Resources for Implementing Partners

USAID Solicitation Methods

There are two types of Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) available to USAID:

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**PURPOSE**

- **RFA**
  - Used when the intent is to provide assistance for an activity or methodology that supports USAID’s Development Objective (DO).
  - USAID policy encourages AO’s to make available for receipt of applications for at least 60 calendar days.

- **APS**
  - Used when USAID intends to support a variety of creative approaches towards developing methodologies to assess and implement Development Objective (DO) activities.
  - When used, USAID will publish at least once a year, either with an open ended response date or a closing date of at least 6 months after issuance.