/action types?
- d. Will eligibility be restricted?
- e. USAID's RFI indicates new procurements under each project will be implemented through multiple awards and a mix of procurement mechanisms, including bilateral awards, Government to Government awards, and utilization of USAID/Washington Central Awards. Can USAID please elaborate on the suite of awards anticipated under each project, including solicitation release timelines, estimated value, and award/action types?

**USAID Response:** This is a package of activities at the stage of activity design and specific details of these activities are not yet determined. Further discussions and decisions for PAD approval is

under process.

64. **Ethiopia:** Ethiopia Health System Strengthening

- a. USAID released a call for RFI's for this opportunity however this has not been updated for the USAID Mission Forecast. Can USAID please provide further details on the following:
  - i. Action Type:
  - ii. Eligibility requirements:
  - iii. Anticipated solicitation release date:
  - iv. Anticipated award date:
  - v. Total estimated amount:
- b. Will eligibility be restricted:
- c. USAID's RFI indicates new procurements under each project will be implemented through multiple awards and a mix of procurement mechanisms, including bilateral awards, Government to Government awards, and utilization of USAID/Washington Central Awards. Can USAID please elaborate on the suite of awards anticipated under each project, including solicitation release timelines, estimated value, and award/action types?

**USAID Response:** This is a package of activities at the stage of activity design and specific details of these activities are not yet determined. Further discussions and decisions for PAD approval is under process.

65. **Ethiopia:** HIV opportunities

- a. Could USAID please confirm if it intends to restrict the upcoming HIV opportunities (C&T, OVC, Key Populations) to local Ethiopian organizations as primes?

**USAID Response:** USAID envisions a minimum of 70% of HIV assistance will be implemented through local-led activities from 2020 to 2025.

66. **Ethiopia:** Basic education and integrated youth

- a. In the last mission forecast Q&A, USAID indicated that there are several programs currently under design including projects in the basic education and integrated youth development sectors in Ethiopia. Does USAID have any updates on the projects' scope of work and their respective choice of instrument?

**USAID Response:** The mission is working on BAA that will soon be released which will cover the integrated youth development sectors among other projects/activities at the mission.

67. **Ethiopia:** Key population and care and treatment solicitations

- a. Will USAID clarify whether the two Ethiopia key population and care and treatment solicitations will be for local implementing orgs only and please clarify the anticipated release date(s) and what the contracting mechanism will be?

**USAID Response:** USAID envisions a minimum of 70% of HIV assistance will be implemented through local-led activities from 2020 to 2025. The anticipated solicitation and award dates of

key populations activity are 06/01/2020 and 10/01/2020 respectively.

68. **Ethiopia:** Procurement of Organizational Development Services

- a. Would USAID kindly clarify whether a procurement is still anticipated for the Ethiopia Organizational Development Services procurement, especially regarding anticipated solicitation date and small business set-aside status? The latest information shared by USAID was that “USAID/Ethiopia is still reviewing the responses it received to the RFI. We expect to release the solicitation in Spring 2020. USAID/Ethiopia anticipates the budget for this activity will be in the range of \$1M-\$3.99M. As the content of the anticipated activity is not finalized, it is premature to determine any conflict of interest (COI) issues. In addition, please note COI issues are determined by the cognizant Contracting/Agreement Officer of future USAID awards.”
- b. Does USAID intend to release follow-on for the Organizational Development Services Program?
- c. If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipating release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?

**USAID Response:** The Mission is working on the redesign of this activity. It is anticipated that a full and open competitive solicitation will be issued. As regards the anticipated budget for the activity, this is still part of the design process and will be communicated at the time the solicitation has been released to the market.

The mission anticipates that in the next 3 to 4 months a presolicitation information will be released to the market.

69. **Ethiopia:** Health Workforce Improvement

- a. The Ethiopia Health Workforce improvement opportunity was closed on October 11, 2019. Could USAID provide an update on next steps and when a decision will be made with regards to the award
- b. Can USAID clarify how the Health Workforce Improvement Program (HWIP) project is related to the HSS project?

**USAID Response:**

- a. This is under final Technical and Cost review. It is anticipated to award it by 03/30/2020.
- b. The HWIP activity will fall under the HSS project. As mentioned above, a PAD is a package of activities/awards, HWIP is one activity that will contribute to the results outlined in the HSS Project.

70. **Georgia:** Has USAID determined a mechanism for the Civil Society Program, Local Governance Program, the New Governance Program, the New Integration Program, the New Rule of Law Activity, or the Industry-Led Skills Development Program? Does USAID plan to release a pre-solicitation or Request for Information for these opportunities.

**USAID Response:** Please see individual responses below for information about each of these upcoming activities.

71. **Georgia:** There are currently several opportunities from the USAID mission in Georgia. Is USAID considering setting any of them aside for small businesses.

**USAID Response:** We are currently considering one small Business Set Aside for Human and Institutional Capacity Development Activity in Georgia.

72. **Georgia:** Considering USAID's new Journey to Self-reliance initiative, does the mission plan to issue any upcoming contract as a local source procurement

**USAID Response:** Yes, we are considering the Study on Educational Outcomes to be a local procurement.

73. **Georgia:** Study on Educational Outcomes

- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 3/20/2020?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated date is changed to March 31, 2020.

74. **Georgia:** Energy Program

- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 7/01/2020?
- b. Can USAID provide more information about the scope of this project?
- c. Has USAID determined a mechanism for the Georgia Energy Program?
- d. Does USAID plan to release this as a task order under the Energy II IDIQ? Does USAID plan to release a pre-solicitation or Request for Information for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:**

- a) Yes.
- b) USAID/Georgia intends to issue a Request for Information (RFI) that will include a draft scope of the program.
- c) USAID/Georgia considers acquisition but has not determined yet what type of acquisition mechanism will be used.
- d) Not determined yet. As noted above, RFI will be issued.

75. **Georgia:** New Integration Program

- a. Will USAID please provide an estimated scope of work for this opportunity?
- b. Will USAID please confirm the anticipated award/action type for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** The detailed program description/ scope of work for the New Integration program is expected to be developed in the summer of 2020. In general, it is envisioned that the new program will encourage social and cultural engagement at all levels between majority and vulnerable groups, including conflict affected populations, ethnic and religious minority groups and others to gradually dispel misperceptions and eventually create a more unified national

identity and lay the foundation for broad-based development and sustainable democracy in Georgia. Cooperative agreement is anticipated as an award type.

76. **Georgia:** Information Integrity Program/Countering Disinformation

- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 3/12/2020?
- b. Would USAID consider issuing this project as a local source procurement

**USAID Response:** The Notice of Funding Opportunity is expected to be issued on or about 4/02/2020. The solicitation will be released as full and open competition.

77. **Georgia:** Local Governance Activity

- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 5/01/2020?
- b. Can USAID provide more information about the scope of this project?
- c. Would USAID consider issuing this project as a local source procurement?
- d. Is this expected to be full and open or SB set aside?
- e. Can you confirm the procurement mechanism?

**USAID Response:**

- a. We are expecting that the Solicitation release date will be on/about 7/01/2020.
- b. The Local Governance Activity is still in the early planning/design stage. We will update the Business Forecast when we have information.
- c. The Local Governance Activity is still in the early design stage and we have not yet made final decisions, but we are not currently anticipating that this will be a local procurement.
- d. We have not yet made a decision about the instrument type. We will update the business forecast when we have more information.

78. **Georgia:** New Rule of Law Activity

- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 3/15/2021?
- b. Can USAID provide more information about the scope of this anticipated project?
- c. Please clarify whether the Georgia New Rule of Law Activity will be a contract or a cooperative agreement?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes, that is still the anticipated release date.
- b. The New Rule of Law Activity is in the early stage of design. We will update the Business Forecast accordingly when we have more information.
- c. We have not yet made a decision about the instrument type. We will update the business forecast when we have more information.

79. **Georgia:** Civil Society Program

- a. Is this expected to be full and open or SB set aside?
- b. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 4/01/2020?
- c. Can USAID provide more information about the scope of this project?
- d. Would USAID be considering issuing this project as a local source procurement?

- e. Can you please confirm whether the Civil Society Program will be openly completed?
- f. Can USAID/Georgia please clarify the anticipated award/action type and description for the Civil Society Program opportunity?

**USAID Response:** USAID is anticipating full and open competition for the Civil Society Program. The anticipated solicitation release date for this project is on or about 5/15/2020. The overall goal of the Civil Society Engagement program is to increase citizen engagement, awareness and participation in civic actions and democratic processes. Specifically, the activity will enhance the capacity of formal and informal civic entities working at the local, regional and national to address citizen identified issues; foster greater connectivity and collaboration between newly emerging grass roots groups and their national and regional level counterparts; and, enhance the long term sustainability and self-reliance of the civil society sector. The activity will meet these objectives by providing a wide range of technical support options and resources that promote an inclusive civil society practices and initiatives. USAID is anticipating full and open competition for the Civil Society Program. USAID/Georgia is anticipating an assistance instrument as an implementation mechanism for this program.

**80. Georgia: New Governance Program:**

- a. What will be the specific areas of emphasis for this program?
- b. Please clarify whether the Georgia New Governance Program will be a contract or a cooperative agreement.
- c. Can USAID please provide a brief description of the Program and its expected components?
- d. Will USAID please confirm if this opportunity is expected to be a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The New Governance Program is still in the early planning stage. We will update the Business Forecast accordingly when we have more information. Note that this is a follow-on project to the Good Governance Initiative currently under implementation.
- b. We have not yet made a decision about the instrument type.
- c. The New Governance Program is still in the early planning stage. We will update the Business Forecast accordingly when we have more information.
- d. We have not yet made a decision about the instrument type.

**81. Georgia: Industry-Led Skills Development program:**

- a. Could USAID please confirm the release date?
- b. Could USAID confirm this is not a follow-on to a previous program?
- c. Can USAID provide more information about the scope of this anticipated project?
- d. Can USAID Georgia provide more information on the anticipated mechanism and release date of this opportunity?
- e. Does USAID anticipate issuing a draft SOW or RFI prior to issuing a formal solicitation?
- f. Can USAID/Georgia please clarify the anticipated award/action type and award length for the USAID Industry-led Skills Development Program opportunity?
- g. Can USAID please indicate whether this program will be a small business set-aside?
- h. Is USAID considering issuing this procurement as restricted to local organizations?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes.
- b. Yes, confirmed. It is not a follow on program.
- c. USAID/Georgia intends to issue an RFI with more details about the scope of this program.
- d. USAID/Georgia intends to use acquisition; however, the type of instrument is not defined yet.
- e. Yes.
- f. The program length will be 5 years. The acquisition instrument type is not defined yet.
- g. Not decided yet.
- h. Not decided yet.

82. **Ghana:** Will there be a solicitation for a regional West Africa sanitation services project?

**USAID Response:** There is no planned solicitation in 2020 for a regional West Africa sanitation services award.

83. **Ghana:** When does USAID plan to release the new CDCS for Ghana?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ghana is finalizing its CDCS in 2020, which will be Ghana's 5 year strategy for the country. All procurement approaches will be in line with the new CDCS.

84. **Ghana:** ADVANCE

Does USAID have an update as to whether there will be a follow-on to ADVANCE? If so, would this be anticipated to include activities across agriculture, WASH, and nutrition?

**USAID Response:** The new activity that closely aligns with ADVANCE II is the Market Systems Resilience Activity. The USAID Business Forecast was just updated to include this new activity.

85. **Ghana:** Does USAID Ghana plan to release any new Feed the Future procurement in the current fiscal year?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to consult the USAID Business Forecast where all activities under the new Feed the Future plan will be published. Note now there are three opportunities listed: (a) Fisheries Recovery Activity; (b) the Trade and Investment Activity and (Market Systems and Resilience Activity).

86. **Ghana:** Strengthen Resilience and Learning to Countering Violent Extremism in Côte d'Ivoire Northern Border Areas

- a. The forecast does not include a description of this activity, only the name. Can USAID please provide an Award Description on the forecast for this anticipated solicitation?
- b. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or any additional information on this activity in advance of the anticipated solicitation release?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The goal of the activity is to strengthen community resilience and learning, particularly for youth and women' to counter violent extremism (CVE) in Cote d'Ivoire's northern border areas. Specifically, The activity will:
  - Reinforce resilience structures and factors as well as build in learning to better identify any pockets of radicalization and vulnerability with an emphasis on improving governance in ungoverned spaces in the border regions, enhancing trust between states and their citizens and reinforcing not only the authority but also the utility of the state in the peripheral zones.
  - Address the negative spill-over relating to instability and violence in Burkina Faso and Mali by working to reduce marginalization and inequality particularly around natural resource management and lack of equitable and fair government services.
  - Increase economic opportunities, particularly for youth (adolescents) and women as well as increase positive narratives to increase social cohesion in northern border areas.
- b. The decision of releasing an RFI has not been taken yet as the activity is in full design.

**87. Ghana: Fisheries Recovery Activity**

- a. In September 2019, the USAID forecast listed the "USAID/Ghana Fisheries Activity" with a total estimated cost of \$4-9.99M and the solicitation slated to be released in April 2020. That listing has since been deleted from the forecast. Could USAID please clarify whether this Fisheries Recovery Activity replaces that one?
- b. Could USAID please also clarify whether this activity is meant to be the follow-on to the Ghana Sustainable Fisheries Management Project?
- c. Does USAID anticipate derelict fishing gear will be one of the priority/focus areas for this activity?
- d. Would USAID see scientific innovation that allows for better resource management as a priority for this activity?
- e. Is USAID planning to issue a draft program description in advance of the solicitation?
- f. Would USAID please confirm that the release date remains 6/15/2020?
- g. Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI ahead of the full solicitation?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes, the current USAID/Ghana Fisheries Activity on the Business Forecast replaces the one listed in September 2019.
- b. Yes, the USAID/Ghana Fisheries Activity currently listed on the Business Forecast is the follow-on to the Ghana Sustainable Fisheries Management Project.
- c. USAID/Ghana cannot comment on whether derelict fishing gear will be a priority focus area for this activity.
- d. USAID/Ghana is always seeking innovative approaches about how to more sustainably manage the fisheries sector.
- e. USAID/Ghana is still developing its procurement approach.
- f. The dates currently listed on the Business Forecast are USAID/Ghana's best available

estimate of when a solicitation will be released.

- g. USAID/Ghana is still developing its procurement approach.

**88. Ghana:** WASH for Health Activity

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the timing of this solicitation?
- b. Can USAID provide an update on the contract mechanism for this opportunity?
- c. Will an RFI be released in advance of the solicitation?
- d. USAID had indicated (during Q3 Q&A) that WASH-related activities were anticipated in the near future. Could USAID please share any other information on the planned activities and anticipated timeline for any planned procurements?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID cannot provide an update on the timing of the WASH procurement at this time.
- b. USAID cannot provide an update on the mechanism since it is still in the early design phase.
- c. We have not yet taken that decision on the RFI.
- d. We cannot share any additional information at this time.

**89. Ghana:** Market Systems and Resilience Activity

- a. Would USAID please provide information on the anticipated procurement schedule for the Ghana Market Systems and Resilience Activity?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for the program?
- c. Could USAID clarify whether the program will be a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?
- d. Is USAID still anticipating releasing the Market Systems and Resilience Activity solicitation on March 29th, 2020?
- e. Would USAID please confirm whether it intends to add this opportunity back into the forecast?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID/Ghana encourages potential offerors to continue to check the Business Forecast for more information about its upcoming opportunities.
- b. USAID/Ghana cannot confirm whether it will release a draft “scope of work” for the Market Systems and Resilience Activity. It is still developing its procurement approach.
- c. The Business Forecast will have the best information available from USAID/Ghana about its upcoming activities.
- d. The Business Forecast will have the best information available from USAID/Ghana about its upcoming activities.
- e. USAID/Ghana encourages potential offerors to continue to check the Business Forecast for more information about its upcoming opportunities.

**90. Ghana:** Trade and Investment Activity

- a. Can USAID please confirm that the anticipated Trade and Investment Activity contract

for Ghana will remain as a stand-alone program and not be issued under the Transformative Trade and Investment in Africa (TTAI).

- b. Can USAID please confirm if there are specific value chains that they are interested in for this program.
- c. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for the Ghana Trade and Investment Activity?
- d. What is your expected release date for this RFP?
- e. Could USAID clarify how much core funding will be available for this project?
- f. Does USAID anticipate releasing this as a multi-holder IDIQ or will this be a single award?
- g. Is USAID still anticipating releasing the Ghana Trade and Investment Activity solicitation on March 27th, 2020?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes, the anticipated Trade and Investment Activity for Ghana will remain as a stand-alone activity.
- b. USAID/Ghana encourages potential offerors to read the Global Food Security Strategy for a good idea about what our agricultural activities will support.
- c. USAID/Ghana cannot confirm whether it will release a Request for Information for the Ghana Trade and Investment Activity. It is still developing its procurement approach.
- d. The dates currently listed on the Business Forecast are USAID/Ghana's best available estimate of when a solicitation will be released.
- e. No, USAID/Ghana cannot clarify how much core funding will be available for this activity at this time.
- f. USAID/Ghana cannot confirm whether it will release the award as a multi-holder IDIQ or as a single award. It is still developing its procurement approach.
- g. The dates currently listed on the Business Forecast are USAID/Ghana's best available estimate of when a solicitation will be released.

91. **Ghana:** West Africa Biodiversity and Climate Change (WA BiCC)

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow on for the WA BiCC Program?
- b. If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipated release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?

**USAID Response:**

Yes, USAID intends to release a follow-on to the WABiCC activity. USAID is still reviewing its procurement approach and will update the USAID Business Forecast as soon as plans are solidified.

92. **Ghana:** Agricultural programming

- a. Would USAID please provide information on the anticipated procurement schedule for follow-on agriculture programming in Ghana? What is the anticipated dollar value of agriculture-related programming? Could USAID please confirm that agriculture-focused programming will be released as a contract?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ghana encouraged potential partners to continue to check the Business Forecast for all information about its upcoming activities. As stated above, USAID/Ghana is finalizing its CDCS in 2020, which will be Ghana's 5 year strategy for the country. All procurement approaches will be in line with the new CDCS.

93. **Ghana:** Health activities

- a. In the FY20 Quarter 1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID/Ghana mentioned that they were planning health-related activities in 2020. Can USAID provide an update on these activities, such as timing, scope(s), and award mechanism(s)?

**USAID Response:** We will provide an update on all health-related activities including timing, scope and award mechanism as soon as we take a decision.

94. **Ghana:** Monitoring and Evaluation

- a. Can USAID please provide updates on its plans for new Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning platforms in Ghana?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ghana encourages potential partners to continue to check the Business Forecast for all information about its upcoming activities. As stated above, USAID/Ghana is finalizing its CDCS in 2020, which will be Ghana's 5 year strategy for the country. All Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning approaches will be in line with the new CDCS.

95. **Guatemala:** Improved Health and Nutrition activity

- a. Does USAID/Guatemala have any updates on the status of the 'Improved Health and Nutrition' activity?

**USAID Response:** We are still waiting on confirmation on funding priorities from Washington.

96. **Guinea:** Health Service Delivery Project

- a. In the FY20 Quarter 1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID/Guinea said that there will be a Health Service Delivery Project. Can USAID provide an update on this anticipated award, such as timing, scope, and award mechanism?
- b. Will eligibility be restricted for the upcoming Health Services Delivery project in Guinea?

**USAID Response:** We are still in the design phase and anticipate publication in FY21 Q1. At the moment, there are no anticipated restrictions to this activity.

97. **Haiti:** Are there any upcoming/anticipated procurements (and in which sectors) for Haiti?

**USAID Response:** Please refer to the Business Forecast for all upcoming/anticipated procurements.

98. **Haiti:** Agricultural Activity

USAID made reference to an agricultural activity anticipated for Haiti. Can USAID clarify if

- a. There is any update on the anticipated request for proposals/applications?
- b. Has a determination been made on the anticipated award mechanism?
- c. Will USAID release a draft activity for comment?
- d. Would USAID please provide information on the anticipated procurement schedule for

follow-on agriculture programming in Haiti? What is the anticipated dollar value of agriculture-related programming? Could USAID please confirm that agriculture-focused programming will be released as a contract?

**USAID Response:**

- a. There is no information available at this time.
- b. There is no information available at this time.
- c. USAID publicized a Request for Information (RFI) (720521RFI00001) for this activity on December 09, 2019. The deadline for comments was January 07, 2020.
- d. No. The procurement is still in design.

99. **Haiti:** HIV focused activities

- a. In the FY19 Quarter 3 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID noted that USAID/Haiti was in the process of designing two HIV-focused activities, but did not provide any updates on these activities in the FY20 Quarter 1 Q&A. Can USAID provide additional information on these activities such as project scope(s), timing, award mechanism(s), and whether they will be locally-restricted opportunities?

**USAID Response:** Two Cooperative Agreements were issued to local organizations in FY20 to implement the Epidemic Control among Priority Populations program and the Differentiated HIV Service Delivery Project for Priority Populations.

100. **Haiti:** Water and Sanitation Project (WATSAN)

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on for the Haiti WATSAN Program? If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipated release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not have any information on a follow on program for the Haiti WATSAN program at this time.

101. **Haiti:** Food Security and Resilience Activity

- a. Would USAID please provide information on the anticipated procurement schedule for the Haiti Food Security and Resilience Activity?
- b. Could USAID clarify whether the program will be a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?
- c. Is the anticipated release of the Haiti Food Security and Resilience solicitation still May/June 2020?

**USAID Response:**

- a. There is no information available at this time.
- b. There is no information available at this time.
- c. USAID publicized a Request for Information (RFI) (720521RFI00001) for this activity on December 09, 2019. The deadline for comments was January 07, 2020.

102. **Honduras:** Are there any updates regarding potential governance and WASH

programming in Honduras?

**USAID Response:** The funding situation for USAID/Honduras remains uncertain, and therefore, there is no current timeline. We recommend that you periodically check <https://beta.sam.gov/> and/or [grants.gov](https://www.usaid.gov/grants) to remain updated on business opportunities in case circumstances change. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

103. **Honduras: Building Country Capacity**

- a. Could USAID please inform us if it intends to issue this solicitation? It is not currently appearing on the forecast.
- b. If yes, could USAID please provide an estimated time frame for its release date and if an RFI or Pre-Solicitation will be released?

**USAID Response:** The funding situation for USAID/Honduras remains uncertain, and therefore, there is no current timeline. We recommend that you periodically check <https://beta.sam.gov/> and/or [grants.gov](https://www.usaid.gov/grants) to remain updated on business opportunities in case circumstances change. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

104. **Honduras: Integrated Violence Prevention Activity**

- a. This was on earlier Forecasts. Can USAID please provide an update on this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** The funding situation for USAID/Honduras remains uncertain, and therefore, there is no current timeline. We recommend that you periodically check <https://beta.sam.gov/> and/or [grants.gov](https://www.usaid.gov/grants) to remain updated on business opportunities in case circumstances change. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

105. **Honduras: Agriculture Activity**

- a. Would USAID please clarify if Honduras Agriculture opportunity is still expected to be released?
- b. If so, would USAID please provide the anticipated scope of the activity?

**USAID Response:** The funding situation for USAID/Honduras remains uncertain, and therefore, there is no current timeline. We recommend that you periodically check <https://beta.sam.gov/> and/or [grants.gov](https://www.usaid.gov/grants) to remain updated on business opportunities in case circumstances change. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

106. **Honduras: Feed the Future Activity**

- a. Can USAID provide an update to the Feed the Future activity initially forecasted for Honduras? Is this activity expected to go through re-design?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing the hold on the Honduras Feed the Future Building Country Capacity solicitation in FY20?
- c. If yes, could USAID clarify whether BCC will be a contract or cooperative agreement, the size of the procurement, and the expected release date?

**USAID Response:** The funding situation for USAID/Honduras remains uncertain, and therefore, there is no current timeline. We recommend that you periodically check <https://beta.sam.gov/> and/or [grants.gov](https://www.usaid.gov/grants) to remain updated on business opportunities in case circumstances change. We will update the Business Forecast when we have additional information.

107. **India: Maternal Newborn Child Health Accelerator**
- a. Will the Maternal Newborn Child Health Accelerator be released as an APS under MOMENTUM?
  - b. If so, when and could USAID share any additional information on the topic?
  - c. Can USAID please provide an updated release date for the MOMENTUM opportunity (MNCH Accelerator) in India, with a forecasted release date of 2/26/20?
  - d. Does USAID anticipate utilizing a co-creation process as part of this opportunity and would the procurement process start with submission of concept papers?
  - e. Will USAID accept concept papers from consortia for the MNCH Accelerator opportunity in India?
  - f. Can USAID please confirm whether this activity is still anticipated to release as a Momentum Round?
  - g. Will there be any eligibility restrictions?
  - h. Can USAID please confirm the Award/Action Type?

**USAID Response:**

- a. It will be announced as a Round under the Momentum APS No. 7200AA19APS00002 and will be posted on grants.gov.
  - b. This procurement is at the Activity Approval stage. The Round shall contain all the required information
  - c. Please refer to the updated Business Forecast Plan
  - d. Yes
  - e. Yes
  - f. Please refer to (a) above
  - g. No. Please refer to the updated Business Forecast Plan
  - h. Cooperative Agreement. Please refer to the updated Business Forecast Plan
108. **India: Partnerships Program APS 2.0**
- a. Can USAID confirm that this is still active and that USAID is still open to receiving responses from interested organizations?

**USAID Response:** Yes, it is active till June 30, 2020.

109. **India: South Asia EDGE:**
- a. Can USAID please clarify the intended release date?

**USAID Response:** As of now, the solicitation release date is estimated for the end of March, 2020. The business forecast has been updated.

110. **India: South Asia Regional Energy Program (SAREP)**
- a. It appears that the former South Asia EDGE forecasted project name and description has been changed to South Asia Regional Energy Program (SAREP). Does this imply a change to the scope of the project as originally associated to the South Asia EDGE program? Can you please confirm that this will be released through the OASIS mechanism?
  - b. Does USAID intend to issue a task order for this program?
  - c. Does USAID still plan to have separate Asia EDGE procurements or will the work be

- issued under the Energy IDIQ?
- d. Does USAID intend to procure the South Asia Energy Regional Program as a task order under the Energy II IDIQ?

**USAID Response:**

- a. South Asia Energy Program (SAREP) now is referred to as South Asia Energy Partnership (SAREP), the change in the name does not imply any change in the scope of the project. USAID expects to request task order proposals from the Energy IDIQ II award holders.
- b. Yes, a Task Order will be issued under this Program.
- c. This procurement will be under the Energy IDIQ II Program.
- d. Yes.

The business forecast has been updated.

111. **India: South Asia Regional energy Hub (SAREH)**
  - a. Can USAID clarify plans for the South Asia Regional energy Hub (SAREH) procurement, given that the entry continues to appear then be removed from the forecast. Is the expected contract vehicle a task order under the OASIS IDIQ?
  - b. Is the award description and geographic coverage the same as when it initially appeared as the “South Asia EDGE” program?

**USAID Response:**

- a. SAREH is now referred to as the South Asia Energy Partnership (SAREP) and will be issued under Energy IDIQ II Program.
- b. The change in name and description does not imply any change in the scope or geographic coverage for this project.

The business forecast has been updated.

112. **India: Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Activity**
  - a. The current Forecast anticipates an RFA release of 4-15-2020 but does not provide a project description; can USAID pls provide this? Also, what is the anticipated duration of the base project (years)?
  - b. Can you please provide more specificity, especially on the types of disasters the project will address?
  - c. Can USAID clarify the award description for the “India DRR” activity?
  - d. Is there a purpose statement and objectives that can be shared given the upcoming release date?
  - e. Could USAID please provide the description of the “DRR Activity” forecasted for India?

**USAID Response:** The business forecast has been updated.

113. **India: India MNCH Accelerator**
  - a. Can USAID provide any updated information on an expected release date and funding amount?

- b. A recent forecast update noted that this will be released as a MOMENTUM APS Round. Will this be a standalone addendum, or will it be a buy-in under an existing round?
- c. Will this work be limited to local Indian organizations or full and open to any potential applicants?
- d. Will the proposal process follow a similar phased approach to other MOMENTUM rounds (concept note, co-development, etc.)?
- e. Can USAID/India provide an update on the timing of the Maternal Newborn Child Health Accelerator? Can USAID also provide additional information regarding the potential scope of the award?
- f. Could USAID please provide additional information for the Maternal Newborn Child Health Accelerator (MNCH Accelerator) opportunity for India, announced as an upcoming round under the MOMENTUM APS? Will there be any eligibility criteria restriction (e.g. local organizations only)?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Please refer to the updated Business Forecast Plan
- b. This will be a standalone addendum
- c. Full and Open. Please refer to the updated Business Forecast Plan
- d. Yes
- e. Please refer to the updated Business Forecast Plan. This procurement is at the Activity Approval stage. The Round shall contain all the required information
- f. The procurement is at the Activity Approval stage. The Round shall contain all the required information. This will be a Full and Open Competition.

114. **Indonesia: Improving Local Governance and Service Delivery**

- a. Can USAID please confirm the Award/Action Type?
- b. Will USAID release a pre-solicitation notice with updated information regarding the anticipated design after reviewing responses to the RFI?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Indonesia anticipates the award of a cost plus award fee. USAID/Indonesia has released three pre-solicitation notices to date.

115. **Indonesia: Indonesia Urban Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (IUWASH)**

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on for the IUWASH Program?
- b. If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipating release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Indonesia intends to continue work in the water, sanitation, and hygiene sector, and will release pre-solicitation notice(s) in advance of the solicitation release date (TBD).

116. **Indonesia: New Energy Activity**

- a. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work for the New Energy Activity?
- b. If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipating release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Indonesia do not plan to release a draft SOW/SOO , but it has released one pre-solicitation notice for this Activity to date.

117. **Iraq:** Does USAID expect to add to the Forecast any new education opportunities for Iraq in the coming quarter?

**USAID Response:** No additions are planned at this time.

118. **Ivory Coast:** The previous forecast Q&A references “health procurements” in Malaria, MCH, and FP with solicitation release dates expected no later than March 2020. Can USAID provide more information on the following questions:
- How many different procurements are they planning, and what is the technical scope of each?
  - What is the expected award amount and contracting mechanism for each?
  - What is the updated solicitation release date?
  - Will USAID be releasing RFIs prior to the solicitation release date?

**USAID Response:**

119. **Jamaica:** HIV/PEPFAR
- In the FY20 Quarter 1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID/Jamaica noted that they were in the process of updating their CDCS with a planned focus on HIV and PEPFAR programming. Can USAID provide an update on where they are in the CDCS design process and any information on anticipated health activities, such as project scope(s), timing, and award mechanism(s)?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Jamaica is in Phase III of the CDCS process. Anticipated health activities include continued funding for an award to a local non-governmental organization and a private sector network of HIV clinicians.

120. **Jordan:** Public Financial Management and Administration
- The Public Financial Management and Administration procurement says “TBD” for small-business set aside. Has the Mission done market research to determine the small business providers who might be interested and qualified for this activity? Does the Mission plan to release the RFP on March 31, 2020, as noted on the forecast?
  - Is the Mission considering making this procurement a task order under the PFM II IDIQ, and if so, is the Mission considering making this a small-business set aside TO?

**USAID Response:** Yes, the USAID/Jordan has done the market research and determined that this will be a full and open competition procurement. Yes, the plan is to release the RFP by March 31, 2020. The USAID/Jordan is not considering making this a procurement under the PFM II IDIQ.

121. **Jordan:** MEL Activity
- Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated award date?

**USAID Response:** The Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Activity (MELA) was awarded on February 11, 2020.

122. **Jordan:** EDY - Government of Jordan Technical Assistance
- Can USAID please identify if the technical components of the Jordan ‘EDY - Government

of Jordan Technical Assistance' will include youth workforce development?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to monitor the business forecast for updates regarding this procurement.

123. **Jordan:** Health Services Delivery Activity
- a. Does USAID/Jordan anticipate a follow-on for the Health Services Delivery Activity which ends in 2021?
  - b. If so, could USAID provide information on the anticipated technical focus and timing?

**USAID Response:** Yes. At this point, USAID/Jordan is unable to provide any further information. Please check the business forecast periodically for updates.

124. **Jordan:** HSS Health Systems Strengthening II (HSS)
- a. Does USAID/Jordan plan to issue follow-on procurement for the HSS Health Systems Strengthening II (HSS) project?
  - b. If so, could USAID provide information on the anticipated technical focus and timing?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Jordan does not intend to issue a follow-on procurement for HSS II activity. Please continue to check the business forecast periodically for updates.

125. **Jordan:** Jordan Communication, Advocacy, and Policy Activity
- a. Does USAID/Jordan plan to issue follow-on procurements for the Jordan Communication, Advocacy, and Policy Activity project?
  - b. If so, could USAID provide information on the anticipated technical focus and timing?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Jordan does not intend to issue a follow-on procurement for J-CAP activity. Please continue to check the business forecast periodically for updates.

126. **Jordan:** Counseling for Effective Supervision
- a. Can USAID provide a release date for the Jordan Counseling for Effective Supervision activity?
  - b. Can USAID confirm whether this opportunity will be a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** There is no future requirement for these services at this time.

127. **Jordan:** Jordan Tourism
- a. Does USAID anticipate a delay in the release of the Jordan Tourism RFP from the date mentioned on the current forecast?
  - b. Can USAID confirm whether a draft pre-solicitation or RFI is anticipated to be shared prior to the solicitation?
  - c. Can USAID provide more information as to whether this will follow a co-creation process, similar to other USAID Jordan EDE procurements?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes.
- b. A Request for Information notice is anticipated prior to solicitation.
- c. At this time USAID is exploring the option of whether to engage in co-creation.

128. **Jordan: Economic Reform Activity IDIQ**
- a. When does USAID Jordan intend to release Task Order 2 under the Economic Reform Activity IDIQ?
  - b. Is it still intended to be a small business set aside?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The anticipated release date is TBD, subject to the award of the IDIQ.
- b. At this time, yes.

129. **Jordan: Water Infrastructure**
- a. Is there any information regarding the release date for the RFP?

**USAID Response:** Anticipated RFP date is April 9, 2020 as shown on the business forecast, interested offerors are encouraged to monitor <https://beta.sam.gov/> for updates.

130. **Jordan: Economic Development Energy**
- a. Does USAID anticipate including interventions that include refugees?

**USAID Response:** At this time, EDE does not anticipate including specific interventions that include refugees. However our programs are all inclusive.

131. **Jordan: Business Growth**
- a. When does USAID Jordan anticipate the release of the Business Growth RFP?
  - b. Is it still intended to be a total small business set aside?
  - c. The summary in the forecast mentioned working on Micro businesses and the informal sector, but the RFI that was subsequently released only mentions SME's. Will USAID BG work with micro businesses?
  - d. Will there be a co-creation workshop for USAID BG?
  - e. Does USAID anticipate a grants component to be included in the solicitation?
  - f. Is it anticipated that additional information will be released about the scope prior to the procurement release?

**USAID Response:**

- a. RFP anticipated release date: May 12, 2020
- b. Yes, the BG solicitation is still intended to be a total small business set aside.
- c. Although the RFI only mentioned SMEs, the BG SOO does not explicitly exclude micro businesses; the activity should be able to grasp potential micro beneficiaries if need be.
- d. USAID/Jordan is exploring options for a co-creation workshop for BG. To advance collaboration and co-creation, the technical team based the design on a collaborative approach, beginning with a Sources Sought that was open to both small and large firms followed by the RFI with a list of questions to bidders encouraging them to provide feedback on the draft SOO to ensure their participation in the process.
- e. Yes. USAID anticipates a grants component to be included in the solicitation.
- f. No additional information will be released about the Scope prior to the procurement release. The RFP will work with a Statement of Objectives (SOO).

132. **Jordan: Public Accountability and Justice Strengthening Project**  
a. Is USAID considering releasing this as a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:**

133. **Jordan: Women's Economic Empowerment and Leadership Activity**
- a. Can USAID please confirm that the Jordan Mission plans to release the Women's Economic Empowerment and Leadership Activity small business set aside procurement on March 12<sup>th</sup>?
  - b. Can USAID provide some additional information regarding the target group for this program. Namely: Is there a set age group? Is there an identified level of educational attainment and literacy? Will the group include refugees? The intervention will obviously vary depending on whether we are looking at young or older women; those with no educational background vs. some; their national origin/cultural background, etc.
  - c. Will the project work through existing local structures (ie. women's groups/associations/fora/etc.)? Or, will it develop new ones? Does the project envision the involvement and sensitization of men?
  - d. What is the geographic focus of this project, if any, and how is it chosen?
  - e. Will USAID please confirm that the anticipated value still stands between \$25m- \$50m?
  - f. Does the mission intend to include guidance/preferences on partner and personnel exclusivity?
  - g. Does USAID expect gender-based violence (GBV) to emerge as a component of the forthcoming women's economic empowerment and leadership activity RFA in Jordan?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The anticipated solicitation release date is 4/10/2020; however, please monitor the business forecast for updates.
- b. If the opportunity is presented as a Statement of Objectives (SOO), Offerors must propose approaches and targeting in their Contractor Performance Work Statement (CPWS) as deemed appropriate and necessary to achieve the objectives of the project and justify them in their proposal. Offerors can target any population(s) as deemed appropriate and necessary to achieve the objectives of the project.
- c. Offerors are expected to apply approaches to ensure sustainability of interventions and impact to the extent possible, which may include working through existing local structures to the extent possible. Given dominance of social norms and practices, involvement and sensitization of men will be critical to achieving the objectives of this project.
- d. If the opportunity is presented as a Statement of Objectives (SOO), Offerors must propose approaches and targeting in their Contractor Performance Work Statement (CPWS) as deemed appropriate and necessary to achieve the objectives of the project and justify them in their proposal. This can be a nationwide activity or targeting specific geographic regions as deemed appropriate and necessary.
- e. Yes. The anticipated value between \$25 - \$50 million still stands

- f. USAID cannot dictate exclusivity or non-exclusivity among potential prime- and sub-contractors. Offerors should consider using the full array of partnering approaches found within existing regulations.
- g. If the opportunity is presented as a Statement of Objectives (SOO), Offerors must propose approaches and targeting in their Contractor Performance Work Statement (CPWS) as deemed appropriate and necessary to achieve the objectives of the project and justify them in their proposal. The project is expected to work on 'creating more equitable and safer working environments for women' which may include addressing GBV as deemed appropriate and necessary.

134. **Kenya:** Can USAID please clarify if there will be new opportunities forecasted this quarter that will have an eligibility for international organizations to prime?

**USAID Response:** Please review the Business Forecast for opportunities.

135. **Kenya:** RISE IDIQ

- a. On February 24<sup>th</sup> of this year, USAID announced 7 RISE IDIQ awards, but did not announce the holder of the RAMS task order. Can USAID please clarify when the task order will be awarded?

**USAID Response:** Award of the RAMS task order is anticipated by the end of April 2020.

136. **Kenya:** Catalytic Change for Cross Border Health

- a. USAID/Kenya and East Africa released an RFI for Catalytic Change for Cross Border Health on December 11, 2019. Can USAID provide an update on this anticipated award, such as timing, scope, award mechanism, and if this will be a direct follow-on to the Cross-Border Health Integrated Partnership Project (CB-HIPP)?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Kenya does not intend to release a solicitation for a cross border health project.

137. **Kenya:** Countering Violent Extremism

- a. Is USAID/Kenya still planning to award an activity focused on Countering Violent Extremism this fiscal year?
- b. If so when does USAID plan to issue the solicitation and what mechanism does it plan to use?
- c. Can USAID/Kenya please clarify the anticipated release date, dollar value, and mechanism for the USAID/CMM/Kenya/Niwajibu Wetu II (formerly Kenya CVE Activity)?

**USAID Response:** USAID/KEA is planning a CVE award this fiscal year. The mechanism type has not yet been determined as we are in the activity design phase. The estimated value is \$10m. The new activity is not necessarily a NIWETU follow on.

138. **Kenya:** Kenya Self-Reliance Development Coalition (KSDC)

- a. Can USAID please confirm if they intend to issue an RFI for this activity.
- b. Can USAID please confirm if there is an Incumbent for this anticipated activity.

- c. Can USAID please confirm if they intend to restrict eligibility for this activity.

**USAID Response:** This is a new activity and there is no incumbent. Eligibility will be restricted to local entities. An RFI has already been issued for this activity. The RFI closes on March 27, 2020. Please see the following link

[https://beta.sam.gov/opp/eaf26cb9283b41e7b942160941b9f025/view?keywords=KSDC&sort=-relevance&index=opp&is\\_active=true&page=1](https://beta.sam.gov/opp/eaf26cb9283b41e7b942160941b9f025/view?keywords=KSDC&sort=-relevance&index=opp&is_active=true&page=1)

139. **Kenya: Youth Empowerment**
- a. Will this solicitation come out as an RFA or an RFP?
  - b. Is the solicitation release-date still 3-31-20?
  - c. Does USAID anticipate issuing one or numerous awards?
  - d. Does USAID have any updates on the selection of a procurement mechanism?
  - e. Does USAID anticipate that this opportunity will be restricted to Higher Education Institutions or local organizations?
  - f. Is a co-creation or multi-phased proposal process envisioned for this opportunity?
  - g. Could USAID provide information on the expected award mechanism of the Kenya Youth Empowerment Activity (YEA)?

**USAID Response:**

- a. This is still under discussion.
- b. No, tentatively we are aiming for June 30 2020
- c. One award is envisioned
- d. This is still under discussion.
- e. We do not have further information at this time.
- f. We do not have further information at this time.
- g. This is still under discussion.

140. **Kenya:** Does USAID/Kenya anticipate releasing any new sub-national governance programs? In Q1, FY2020 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID noted that a new devolution and governance activity is in the planning and design stage. Could USAID please provide an update on this activity?

**USAID Response:** A governance activity is still being designed and much progress has been made. We expect to have a solidified design ready to present before the Q3 forecast.

141. **Kenya: Catalytic Change for Cross-Border Health project**
- a. Can USAID confirm that it intends to issue a solicitation for the USAID Kenya and East Africa Catalytic Change for Cross-Border Health project? This opportunity is not currently listed on the forecast but an RFI was issued on December 11, 2019.
  - b. If yes, can USAID confirm the intended Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range, anticipated Solicitation Release Date and Anticipated Award Date, a brief description, including geographic scope of the solicitation, and the award/action type (i.e., contract or cooperative agreement)?
  - c. Will USAID also confirm that international organizations will be eligible for the solicitation?
  - d. When does USAID anticipate the release of the Catalytic Change for Cross Border Health RFA/RFP?

- e. Will it be a co-creation mechanism?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Kenya does not intend to release a solicitation for a cross border health project.

142. **Kenya:** Local Partner Service Delivery Activity (LPSDA) - HIV Clinical, OVC, and Family Planning Activities

- a. The forecast lists two similar opportunities: 1) Local Partner Service Delivery Activity - HIV Clinical, OVC, and Family Planning and 2) Local Partner Service Delivery Activity HIV Clinical and OVC. Will USAID please confirm if these are indeed separate opportunities?
- b. Local Partner Service Delivery Activity (LPSDA) - HIV Clinical, OVC, and Family Planning Activities: Will USAID confirm if this opportunity will be for local applicants only or be open to international organizations to prime and please clarify what the anticipated contracting mechanism will be?
- c. Local Partner Service Delivery Activity (LPSDA) - HIV Clinical and OVC Activities opportunity: Will USAID confirm if this opportunity will be for local applicants only or be open to international organizations to prime and please clarify what the anticipated contracting mechanism will be?
- d. Can USAID please confirm if it intends to release all of the anticipated LPSDA opportunities at once or in a phased approach?
- e. For LPSDA 3 - OVC Activities, does USAID anticipate releasing all 5 clusters at the same time?
- f. Can USAID/Kenya provide an update on the anticipated release date for the Local Partner Service Delivery Activities?
- g. Could USAID please update the anticipated solicitation release dates for the Kenya Local Partner Service Delivery Activity (LPSDA) opportunities?
- h. Will USAID issue RFIs for the Kenya LPSDA opportunities before releasing the solicitations?
- i. Could USAID please provide clarity on the forecast of the award action types for all Kenya LPSDA opportunities?

**USAID Response:**

- a. They are separate activities with different technical and geographical areas.
- b. It will be for local applicants only.
- c. It will be for local applicants only.
- d. Timing is not yet certain, we do not know if they will be released at the same time.
- e. The OVC clusters will likely be released together in one solicitation.
- f. Documents are still in development and clearance. Timing is unknown.
- g. It will be updated on the Business Forecast, but dates are tentative as final date of approval of all required documents is unknown.
- h. USAID/KEA already released RFIs for the LPSDA opportunities.
- i. To be determined.

143. **Kenya:** Catalytic Change for Cross-Border Health

- a. Can USAID confirm that it intends to issue a solicitation for the Catalytic Change for Cross-Border Health project? This opportunity is not currently listed on the forecast but an RFI was issued on December 11, 2019.
- b. If yes, can USAID confirm the intended Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range, anticipated

- Solicitation Release Date, geographic scope of the solicitation, and if the solicitation will be a contract or cooperative agreement?
- c. Will USAID also confirm that international organizations will be eligible for the solicitation?
  - d. What is the intended mechanism for this opportunity – will it be a contract or cooperative agreement?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Kenya does not intend to release a solicitation for a cross border health project.

144. **Kenya: KIWASH**
- a. Will the upcoming Kenya WASH opportunity be for local orgs only and please clarify what the anticipated contracting mechanism will be?
  - b. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on for the KIWASH Program? If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipated release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The anticipated mechanism is a BAA through a full and open solicitation.
- b. USAID is planning on two new wash programs building off of the two current WASH programs (KIWASH and Kenya RAPID). However, the focus areas and scopes will change.

145. **Kenya: Western WASH**
- a. An RFI was released for the Western WASH opportunity in Kenya, however this opportunity is not on the forecast. Can USAID provide further information on the potential release date and procurement mechanism anticipated for this opportunity?
  - b. Is there any additional information and timeline regarding the anticipated BAA for Western Kenya WASH?
  - c. Could USAID please share any information on an anticipated timeline for the release of this BAA?
  - d. Does USAID anticipate issuing one or multiple awards under this BAA?

**USAID Response:** The Western Wash opportunity has been added to the business forecast along with the anticipated release date. The procurement method will likely be a BAA. The amount of awards has not been determined and will be driven by the BAA process.

146. **Kosovo: Citizen Engagement Activity (Kosovo: CSO 2.0)**
- a. Does USAID intend to restrict this opportunity to local organizations, or will international organizations also be eligible to apply?
  - b. Does USAID intend to release a Request for Information prior to the solicitation release?
  - c. Can USAID please provide additional information on the program description?
  - d. What award mechanism does USAID intend to use for this opportunity?
  - e. Has USAID determined a mechanism for the Citizen Engagement Activity? Does USAID have an updated anticipated solicitation release date for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes, this activity will be restricted to local organizations and Locally Established Partners, per the New Partnerships Initiative.
- b. No, USAID does not intend to release an RFI prior to the solicitation.
- c. The program description will be in the solicitation that will be released in grants.gov by the anticipated date of 03/20/2020.
- f. USAID anticipates an assistance award.
- g. USAID anticipates an assistance award. The anticipated release date for this opportunity is 03/20/2020, and will be posted on grants.gov.

147. **Kosovo:** Developing Export-Led Growth in Kosovo

- a. The anticipated solicitation release date of 02/14/2020 for the Developing Export-Led Growth in Kosovo Activity has passed. Can USAID please provide an updated anticipated solicitation release date?
- b. Does USAID have an updated anticipated solicitation release date for the Kosovo Export-Led Growth Activity?

**USAID Response:** The Solicitation was released on March 10, 2020.

148. **Kyrgyzstan:** Agriculture Activity

- a. Would USAID please confirm the anticipated RFP release date of Kyrgyzstan Agriculture Activity?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Kyrgyz Republic released a Request for Task Order Proposals (RFTOP) on 26 February for its “Job Creation and Cross Border Trade Activity.” USAID/Kyrgyz Republic does not anticipate any further activities in economic growth, trade, agriculture, or other related program areas this fiscal year.

149. **Laos:** Does USAID anticipate any new opportunities for Laos in the next two fiscal years? If so, can USAID please clarify the technical focus areas for these new opportunities?

**USAID Response:** USAID is contemplating new health-related Activity(ies) for next fiscal year. Currently, there is no other information available to share. Please periodically monitor business forecast for updates on these future opportunities.

150. **Laos:** Energy Security Project

- a. Please confirm the release date for the Laos Energy Security Project? Does USAID intend to issue a statement of objectives prior to the request for task order proposals?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Laos is finalizing its internal activity design process for the Energy Security Project. Depending on the date that internal approval is finalized, USAID/Laos may share a draft SOO and/or draft solicitation prior to the release of the RFTOP.

151. **Lebanon:** Monitoring and Evaluation Support

- a. Can USAID/Lebanon please confirm whether there are any plans for an M&E support procurement in this Fiscal Year?
- b. If so, what is the anticipated release date, and will it be a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** There are no plans for an M&E support procurement in this Fiscal Year.

152. **Lebanon:** Lebanon Water Infrastructure RFP  
a. Is there any information regarding the release date for the RFP?

**USAID Response:** The Mission does not intend to release an RFP titled Lebanon Water Infrastructure this Fiscal Year. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates on the Water Sanitation and Conservation activity.

153. **Lebanon:** Water, Sanitation, and Conservation solicitation  
a. On the USAID Business Forecast, the Lebanon Water, Sanitation, and Conservation solicitation currently has a Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range of \$100M - \$299.99 million. So that Offerors can prepare appropriately, would USAID consider posting a pre-solicitation notice to betaSAM.gov that provides a narrower range and/or estimated construction plug figure for this solicitation?

**USAID Response:** The estimated Total Estimated Cost of this award is \$100M-\$120M, but is subject to change in the final RFP.

154. **Lebanon:** Performance Management and Support Program  
a. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** The Performance Management and Support Program will not be released in this Fiscal Year.

155. **Lebanon:** When is the USAID Lebanon CDCS coming out?

**USAID Response:** Lebanon's new CDCS is anticipated to be issued in the Spring or Summer of 2020.

156. **Lebanon:** Initiative to Deliver Essential Assistance and Services  
a. Could USAID confirm that the Award/Action Type will be a Broad Agency Announcement?  
b. Will the Lebanon IDEAS Activity have local government capacity building activity?  
c. Is there room in the Lebanon IDEA Activity for Local Economic Development?  
d. Will grants be a significant part of the Lebanon IDEA Activity?  
e. How significant is stability in this effort?  
f. Are there specific geographic regions that the Lebanon IDEAS Activity will focus on?

**USAID Response:** USAID confirms that this solicitation mechanism will be a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA). Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast, [www.beta.sam.gov](http://www.beta.sam.gov), and [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) for the posting of the BAA for this information.

157. **Liberia:** Job Creation Solicitation  
a. What is the anticipated release date and mechanism of the Liberia Job Creation solicitation?

**USAID Response:** No information is available at this time.

158. **Liberia:** WASH Activities
- a. Can USAID share whether any WASH activities are anticipated this FY in Liberia?
  - b. If so, can USAID share the mechanism for any opportunity?
  - c. Will an RFI be released in advance?

**USAID Response:** A WASH activity is anticipated in Liberia, but still under design. The mechanism is to be determined. Yes, a RFI will be released in advance.

159. **Liberia:** New Youth Activity
- a. Will this solicitation come out as an RFA or an RFP?
  - b. Is the solicitation release-date still expected to be 3-11-20?
  - c. Can USAID please confirm the Action Type.

**USAID Response:**

- a. Solicitation will come out as a RFP
- b. Solicitation release date has been updated to 4-06-2020
- c. The action type is still TBD

160. **Liberia:** Community Health Activity
- a. USAID had previously released an RFI for this opportunity however this has been removed from the USAID Mission Forecast. Can USAID please provide further details on the following:
    - i. Action Type
    - ii. Eligibility requirements
    - iii. Anticipated solicitation release date
    - iv. Anticipated award date
    - v. Total estimated amount
  - b. Are there any updates about whether or not this will be an integrated activity?
  - c. USAID indicated in the 2019 Q3 Forecast Q&A that the solicitation was expected to be released by the end of February 2020. Would USAID be able to share any updates on the new anticipated timeline for this bid?
  - d. Has USAID been able to determine whether it will utilize the contract or cooperative mechanism for this activity?
  - e. Per the RFI released by USAID for this opportunity (dated July 31, 2019), USAID was leaning towards issuing an integrated project; however, USAID was also considering the possibility of splitting interventions under two separate projects. Would USAID be able to provide an update at this point on whether one integrated project, or two separate projects will be issued?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Please see the information below.
  - i. Cooperative Agreement
  - ii. Full and open competition - International Organizations
  - iii. April 3, 2020. The forecast has been updated to reflect this date.

iv. July 31, 2020. The forecast has been updated to reflect this date.  
v. 19,000,000.

- b. This will not be an integrated activity. USAID previously anticipated an integrated activity, but decided to remove the WASH component as a separate activity from the Community Health Activity.
- c. April 3, 2020. The forecast has been updated to reflect this date.
- d. USAID has considered the possibility of splitting interventions under two separate projects and currently working on it.

161. **Liberia: Strategic Analysis (LSA)**

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date?
- b. Does USAID intend to procure a follow-on to the Liberia Strategic Analysis contract that is scheduled to close in November 2020? If so, when is that procurement intended to be released?

**USAID Response:** No plan for a follow on of LSA. USAID anticipates a new award but the intended released date is TBD.

162. **Liberia: Election and Democracy award**

- a. Can USAID provide any additional information on the anticipated mechanism of the Liberian Elections and Democracy award?
- b. Can USAID provide an updated release date as the February 17th, 2020 date has passed?

**USAID Response:** Additional information will be provided once they are available. The Business Forecast has been updated to reflect an anticipated release date of March 27, 2020.

163. **Liberia: New Youth Activity**

- a. Is USAID still anticipating releasing the Liberia New Youth solicitation on March 11th? Additionally, can USAID provide any additional information on the anticipated mechanism of the award?
- b. Can USAID provide any further information on the Youth Cross-cutting Activity? The forecast indicates the opportunity to come out 3/11/20 but there is no funding mechanism.

**USAID Response:** Solicitation will come out as an RFP. Solicitation released date has been updated to 5-04-2020. Action type is still TBD once available will let you know.

164. **Liberia: Transforming the Education System for Teachers and Students**

- a. USAID had previously forecasted for this opportunity however this has been removed from the USAID Mission Forecast. Can USAID please provide further details on the following:
  - i. Action Type
  - ii. Anticipated mechanism
  - iii. Eligibility requirements
  - iv. Anticipated solicitation release date
  - v. Anticipated award date

- vi. Total estimated amount

**USAID Response:**

- i. Action type is still TBD
- ii. anticipated mechanism is TBD
- iii. Eligibility requirements TBD
- iv. Anticipated solicitation release date TBD
- v. Anticipated Award Date TBD
- v. Total Estimated Cost TBD (but in a range of 10 - 24 mil)

165. **Liberia:** Feed the Future Agribusiness Development Activity
- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow on? If yes, what is the expected release date?
  - b. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or a Request for Information for this program?
  - c. Could USAID clarify whether the programming will be in the form of a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes. TBD, but before the end of 2020.
- b. Yes, USAID intends to issue a RFI with a Draft Scope of Work.
- c. The choice of instrument and procurement size is TBD

166. **Libya:** For the last Quarterly Business Forecast, in the Q&A document, USAID/Libya answered a question about releasing future solicitations with “USAID/Libya does not, at this time, anticipate releasing any solicitations in 2020.” Is this still the case? For example, is USAID/Libya considering the release of a solicitation that follows on its Oct. 25 release of a P2P Reconciliation Fund-Round Two Call for Concept Papers (which was due Dec. 20, 2019)? Also, what is the evaluation status of the P2P-Round Two call?

**USAID Response:** P2P Reconciliation Fund, Round Two, is currently in the review process. Otherwise, USAID/Libya does not, at this time, anticipate releasing any solicitations in Fiscal Year 2020.

167. **Lebanon:** Initiative to Deliver Essential Assistance and Services (IDEAS)
- a. Could USAID provide additional information on the anticipated process to be followed for this Broad Agency Announcement?
  - b. Will applicants be expected to submit EOIs/Concept Notes in consortia or does USAID anticipate partnerships to be formed as part of the co-creation process?
  - c. Does USAID anticipate developing one award through this process or will it look at opportunities to make multiple smaller awards?
  - d. Given the increasing level of economic vulnerability in Lebanon since 2019, why criteria does USAID anticipate applying to “vulnerable communities”? Which communities will be prioritized?
  - e. There is a clear focus on working with municipalities – given that many local level services are managed by other actors, will there be room to include other local-level providers in the proposed program?

- f. When looking at municipalities with high populations of refugees, does USAID anticipate this activity supporting legal/allowable livelihoods programming for refugees (for example, cash for work initiatives)?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast, [www.beta.sam.gov](http://www.beta.sam.gov), and [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) for the posting of the BAA for this information.

**168. Macedonia: YouThink Solicitation**

- a. The North Macedonia YouThink solicitation date has been rescheduled multiple times (by 15-30 days), and the program description has also changed significantly. The solicitation is currently scheduled to be released on 2/28/20. Could USAID please confirm if the RFA has been finalized and that it is still expected to be issued? If so, is the solicitation going to continue to be extended by 15-30 days, or is it more likely to require 60-90 days?

**USAID Response:**

**169. Macedonia: Community Self-Reliance Activity**

- a. This activity appears on the current Forecast as an anticipated Cooperative Agreement, due to be issued in November 2019. Can USAID please provide an update? Previous Forecasts cited an RFP, not an RFA. Are we back to RFA?

**USAID Response:**

**170. Malawi: Leveraging Local Capacity to Strengthen Health Service Delivery Project**

- a. Does USAID anticipate issuing any additional addenda under “Leveraging Local Capacity to Strengthen Health Service Delivery Project” in Malawi this fiscal year?
- b. What is the anticipated solicitation release date?
- c. How closely will the final scope resemble the scope (objectives) outlined in the June 26 RFI?
- d. Will this come out as two separate solicitations?
- e. Will it be a contract or Cooperative Agreement?
- f. Will this come out as a SB set aside?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes, USAID/Malawi anticipates issuing an addendum to the APS
- b. An addendum to the APS is anticipated to be released around April / May 2020 time period
- c. The anticipated addendum will fall within the existing scope of the APS but may provide additional detail on expected outcomes or illustrative activities. The addendum may also provide additional components depending on mission strategic needs
- d. No, the addendum will be issued as an amendment to the existing APS solicitation.
- e. USAID Response: USAID/Malawi intends to issue Cooperative Agreements with a possibility of Fixed Amount Awards where conditions dictate
- f. USAID Response: USAID/Malawi does not anticipate any SB set aside as part of this APS. Eligibility has been restricted to local (Malawian) organizations

171. **Malawi:** Primary grade reading program
- a. Could USAID provide information on the expected release date, award mechanism, and value of an anticipated primary grade reading program in Malawi?

**USAID Response:** This activity is still in the design stage. USAID/Malawi is not able to provide the requested information at this time

172. **Malawi:** Expanding Degree Opportunities
- a. Is this opportunity linked to the USAID/Malawi Higher Education Partnerships Activity (RFI-612-HE-20-002)?
  - b. Can USAID please provide the award length?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes, Expanding Degree Opportunities was one of the concepts included in the referenced Request for Information
- b. No, as the activity is still in design stage, USAID/Malawi is not able to provide an award length at this time

173. **Malawi:** Learn to Perform Activity
- a. Since USAID issued an RFI for this opportunity in 2019, if USAID still intends to procure this activity, can USAID add it to the Forecast?
  - b. Can USAID provide a release date for the Malawi Learn to Perform Activity?
  - c. Can USAID confirm whether the Malawi Learn to Perform Activity will be a small business set-aside?
  - d. Does USAID intend to procure this as two separate contracts?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes, it'll be added at an appropriate time
- b. USAID Response: Best estimate is late 2020 or early 2021
- c. USAID/Malawi does not intend to make this a small business set aside, however further consideration may be made depending on market research outcomes
- d. USAID/Malawi intends to issue one award under this solicitation but may issue more depending on prevailing technical and market dynamics

174. **Malawi:** Malawi Feed the Future Agriculture Diversification for Incomes and Nutrition activity
- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow on?
  - b. What is the expected timing for this procurement?
  - c. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for the program?
  - d. Could USAID clarify whether the program will be a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?
  - e. Could USAID provide information on the expected release date, award mechanism, and value of an anticipated agriculture program in Malawi?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes, a follow on is anticipated
- b. USAID/Malawi intends to effect this award in 2022. The specific award month is not

determined yet

- c. Yes, a request for information will be issued at an appropriate time
- d. Probably a contract, however final instrument selection decision and award size will be determined based on unfolding technical dynamics noted during activity design
- e. The draft Scope of Work or Statement of Objectives will probably be released in late 2020 or more likely 2021. The specific months are not known. The award mechanism and the value will be determined later

175. **Malawi: Implementing Partners Assessment, Audit and Technical Assistance Program**

- a. RFI-612-TA-20-001 for this opportunity was issued in October 2019, but this is not on the forecast. Is USAID/Malawi still planning to move forward with this opportunity?
- b. Can USAID please update the forecast to provide as much information as possible about this procurement.
- c. Has the Mission decided whether or not to issue this procurement as a task order under the PFM II IDIQ, and if so, will it be set aside for small businesses?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes, USAID/Malawi is finalizing activity design and related specifications
- b. The business forecast will be updated as more information unfolds
- c. USAID/Malawi intends to restrict eligibility for this procurement to local organizations

176. **Mali: Quality Improvement activity**

- a. Can USAID provide any additional information regarding the anticipated Mali Quality Improvement activity?

**USAID Response:**

177. **Mali: GFSS Implementation Activity**

- a. Would USAID kindly provide an update as to when bidders may expect to hear whether they have moved to Phase 2 for the Mali Global Food Security Strategy RFA?
- b. Could USAID/Mali please confirm the anticipated timeline for the remaining three phases of the award process for the Mali GFSS Implementation activity?
- c. Does USAID still expect oral presentations will be held in March, requests for application will be held in April, and co-creation will be held in June?

**USAID Response:**

178. **Mali: Health awards**

- a. In the FY20 Quarter 1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID/Mali mentioned additional health awards may be pending co-creation of the HSS and HCH awards. Can USAID provide any additional information at this time?

**USAID Response:**

179. **Mali: Rural water Infrastructure Governance Activity**

- a. Does USAID still intend to release this opportunity?
- b. If so, when and via what procurement mechanism?

- c. If not, does USAID anticipate any similar or related activities in Mali?
- d. Will a RFI be released in advance of the solicitation?
- e. Is USAID still anticipating releasing the Rural Water Governance Infrastructure Activity solicitation on April 22nd?
- f. Can USAID share the anticipated geographic regions of Mali (out of the ten official regions) where the Rural Water Governance Infrastructure Activity procurement would be focused?

**USAID Response:**

180. **Mali: MEL Platform**
- a. What is the anticipated release date for the Mali MEL Platform contract?
  - b. Will this be a small business set-aside?
  - c. Can USAID please confirm whether a follow-on will be released for the Mali M&E contract?

**USAID Response:**

181. **Mali: Education Opportunity**
- a. Does USAID intend to release an education opportunity in Mali in 2020? If yes, we would appreciate any information available about the solicitation timing and regions to be included.

**USAID Response:**

182. **Moldova: Moldova OEG: Tourism activity**
- a. Can USAID confirm that the anticipated release date of March 30, 2020 is accurate for Moldova OEG: Tourism activity?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Moldova is in the process of developing its five-year Country Development Cooperation Strategy. This opportunity has been removed from the Business Forecast until such time that the Mission has reviewed the activity to ensure it aligns with the new strategy and the priorities of Moldova's new government.

183. **Moldova: ODG Effective Justice program**
- a. Does USAID have an updated anticipated solicitation release date for the ODG: Effective Justice program?

**USAID Response:** This solicitation was released on February 28, 2020 as RFP #72011720R00002.

184. **Morocco: Morocco Electoral Processes and Citizen Engagement**
- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a follow on to the current PACS project?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Morocco has no such project (PACS) in its existing portfolio.

Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates on upcoming opportunities with USAID/Morocco

185. **Morocco: Socio-Economic inclusion**
- a. Regarding the opportunity currently listed on the USAID business forecast for the USAID/Morocco Socio-economic inclusion APS in Marrakech-Safi (several part question on the same procurement):
    - i. Would USAID consider a contract mechanism for this award? If not, could USAID please confirm whether they envision making multiple awards under this APS mechanism?
    - ii. Could USAID please confirm whether this will be released under an addendum to the Science, Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships in Higher Education (STIP) APS? If so, similar to the STIP addendum released in 2019 for *Inclusive Socio-Economic Development in Beni Mellal-Khenifra*, will there be a requirement that concept notes submitted must include partnerships with a higher education institution (HEI) and local partner(s)?
  - b. When does USAID anticipate the release of the Inclusive Socio-Economic Development Activity in Marrakesh?

**USAID Response:** No additional information is available at this time. This anticipated activity is still in the design phase. At this time, USAID/Morocco plans to solicit the ISED Marrakech-Safi grant under the STIP APS as well. As this activity is still in design phase, the possibility of including partnerships with a higher education institution (HEI) and local partners is still under discussion. If that is the case, eligibility restrictions will be included on the Business Forecast at that time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates on upcoming opportunities with USAID/Morocco.

186. **Morocco: Reading for Success - Teacher Training for Inclusive Education**
- a. Can USAID please confirm whether this opportunity is a small-business set aside?
  - b. Does USAID anticipate releasing any pre-solicitation materials for this opportunity?
  - c. Could USAID provide any additional information on the eligibility envisioned?

**USAID Response:** No additional information is available at this time. This anticipated activity is still in the design phase. USAID/Morocco has not determined whether this will be a small-business set aside. Market research is currently underway. All small and large businesses and other organizations are encouraged to reach out to USAID/Morocco Mission in response to an RFI which will be released by the end of April 2020.

187. **Mozambique: Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Activity in Nampula, Gaza and Maputo**
- a. Will OVC programming in Mozambique continue to be stand alone, or will it be integrated with other PEPFAR programming?
  - b. Will there be opportunities for building capacity of local organizations?

**USAID Response:**

- a. No decision has been made as of yet.
- b. No decision has been made as of yet.

188. **Mozambique: Higher Education for Leadership, Innovation, and Exchange (HELIX) Incentive Fund Activity**

- a. In the business forecast excel spreadsheet, it says this opportunity will come out only in 2021 (4/08/2021). Can you please confirm that date is accurate (and not 2020)?
- b. Can USAID please provide additional information on the program description?
- c. Can USAID confirm if eligibility for this opportunity is limited to higher education institutions?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The HELIX APS will be launched on grants.gov in 2020.
- b. Additional information has been added to the program description in the business forecast.
- c. Yes, eligibility is limited to higher education institutions.

189. **Mozambique: Commodities for Health: Ensuring Guaranteed Access and Reliability (CHEGAR)**

- a. In Amendment 2 to the canceled RFP 72065620R00001 for the Commodities for Health: Ensuring Guaranteed Access and Reliability (CHEGAR) activity, USAID indicated a forthcoming solicitation with a revised scope of work. Can USAID please provide details on the timeframe of this release, and outline the scope and describe how it will differ from CHEGAR?
- b. Upon cancellation of the Commodities for Health: Ensuring Guaranteed Access and Reliability (CHEGAR) activity, RFP 72065620R001 on February 13<sup>th</sup>, USAID expressed the intent to “issue a new solicitation with a changed scope that reflects the Agency’s current requirements.” Can USAID provide an anticipated release date for the new solicitation?
- c. In the FY20 Quarter 1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID/Mozambique stated they planned to release health-related solicitation in FY20. Can USAID provide any additional information regarding potential health programming for FY20, including which potential awards might be locally restricted?
- d. Can USAID please provide more information on any new health activities planned for Mozambique?
- e. Will there be any eligibility restrictions for any upcoming health projects?

**USAID Response:**

- a. CHEGAR solicitation is anticipated to be released in March/April 2020. The solicitation contract type will change and the scope of work may include additional information such as warehouse and site locations, estimated volume/quantities and types of commodities to be distributed.
- b. CHEGAR solicitation is anticipated to be released in March/April 2020.
- c. All potential health-related and other sectors are listed in the Business Forecast. Please monitor the forecast regularly for updates.
- d. Please see the above response .
- e. Eligibility restrictions are generally defined during the design phase. Updates will be included in the Business Forecast. At the moment, this is unknown.

190. **Mozambique: WASH Activities**
- a. Can USAID provide an update on its planned WASH activities?
  - b. Does USAID intend to release a follow on for Mozambique WASH?
  - c. If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipated release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?
  - d. Can USAID please confirm whether eligibility to prime the WASH activity will be restricted to local organizations?

**USAID Response:**

The above referenced procurement is in the planning stage. At this time, USAID/Mozambique has no further details to provide.

191. **Mozambique: Democratic Local Governance Strengthening Program**
- a. Does USAID have an updated RFA release date for the Mozambique Democratic Local Governance Strengthening Program?
  - b. Could USAID clarify if and when the USAID/Mozambique “Democratic Local Governance Strengthening” Program, which issued an RFI (RFI-720656-19-DLGSP) on October 1, 2019, is expected to be released?
  - c. Should this Activity be released as a full solicitation, does USAID have a tentative timeline for award?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The Mozambique Democratic Local Governance Strengthening solicitation is expected to be released in April 2020.
- b. Same as above.
- c. The tentative timeline for award is January 2021.

192. **Mozambique: COVida OVC**
- a. Does USAID anticipate re-bidding the COVida OVC project in the next 12 months?

**USAID Response:** No decision has been made as of yet.

193. **Nepal: Hariyo Ban 2**
- a. Is USAID planning a follow-on to the Hariyo Ban 2 activity, could USAID please provide the anticipated timeline and other details?

**USAID Response:** Yes. The anticipated timeline for Hariyo Ban Activity is March 2021.

194. **Nepal: Environment and export competitiveness program**
- a. May USAID provide the anticipated release date for a new or follow-on enabling environment and export competitiveness program? Can USAID confirm whether this opportunity will be released as a cooperative agreement or contract?

**USAID Response:** The release date for Trade and Competitiveness Activity is October 2020. The choice of instrument to implement this activity is TBD.

195. **Nepal:** Karnali Water Security Activity (KAWAS)
- a. The current forecast does not list the Nepal Karnali Water Security Activity (KAWAS) activity – could USAID kindly clarify why this opportunity has been removed?

**USAID Response:** This activity is still in the Business Forecast Report.

196. **Nepal:** Biodiversity and natural resource governance activity
- a. May USAID provide the anticipated release date for a new or follow-on biodiversity and natural resource governance activity?
  - b. Can USAID confirm whether this opportunity will be released as a cooperative agreement or contract?

**USAID Response:**

- a. March 2021.
- b. The choice of instrument to implement this activity is TBD.

197. **Nepal:** In addition to the forecasted Adolescent RF/FP solicitation, does USAID/Nepal anticipate any additional health projects being released in FY2020?

**USAID Response:** USAID Nepal anticipates an Integrated Nutrition Activity which may be advertised in the last quarter of FY 2020.

198. **Nepal:** Adolescent Reproductive Health/Family Planning
- a. Does USAID still anticipate a May release date?
  - b. Can USAID/Nepal provide any additional information regarding the scope of work of the Adolescent Reproductive Health/Family Planning award currently on the business forecast?
  - c. Will eligibility be restricted for the upcoming Adolescent RH/FP opportunity in Nepal?
  - d. Does USAID anticipate using a co-creation process as part of the procurement process for the upcoming Adolescent RH/FP opportunity in Nepal?
  - e. Does USAID anticipate issuing an RFI first for the upcoming Adolescent RH/FP opportunity in Nepal?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID Nepal still anticipates “May 2020” as a release date for new Adolescent Reproductive Health/Family planning activity.
- b. USAID Nepal cannot provide any additional information at this time. Please continue to follow the Business Forecast and government procurement websites.
- c. USAID Nepal does not anticipate restricting eligibility. Please continue to follow the Business Forecast and government procurement websites.
- d. USAID Nepal has a plan for a Co-creation process as a part of the procurement process for the Adolescent RH/FP opportunity in Nepal. Please continue to follow the Business Forecast and government procurement websites.
- e. USAID Nepal does not anticipate issuing a Request for Information for the upcoming Adolescent RH/FP opportunity in Nepal.

199. **Nepal:** Does USAID anticipate any new opportunities related to governance in the next two fiscal years?

**USAID Response:** Yes. USAID anticipates new opportunities that could focus on governance activities in the following areas: promoting the integrity of electoral and political processes; support to protecting human rights, this could include civil and political rights; strengthening civil society and supporting independent media and information integrity; fostering accountability and transparency that could include corruption; and strengthening the rule of law.

200. **Nepal:** MEL Activity
- a. Can USAID please confirm that the release of this opportunity will be a total set aside for women-owned small businesses?
  - b. Can USAID provide an update on the rollout of DIS and how it will impact vendors working with existing Missions in the pilot phase and scaling up to new Missions?
  - c. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date?
  - d. Can USAID please confirm whether this opportunity will be released as a set-aside for Women-owned Small Business?

**USAID Response:** Yes, USAID Nepal has a plan to release this opportunity as total set a side for women-owned small businesses. Please continue to follow the Business Forecast and government procurement websites.

DIS is being piloted beginning the second quarter of FY 2020. All existing and new Implementing Partners (IPs) will have to report their activity Monitoring, evaluation and Learning (MEL) plan indicator results through DIS. MEL contractors will be required to provide technical support to other IPs in using the DIS based on the contractor's approved work plan.

Please continue to follow the Business Forecast and government procurement websites.

201. **Nepal:** Family Planning
- a. Can USAID please provide details on the specific technical areas of focus?

**USAID Response:** USAID Response: USAID Nepal cannot provide any additional information at this time. Please continue to follow the Business Forecast and government procurement websites.

202. **Nepal:** Early Grade Learning Activity
- a. Can USAID please clarify the reason for pushing back the EGL opportunity to November 2020? It was initially expected in the Spring of 2020.

**USAID Response:** The Government of Nepal is undertaking 2 major structural reforms in the education sector- reforming the curriculum to roll out an integrated curriculum for grades 1-3 and the shift to federalism/decentralized management structure both of which have significant implication in the design of approaches to support early grade learning. In addition, the current sector plan which guides modalities of supporting early grade learning is ending in July 2021. Currently, a new sector plan which will identify priorities is ongoing. USAID investments in the

education sector need to align with these ongoing changes and reforms in the sector.

- b. Can USAID please provide additional information on the program description?

**USAID Response:** No, we cannot provide additional information on the program description at this time.

203. **Nepal:** PAANI

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow on for Nepal PAANI?
- b. If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipating release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?

**USAID Response:**

- a. TBD.
- b. TBD. RFI will be issued on its due course.

204. **Nepal:** In the last forecast update, USAID wrote that “USAID/Nepal intends to initiate a design of one or more new activities (TBD) in FY 2020 focused on improving agricultural productivity and strengthening the agriculture market system; improving the enabling environment for growth and investment and enhancing the competitiveness of Nepal's exports; and reducing threats to Nepal's biodiversity and strengthening natural resources governance.”

- a. Would USAID please provide information on the anticipated procurement schedule for these programs?
- b. Does USAID intend to release draft scopes of work or Requests for Information for the program?
- c. Could USAID clarify whether the programs will be a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?
- d. May USAID provide the anticipated release date for a new or follow-on agriculture and market systems activity? Can USAID confirm whether this opportunity will be released as a cooperative agreement or contract?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID/Nepal anticipate making an award for a new activity focused on agricultural inputs in March 2021.
- b. We intend to release a Request for Information for the new activity focused on agricultural inputs.
- c. This has not yet been determined for the new activity focused on agricultural inputs.
- d. We anticipate a release date in or around September 2020 for the new agricultural inputs activity. The opportunity to release as a cooperative agreement or contract has not yet been determined.

205. **Nicaragua:** Municipal Governance Program

- a. Could USAID please provide an update on the timing and details of upcoming activities related to and following the Municipal Governance Program as well as any anticipated governance support to the national government?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not anticipate any support to the national government, nor does it currently support the Government of Nicaragua (GON). The Municipal Governance Program

Activity will continue supporting citizen participation and peace building activities at the local level through civil society, from now until the end of the award in September, 2020.

206. **Niger: NECS Education**
- a. Can USAID please confirm when the follow on to Niger NECS Education opportunity is expected?

**USAID Response:** USAID has no information or update to provide on this procurement at this time.

207. **Niger: Education**
- a. Does USAID intend to release an education opportunity in Niger in 2020? If yes, we would appreciate any information available about the solicitation timing and regions to be included.

**USAID Response:** USAID intends to release an education opportunity, however it is in the early design stages and there is no additional information at this time.

208. **Niger: HSD-Niger**
- a. The HSD-Niger opportunity was closed on September 24, 2019. Could USAID provide an update on next steps and when a decision will be made with regards to the award?

**USAID Response:** The HSD Niger Activity procurement is on-going, and USAID anticipates an award at the beginning of Quarter 3 FY2020.

209. **Niger: Prevention of Child Early and Forced Marriage**
- a. Does USAID have a timeline responding to concept notes from the April 2019 APS?

**USAID Response:** USAID has finalized the first phase (concept notes) of the review process, and is planning to commence the second phase (co-creation). Applicants who will be invited for the second phase will be notified shortly.

210. **Niger: Markets and Nutrition Activity**
- a. Would USAID kindly provide an update as to the expected award date for the Niger Markets and Nutrition Activity?

**USAID Response:** The Niger Markets and Nutrition Activity procurement is on-going, and USAID anticipates award before the end of Quarter 2 FY2020.

211. **Nigeria: USAID Leveraging Education Assistance Resources in Nigeria (USAID/LEARN)**
- a. Could USAID please provide an updated timeline of the anticipated solicitation release and award for this activity as it is not currently included on the forecast?
  - b. Is the anticipated release of the Nigeria LEARN solicitation still TBD?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Nigeria anticipates posting a LEARN solicitation sometime within the 3rd Quarter (April through June) of FY 20. Award(s) related to the LEARN activity are anticipated in FY 21.

212. **Nigeria: Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Activity**
- a. In the first quarter FY20 business forecast Q&A, USAID specified that it is in the planning phase for the new Nigeria MEL procurement. Could USAID provide an update on the release date, estimated cost, and/or small business set-aside status?
  - b. Does USAID intend to release a rebid of the Nigeria MEL contract?
  - c. Will it be a small business set-aside?
  - d. What is the anticipated release date?
  - e. Does USAID intend to issue a new RFP for the Nigeria Evaluation and Learning contract in 2020? Will USAID consider using full & open competition for this RFP?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID Nigeria remains in the planning phase for the new Nigeria MEL activity.
- b. Yes, USAID will issue a new solicitation for the MEL activity.
- c. A sources sought may be issued to determine to set aside for small business.
- d. Nigeria is still in the planning phase.
- e. Yes, USAID Nigeria intends to issue a new RFP. A sources sought may be issued to determine the level of competition.

213. **Nigeria: State 2 State**
- a. Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated award date?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated award date is May 2020.

214. **Nigeria: Improving Adolescent Health and Well Being in Urban Areas**
- a. Can USAID provide an updated date for expected award?

**USAID Response:** Award is anticipated by April 2020.

215. **Nigeria: Strengthening Civic Advocacy and Local Engagement (SCALE)**
- a. Can USAID please confirm if there is an Incumbent for this anticipated activity.
  - b. Can USAID please confirm if they intend to issue an RFI for this activity.
  - c. Could USAID provide further detail on the anticipated scope of this activity?
  - d. Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI or other pre-solicitation notices for this opportunity?
  - e. Can USAID provide an estimated funding amount for this activity?
  - f. Can you please confirm whether SCALE will be openly competed?
  - g. Will this project focus on specific regions or will it be nationwide in scope?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The incumbent/activity was Chemonics International, Inc./Strengthening Advocacy for Civic Engagement (SACE). This activity ended in 2019.
- b. No, USAID does not intend to issue an RFI for this activity
- c. The proposed SCALE activity will strengthen the financial, management, advocacy and technical capacity of local civil society organizations in Nigeria to exercise their advocacy and oversight roles.
- d. No, USAID does not intend to issue an RFI for this activity.
- e. The estimated funding amount will be available upon issuance of solicitation.
- f. USAID does not intend to issue a RFI.

g. SCALE will be nationwide in scope

216. **Pakistan:** Could USAID provide some perspective on how the overall decrease in US foreign assistance to Pakistan between 2019 and 2020 is likely to impact the currently forecasted opportunities?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Pakistan is reviewing portfolio requirements in light of reduced annual funding and will publicize new activities on the Business Forecast in the future.

217. **Pakistan:** Policy and Performance Service Delivery Mechanism
- a. Is USAID planning to release a pre-solicitation document before the solicitation is released for the Pakistan Policy and Performance Service Delivery Mechanism?
  - b. Could USAID/Pakistan confirm that the Policy and Performance Support Mechanism IDIQ will be released on 3/30/2020?
  - c. Does USAID intend to release a rebid of the Pakistan PERFORM M&E contract?
    - i. If so, what is the anticipated release date?
    - ii. Will it be a small business set-aside?
  - d. Does USAID intend to have portions of the follow-on for local firms only?

**USAID Response:** This is being removed from the Business Forecast.

218. **PAKISTAN:** Does USAID intend to release any health procurements for Pakistan in FY 2020 ?

**USAID Response:** Currently, USAID/Pakistan doesn't intend any new health procurement during FY-20. However, considering the ongoing emergencies, the Mission may reconsider its requirements and such requirements will be publicized accordingly..

219. **Pakistan:** FATA Land Registration Support Activity
- a. Can USAID confirm the release date of the FATA Land Registration Support Activity?

**USAID Response:** As of now, the solicitation release date is estimated for May 15, 2020. Please continue monitoring the business forecast for updates.

220. **Pakistan:** The Performance Management Support Contract, PERFORM
- a. Does USAID intend to procure a follow on to this contract?
  - b. What is the anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** The Mission does not intend to issue a follow on contract. There will be a new activity but it is under design. The estimated solicitation date is expected to be during 4Q FY20.

221. **Pakistan:** Advancing Citizen Centered Governance
- a. Could USAID/Pakistan confirm that the Advancing Citizen Centered Governance Activity will be released on 4/30/2020?
  - b. Can USAID please provide any information on the specific democratic institutions that this project will focus on, as well as how it might balance interventions with the supply and demand sides of government?
  - c. Can USAID also clarify the priority geographies in which the project would operate?
  - d. In addition, given the difficulties that international NGOs face in registering in Pakistan,

will this opportunity be limited to local organizations?

**USAID Response:** This activity is currently under design. No additional information is available.

222. **Pakistan:** Power System Improvement Activity
- a. Can USAID confirm the anticipated release date for the Pakistan Power System Improvement Activity?

**USAID Response:** This activity is currently under design. No additional information is available.

223. **Papa New Guinea:** PNG Electrification Project
- a. Can USAID provide the anticipated award date for the PNG Electrification Project?

**USAID Response:**

224. **Peru:** USAID South America Regional Initiative for Transnational Conservation Crimes in the Amazon
- a. Would USAID confirm if the Forecasted release date of April 15, 2020 is still accurate for the USAID South America Regional Initiative for Transnational Conservation Crimes in the Amazon?
  - b. Has USAID determined an award type for this anticipated activity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. April 15, 2020 is still the tentative release date. If this date changes, it will be updated on the Business Forecast.
- b. No.

225. **Peru:** Transnational Conservation Crimes in the Amazon
- a. Could USAID provide an update on the contract mechanism for this opportunity?
  - b. Could USAID confirm release of this solicitation will not be delayed beyond April 15, 2020 as currently stated in the forecast?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Activity is in the final stages of design.
- b. April 15 2020 is still the tentative release date.

226. **Peru:** New Alternative Development Partnership Opportunity for Peru
- a. Can USAID please provide more information about the New Alternative Development Partnership Opportunity for Peru, for which USAID posted a Sources Sought Notice on February 12, 2020; specifically the anticipated solicitation release date, estimated value, anticipated award length and award type?

**USAID Response:** This was a Request for Information. USAID/Peru is reviewing the information provided and may, or may not design an activity based on the information received.

227. **Peru:** Socio-economic Integration of Venezuelan Refugees in Peru and Ecuador
- a. Does USAID still anticipate soliciting for this activity under the Sept 2019 Cooperative

Development APS?

- b. The current Forecast cites 10-1-2019 as an anticipated RFA-release date, which has long passed. Can USAID please provide a new ETA for the RFA release?

**USAID Response:**

- a. On September 18, 2019, USAID posted an APS Addendum under the Cooperative Development Program APS 7200AA18APS00002.
- b. USAID will update this information.

228. **Philippines: Initiatives for Democracy APS**

- a. Does USAID intend to release the two remaining addenda for the USAID Philippines APS (NFO#72049219APS00001)?

**USAID Response:** The Mission is in the final stages of design.

229. **Philippines: Natural Resource Security and Governance Annual Program Statement**

- a. Could USAID/Philippines please provide a timeline for the availability of specific award description for each of the addenda 2 and 3 under the Natural Resource Security and Governance Annual Program Statement (NFO# 72049220APS00001)?
- b. If it intends to issue additional addenda under the Initiatives for Democracy APS this year?
- c. Is a separate governance activity being planned in addition to any addenda issued under the Initiatives for Democracy APS?
- d. Will either or any planned governance activity in Philippines have a focus on the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)?
- e. Could USAID please provide additional information about Addendums 2 and 3 to this APS? e.g. likely focus areas, award mechanism, funding envelope, etc.
- f. Is this a new activity or a follow-on to a prior/current activity? If a follow-on, could USAID please provide information about the project and incumbent
- g. Would USAID see scientific innovation that allows for better resource management as a priority for this activity?
- h. With respect to IUU fishing and other areas related to security and governance in the fisheries sector, could USAID please describe the level of coordination expected between activities funded under the NRSG APS and the Pacific Fisheries Activity? Does USAID expect there to be a focus on the fisheries sector in a forthcoming Addendum under this APS?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Addenda 2 and 3 of the Natural Resource Security and Governance (NRSG) APS, are still in the design phase. Specific information on these addenda will be shared thru the Business Forecast once they become available.
- b. The Mission intends to release additional addenda within the month of March 2020.
- c. Yes. A separate solicitation for local governance outside of the Initiatives for Democracy APS is contemplated and will be posted in the Business Forecast once information becomes available.
- d. The Mission is not anticipating any new local governance focus in BARMM at the

moment.

- e. Addenda 2 and 3 of the Natural Resource Security and Governance (NRSNG) APS, are still in design. Specific award descriptions on these addenda will be reflected in the Business Forecast once available.
- f. All activities under the NRSNG APS are new activities only.
- g. Yes. The Mission welcomes use of existing and/or new scientific innovations in resource management. Section A.5 (Guiding Principles) of the NRSNG APS also considers innovation, adaptation and evidence-based implementation.
- h. Activities under NRSNG APS will not have direct coordination with those under the Pacific Fisheries Activity. The NRSNG Addendum 1 (72049220APS00001-01) already includes the fisheries sector.

230. **Philippines: Pacific Fisheries Activity**

- a. What mechanism does USAID anticipate using for the Pacific Fisheries Activity?
- b. In September 2019, USAID/RDMA issued a RFI for the Regional Marine Biodiversity Conservation Activity, which was intended to be the follow-on to USAID Oceans. However that RFI is no longer available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) (even as closed or archived). Could USAID please clarify whether the current RFI for the Pacific Sustainable Coastal Fisheries Management Project replaces the previous RFI issued by RDMA? Is this new fisheries activity intended to be the follow-on to the Oceans and Fisheries Partnership?
- c. Does USAID expect the Pacific Fisheries Activity to include a grant-making component?
- d. Does USAID anticipate derelict fishing gear will be one of the priority/focus areas for this activity?
- e. Would USAID see scientific innovation that allows for better resource management as a priority for this activity?
- f. If USAID uses the New Partnerships Initiative mechanism for this activity, is it expected that organizations will form consortia during the concept paper phase to respond to the solicitation, or will there be opportunities during the co-creation process to establish consortia?

**USAID Response:**

- a. To be determined.
- b. No this is not a follow-on. The Pacific Sustainable Coastal Fisheries Management Project is a new activity that is being contemplated by USAID Philippines, Pacific and Mongolia. It does not replace the previous RFI issued by RDMA.
- c. It is too early in the design stage to be able to determine if a grant making component will be included.
- d. No. Derelict fishing gear and marine debris are not part of this new activity.
- e. Yes. Science, technology and innovation for sustainable fisheries management is contemplated to be part of this activity.
- f. This is yet to be determined.

231. **Philippines: EDCLA**

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated award date of the EDCLA opportunity?

**USAID Response:** It is anticipated to be awarded on June 30,2020.

232. **Philippines:** Better Access and Connectivity Activity
- a. May USAID confirm the anticipated release date for the Philippines Better Access and Connectivity Activity?
  - b. Could USAID please update the USAID Business Forecast with this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** This is still in design. Updates to the Business Forecast will be made as soon as information becomes available. Updates to the Business Forecast will be made as soon as the information is available.

233. **Philippines:** Quality Education and Skills Training Activity
- a. May USAID confirm the anticipated award mechanism for the Quality Education and Skills Training Activity? Is USAID planning to release a pre-solicitation document before the solicitation is released?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated award mechanism is to be determined pending activity design modifications. The Mission will work to update the award mechanism by the third quarter of FY2020.

The Mission is in the activity design phase therefore cannot at this time say if a pre-solicitation document before solicitation will be released.

234. **Philippines:** Pacific-American Partnership Fund
- a. The RFI is out and due 2-28-2020. Is the full RFA still expected to be issued on 4-30-2020?

**USAID Response:** Yes. The information in the Business Forecast will be updated to reflect the changes, if any.

235. **RDMA:** Asia Program Cycle Support
- a. Could USAID update the Small Business Set-Aside status?
  - b. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID anticipates to do the small business set-aside for this procurement.
- b. The anticipated release date for this procurement is around May-June 2020.

236. **RDMA:** Wildlife Asia
- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow on for Wildlife Asia Program?
  - b. If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipated release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID/RDMA has recently launched its effort to design its new Regional Development Cooperation Strategy (RDCCS). The future of the mission's strategy in this area will be defined as part of the RDCCS.

- b. At this time we have no information to share regarding the timeline for a new activity. Please continue to monitor the business forecast.

237. **RDMA:** Clean Power Asia

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow on for Clean Power Asia Program?
- b. If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipating release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID/RDMA has recently launched its effort to design its new Regional Development Cooperation Strategy (RDCS). The future of the mission's strategy in this area will be defined as part of the RDCS.
- b. At this time we have no information to share regarding the timeline for a new activity in this sector. Please continue to monitor the business forecast.

238. **RDMA:** Green Invest

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow on for Green Invest Asia?
- b. If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipating release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID/RDMA has recently launched its effort to design its new Regional Development Cooperation Strategy (RDCS). The future of the mission's strategy in this area will be defined as part of the RDCS.
- b. At this time we have no information to share regarding the timeline for a new activity in this sector. Please continue to monitor the business forecast.

239. **RDMA:** SERVIR MEKONG

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow on for SERVIR Mekong?
- b. If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipating release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID/RDMA has recently launched its effort to design its new Regional Development Cooperation Strategy (RDCS). The future of the mission's strategy in this area will be defined as part of the RDCS.
- b. At this time we have no information to share regarding the timeline for a new activity. Please continue to monitor the business forecast.

240. **RDMA:** Asia Program Cycle Management Support

- a. Per the RFI recently released, could USAID please clarify if a Subcontractor would be ineligible to furnish implementation services for any activities for which it provides substantial design as outlined in the "Preclusion from Implementation Contract" clause in the RFI?
- b. Per the RFI recently released, could USAID please clarify if a Subcontractor would be ineligible to furnish implementation services under any contract or task order that results in response to findings, proposals, or recommendations in an evaluation report

written by the Contractor as outlined in the “Preclusion from Furnishing Certain Services and Restriction on Use of Information” clause in the RFI?

- c. Can USAID confirm whether this is a recompetete or a new procurement?
- d. Does USAID still anticipate releasing the solicitation as a small business set aside?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID is reviewing and documenting organizational conflict of interest for this anticipated solicitation. This will be determined prior to the release of the solicitation.
- b. See response A.
- c. The Asia Program Cycle Management Support is a new procurement.
- d. Yes. USAID still anticipates releasing the solicitation as a small business set-aside.

241. **Rwanda:** Does USAID have any health projects in the pipeline for Rwanda for the next fiscal year?

**USAID Response:** The mission recently received approval of its CDCS; and, accordingly, has initiated significant project and activity design efforts. At this time, the mission has no further updates on future requirements until it completes activity design and receives authorization to begin the pre-solicitation process. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for information about future planned acquisition and assistance actions.

242. **Rwanda:** Does USAID/Rwanda anticipate any new or follow-on WASH activities in FY20?

**USAID Response:** The mission recently received approval of its CDCS; and, accordingly, has initiated significant project and activity design efforts. At this time, the mission has no further updates on future requirements until it completes activity design and receives authorization to begin the pre-solicitation process. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for information about future planned acquisition and assistance actions.

243. **Rwanda:** Gikuriro

- a. Does USAID/Rwanda anticipate a follow-on for the Gikuriro project?
- b. If so, could USAID provide information on the anticipated technical focus and timing?

**USAID Response:** The mission recently received approval of its CDCS; and, accordingly, has initiated significant project and activity design efforts. At this time, the mission has no further updates on future requirements until it completes activity design and receives authorization to begin the pre-solicitation process. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for information about future planned acquisition and assistance actions.

244. **Rwanda:** Twiyubake – Integrated Strengthening for Vulnerable Populations

- a. Will there be a follow-on to the ISVP program?
- b. when does USAID anticipate releasing a solicitation for this follow-on activity, and would there be a pre-solicitation?

**USAID Response:** The mission recently received approval of its CDCS; and, accordingly, has initiated significant project and activity design efforts. At this time, the mission has no further updates on future requirements until it completes activity design and receives authorization to begin the pre-solicitation process. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for

information about future planned acquisition and assistance actions.

245. **Rwanda:** Education

- a. Does USAID intend to release a new education program?

**USAID Response:** The mission recently received approval of its CDCS; and, accordingly, has initiated significant project and activity design efforts. At this time, the mission has no further updates on future requirements until it completes activity design and receives authorization to begin the pre-solicitation process. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for information about future planned acquisition and assistance actions.

246. **Rwanda:** OVC

- a. What is the anticipated release date of this opportunity?
- b. Can USAID please confirm whether this will be a full and open opportunity, or restricted to local primes?

**USAID Response:** The mission recently received approval of its CDCS; and, accordingly, has initiated significant project and activity design efforts. At this time, the mission has no further updates on future requirements until it completes activity design and receives authorization to begin the pre-solicitation process. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for information about future planned acquisition and assistance actions.

247. **Rwanda:** Isuku Iwacu

- a. Will there be a follow-on to the program?

**USAID Response:** The mission recently received approval of its CDCS; and, accordingly, has initiated significant project and activity design efforts. At this time, the mission has no further updates on future requirements until it completes activity design and receives authorization to begin the pre-solicitation process. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for information about future planned acquisition and assistance actions.

248. **Rwanda:** PEPFAR

- a. Can USAID/Rwanda provide any additional information regarding potential PEPFAR programming for FY20?

**USAID Response:** The mission recently received approval of its CDCS; and, accordingly, has initiated significant project and activity design efforts. At this time, the mission has no further updates on future requirements until it completes activity design and receives authorization to begin the pre-solicitation process. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for information about future planned acquisition and assistance actions.

249. **Rwanda:** FIRST

- a. Would USAID please confirm the anticipated RFP release date of Rwanda Facilitate Investment Required for Sustainable Export (FIRST) Activity?

**USAID Response:** Currently, the anticipated release date of the RFP for the Rwanda Feed the Future Facilitate Investment Required for Sustainable Export (FIRST) Activity is 5/1/2020. Any

change to this date will be reflected in the Business Forecast.

250. **Rwanda:** Integrated Health Systems Activity
- a. Can USAID provide any updated information on an expected award date?

**USAID Response:** USAID has finalized this task order procurement and notified the successful and unsuccessful offerors.

251. **Senegal:** In the FY20 Quarter 1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID/Senegal stated they expected to complete the PAD in January. Can USAID provide any updates?

**USAID Response:** It is not clear which PAD the question is referring to.

252. **Senegal:** Entrepreneurship Promotion and Business Investment opportunity
- a. Can USAID/Senegal please clarify the anticipated award date for the Senegal Entrepreneurship Promotion and Business Investment opportunity?

**USAID Response:** Anticipated award date is o/a October 2020.

253. **Senegal:** Mission-Wide Monitoring and Evaluation Project
- a. Does USAID still anticipate releasing the solicitation to the follow-on project in Q3 this year?
  - b. Is USAID planning to release the solicitation as a small business set aside?
  - c. Since USAID's Q&A from Quarter 1 indicated that the Mission is preparing a solicitation, if that is still the case, can USAID include the opportunity in the forecast?
  - d. What is the anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes, USAID anticipates releasing the solicitation in Q3 of this year.
- b. USAID is considering a small business set aside.
- c. Yes, it will be included in the next update to the Forecast.
- d. USAID anticipates releasing the solicitation in Q3 of this year.

254. **Senegal:** BRIDGE: Youth and Job Skills ("Youth Connect") for Niger and Burkina Faso
- a. The RFA was last expected to be released on Feb. 21, 2020. Can USAID please provide an update?
  - b. Based on the content delineated in the RFI, could USAID please comment on whether there will be any significant changes in the RFA once it is released?
  - c. The forecast currently lists an anticipated release date of 21 February 2020. Can USAID please confirm an updated release date for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated release date is now revised to mid April 2020. Further information will be provided in a subsequent update to the Business Forecast.

255. **Senegal:** Does USAID intend to release a child protection and/or education opportunity in Senegal in 2020? If yes, we would appreciate any information available about the solicitation timing and regions to be included.

**USAID Response:** USAID Senegal does not anticipate releasing any additional child protection and/or education funding opportunity before the end of the fiscal year.

256. **Senegal:** Can USAID now provide an update on planned health procurements for Senegal in 2020? Can USAID provide anticipated award descriptions, anticipated solicitation date, award mechanism and anticipated dollar amount for planned health activities?

**USAID Response:**

The Annual Program Statement (APS) in which Senegal plans to procure health services includes three components (multiple awards) to implement distinct but complementary Components of the new 2021-2026 program for the Health, Population and Nutrition Office (HPNO). The purpose of the APS is to achieve sustainable improvement and effective utilization of the Senegalese healthcare system by addressing key causes of maternal and child morbidity and mortality, protecting communities from infectious diseases (malaria), and strengthening health systems.

Component 1, Central Health Systems (\$15 million), seeks to strengthen key health systems at the central level including human resources for health, financing, governance, supply chain and health commodity management, and data for decision-making.

Component 2, Integrated District Health (\$50 million), will support service delivery, behavior change, and health systems interventions focused at the regional level and below in priority regions. Component 2 also aims to provide comprehensive support through demand-driven subgrants awarded to health districts in priority regions to strengthen their capacity and commitment to improve the health status of the target populations through high-impact interventions in reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health (RMNCH), malaria and nutrition.

Component 3, Dakar Urban Health (\$8 million), will improve reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH), family planning (FP) malaria (M), and nutrition (N) activities in the most vulnerable districts of the Dakar Region using innovative approaches tailored to an urban context and through leveraging private sector resources and services.

The anticipated release date is September/October 2020 and Cooperative agreements are expected.

257. **Senegal:** Health Systems Strengthening Plus (HSS+) 2.0
- a. Is USAID planning to issue a solicitation for the follow-on to the Senegal HSS Program that is ending? If so, can USAID provide more information about the potential scope and release date of Senegal Health Systems Strengthening Plus Program?

**USAID Response:** Please see the response to the previous question above for details.

258. **Serbia:** Fund for Media Innovation Activity
- a. Has USAID determined a mechanism for the Fund for Media Innovation Activity?

**USAID Response:** There is still no SOI determination in place.

259. **Serbia:** Agribusiness Competitiveness Project
- a. Would USAID consider setting this aside for small businesses?

**USAID Response:** No determination yet.

260. **Somalia:** Monitoring, Verification, and Reporting (MVR) Project
- a. Since USAID's Q&A from Quarter 1 indicated that the design for follow-on to the Somalia Program Support Services was close to being finalized, if that is still the case, can USAID include the opportunity in the forecast?
  - b. Is there an anticipated release date, estimated cost, and set-aside determination for this opportunity?
  - c. USAID/Kenya and East Africa issued an RFI for Somalia Monitoring, Verification, and Reporting (MVR) in April 2019. Can you confirm that the recent extension of IBTCI's contract for Somalia Program Support Services will push out the release of a solicitation for MVR? When is MVR anticipated to be released? Under which mechanism will MVR be released?

**USAID Response:** The design for Somalia's new Evaluation, Learning, and Monitoring Initiative is complete and the solicitation should be released shortly. The action has now been linked to the Business Forecast.

261. **Somalia:** Locally Legitimate Stabilization (LLS)
- a. Could USAID please provide an updated timeline of the anticipated solicitation release and award for this activity as it is not currently included on the forecast?
  - b. Will USAID consider adding this opportunity to the Business Forecast?
  - c. Could USAID please provide an estimated release date for the Somalia Locally Legitimate Stabilization Activity?
  - d. Can USAID please confirm that it intends to award Somalia Locally Legitimate Stabilization (LLS) as a contract?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The anticipated release for this solicitation is August 2020
  - b. The action has now been linked to the Business Forecast
  - c. The anticipated release for this solicitation is August 2020
  - d. This decision has not been finalized
262. **Somalia:** Growth, Enterprise, Employment and Livelihoods (GEEL)
- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the follow on to the Somalia Growth Enterprise, Employment, and Livelihoods II (GEEL II) project with an anticipated mechanism and release date?

**USAID Response:** Design for the GEEL follow-on has begun but mechanism and release date have not yet been determined.

263. **Somalia:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any health procurements in Somalia in FY2020?

**USAID Response:** No

264. **Somalia:** The forecast does not currently include any opportunities for Somalia. Does USAID anticipate any new programs for Somalia to be released in the next year and if yes, can you provide some general information on what is being planned?

**USAID Response:** Current opportunities for Somalia have been added to the forecast and it will be updated with additional information as it is available.

265. **South Africa:** Prosper Africa IDIQ

- a. This opportunity seems to have been removed from the forecast. Has it been cancelled?
- b. Can USAID please clarify if the 'Prosper Africa' solicitation is meant to replace the three existing Regional Trade and Investment Hubs? If not, can USAID kindly clarify the general scope of this activity in relation to the current Hubs?
- c. Could USAID also please clarify the relationship between the 'Prosper Africa' opportunity (which was recently removed from the business forecast) and the 'Transformative Trade and Investment in Africa (TTIA)' RFI that was released in January?

**USAID Response:**

266. **South Africa:** Power Africa IDIQ Beyond the Grid ("BTG") Task Order

- a. This opportunity is no longer listed on the Business Forecast. Does USAID still anticipate its release?

**USAID Response:** This Task Order was awarded to one of the Power Africa IDIQ holders, on November 13, 2018.

267. **South Africa:** Power Africa IDIQ

- a. Would USAID Power Africa consider posting opportunities to the USAID business forecast or share a pipeline of proposed activities with IDIQ holders? This would help IDIQ holders better prepare for upcoming Power Africa procurements.

**USAID Response:** USAID will continue to notify Power Africa IDIQ contract holders of activities planned within the scope of the IDIQ contract.

268. **South Africa:** ESWATINI condom programming

- a. Will USAID clarify the release date and the contract mechanism for the ESWATINI condom programming solicitation?

**USAID Response:**

269. **South Africa:** TB South Africa Project

- a. When can we expect the solicitation?
- b. Will it be restricted?
- c. What mechanism will it be?
- d. Will the geographical scope be similar to the current one?

**USAID Response:** Questions a-d are still under consideration as USAID plans for a new project. More information will be made available to the public once a definitive decision is made to proceed with a specific project.

270. **South Africa:** South Africa Energy Program

- a. Does USAID have any information on the re-compete for the South Africa Energy Program?

**USAID Response:** The program ends in March 2022. No information is available at this time on re-competing the program.

271. **South Sudan:** Does USAID have any plans to issue an RMNCH or integrated health services procurement for South Sudan? If not, what are the plans for ensuring programming continuity?

**USAID Response:** We no longer have plans to issue a separate award for RMNCH. This work will now be done through a field support.

272. **South Sudan:** Advancing HIV & AIDS Epidemic Control

- a. Please advise if USAID will add the “Advancing HIV & AIDS Epidemic Control” opportunity to the Business Forecast. A second health opportunity has also been mentioned and would be welcome on the forecast as well.
- b. Could USAID kindly advise what is the anticipated release date for the South Sudan Advancing HIV & AIDS Epidemic Control (AHEC) project?
- c. Will USAID release an RFI for AHEC?
- d. In the previous forecast Q&A, USAID referenced a potential second project related to health. Can you provide any additional details on this work?
- e. Can USAID/South Sudan confirm that the anticipated Advancing HIV and AIDS Epidemic Control program, will be an 8a Small Business Set Aside per the SAM.gov posting? Can USAID also provide an updating on timing for the solicitation release?
- f. USAID was considering using a CPIF contract for AHEC. Can USAID please confirm whether this is still the envisioned Award/Action Type for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** a. We will work to add the opportunity(ies) to the forecast. b. The release date is anticipated in March. c. No. d. The previously mentioned project is now going to be done through a field support mechanism. e. This program is not a set-aside. f. The award type has been changed to a CPFF completion type.

273. **South Sudan:** In addition to the AHEC, does USAID expect to release any other procurement under its Global Health portfolio? Is the Integrated Health Project still in USAID pipeline for South Sudan?

**USAID Response:** We are reviewing current programming and may release additional

requirements under the health portfolio, though this is still under internal discussions. Regarding the Integrated Health Project, this is now being done via a field support mechanism.

274. **South Sudan:** Integrated Health Project
- a. An upcoming Integrated Health Project in South Sudan was previously discussed in the USAID Q&A. As this is not on the forecast, can USAID provide further information on the types of activities, likely release date, and procurement mechanism intended for this opportunity?
  - b. In the FY20 Quarter 1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID/South Sudan stated there may be a second health opportunity. Can USAID provide any additional information, such as timing, scope, and award mechanism?

**USAID Response:** This project is now being done via a field support mechanism.

275. **South Sudan:** Would USAID please consider adding planned procurements to the business forecast?

**USAID Response:** Yes.

276. **South Sudan:** Supporting Learning Outcomes
- a. Could USAID please confirm the timeline for the release of an RFA for the anticipated Supporting Learning Outcomes in South Sudan as this seems to no longer be on the forecast?
  - b. Could USAID also provide any information about the timing, scope, award amount, and geographic priorities of this activity?
  - c. Could USAID please provide an estimated release date, anticipated mechanism, and value for the South Sudan Supporting Learning Outcomes (SLO) Activity?

**USAID Response:** This is currently planned to be released in March or very early April. The contract will be for 5 years, and be valued between \$25 and \$50 million. The requirement is to implement an accelerated learning program, adapt the program using evidence to the South Sudan context, and deliver the revised model to USAID at the end of the contract. We do not have geographic priorities at this time. We anticipate release at the end of March or very early April.

277. **South Sudan:** Can USAID confirm that they are planning to release a new multi-year RFA/RFP for Resilience programming in South Sudan?

**USAID Response:** At this time the mission is still planning for this activity, there is no date as to when we may issue an RFA/FRP on Resilience Programming.

278. **South Sudan:** Promoting Civic Engagement and Peace (PCEP)
- a. Can USAID confirm the award date for RFP Number 72066818R00002 "Promoting Civic Engagement and Peace (PCEP)"

**USAID Response:** USAID South Sudan anticipates making award before the end of the fiscal year.

279. **South Sudan: Monitoring and Evaluation Support Project**
- When does USAID anticipate releasing the solicitation for the follow-on project?
  - Does USAID intend to release a rebid of the South Sudan M&E contract?
  - Will it be a small business set-aside?
  - What is the anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** At this time the mission has not plans to release a solicitation for a follow on project for this activity during this quarter.

280. **Sri Lanka: Private Sector Development Activity**
- The Sri Lanka Private Sector Development Activity recently flipped on the forecast to Cooperative Agreement type. Would USAID please consider flipping this back to a Contract type award, including considering this as a small business set-aside?
  - Can USAID confirm that the release date is still intended to be April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020?

**USAID Response:** As a result of conducting market research, this requirement will be fulfilled through the USAID CATALYZE contract which is supported through the USAID Private Capital and Microenterprise Office.

As we are utilizing the USAID CATALYZE contract, the Sri Lanka activity will not be a public solicitation.USAID

281. **Sri Lanka: Governance Strengthening Project**
- Could USAID please provide an update on the timing of the solicitation and details of the upcoming program? The Forecast listing for this opportunity was recently removed.
  - This was recently removed from the Forecast. Does USAID/Sri Lanka anticipate reposting this opportunity? Does USAID have any updates on timing and scope it can share?
  - Could USAID further explain the scope of the activity?

**USAID Response:** The USAID Business Forecast has been updated to reflect the revised funding opportunity information. The Sri Lanka Governance Strengthening activity is expected to be a full and open Request For Applications with an anticipated release date of August 15, 2020. A Request For Information, which will include a draft Program Description, will be posted on beta.SAM.gov and Grants.gov prior to issuing the full Request For Applications.

282. **Sudan:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any health procurements in Sudan in FY2020?

**USAID Response:** USAID will update the business forecast if any health procurements are anticipated.

283. **Sudan: Toward Enduring Peace in Sudan (TEPS)**
- With reference to the FY 2020 Q1 Business Forecast Q&A, does USAID still anticipate issuing a solicitation for a follow-on to the Toward Enduring Peace in Sudan (TEPS) activity in Q2/Q3?

**USAID Response:** A competitive solicitation is not anticipated in FY2020.

284. **Tajikistan: Sustainable Agriculture and Land Tenure (SALT) activity**
- The anticipated solicitation release date for this opportunity is listed as 1/24/2020.

Would USAID kindly update the forecast?

**USAID Response:** USAID will update the forecast accordingly.

285. **Tajikistan:** Learn Together

- a. Does USAID anticipate a revision to the release date for the Learn Together Tajikistan Activity?

**USAID Response:** USAID will update the forecast accordingly.

286. **Tanzania:** Community Social Welfare System Strengthening (CHSS)

- a. Can USAID confirm that it intends to issue a follow on to the Tanzania Community Health System Strengthening activity?
- b. If yes, can USAID confirm the intended Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range, anticipated Solicitation Release Date, geographic scope of the solicitation, and if the solicitation will be a contract or cooperative agreement?
- c. Will USAID also confirm that international organizations will be eligible for the solicitation?
- d. Could USAID please confirm that this opportunity has been officially canceled? Could USAID provide information about whether this scope of work has or will be rolled into other programming, and whether this will be done competitively or non-competitively?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Tanzania will not procure a follow-on to CHSS. Regarding (d), the requiring office is currently considering a USAID/Washington based field support mechanism to continue the services.

287. **Tanzania:** RMNCAH

- a. In the FY20 Quarter 1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID/Tanzania stated they intend on awarding an RMNCAH program within two years. Can USAID clarify if this anticipated procurement is in addition to the anticipated Boresha Afya follow-on? Can USAID also provide an update on where this activity is in the design process, and any additional information such as project scope, timing, and award mechanism?
- b. Could USAID clarify whether it anticipates the scope of the Boresha Afya follow-on to substantially change from the current program? Does USAID anticipate the program will be open to both international and local partners? Could USAID confirm the mechanism of the follow-on?
- c. Could USAID provide an update on the technical scope, timing, and mechanism of its anticipated MNCH opportunity that it referenced in the prior quarter's Q&A?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The RMNCAH activity is not in addition to the anticipated Boresha Afya follow-on. It will replace the Boresha Afya Lake and Western Zone award. The activity is in the very early phase of the design process. As of today the target new award date is June 30, 2021. Information regarding scope and award mechanism is unavailable at this time.
- b. USAID is in the very early design phase of this mechanism and does not know if the scope will change substantially from the existing activity. The competition will be open to international and local organizations. The answers to the remaining questions are answered in part a. Of this response.

288. **Tanzania: New WASH Activity**
- a. Will the Tanzania WASH opportunity be released under Water and Development IDIQ (WADI) II or as a standalone proposal?
  - b. Is this designed to be a follow-on to WARIDI or a new activity?
  - c. Can USAID please identify if the technical components of the Tanzania 'New WASH Activity' will include aquaculture or water for agriculture?
  - d. What activities are anticipated under this opportunity?
  - e. Is USAID planning to release a draft scope of work for the Tanzania New WASH Activity? If so, could USAID kindly share the anticipated release date?
  - f. USAID/Tanzania recently added 'New WASH Activity' to the forecast. Can USAID please provide additional details about the anticipated scope of work for this activity, as well as if there is a geographic focus or restrictions on applicant eligibility?
  - g. Could USAID please clarify whether this activity is meant to continue the activities under the current WARIDI program? Does USAID anticipate a community health and/or SBCC component to this opportunity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. At this time USAID has not devised an acquisition strategy and as such, cannot answer this question.
- b. The anticipated design will not simply be a follow-on to WARIDI.
- c. At this time, USAID is unable to answer questions c. and d. because we are in the very early stages of the activity design.
- d. This information is unavailable at this time.
- e. Yes USAID/Tanzania releases drafts for all activities. We do not have an anticipated release date given where we are in the activity design process.
- f. USAID is unable to provide the answers at this time because we are in the very early stages of activity design and no decisions have been made.
- g. This is not meant to simply continue the activities under the current WARIDI program. We are unable to address plans for community health or SBCC components given the very early stages of the activity design phase.

289. **Tanzania: Boresha Afya**
- a. Will USAID please indicate the timing of the expected follow-on for the Tanzania Boresha Afya project in terms of an anticipated RFI release date, RFP release date, and/or start date?
  - b. In the FY20 Quarter 1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID/Tanzania stated there will be a follow-on to Boresha Afya and that it is in the pre-concept phase. Can USAID provide an update on where these activities are in the design process, and any additional information such as project scope(s), timing, and award mechanism(s)?
  - c. Will there be any eligibility restrictions?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID does not have anticipated release dates for the RFI. For the RMNCAH activity the target award date is June 30, 2021. For the TB/HIV activity the target award date is July 31, 2021.
- b. These activities are in very early stages and we will share information about scope and award mechanisms once decisions have been made internally.

c. We do not anticipate eligibility restrictions.

290. **Tanzania:** Improve Conservation of Marine Biodiversity in Tanzania

- a. Could USAID please provide more information about this activity? e.g. anticipated priority/focus areas, prior projects and outcomes this activity is expected to build on, solicitation mechanism, etc.
- b. Would USAID see scientific innovation that allows for better resource management as a priority for this activity?
- c. Is USAID planning to include a grant-making component in this activity?
- d. Does USAID intend to issue a RFI or draft program description for this activity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. At this time, USAID has not made any decisions regarding this planned activity.
- b. At this time, USAID is unable to answer this question given that we are in the very early stages of activity design.
- c. At this time, USAID has not made any decisions regarding a grant-making component.
- d. USAID/Tanzania will share draft requirements documents for all new activities as a baseline standard practice.

291. **Tanzania:** Vector Control Activity

- a. When does USAID anticipate awarding the Tanzania Vector Control Activity (TVCA) contract?

**USAID Response:** Middle of May 2020

292. **Tanzania:** PEPFAR

- a. Does USAID/Tanzania anticipate releasing any PEPFAR procurements in 2020, given the cancellations of the CSWSS and CCC-KVP solicitations? If so, could USAID provide any information, such as timing, scope, and award mechanism?

**USAID Response:** Several activities are in design, but it is currently too early to provide information. The business forecast will be updated as early as possible to provide all partners as much advance notice as possible.

293. **Tanzania:** Tanzania PS3 2.0

- a. A recent forecast update noted that PS3+ will now be released as a GSA Task/Delivery Order. Can USAID provide more detail on the specific mechanism that will be used to aid potential applicants in understanding eligibility?
- b. Can USAID/Tanzania provide an update on the release date for the Tanzania Public Sector System Strengthening Project (PS3+) and identify under which GSA schedule they anticipate releasing the RFQ?

**USAID Response:** USAID intends to issue the PS3+ award will be made under GSA Professional Services Schedule SINs 520 13 - Complementary Financial and Business Solutions, or 874-1 – Integrated Consulting Services. USAID intends to issue the RFQ to the selected GSA schedule holders by March 13, 2020.

294. **Tanzania:** Horticulture Activity for Tanzania

- a. Can USAID please provide more information about the TBD Horticulture Activity for Tanzania, specifically any information about the award/program description?
- b. Could USAID share the anticipated release date for the draft scope of work for the Tanzania TBD Horticulture Activity?
- c. Does USAID expect that this opportunity will have a nutrition sub-component?
- d. Would USAID please confirm that the release date remains 10/30/2020?
- e. Would USAID please provide more details about the anticipated scope of work, and/or confirm the target value chains?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID issued an RFI on FBO.GOV the week of March 2-6 that provides the information available at this time.
- b. USAID does not know the anticipated release date for the draft SOW at this time.
- c. The design is in the very early stages and as such we do not have answer regarding nutrition at this time.
- d. As of today, the release date is still 10/30/2020.
- e. USAID cannot provide more details at this time given the very early stages of the design process.

295. **Tanzania: Education portfolio**

- a. Since USAID/Tanzania has indicated there will not be a follow-on to the Tusome Pamoja project, can USAID share any further thinking on its education portfolio in Tanzania and whether there will be a new education activity?
- b. Could USAID provide more information on the timing, technical scope, and mechanism of any future education opportunities? – Question was asked before sources sought notice came out

**USAID Response:** There will be a new education activity that will be a follow-on to Tusome Pamoja that will be procured in the near future. USAID/Tanzania has recently issued a Sources Sought Notice on beta.sam.gov for Small Businesses to express their interest and share their capabilities. USAID is finalizing procurement documentation and anticipates using either GSA PSS, possibly for Small Businesses, or the Oasis SB Pool 1 for this procurement.

An additional activity is being planned for which design is starting this spring/summer and that USAID/Tanzania anticipates procuring in late FY 20 or early 21 to have it work in cooperation with the new education activity being procured soon. The activity will likely focus on policy work at the national level.

296. **Tanzania: Natural Resources Management Contract**

- a. Could USAID please clarify whether this is meant to be the follow-on to the PROTECT Project?
- b. Would USAID see scientific innovation that allows for better resource management as a priority for this activity?
- c. Will this activity include a grant-making component?
- d. Does USAID intend to issue a RFI or draft program description for this activity in advance of the solicitation?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes this will be a follow-on to PROTECT.
- b. USAID always welcomes scientific innovation. The priorities are laid out in the SOW and will be evident in the SOW and Section M of the final solicitation.
- c. Yes.
- d. USAID issued a draft months ago and received feedback.

297. **Tanzania:** Comprehensive Community Cascade for Epidemic Control Among Key and Vulnerable Populations (CCC-KVP)

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated timing, scope and contract mechanism for the Comprehensive Community Cascade for Epidemic Control Among Key and Vulnerable Populations (CCC-KVP) RFI released in 2018?

**USAID Response:** OGAC determined a standalone community based KVP mechanism of the type and nature planned in 2018 was not in line with PEPFAR priority strategies. For this reason it was removed from the forecast. We do not anticipate releasing a contract of this nature in the foreseeable future.

298. **Tanzania:** Financial Management Services

- a. Could USAID kindly provide updates on the status of the Financial Management Services procurement? Has the Mission decided to cancel this procurement?
- b. Is the Mission considering issuing this procurement as a task order under the PFM II IDIQ, and if so, will it be set aside for small businesses?
- c. Can USAID/Tanzania please clarify the anticipated release date, dollar value, and mechanism for the Tanzania Financial Management Services opportunity?

**USAID Response:** The USAID/Tanzania mission is still trying to determine whether these services are needed, and if so the scope of the services.

299. **Tajikistan:** Sustainable Agriculture and Land Tenure Activity:

- a. Does USAID plan to release this as an IDIQ as indicated on the forecast, or is it still anticipated to be a Request for Task Order Proposal under the STARR II IDIQ?
- b. When does USAID expect to release the Tajikistan SALT RFTOP?
- c. Will the new Activity be based on the draft SOW issued in September 2019?

**USAID Response:** USAID plans to release a Request for Task Order Proposal. All relevant information about this activity will be updated in the Business Forecast.

300. **Tajikistan:** Learn Together

- a. Does USAID have an updated anticipated solicitation release date for the Learn Together Tajikistan Activity?

**USAID Response:** The Business Forecast will be updated.

301. **Timor-Leste:** Is USAID expecting any other activities in East Timor?

**USAID Response:** All new activities in Timor-Leste for this fiscal year are listed in the Business Forecast.

302. **Timor-Leste:** Agriculture contract

- a. The current agriculture contract has been extended through September 2021. Can USAID/Timor-Leste provide an update on the timing of the solicitation of the follow-on?

**USAID Response:** The current agriculture contract is through September 2020 and is still under review for a potential extension through September 2021. New agricultural programming will be determined as the Mission completes its next five-year strategy this FY will be updated in the Business Forecast for Timor-Leste.

303. **Timor-Leste:** Expanding Governance Reform in Timor-Leste

- a. Expanding Governance Reform in Timor-Leste has been removed from USAID Business Forecast. Does USAID anticipate releasing this opportunity through PFM IDIQ II? If not, what is the award mechanism and what is the updated release date?

**USAID Response:** The mechanism of the Expanding Governance Reform will be finalized and updated in the business forecast. We do not anticipate procuring this activity within this fiscal year.

304. **Timor-Leste:** Strengthening Local Non-Government Organizations

- a. Can USAID provide the anticipated award date for the Timor-Leste Strengthening Local Non-Government Organizations activity?

**USAID Response:** The award date for the Timor-Leste Strengthening Local Non-Government Organizations activity is tentatively within March 2020.

305. **Tunisia:** Economic areas

- a. In a previous USAID Business Forecast Q&A, USAID indicated that there will be new solicitations focused on specific economic areas forthcoming in FY 2020 or FY 2021. Could USAID/Tunisia please confirm whether the Mission has any updates on their plans to release such solicitations in 2020, and if so, what mechanism, value, scope of work, and release date is anticipated for these solicitations?

**USAID Response:** Yes, please see the updated Business Forecast for Tunisia.

306. **Tunisia:** Are there any new opportunities for Tunisia currently foreseen?

**USAID Response:** Yes, please see the updated Business Forecast for Tunisia.

307. **Uganda:** There have been recent additions to the forecast announcing transition awards to local organizations, e.g. Local Transition Awards – JCRC:

- a. Could USAID please explain more about the intent of adding these to the forecast?  
b. Will this be a standard practice going forward?  
i. If so, could USAID please clarify the criteria used to determine whether a transition award will be included on the forecast?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The intent is to inform USAID/Uganda stakeholders of ongoing Mission activities.  
b. Yes, it will be a standard practice for USAID/Uganda. M/OAA's guidance is that any award over \$150,000 should be posted on the Forecast, but we would like to see all

opportunities posted -- so we can emphasize posting local awards moving forward.

308. **Uganda:** Not-For-Profit (PNFP) - Supply Chain

- a. Could USAID clarify if the USAID/Uganda – Not-For-Profit (PNFP) Supply Chain – Local Partner Procurement of HIV Commodities opportunity will only focus on procurement?

**USAID Response:** Yes, this activity will only focus on procurement.

309. **Uganda:** Financial Support Services to Improve Program Accountability and Oversight

- a. Can USAID please confirm that this opportunity is the same as the previously forecasted Accountability and Risk Management Support Services Activity?
- b. Is the Mission planning any market research to determine whether this could be a small-business set aside?

**USAID Response:**

- a. No. The Accountability and Risk Management Support Services Activity was canceled.
- b. Based on the market research conducted, the new BPA will be set aside for local entities in Uganda.

310. **Uganda:** Strengthening Systems and Public Accountability Activity

- a. Does USAID intend to issue an RFI or other pre-solicitation announcement?
- b. Is this a new requirement, or is there an incumbent activity?
- c. Financial Support Services to Improve Program Accountability and Oversight: Is the Mission still moving forward with this procurement, or has this been replaced by the release of ARMSS?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes. USAID Uganda will issue a pre-solicitation notice by the end of March 2020.
- b. This is a new requirement.
- c. ARMSS was canceled.

311. **Uganda:** Combatting Wildlife Crime Activity

- a. The Uganda Combatting Wildlife Crime activity has been removed from the forecast. Could USAID clarify if this has been awarded or canceled?

**USAID Response:** This Activity was not canceled. The Activity was removed from the Business Forecast after the period to receive applications closed.

312. **Uganda:** Institutional and Systems Strengthening Activity (ISSA)

- a. Would USAID please provide information on the timing for the anticipated Uganda Institutional and Systems Strengthening Activity (ISSA) procurement?
- b. Could USAID clarify whether Uganda ISSA will be a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?
- c. Would USAID please confirm that the release date remains 4/30/2020?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Please refer to the Business Forecast for the latest information on the procurement timing for this Activity.

- b. As stated in the Business Forecast this Activity is expected to be a contract
- c. Release dates have been changed, please refer to the Business Forecast for the latest information on the procurement timing for this Activity.

313. **Uganda:** Uganda Fleet Management for the Ministry of Health

- a. Can USAID confirm whether this will be a full and open or small business set aside?
- b. Can USAID confirm that this opportunity is still on track to be released 3/31/2020?

**USAID Response:** This will be a Full and Open competition procurement. This opportunity release date has been revised. Please check the Business Forecast for updates.

314. **Uganda:** Voluntary Family Planning for Improved Reproductive Health and Development (FP4HD) Activity

- a. When does USAID anticipate an award for the Uganda Family Planning (FP) bid from 2019?

**USAID Response:** This Opportunity was awarded and removed from the Business Forecast.

315. **Uganda:** Strategic Investment for Inclusive Development (SIID)

- a. Does USAID anticipate that the Uganda Strategic Investment for Inclusive Development (SIID) opportunity will be a full and open?
- b. Will it be a contract?
- c. Would USAID please confirm that the release date remains 4/30/2020?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes, this Activity will be procured through full-and-open competition.
- b. As stated in the Business Forecast this Activity is expected to be a contract.
- c. Please refer to the Business Forecast for the latest information on the procurement timing for this Activity.

316. **Uganda:** Facilitating Investment for Development Objectives Activity

- a. USAID/Uganda released an RFI for this opportunity on 8/02/18, however it does not currently appear on the forecast. Would USAID/Uganda provide an update on the contracting mechanism, dollar value, and anticipated release date for this opportunity?
- b. Would USAID please confirm the extent to which this procurement will be connected with agriculture and food security?

**USAID Response:**

- a. This Activity was renamed - the new name is Strategic Investment for Inclusive Development (SIID). This Activity seeks to mobilize financing for investment ("additional" financing which otherwise would not have occurred) in support of USAID/Uganda's targeted development objectives. Please refer to the Business Forecast for further details.
- b. This cannot be confirmed. The purpose of this activity is to facilitate commercial investments that achieve development objectives.

317. **Uganda:** Feed the Future

- a. Does USAID anticipate any new or follow-on agriculture/Feed the Future activities in FY20? This is not on the forecast so can USAID provide details around technical scope, mechanism and budget?

**USAID Response:**

- a. No. USAID/Uganda does not anticipate follow-on activities for the ending FtF activities.

318. **Ukraine:** State-owned Enterprise (SOE) Reform Activity

- a. Could USAID share whether an RFI is expected for this IDIQ opportunity?
- b. Can USAID confirm that the solicitation will not be delayed beyond the March 16, 2020 date currently stated in the forecast?
- c. What type of IDIQ mechanism does USAID envision using for the State-Owned Enterprise Reform Activity?

**USAID Response:** An RFI (RFI-121-19-000001) was posted for this opportunity on August 20, 2019. Please note the anticipated solicitation release date on the business forecast is April 17, 2020. USAID anticipates releasing a solicitation for a single award indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity contract.

319. **Ukraine:** Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning (MEL) Contract

- a. Can USAID give an update on when they expect this will be awarded?

**USAID Response:** This contract was awarded on March 2, 2020.

320. **Ukraine:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any new opportunities in Ukraine related to health in the next two fiscal years?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to monitor the business forecast.

321. **Vietnam:** Private Sector Competitiveness (IPS-C)

- a. Would USAID consider issuing an updated solicitation release and anticipated award date for Vietnam Improving Private Sector Competitiveness (IPS-C), which is currently listed for release on 2/28/2020.

**USAID Response:** The solicitation is expected to be published not later than March 13, 2020.

322. **Vietnam:** Vietnam Biodiversity Conservation Activity

- a. Could USAID/Vietnam please confirm that the Vietnam Biodiversity Conservation Activity is on track to be released on February 28, 2020?

**USAID Response:** The solicitation was published on February 28, 2020.

323. **Yemen:** Inclusive Peace and Political Transition Processes Strengthened (PPTP)

- a. This opportunity is no longer listed on the Business Forecast. Does USAID still anticipate its release?

**USAID Response:** This opportunity is no longer planned.

324. **Yemen: Continuous Learning and Evaluation activity**  
a. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated award date?

**USAID Response:** The evaluation is on-going. Offerors who have submitted proposals will hear back from the Contracting Officer in the coming weeks.

325. **Yemen: Economic Recovery and Livelihoods Project**  
a. The Economic Recovery and Livelihoods Project is currently listed with an Award/Action Type of "GSA Task/Delivery Order (GSA TO/DO)", and an Anticipated Solicitation Release Date of 20FEB (at the time of submission of questions). Does USAID anticipate any changes to the Award/Action Type, and are there any other expected changes to this opportunity?  
b. The forecasted Yemen Economic Recovery and Livelihoods opportunity is listed as a Task Order. Could USAID confirm which mechanism it will be issued under?  
c. The anticipated solicitation release date for the Yemen Economic Recovery and Livelihoods Project (ERLP) is listed as February 20, 2020. Given that this date has passed, can USAID provide an updated anticipated solicitation release date?

**USAID Response:**

- a. No changes are expected.
- b. This will be a GSA task order.
- c. The solicitation was released on February 28, 2020.

326. **Zambia: Family Health and Nutrition Activity (RMNCH)**  
a. Can USAID please confirm if this opportunity will be released on the 9th March 2020 as it was delayed several times prior.  
b. Can USAID/Zambia provide an update on the timing of the Family Health and Nutrition Activity?  
c. If the currently envisioned March 9 release date has lapsed, can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated solicitation release?

**USAID Response:** The Family Health and Nutrition Activity solicitation will not be released on March 9 as this date has passed. The new anticipated solicitation release date has been updated on the business forecast. The solicitation is nearing completion.

327. **Zambia: Service Delivery for Vulnerable Children and Adolescents**  
a. Can USAID provide any update when the Service Delivery for Vulnerable Children and Adolescents (SDVCA) will be awarded?

**USAID Response:** Prior to the end of this FY.

328. **Zambia: WASH Activities**  
a. Could USAID share if any WASH activities are anticipated this FY?  
b. Does USAID intend to release a follow on for the Zambia WASH Program?  
c. If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipating release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?

**USAID Response:** Possibly this FY, or early next FY. USAID/Zambia intends to issue a solicitation for wash activities this fiscal year, however, we do not have much information to share for now as it is within early design phase. We will update the business forecast once we have a better idea of our plans and timelines. Please keep checking the business forecast for updates on this activity.

329. **Zambia:** Local Impact Governance

- a. The name for this activity was recently changed from District Governance Strengthening to USAID Local Impact Governance. Could USAID please provide additional information as to any potential changes in the scope of this activity?
- b. Does USAID anticipate further delay in the release of Local Impact Governance (formerly District Governance Strengthening) in Zambia? If so, what is the updated anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** The solicitation has been released as of 3/13/2020.

330. **Zambia:** SARAI FP

- a. Does USAID anticipate re-bidding the SARAI FP program in the next 12 months? If so, will competition be restricted to local organizations?

**USAID Response:** SARAI will not be recometed. The Family Health and Nutrition Activity currently in design will have some components of work SARAI is/was implementing.

331. **Zambia:** Does USAID anticipate releasing a bilateral malaria activity for Zambia?

**USAID Response:** Yes

332. **Zambia:** Advancement of Malaria Outcomes (PAMO)

- a. Will USAID clarify timing and content for Zambia Program for the Advancement of Malaria Outcomes (PAMO) follow-on solicitation?
- b. Will USAID confirm the anticipated contract mechanism for the upcoming Zambia PAMO follow-on solicitation?
- c. In the FY20 Quarter 1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID/Zambia said that there will be a new bilateral malaria activity. Can USAID provide an update on this anticipated award, such as timing, scope, award mechanism, and if this will be a direct follow-on to the Program for Advancing Malaria Outcomes (PAMO)? If this will be a direct follow-on, does USAID anticipate a change in the PAMO focus districts and pre-elimination focus districts?
- d. Would USAID be able to provide an estimated timeline for the release of this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Zambia anticipates issuing the New Malaria (End Malaria Program Activity) opportunity/solicitation during the 3rd quarter of this fiscal year and has updated the business forecast. There is no additional information relating to whether it is a direct follow-on to PAMO or not to share at this moment as the Activity is currently in design. The mechanism type is yet to be determined. Please keep checking the business forecast for updates on this activity.

333. **Zambia: HIV Prevention for Key and Targeted Populations**
- a. Can USAID confirm if the anticipated "HIV Prevention for Key and Targeted Populations" opportunity is a follow-on to activities under the Z-CHPP program or if will be an entirely separate design? If separate, does USAID intend on re-bidding the Z-CHPP project?
  - b. We'd like to ask USAID to confirm the following information shared during previous Q&As regarding the HIV Prevention for Key and Targeted Populations opportunity is still applicable:
    - i. This bid will be restricted to local primes.
    - ii. There can be up to two awardees.
    - iii. There will be an RFI released before a full solicitation.

**USAID Response:** Confirmed the HIV prevention Activity will operate in the same space or implement components of work that was implemented by the Z-CHPP program. The activity will be restricted to local primes and there could be up to two awards and USAID intends to issue an RFI prior to issuance of the solicitation.

334. **Zambia: ZAM-Health**
- a. Can USAID/Zambia confirm whether the 'ZAM-Health' activity will be limited to local organizations?

**USAID Response:** This is yet to be decided.

335. **Zambia: G2G TA**
- a. Can USAID/Zambia please provide additional details on the anticipated social protection G2G TA award, including an anticipated release date? This was mentioned in the last Q&A but does not show up on the forecast.
  - b. Can USAID provide any update to the anticipated timeline for release of the social protection G2G TA opportunity? Can USAID provide any indication of its anticipated award ceiling and mechanism?

**USAID Response:** This is yet to be decided. A more comprehensive update will be within the next forecast.

336. **Zimbabwe: Zimbabwe Assistance Program in Malaria (ZAPIM)**
- a. Does USAID have a new anticipated release date for Zimbabwe Assistance Program in Malaria (ZAPIM)?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Zimbabwe anticipates posting an opportunity during the 4th quarter of the fiscal year and has updated the business forecast.

337. **Zimbabwe: Building Locally Owned, Self-Reliant, and Effective Private Sector Associations**
- a. Can USAID clarify the anticipated release of the resulting RFA?
  - b. Can USAID indicate the amount range that USAID is considering?
  - c. Could USAID provide information on the expected release date, award mechanism, and value of the anticipated Zimbabwe Building Locally Owned, Self-Reliant, and Effective Private Sector Associations Activity?

**USAID Response:** We are reviewing information received from the RFI and will update the business forecast if we anticipate any funding opportunities.

338. **Zimbabwe:** Feed the Future Zimbabwe project

- a. There was a Feed the Future Zimbabwe project on the forecast. It has disappeared. Has that been cancelled, procured differently, or will be reappearing?

**USAID Response:** The RFP was posted on November 27, 2019 and closed on January 17, 2020.

339. **Zimbabwe:** Zimbabwe HIV Care and Treatment (ZHCT)

- a. Does USAID anticipate re-bidding the Zimbabwe HIV Care and Treatment (ZHCT) project and attached DREAMS activities within the next 12 months? If so, will competition be restricted to local organizations?

**USAID Response:** We do not anticipate procuring an HIV Care and Treatment activity this fiscal year.

340. **Zimbabwe:** LocalWorks/Youth

- a. Will USAID formally add the upcoming LocalWorks/Youth opportunity to the business forecast with anticipated mechanism and funding levels included?
- b. Can USAID please clarify the expected timing and value of this activity?

**USAID Response:** We will update the business forecast once we have a better idea of our plans. We do not anticipate procuring these activities this fiscal year.