

## FY 2018, 2nd Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses

### Background

The Agency's 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. Broad Agency Announcements:** Recently, we have seen a large increase in the number of Operating Units utilizing the Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) mechanism for procurement. Could USAID please confirm that the BAA process can result in either a cooperative agreement or a contract, and that the eventual programmatic delivery is not limited to a specific mechanism.

**USAID Response:** USAID confirms that the BAA process can result in a contract, grant, cooperative agreement, memorandum of understanding, fixed amount award, or other type of agreement. Once an activity has made it through the different phases of a Broad Agency Announcement, the selection of instrument is made in accordance with ADS 304 based on the principal purpose of the award.

- 2. Broad Agency Announcements:** What has USAID learned from its growing use of the BAA mechanism? Does USAID intend to continue or increase its use of BAAs in future?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to consult with Missions and operating units as they use the BAA process to identify lessons learned, challenges, and best practices. We use this information to inform the need for co-creation workshop and other internal training through M/OAA's Acquisition and Assistance Lab. USAID will continue to use the BAA process when it is appropriate as one of many tools that help us build effective partnerships. More broadly, USAID hopes to increase the opportunities to collaborate, co-create, and co-design with our partners beyond BAAs in order to empower partners, improve stakeholder engagement, and forward innovative approaches.

- 3. Business Forecast:** Would USAID consider adding an eligibility category to the forecast in order to detail who is eligible to apply? This category would provide interested parties confirmation that there are no restrictions, or in cases where there are restrictions detail who is eligible (e.g. restricted to qualified U.S. colleges and universities, etc.)?

**USAID Response:** Thank you for this suggestion. As we look at future updates to the Business Forecast, we will consider adding this function.

- 4. Business Forecast:** Adding a "Watch" button to items on the business forecast allows people to be notified when there are changes to a particular item. USAID/OAA mentioned in the last forecast call that they would explore this as a possibility. Does USAID/OAA have any updates regarding if/when it will be possible to "Watch" items on the USAID Business Forecast?

**USAID Response:** USAID recognizes the value of such a "watch" function. We will continue to engage with M/CIO to explore adding this function to the Business Forecast. There are no additional updates at this time.

- 5. Business Forecast:** In both the FY2018, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter and the FY2017, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses, we appreciated USAID's commitment to direct staff to include the mechanism that is going to be used in the Award Description section for procurements forecasted as a Task Order/Delivery Order. In the last two Quarters, we have continued to see multiple procurements where the Business Forecast is only updated to provide this information within days of the actual solicitation release. This has been true particularly for recent Small Business Set Aside opportunities which have switched to a GSA schedule mechanism at or upon release after several months on the forecast. This has unexpectedly precluded some small business partners who had spent time and energy preparing to respond to these solicitations.

**USAID Response:** We will continue to emphasize with staff to have more timely updates to the forecast well before the solicitation is released.

- 6. Business Forecast:** Can USAID be more specific with the Forecast Status Change descriptions and limit the time the change description appears? Is a change description normally up for 3 months or until the next change occurs? It seems pretty common that forecast items may have as their Forecast Status Change as "New Opportunity Not Previously Forecasted" for over 3 months. We request again that USAID add the origination date for opportunities to the forecast to know for certain when they first appeared on the forecast.

**USAID Response:** Business Forecast Status Change descriptions remain until USAID staff changes the field. This field does not automatically update based on any specific time

period. We will continue to engage with M/CIO to explore adding the origin date as a field in the Business Forecast.

- 7. Business Forecast:** Please consider listing a project/activity as cancelled if it is removed from the USAID Business Forecast as per the example with the FY18 Q2 Business Forecast presentation of the Bureau for Food Security Technology and Commercialization Partnerships.

**USAID Response:** Our guidance to A&A staff is to keep cancelled opportunities on the Business Forecast for at least the following quarter before removing them. We will continue to reinforce this message.

- 8. Performance Work Statements:** Various USAID missions have started using a Performance Work Statement (PWS) mechanism as part of recently released RFPs, though the application and requirements of the mechanism differ between missions and RFPs. Does OAA have official guidance on the usage or format of PWSs beyond what is provided in FAR 37.602?

**USAID Response:** USAID has not released further official guidance. Offerors are encouraged to provide their comments to the CO before the solicitation closes.

- 9. Small Business Targets:** Given USAID's focus to meet or exceed small business targets for Bureau and Mission-based procurements, would USAID consider implementing 13 C.F.R. § 125.6 in the AIDAR, since a final rule has not yet been promulgated by the FAR Council and the SBA rule has been final for almost two years? Other agencies have done so in their own acquisition regulations, and the GAO has affirmed individual agencies' right to do so.

**USAID Response:** We do not have any plans to implement 13 C.F.R. § 125.6 in the AIDAR as it was not included on the Agency's Unified Agenda. Any new rules need to comply with the new regulatory requirements, which are very stringent. The FAR rule is currently with the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council (CAAC) Legal office. They are working to resolve comments on the regulatory cost analysis required by EO 13771. Once approved, it will be submitted to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). The rule is currently written as interim final, so it is best for us to wait until the FAR rule is published.

**10. Category Management:** The government-wide initiative on Category Management creates challenges for U.S. small businesses to work with USAID. Do you have any advice or input for small businesses with regards to Category Management?

**USAID Response:** While we agree that it is challenging for small businesses to participate on the Multiple Award Schedule, there are two Multiple Award Schedule IDIQs where USAID typically awards to small businesses. OASIS is a Best-in-Class IDIQ that we make many awards under, and the Professional Services Schedule (PSS), although not a Best In Class vehicle, it is considered Spend Under Management (SUM) and the Agency often awards to small businesses under this vehicle. Awards under either of these vehicles will further the Agency's Category Management goals.

**11. Solicitation Release Dates:** We have seen quite a few changes to anticipated solicitation release dates, moving the dates back. Is there a systemic issue that is causing these delays?

**USAID Response:** The forecast provides anticipated dates and not necessarily actual date which may change for various reasons.

## Washington Business Forecast Questions

1. **Africa:** Young African Leaders Initiative: Is USAID planning a follow-on activity?

**USAID Response:** At this time we do not intend to have a follow-on activity for YALI.

2. **BFS:** Does USAID still intend to develop an IDIQ mechanism that will support the new USG Global Food Security Strategy?

**USAID Response:** No, at this time USAID will not be developing an IDIQ mechanism to support GFSA.

3. **BFS:** Advancing Women's Empowerment Framework (AWEF)

- a. Is it USAID's intention to issue this RFP on April 9, under GSA Professional Service Schedule SIN 874-1?

**USAID Response:** Our intention is to release the RFQ for this activity as part of the GSA Professional Service Schedule SIN 874-1. The release date is still anticipated to be April 9, however the business forecast will be updated if that changes.

4. **BFS:** Feed the Future

- a. Can USAID provide a status update on the country-specific GFSS strategies for all 12 Feed the Future countries – Ghana, Honduras, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Guatemala and Nepal?

**USAID Response:** Country specific GFSS Strategies for Feed the Future countries will be posted to [www.feedthefuture.gov](http://www.feedthefuture.gov) on a rolling basis throughout the spring and summer of 2018, starting with Nepal.

5. **BFS:** Food Security Service Center Follow-on

- a. Is USAID planning for the Food Security Service Center Follow-On to be a total small business set-aside, as it was in its first iteration?

**USAID Response:** It is anticipated that the follow on to Food Security Service Center will be a total small business set-aside.

- b. Would the implementer of the Food Security Service Center contract be excluded from bidding on other Feed the Future opportunities?

**USAID Response:** No, the implementer of the FSSC follow on would not necessarily be excluded from bidding on other Feed the Future opportunities. There may be some opportunities that would be considered a conflict of interest for the implementer of the FSSC follow on, and the implementer would need to mitigate those during the Q&A period for any future solicitation, or determine if there is a conflict of interest that would make bidding on a future opportunity inappropriate.

**6. BFS: Food Systems IDIQ**

- a. Is there any additional information? Is BFS still planning on issuing this IDIQ at some point in the future?
- b. Is there more information on the Small business set-aside IDIQ?

**USAID Response:** USAID will not be moving forward with the Food Systems IDIQ.

**7. BFS: FTFIL: Capacity Development for Agriculture Innovation Systems**

- a. What is meant by innovation systems?

**USAID Response:** An agricultural innovation system is a complex network of actors (individuals and organizations) and supporting institutions and policies that generate and bring existing or new agricultural innovations (technologies, practices, and processes) into social and economic use.

- b. Will this be production only, or will it include processing and/or other value-add activities?

**USAID Response:** A capacity development for agricultural innovation systems approach places emphasis on the process to develop the skills or competencies (both scientific and non-scientific) required for the agricultural innovation system to perform effectively. Thus, this is broader than production only.

**8. BFS: FTFIL: Fish**

- a. Is the FTFIL: Fish opportunity the same as the Feed the Future Innovation Lab on Fish RFA, which came out on February 22nd?

**USAID Response:** Yes

**9. BFS: FTFIL: Grain Legumes**

- a. Can USAID provide a program description and an anticipated solicitation release date?

**USAID Response:** The program description will be available when the NFO is posted. The anticipated release date is April 1, 2018.

- b. Would USAID consider implementing this activity under a Leader with Associates Cooperative Agreement?

**USAID Response:** USAID is considering a Leader with Associates Award Cooperative Agreement.

**10. BFS: Knowledge, Data, Learning, and Training (KDLT)**

- a. Has a final decision been made regarding the anticipated solicitation date, contracting vehicle and/or set-aside mechanism?

**USAID Response:** At this time a final decision has not been made, as our market research has not yet been completed.

- b. Will this be used to support the Farmer-to-Farmer project?

**USAID Response:** It is possible that KDLT will be used to support certain aspects of the Farmer to Farmer project during implementation. The mechanism is intended to benefit all of the Bureau for Food Security and related programs.

- c. Is this a follow-on?

**USAID Response:** Yes this is a follow on to the Knowledge Driven Agricultural Development (KDAD) contract.

**11. BFS: Does USAID anticipate the release of a redesigned Agri-food Systems IDIQ following its removal from the Business Forecast in December? If so, when?**

**USAID Response:** No, USAID does not expect to release a re-design of the Agri-food Systems IDIQ opportunity.

**12. BFS: Africa LEAD**

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on?

**USAID Response:** Yes, we anticipate releasing a solicitation in FY 2019.

**13. DHCA: Will USAID be issuing a governance IDIQ and what is the anticipated release date? Will there be an accompanying APP?**

**USAID Response:** There is no plan for a Governance IDIQ.

**14. DHCA: Active Communities Effective States (ACES)**

- a. Recently USAID announced that ACES was removed from the business forecast as it is going through significant redesign considerations to most effectively program in this area. What is the status of the ACES IDIQ redesign effort?
- b. How many unrestricted and small business awards would USAID plan to make?

**USAID Response:** ACES redesign effort is still ongoing. The IDIQ will be a mix of large and small businesses.

**15. DHCA: Analytical Services IV**

- a. Does USAID have an updated anticipated award date?

**USAID Response:** Anticipated award date is September 30, 2018.

**16. DHCA: Empowerment and Inclusion Support Mechanism (EISM)**

- a. EISM is no longer on the Forecast. Could USAID confirm that it will be re-released and provide an anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** USAID plans to re-design EISM. At this time, a release date is not planned.

**17. DHCA: FEWS NET 7**

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the status of this procurement, including anticipated award date?

**USAID Response:** This procurement is currently in the evaluation stage. USAID anticipates awarding this procurement in calendar year 2018.

**18. DHCA: Global Reconciliation Fund**

- a. As USAID will be accepting applications for the FY18 round next month, could you provide an indication of when applicants to the FY17 Global Reconciliation Fund will be notified of the final outcome of their applications?

**USAID Response:** We anticipate FY 17 Global Reconciliation Fund applicants to be notified of final outcome in Spring 2018.

**19. DHCA: IT Solutions**

- a. This is a very board description. Can you provide something more specific in terms of what USAID will need such as cyber security, help desk etc.?

**USAID Response:** No, not at this time.

**20. DHCA: SWIFT IDIQ**

- a. What is the anticipated award date?

**USAID Response:** December 17, 2018 is the anticipated award date.

**21. E3: Has USAID E3 found the IDIQ mechanism a useful one and does it intend to continue to use this approach?**

**USAID Response:** IDIQ mechanisms are very useful if the circumstances are appropriate for their use. USAID will always consider the IDIQ mechanism as a viable option for procurement actions.

**22. E3: Analytics and Evaluation Services Contract**

- a. Does USAID anticipate a rebid?

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

**23. E3: Assistance to Basic Education Learn to Read Now (ABE LEARN) IDIQ**

- a. Does USAID anticipate and additional task orders under the Assistance to Basic Education Learn to Read Now (ABE LEARN) IDIQ?

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

**24. E3: The Cooperative Development Program**

- a. APS 7200AA 18APS 00002 states that USAID invites concept papers from: “1. A U.S. cooperative or an organization with substantial membership and/or financial links to recognized U.S. cooperatives and/or their associations; and 2. A demonstrated track record of not less than five years in the planning, management, monitoring, and evaluation of overseas cooperative development programs.” Is this opportunity restricted to US cooperatives or member based associations only, or can non-cooperatives also submit applications?

**USAID Response:** This APS is restricted to US-based cooperatives and non-cooperatives. In the case when the entity is not a registered cooperative, it needs to be a Cooperative Development Organization (CDO) defined as an organization with significant US cooperative membership or board representation through 1) participation or 2) financial resources.

**25. E3: E3ED Data and Evidence for Education Programs (DEEP)**

- a. Could USAID please confirm that the expected release date is still 3/16/2018?
- b. Is the solicitation still expected to be issued under the Professional Services Schedule, Business Consulting Solutions SIN 874 1

**USAID Response:** The Forecast has been updated with a new release date. The procurement will be issued under the Professional Services Schedule, Business Consulting Solutions SIN 874 1.

**26. E3: Leadership in Public Financial Management (LPFM III) Task Order**

- a. Will OEP release an RFI or Sources Sought to encourage small business participation before releasing the full RFP?
- b. Will this be released under the existing PFM mechanism or the new IDIQ?
- c. Does USAID have a target award date for the IDIQ before the task order release date of 6/29/2018?

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

**27. E3: Learning, Evaluation, and Analysis Project (LEAP) III IDIQ**

- a. What is the anticipated award date?

**USAID Response:** LEAP III is not an IDIQ award. No additional information is available at this time.

**28. E3: Making Cities Work IDIQ**

- a. Can USAID please provide a status update on the extension or replacement?

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

**29. E3: Public Financial Management (PFM) II IDIQ**

- a. Can USAID please update us on the Public Financial Management II IDIQ procurement. When are awards expected? If the timing of awards is uncertain or if there are some delays, can USAID please let us know what are the issues causing the delays?

**USAID Response:** Per the Business Forecast, USAID expects the anticipated award date in June 2018.

**30. E3: REPLACE IDIQ**

- a. Are there plans for a follow-on?

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

**31. E3: STARR II**

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the status of this procurement?

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

**32. E3: Volunteers for International Security and Prosperity (VISP)**

- a. Does USAID intend to issue addenda and/or extend the deadline before the August 29, 2018 APS deadline?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates issuing addenda in coming weeks. No decision has been made with regards to re-issuing the APS for an additional year.

**33. GH: Control and Elimination Project for Neglected Tropical Diseases (CEP-NTD)**

- a. Could USAID please provide guidance on how the scope of work will be divided across the 4 awards?

**USAID Response:** Awards for CEP-NTD will be divided into two Elements, that are geographically distinct. Each Element has two Sub-Elements. The Scope of Work for

each Element is identical, except for the countries anticipated to be supported through each Element.

- b. Will the CEP-NTD be geographically distinct as the END NTDs in Africa and Asia was?

**USAID Response:** Yes, CEP-NTD is divided into two Elements that are geographically distinct.

- c. Could USAID please confirm if each of the 4 procurements are to be in the \$300-\$499.99M range?

**USAID Response:** No, the combined total estimated cost for all awards under CEP-NTD will be \$500,000,000.

- d. Could USAID please provide an updated release date beyond the published 1/22/18?

**USAID Response:** CEP-NTD was published on Grants.gov on March 15, 2018.

- e. Can USAID kindly clarify the number of procurements it plans to issue? The forecast indicates that there will be 4, however, only 3 are listed.

**USAID Response:** USAID plans to award between 2 and 4 awards under CEP-NTD.

- f. Does USAID intend to post the Data Hub as a separate RFA as part of the four opportunities listed in the Forecast?

**USAID Response:** Subject to the availability of funds, USAID intends to award a separate award for the Neglected Tropical Diseases Data Hub, independent from CEP-NTDs.

**34. GH: Livelihood and Food Security Technical Assistance II (LIFT II)**

- a. Could USAID please confirm if there will be a follow-on activity?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not anticipate a follow-on award for LIFT II.

**35. GH: EQUIP**

- a. Could USAID please confirm if there will be a follow-on activity? Will there be a pre-solicitation?

**USAID Response:** USAID is designing a new project to support a range of activities currently covered by EQUIP and other central mechanisms. At this time, USAID does not anticipate releasing a pre-solicitation but is considering seeking input from partners.

**36. GH: Integrated Health Systems IDIQ**

- a. Could USAID please clarify if they will post an updated pre-solicitation document before the final anticipated IDIQ is released?

**USAID response:** The presolicitation notice was posted on FBO on March 7, 2018. We will post the Solicitation once our internal approval processes are completed.

- b. Is the South Africa activity mentioned in Solicitation 72067418RFA00001 Accelerating Program Achievements to Control the Epidemic (APACE) included? If not, could USAID please indicate under which opportunity it will be incorporated?

**USAID response:** This activity is not linked to the IHS IDIQ.

- c. Does USAID anticipate to make multiple awards of this TO totaling up to the amount listed? Will small business set-aside awardees be eligible to compete for this TO?

**USAID response:** The IHS IDIQ is a multiple award contract, including a small business reserve. The Central TO will be a single award. Small business are not precluded from any TO competition.

**37. GH: Knowledge for Health**

- a. Could USAID please confirm if there will be a follow-on activity?

**USAID Response:** A follow on activity for the Knowledge for Health (K4H) program is being considered and is in the design stage. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.

**38. GH: Linkages Across the Continuum of HIV Services for Key Populations Affected by HIV (LINKAGES) Project**

- a. Could USAID please confirm if there will be a follow-on activity? Will there be a pre-solicitation?

**USAID Response:** USAID is still discussing internally next steps for this activity.

**39. GH: Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP)**

- a. Could USAID please confirm if there will be a follow-on activity, and if so, will it be a Cooperative Agreement?

**USAID response:** A new program to address issues currently addressed through MCSP, as well as related maternal and child health issues addressed in other central mechanisms, such as Every Premie-SCALE and Ending Eclampsia, is still in design stage. It is too early to discuss the nature of the resulting procurements, including choice of instruments.

- b. Will there be an RFI or a pre-solicitation bidders' conference?

**USAID response:** On March 9th, USAID hosted a partners' meeting on "Improving Maternal and Child Health: Bending the Curve". The announcement for the meeting was posted on FBO and grants.gov.

- c. When does USAID anticipate issuing a solicitation?

**USAID response:** This program is still in design stage. Please review the business forecast updates.

**40. GH: MEASURE Evaluation**

- a. Could USAID give an update on the successor program to MEASURE Evaluation award?
- b. Can USAID clarify whether this is being designed as a follow-on to the MEASURE Evaluation Phase IV project ending in June 2019, or is it being designed as a new program?
- c. Can USAID provide more details on the anticipated date for the solicitation release?
- d. Can USAID provide more details on the potential scope?

**USAID Response:** USAID is currently discussing a future health information and data project. USAID will provide more details as they become available.

**41. GH: Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Activity (MSNA)**

- a. This contract has an anticipated award date of April 30, 2018. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated timeline for this award?

**USAID response:** There is no update on the anticipated award date at this time as USAID will try to complete the evaluation process by April 30.

**42. GH: Preparedness and Response**

- a. Does USAID intend to issue a follow-on?

**USAID Response:** USAID is currently designing the follow-on programs. Please monitor grants.gov and fbo.gov for updates in the coming months.

**43. GH: Strengthening High Impact Interventions for an AIDS-free Generation (AIDSFree) Project**

- a. Could USAID please confirm if there will be a follow-on activity? Will there be a pre-solicitation?

**USAID Response:** USAID is designing a new project to support a range of activities currently covered by AIDSFree and other central mechanisms. At this time, USAID does not anticipate releasing a pre-solicitation but is considering seeking input from partners.

**44. GH: Support for International Family Planning & Health Organizations II**

- a. Could USAID please confirm if there will be a follow-on activity?

**USAID Response:** A follow on activity for the SIFPO II program is being considered. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.

**45. GH: TASC4 Africa IQC**

- a. Could USAID please confirm if there will be a follow-on activity? Will there be a pre-solicitation? Will the TASC IQC mechanism be geographically distinct?

**USAID response:** A follow-on activity is not planned at this time.

**46. GH: YouthPower IDIQ**

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on? If so, please provide information on the anticipated schedule for the solicitation.

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

**47. GH:** Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention for Blinding Trachoma and Lymphatic Filariasis (MMDP)

- a. Could USAID please confirm if there will be a follow-on activity? Will there be a pre-solicitation?

**USAID Response:** USAID's NTD Program is evaluating its investment in the MMDP space with regard to current and upcoming global commitments and investments, while also taking into consideration the Program's portfolio transition, progress toward 2020 control and elimination goals, availability of funds, and Agency priorities. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast and grants.gov for further information.

**48. GH:** Challenge TB

- a. Could USAID please confirm if there will be a follow-on activity? Will there be a pre-solicitation?

**USAID Response:** USAID is currently re-designing portions of the TB portfolio. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast, grants.gov and fbo.gov.

**49. The Lab:** Please define the acronyms CDR, HESN, STIP and APS.

**USAID Response:** CDR is the U.S. Global Development Lab's Center for Development Research. HESN refers to the Higher Education Solutions Network, a partnership between USAID and seven top universities, designed to channel the ingenuity of university students, researchers, and faculty towards global development. STIP represents science, technology, innovation, and partnership. APS stands for Annual Program Statement, a type of solicitation published at least once a year that supports a variety of creative approaches.

**50. The Lab:** CDR/HESN: Mechanism #3- STIP APS-LAB/CDR Addendum on "Accelerating Local Potential"

- a. As the award is expected to be under \$1M, will LAB make this a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** No. Due to the type of funding for this action, eligibility is restricted to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). For purposes of the STIP APS, a higher education institution will be defined as follows, consistent with guidance provided by USAID/E3/Education: *“A tertiary education institution . . . is an organization that provides educational opportunities that build on secondary education, providing learning activities in specialized fields. It aims at learning at a high level of complexity and specialization. Tertiary education includes what is commonly understood as academic education but also includes advanced vocational or professional education. This may include public or private universities, colleges, research institutes, training institutes [including teacher training institutes], etc.”* Therefore, no businesses large or small, are eligible. An approved Justification to Restrict Eligibility is on record for this action.

**51. The Lab:** Global Development Alliance APS

- a. In last quarter’s Q&A, USAID stated that the current GDA APS would be extended sometime in December 2017 or January 18 (Question #44) but it has not yet been extended. Could USAID provide an update of the GDA APS for FY 18?

**USAID Response:** The Global Development Alliance (GDA) Annual Program Statement (APS) has been extended through March 8, 2019.

**52. Middle East:** Governance Integration for Stabilization and Resilience in MENA

- a. Could USAID please provide the specific name of the particular GSA schedule that this Task Order/Delivery order will be issued under?

**USAID Response:** It will be issued under OASIS Pool 1, unrestricted.

- b. What information can USAID provide about a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** There is no information at this time to provide.

**53. OFDA:** Leveraging Academic Partnerships in Operational Humanitarian Environments

- a. Why was this removed from the forecast? Will it be replaced by something else?

**USAID Response:** USAID decided not to go forward with the APS in FY 2018.

**54. PPL:** EVAL-ME IDIQ

- a. Does USAID anticipate a rebid?

**USAID Response:** This is still under consideration. The opportunity will be listed on the Business Forecast as soon as possible if there is a decision to recompile the requirement.

## Mission Business Forecast Questions

1. **Afghanistan:** Afghanistan Monitoring Evaluation Accountability and Learning Activity (AMELA)

- a. What is the anticipated award date?

**USAID Response:** Mission anticipates awarding AMELA contract latest by the third week of June.

2. **Bangladesh:** Are there any upcoming agricultural procurements anticipated in 2018?

**USAID Response:** Yes, and if appropriate, included in the Business Forecast as data becomes available.

3. **Bangladesh:** Promoting Advocacy Rights (PAR) Activity

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the status of this procurement?

**USAID Response:** USAID is currently conducting the evaluation of applications received.

4. **Bangladesh:** Read to Learn

- a. In the FY2018, 1st Quarter Business Forecast questions and responses, USAID stated that it intended to release a pre-solicitation notice for the Read to Learn activity in mid-February 2018. Does USAID still intend to release a pre-solicitation in advance of the April 15 anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** Yes, the intent to release a pre-solicitation document is confirmed.

- b. Can USAID please clarify if there will be a draft scope of work or pre-solicitation before the solicitation is released?

**USAID Response:** The intent to release a pre-solicitation document is confirmed.

- c. Does USAID intend to release the solicitation with an oral presentation component?

**USAID Response:** The evaluation criteria has not been determined yet, and will be outlined in the solicitation document.

5. **Burkina Faso:** Development Food Security Activities

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated timeline for release of the final RFA and CSI?

**USAID Response:** No information is available at this time. The forecast will be updated as information becomes available.

6. **Burma:** Community Strengthening Project

- a. Does USAID intend to release this RFP on March 19, 2018, as indicated on the forecast?

**USAID Response:** The RFP was posted on March 15, 2018

7. **Burma:** Economic Governance

- a. This has been removed from the Forecast. Can USAID provide an update?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Burma has not posted any planned Economic Governance activity in the FY 2018 business forecast.

8. **Burma:** HIV-AIDS Program

- a. Please provide any additional information, including the anticipated solicitation release date, and the Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Burma has not posted any planned HIV-AIDS Program in the FY 2018 business forecast.

9. **Cambodia:** Can you please confirm that USAID is not planning any new procurements in Cambodia?

**USAID Response:** The Mission does not have any opportunities to be listed at this time.

10. **Cambodia:** Are there any water projects anticipated in FY18?

**USAID Response:** This question is unclear. Please monitor the Business Forecast for any planned opportunities.

11. **Cambodia:** Greening Prey Lang

- a. Can USAID please provide an update?

**USAID Response:** This procurement is ongoing.

12. **Central Asia:** Is USAID/Central Asia planning future procurements that support and/or continue recent water resource and watershed management activities?

**USAID Response:** At this time USAID/Central Asia does not anticipate new water activities resource and watershed management activities.

13. **Central Asia:** Central Asia Media Activity

Could USAID provide any additional information on which countries will be targeted?

**USAID Response:** The Central Asia Media Activity will cover the five countries of the Central Asia region: Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyz Republic, and Turkmenistan. However, the activity will primarily focus on Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

14. **Central Asia:** Expanding Tuberculosis Identification, Treatment, and Prevention in Central Asia

Please provide any additional information, including the anticipated solicitation release date, and the Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Central Asia is currently seeking input on the design of a new Tuberculosis Identification, Treatment, and Prevention Program. The exact release date and estimated cost have not been determined at this time. The solicitation for this activity is currently planned to occur during USG FY 2019. USAID/Central Asia is planning to release a draft of the requirements for comment prior to issuing the full solicitation.

15. **Colombia:**

- a. Could USAID confirm whether any opportunities are anticipated to be released for Colombia following the 2018 parliamentary elections?

**USAID Response:** None that are not already included in the Business Forecast.

16. **Colombia:**

- a. Could USAID provide any information on the expected timing on any pre-solicitation or full solicitation release dates, as well as technical scope of these upcoming opportunities?

**USAID Response:** The USAID/Colombia Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Activity (MEL) synopsis is expected to be published in March or April, 2018, and the Solicitation early in the Third Quarter of 2018.

**17. Cote d'Ivoire:** Cote d'Ivoire Activity to Support Political Transition and Accountability

- a. Is USAID planning to release any additional opportunities related to this?

**USAID Response:** Yes. USAID/Cote d'Ivoire is planning to release one additional opportunity in early FY19, related to Political Transition and Accountability

**18. Democratic Republic of Congo:** Environmental Policy and Capacity Support Activity

- a. Can USAID please confirm that the anticipated release date of 4/16/2018?

**USAID Response:** The release date is updated on the forecast to 6/15/2018. This is only an estimated date and subject to change.

**19. Djibouti:** Early Grade Reading Project

- a. Does USAID plan to release a draft scope of work in advance of the RFP?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not plan to release a draft scope of work in advance of the RFP.

- b. Is this expected to focus on reading in the local language?

**USAID Response:** The Activity will be consistent with Goal One of USAID's global Education Strategy for 2011-2015.

**20. East Africa:** East Africa Trade and Investment Hub

Does USAID anticipate a follow-on?

**USAID Response:** Yes, however a decision has not been finalized.

**21. East Africa:** Regional Intergovernmental Organization (RIGO) Strengthening

- a. When does USAID anticipate making a procurement decision?

**USAID Response:** A procurement decision is anticipated 3rd quarter 2018.

22. **East Africa:** PREPARED

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not at this time anticipate a follow-on activity.

23. **East Africa:** Regional Environmental Strategy

- a. Does USAID/East Africa intend to add any anticipated solicitations to the Business Forecast in FY2018 in support of the East Africa Regional Environmental Strategy?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not anticipate adding any solicitations to the Business Forecast in FY2018 in support of the East Africa Regional Environmental Strategy at this time. Please continue to check the Business Forecast for any updates.

24. **Egypt:** Egypt Centers for Excellence

- a. Will the Mission assign specific Egyptian universities for this activity?

**USAID Response:** No. Mission will not assign specific Egyptian universities.

- b. Will it be full and open competition or will the eligibility be limited to higher education institutions?

**USAID Response:** USAID is considering limiting eligibility to U.S. higher education institutions.

- c. Does USAID anticipate awarding a single Center of Excellence for agriculture and another for energy, or will there be multiple centers for each sector?

**USAID Response:** USAID currently anticipates two awards: one to ag and water; the other to energy.

- d. Is the Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range (\$25M - \$49.99M) for each center or for all centers combined?

**USAID Response:** The estimated cost/range is per center.

25. **Egypt:** Economic Security, Regional Business and Trade Development Project

- a. What's the current incumbent or contractor fulfilling similar work?

**USAID Response:** There is not a current incumbent or contractor fulfilling similar work.

- b. To what extent, if any, will agricultural activities be a part of this program?

**USAID Response:** Agricultural activities are not anticipated to be part of this program.

26. **El Salvador:** Child Protection Activity

- a. Could you provide any information on the previously forecasted Child Protection Activity in El Salvador? It appears to no longer be on the forecast. Will it be postponed until a future quarter, or has the solicitation been cancelled?

**USAID Response:** This action is no longer forecasted because the Mission decided to cancel this activity as a result of less funding being available than anticipated. Therefore, the USAID Business Forecast was amended to reflect this change.

27. **El Salvador:** Citizens Security

- a. Can USAID confirm the solicitation release and award dates are still accurate?

**USAID Response:** The activity is still in the design phase and these dates will likely be shifted. Once the design has been finalized, the plan will be updated.

- b. Could USAID please provide the TO/DO IDIQ/IQC mechanism anticipated for this procurement?

**USAID Response:** USAID cannot provide that information at this time since the activity is still in the design phase. Once the design has been finalized, we will confirm the initial decision or make a change to the business forecast.

- c. Would USAID consider issuing it as a full and open procurement?

**USAID Response:** Yes, that is one of the approaches being considered in the design phase. Once the design has been finalized, we will confirm the initial decision or make a change to the business forecast.

- d. Does USAID plan to release an RFI or Pre-solicitation for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** This activity is still in design phase and USAID/El Salvador will take these options into consideration.

- e. Would USAID consider releasing this opportunity as a cooperative agreement or grant?

**USAID Response:** Yes, that is one of the approaches being considered in the design phase. Once the design has been finalized, we will confirm the initial decision or make a change to the business forecast.

- f. Does USAID anticipate an overlap between the technical scope of the current Crime and Violence Prevention Project II and this activity?

**USAID Response:** The possibility of an overlap is one of the elements being considered in the design phase.

**28. El Salvador:** Local Solutions Activity

- a. What is the anticipated award date?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated award date is July 2018.

**29. Ethiopia:** What procurement plans does USAID have for continuing resilience and economic development programming after July 2018?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ethiopia is currently in the process of updating its strategy and considering potential projects, including resilience. There is no further information that can be shared at this time.

**30. Ethiopia:** Pastoralist Areas of Resilience Improvement Through Market Expansion (PRIME II)

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the status of this solicitation?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ethiopia is in the process of updating its strategy and considering potential projects, including resilience. There is no further information that can be shared at this time.

b. Is USAID planning a follow-on?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ethiopia is in the process of updating its strategy and considering potential projects, including resilience. There is no further information that can be shared at this time.

31. **Georgia:** Does USAID plan to announce a solicitation for Democracy and Governance in Georgia? If so, when?

**USAID Response:** We do not have plans for a solicitation with clear timeline. We might have something in the fall.

32. **Georgia:** Economic Security Activity

a. Can USAID provide additional information regarding the possible inclusion of agricultural value chains?

**USAID Response:** We have not yet determined how or if to prescribe the sectors for this activity.

b. Does USAID still intend to release a pre-solicitation notice for this activity?

**USAID Response:** USAID will release a pre-solicitation notice for this activity. The Georgia Economic Security-Request for Information - RFI-114-17-000001 was posted on FBO.gov on February 22, 2017 and modified on March 30, 2017.

c. Is the contract still projected for 4/27/2018?

**USAID Response:** No, this date was anticipated as a Soliciatton release date.

33. **Ghana:** Does USAID/Ghana anticipate any new procurements in FY18 that are agriculture-related or Feed the Future-funded given the number of programs ending this fiscal year?

**USAID Response:** At this time, we are still in program design and we will update the business forecast with additional information accordingly.

34. **Ghana:** Ghana Energy Development Program (GEDP)

- a. Can you please clarify if this program has been canceled, changed, or delayed in some way Does USAID still intend to release a solicitation for this opportunity, and if so, when?

**USAID Response:** At this time, GEDP has been canceled and we will update the business forecast as any future energy activities are being developed.

- b. Is USAID expecting to release this opportunity as full and open?

**USAID Response:** See response to #34.

**35. Ghana: West Africa Municipal WASH**

Will the Ghana Mission consider a contract as most of this work would need to be continued by at least a quasi-private organization, e.g., water utility to be sustainable in the future?

**USAID Response:** The procurement strategy for West Africa Municipal WASH is still being considered. Please note that it will be issued from the West Africa Mission.

**36. Guatemala: Guatemala Biodiversity Project**

- a. Does USAID/Guatemala intend to issue the award on or around 3/30/2018?

**USAID Response:** The tentative award date is now end of April 2018.

**37. Guatemala: National Institution Strengthening for Accountable Governance**

- a. Does USAID anticipate any major changes to the draft SOW that was released earlier, or will USAID draft a new SOW?

**USAID Response:** The intention of USAID Guatemala is to basically maintain the current SOW; substantive changes might be needed if significant changes occur in the political environment.

**38. Guatemala: Nutrition, MCH and Family Planning**

- a. Could USAID provide an award description for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** USAID envisions a comprehensive health program to support the rapid scale up of local solutions and evidence based interventions in nutrition, maternal child health and family planning through improvement of service delivery and strengthening of the health system.

- b. How will this award complement the Partnering for Prosperity (P4P) APS?

**USAID Response:** While both awards might have a nutrition component, the APS is searching for innovative ideas and partnerships with the private sector, to include 1:1 leverage matching and collaboration in the co-design phase. We will not duplicate efforts.

39. **Guatemala:** Policy Education & Youth Project

- a. Can USAID please expand on the Scope of Work?

**USAID Response:**The purpose of this contract is to improve implementation of key policies to elevate the quality of early grade education and youth workforce development accessible to Guatemalan children and youth living in the Western Highlands.

- b. Could USAID confirm that “Total set-aside” for this opportunity means only small businesses are eligible to compete on this project?

**USAID Response:** Yes, only small businesses are eligible for this contract.

- c. Can USAID clarify if this project is a follow-on to a current award?

**USAID Response:** This is a new project; however, some of the policy education activities were previously implemented under AID-OAA-A-10-00067 (Palladium Group).

- d. Can USAID clarify if it intends to use the YouthPower IDIQ business set aside to procure this solicitation?

**USAID Response:** No, USAID/Guatemala will not use this IDIQ.

40. **Guatemala:** Sustainable Forest Management and Water Activity

- a. Does USAID have any more information regarding the anticipated Award/Action Type for this opportunity at this time?

**USAID Response:** We are still in the design phase.

- b. Would USAID consider releasing this opportunity as a cooperative agreement or grant?

**USAID Response:** Yes, currently we plan on an assistance award.

36. **Haiti:** Does USAID anticipate any new agriculture-related procurements in FY18?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Haiti does not anticipate any new agriculture-related procurements in FY18.

37. **Haiti:** Improving Governance in Haiti Initiative (IGHI)

- a. Can USAID confirm the scope of work and anticipated solicitation release date of 3/30/18?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates releasing a solicitation soon.

- b. Would USAID/Haiti please confirm that the estimated budget forecasted of \$10M-\$24.99M remains accurate?

**USAID Response:** The estimated budget remains accurate.

38. **Haiti:** Platform for Investment Mobilization

- a. Could USAID please provide an update on the choice of instrument? It is currently listed as TBD.

**USAID Response:** The A&A Plan has been updated to reflect USAID/Haiti's decision not to issue a solicitation for this activity.

- b. Could USAID please confirm the anticipated solicitation release date of 3/16/18?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Haiti does not anticipate issuing a solicitation for this activity.

39. **India:** New Forestry Design (Forestry 2.0)

The forecast indicates that India New Forestry Design (Forestry 2.0) was to have been released in December 2017. Can you provide more up to date information on this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** RFP will be released on April 04, 2018.

**40. India: Transforming Utilities to Embrace New Energy Future**

Can USAID confirm whether the anticipated solicitation release date of 2/26/2013 was included with a typo and if so, provide partners with the current anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** There is an upcoming award under APS# APS-386-16-000001 which was released on March 31, 2016 and is under Co-Design. The Business Forecast has been updated accordingly.

**41. Indonesia: Civil Society Initiative Support (CSI)**

- a. Can USAID please let us know what type of solicitation it intends to issue for this effort?

**USAID Response:** This activity is currently in design and the selection of instrument has not yet been determined. The Business Forecast will be updated when a determination has been made.

- b. In order to provide the benefits of time and cost savings to the government would USAID consider utilizing an existing mechanism for this effort, such as the Making Cities Work IDIQ contract?

**USAID Response:** This activity is currently in design and discussions are ongoing regarding the instrument selection.

- c. Does USAID envision this as a project for local groups? If the intended applicants include international organizations, can USAID share if this will be openly competed? If yes, will this be assistance or acquisition?

**USAID Response:** This activity is currently in the early stages of design and the selection of instrument has not yet been determined. The Business Forecast will be updated when additional information regarding the activity is available.

**42. Indonesia: Health Financing Activity**

- a. Can USAID please clarify the award type and if this will be a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates awarding a contract for Health Financing Activity. This activity is currently in design. The Mission will update Business Forecast when determination of small business set-aside is available.

43. **Indonesia:** Tuberculosis Private Sector Activity

- a. Can USAID please clarify the award type?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates awarding a contract for Tuberculosis Private Sector Activity.

44. **Jordan:** Is a new CDCS under development, or will the current CDCS be extended?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Jordan is currently awaiting further guidance from the USAID Bureau for Policy, Planning, and Learning (USAID/PPL) on how and when to proceed on the development of its next strategy. The current CDCS ends in 2019.

45. **Jordan:** Does USAID plan to release follow-ons or new procurements related to local enterprise support or workforce development in 2018?

**USAID Response:** USAID has no plan to release follow-ons or new procurements related to local enterprise support or workforce development in 2018.

46. **Jordan:** EDE - New Competitiveness Project

- a. Can the USAID/Jordan Mission provide more information in the details section of the EDE – New Competitiveness Project? Only the title of the opportunity appears in the description field.

**USAID Response:** There is no further information or description to be shared at this time.

- b. Is this a follow-on to a current award?

**USAID Response:** No, this is not a follow-on to a current award.

- c. Is this related to the Youth Workforce development contract opportunity that was cancelled last year?

**USAID Response:** No, it is not.

- d. To what extent, if any, will agricultural activities be a part of this program?

**USAID Response:** You may check USAID/Jordan website which discusses our strategy and the sectors that we work with.

**47. Jordan:** Energy Sector Follow-On Project:

- a. Is there an incumbent associated with this activity, and if so, did the incumbent perform this activity under an IDIQ mechanism?
- b. Would USAID/Jordan consider providing a description of this activity, and/or will a draft scope of work be published to FedBizOpps relative to this activity?

**USAID Response:** Please note that this action has been cancelled and taken out of the business forecast.

**48. Jordan:** Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Project (MELP)

- a. Can USAID confirm the anticipated release date of April 1?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Jordan will post the scope of work for pre-solicitation comments.

- b. Does USAID intend to utilize an existing mechanism for this procurement, such as the PPL M&E IDIQ, or does it intend to procure this opportunity through full and open competition?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not intend to procure this through an existing mechanism, but through a small business set-aside.

- c. What information can USAID provide about a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** Please watch for the draft solicitation to be posted before March 23, 2018. Additionally, there will be a pre-solicitation conference announced in the posting.

**49. Kenya:** Afya Jijini

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on to this current project? If so, what is the intended timeline for the solicitation?

**USAID Response:** A determination on a follow-on project has not been made at this time.

**50. Kenya:** HIV Private Sector in Kenya

- a. Can USAID provide any further information on what the USAID HIV Private Sector in Kenya Opportunity would entail?

**USAID Response:** We are in the design stage and have no further information to share at this point.

- b. Can USAID also confirm this is a national level program?

**USAID Response:** We have yet to determine the geographic scope of this activity.

51. **Kenya:** Kenya Investment Mechanism (KIM)

Could USAID please provide an update regarding the anticipated award schedule?

**Answer:** This solicitation is ongoing and still under review. Please refer to the Business Forecast for the current and any future updates to the status and /or anticipated award date.

52. **Kenya:** Kenya Strengthening Agriculture and Regional Resilience (STARR)

- a. The pre-solicitation notice for this opportunity states an RFP would have been released in January or February. Does USAID/Kenya have an update on this opportunity's anticipated solicitation release date, and will it appear on the USAID Business Forecast before its release?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Kenya anticipates the solicitation will be released in the 3rd quarter of FY2018.

53. **Kenya:** Kenya Tuberculosis Support Program

- a. Could the Mission provide any further updates on the selected mechanism?

**USAID Response:** USAID/KEA anticipates issuing a Cooperative Agreement. The Notice of Funding Opportunity is anticipated in the third quarter of FY 2018. USAID/KEA plans to restrict eligibility to local entities.

- b. Could the Mission provide an updated anticipated release date beyond the published 2/1/18?

**USAID Response:** The Notice of Funding Opportunity is anticipated in the third quarter of FY 2018. USAID/KEA plans to restrict eligibility to local entities.

- c. Does USAID Kenya plan to restrict eligibility for prime applicants only to local organizations?

**USAID Response:** USAID/KEA plans to restrict eligibility to local entities.

**54. Kyrgyz Republic:** Tuberculosis Control Program

- a. USAID released a Request for Information for the RFA RFI-72011518RFA00003, on March 1, 2018. This opportunity does not appear on the USAID Business Forecast. Can USAID provide information on anticipated solicitation Release Date, Estimate Cost, etc.?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Kyrgyz Republic is currently seeking input on the design of a new Tuberculosis Control Program. The exact release date and estimated cost have not been determined at this time. The funding opportunity release date for this activity is currently planned to occur during USG FY 2019.

**55. Laos:** Reading Readiness Activity

- a. Does USAID intend to release the Laos Reading Readiness Activity on April 12, 2018, as indicated on the forecast?

**USAID Response:** The date has been updated. USAID intends to issue the NFO by April 5, 2018.

- b. Does USAID intend to release a draft or RFI before the solicitation is released?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not plan to issue the RFI or a draft Program Description. However, we do plan to hold a pre-application conference in Laos on April 26, 2018 and anticipate allowing up to 45 days for application submissions.

**56. Laos:** Microenterprise Competitiveness Improvement Program

- a. Does USAID intend to release the Laos Microenterprise Competitiveness Improvement Program on April 12, 2018, as indicated on the forecast?

**USAID Response:** Yes, the planned release date is still on April 12. However, please periodically monitor the business forecast for any future changes.

- b. Does USAID intend to release a draft or RFI before the solicitation is released?

**USAID Response:** USAID currently does not intend to release a draft solicitation before Apr. 12, 2018. An RFI was posted on November 7, 2017 and can be found at: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=298448>.

- c. What is the geographic targeting?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates providing criteria for desired activity objectives in the notice of funding opportunity. Applicants will need to propose specific targeted areas with rationale for how those areas will best achieve the activity objectives and the results of their proposed program.

- d. Can USAID provide the rationale for their choice of a cooperative agreement as the procurement mechanism?

**USAID Response:** The selection of instrument of a cooperative agreement was determined based on the government's anticipated grantor-grantee relationship to support the implementation of the activity, and the expectation of substantial involvement with the recipient in carrying out the activity.

57. **Laos:** Trade and Investment Procurement

- a. To what extent, if any, will agricultural activities be a part of this program?

**USAID Response:** The sector(s) have not been determined/finalized. Agriculture or other services/value chains related to agriculture could be one of the sectors.

- b. What information can USAID provide about a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** A decision on a set-aside has not been determined/finalized at this moment.

58. **Lesotho:** Could USAID confirm if a second opportunity (aside from the posted "Karabo ea Bophelo" Activity for Lesotho) will be added to the forecast to cover biomedical prevention including VMMC and PREP for OVC and AGYW? If yes, could USAID confirm if Maseru will be a geographic focus under this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** At the moment, Karabo ea Bophelo is the only activity on the forecast for Lesotho. Please continue to monitor this site for future updates.

59. **Lesotho:** Karabo ea Bophelo

Would USAID prefer local organizations refrain from entering into exclusive partnerships with potential bidders?

**USAID Response:** Yes.

60. **Lesotho:** Lesotho HIV Combination Prevention and OVC Program

This opportunity has been dropped from the USAID business forecast. Does the Mission expect to re-forecast this opportunity? The release date was stated as o/a February 2018. Could the Mission provide an update on release timing?

**USAID Response:** Please note that the Lesotho HIV Combination Prevention and OVC program is the same activity as the Karabo ea Bophelo. The name was changed. The anticipated solicitation release date has been updated to May 2018.

61. **Liberia:** Are there any upcoming agricultural procurements anticipated in 2018?

**USAID Response:** No, not at this time.

62. **Liberia:** Are there any water projects anticipated in FY18?

**USAID Response:** Yes, there is one project expected to be solicited in FY 18 that will be updated to the Business Forecast shortly

63. **Liberia:** Phase 2 Beyond the Grid

- a. Can USAID provide and updates on the planned mechanism and release date?

**USAID Response:** The planned mechanism is a Fixed-Price contract. Hope to release the solicitation in April 2018

64. **Liberia:** Policy Dialogue Project

- a. Could USAID please confirm that the award is planned to be a new IDIQ contract, rather than a TO/DO under an existing IDIQ contract?

**USAID Response:** This award may be an individual contract or TO/DO under an existing IDIQ contract.

- b. Could USAID advise whether the expected solicitation release date is of 3/30/18 is accurate?

**USAID Response:** The expected solicitation release date has shifted to 4/30/18.

- c. Will the Mission consider making this a small-business set-aside or making this a stand-alone contract?

**USAID Response:** Yes, USAID considers small business set-asides in all procurements.

**65. Liberia:** Youth Cross-Cutting

- a. This opportunity is no longer on the forecast. Can USAID please provide an update on whether it still intends to release this opportunity, and what the likely timeline would be for an anticipated solicitation release?

**USAID Response:** This opportunity is in the early concept and market research planning stage. It is too early to predict a solicitation release date.

- b. Can USAID please confirm that this solicitation will be released as a cooperative agreement?

**USAID Response:** Information is not available at this time to determine the type of solicitation.

**66. Madagascar:** Site-Based Conversion (Mikajy)

- a. Would USAID please provide bidders with an update on the anticipated date of award for this procurement?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates an award for Mikajy in April 2018.

**67. Malawi:** Does USAID/Malawi anticipate releasing any health related activities over the next 12 months?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Malawi is currently undertaking portfolio performance reviews of its development assistance objectives. Determination for the need of new activities will be made based on the outcome of these reviews in line with the current Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). There is no stated timeline, but future planned activities will be announced through the business forecast, Federal Business Opportunities (acquisition) and/or Grants.gov (assistance opportunities), if any.

68. **Malawi:** Construction of Prefabricated Classrooms, and Latrines

- a. an USAID please clarify if this procurement is intended for local organizations?

**USAID Response:** This will be a competitive procurement utilizing full and open procurement procedures for qualified, responsible offerors. There are no competitive restrictions envisioned for this activity.

- b. Is this project strictly construction, or will it include technical assistance for WASH activities?

**USAID Response:** This is purely a construction activity. There are no technical assistance activities in the scope of this activity.

69. **Malawi:** Disability Activity

- a. This opportunity indicates a Task Order/Delivery Order (TO/DO) will be used as the award type. Could USAID clarify which IDIQ this opportunity will be released under?

**USAID Response:** The opportunity will be released under the Assistance to Basic Education Learn to Read Now (ABE LEARN), indefinite delivery-indefinite quantity contract.

- b. Can USAID further confirm the release date is anticipated for April 30, 2018?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Malawi anticipates releasing the request for task order proposal (RFTOP) between the end of April and mid-May 2018.

70. **Malawi:** VMMC

- a. This opportunity has dropped from the USAID Business Forecast. Does USAID expect to re-forecast this opportunity? Is it expected to be released under TASC4?

**USAID Response:** This activity is being acquired as a sole source Task Order (on a justification for exception to fair opportunity) under the Technical Assistance Support Contract 4, Africa (TASC4 AFRICA) Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract. Therefore, the opportunity has been removed from the Agency Business Forecast as it is no longer a competitive requirement.

71. **Mali:** Does USAID plan to solicit any additional Mali programming in the lead-up to the election cycles occurring later this year?

**USAID Response:** None is anticipated.

72. **Mali:** Are any upcoming agricultural procurements anticipated for Mali in 2018 and if so, could USAID please provide an anticipated solicitation release date?

**USAID Response:** At the moment, the new strategy for Agriculture and Economic Growth (AEG) is in development. It is unknown but unlikely that there will be any solicitation this calendar year.

73. **Mali:** Project Nutrition and Hygiene (PNH)

a. Can USAID please confirm if it intends to release a follow-on solicitation for the current USAID/Mali PNH projects during FY18?

**USAID Response:** At the moment, the new strategy for Health is in development. It is unknown but unlikely that there will be any solicitation this calendar year. No decisions have been made on follow-up to any current awards.

b. Can USAID please provide an update on whether a Mali/PNH solicitation would be seeking to continue with two awards, or only one award?

**USAID Response:** This is unknown as of this writing.

74. **Morocco:** Performance Evaluation of the Reading for Success (RFS) Project

a. Will this be solicited as a small business set aside?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Morocco is currently planning on releasing this solicitation as a small business set aside.

b. Can USAID provide more updates on this activity's scope of work since the RFI was released?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Morocco is currently finalizing the Statement of Work for this activity and hope to release the full solicitation shortly.

75. **Mozambique:** Coastal Communities Adaptation Program

- a. Is USAID planning a follow-on?

**USAID Response:** No, not at this time.

76. **Mozambique:** ECHO RFP

- a. Does USAID plan to release the pre-solicitation before March 30?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Mozambique plans to release a combined synopsis/solicitation between March 26th and April 6th, 2018.

77. **Namibia:** Namibia Prevention, Care and Treatment Activities

- a. When is the expected solicitation release date?

**USAID Response:** TBD, this is still in design and responses to the RFI were received on March 14, 2018.

- b. What type of organizations will be eligible to prime the opportunity?

**USAID Response:** TBD, this is still in design and responses to the RFI were received on March 14, 2018.

78. **Nepal:** Are there any upcoming agricultural procurements anticipated in 2018?

**USAID Response:** No at this time.

79. **Niger:** Development Food Security Activities

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated timeline for release of the final RFA and CSI?

**USAID Response:** No information is available at this time. The forecast will be updated as more information becomes available.

80. **Nigeria:** The forecast currently lists four opportunities for Nigeria to be released between March 30 and April 30. Could USAID please clarify which of these are the priority for release?

**USAID Response:** The priority procurements for release are the State to State Local Governance Project and the Agricultural Competitiveness and West Africa Trade Hub Project.

81. **Nigeria:** Agricultural Competitiveness and West Africa Trade Hub Project

- a. Does USAID anticipate an RFI, given the changes in the scope of work?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not anticipate an RFI, however the possibility of holding a Bidders Conference is under discussion.

- b. What is the anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated release date is May 31, 2018 and this will be reflected in the Business Forecast.

- c. Will this be a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** Although there is no small business set-aside, USAID encourages participation to the maximum extent possible of small businesses, in accordance with FAR Part 19.

- d. Would USAID please clarify the anticipated targeted countries and the anticipated relationship between Nigeria and the overall WATH program?

**USAID Response:** The target countries are within the West Africa sub-region and the project will be managed by USAID/Nigeria.

- e. If USAID does not plan to issue an RFI can USAID/Nigeria please provide an anticipated amount or range of the Competitiveness Fund currently described in the Forecast?

**USAID Response:** The competitiveness fund range is \$45-60 million.

- f. Can USAID please confirm that the anticipated release date of the RFP remains March 30th and/or provide an anticipated sequencing of the release of solicitations currently forecast for release on March 30th?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated release date is May 31, 2018 and this will be reflected in the Business Forecast.

**82. Nigeria: Agricultural Extension and Inputs Activity**

- a. Can USAID provide any information on this activity?

**USAID Response:** This activity is still in the design stages and the forecast will be updated as more information becomes available. The forecast provides estimates only.

**83. Nigeria: Rural Resilience**

- a. Can USAID confirm the RFA release date will be March 30, 2018?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated release date is now May 15, 2018 and this will be reflected in the Business Forecast.

- b. Can USAID give any indication of the extent to which nutrition, education, and child protection will be emphasized in the RFA?

**USAID Response:** Rural Resilience is still in the design stages and the forecast will be updated as more information becomes available.

- c. Does USAID anticipate releasing a draft scope of work or pre-solicitation Request for Information/Expression of Interest?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not anticipate releasing a draft scope of work or an RFI. However, the forecast will be updated as more information becomes available.

- d. Would USAID please clarify whether it will be a 4- or 5-year program?

**USAID Response:** Rural resilience will be a 5 yr. program.

**84. Nigeria: Social Services for AIDS-Affected Orphans, Vulnerable Children, and Adolescents**

- a. Could the Mission please confirm that the 4/30/18 date is still planned?

**USAID Response:** This date is likely to change, the forecast will be updated as more information becomes available.

b. Is the anticipated funded level still 100 million to 300 million US dollars?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated funding level is in the range of \$50-99 million and this will be reflected in the Business Forecast.

c. Could USAID please verify the number of awards?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated number of awards is two.

d. What is the anticipated mechanism?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated mechanism is Assistance.

e. Can USAID provide more information on the scope of work?

**USAID Response:** This activity is still in the design stages and the forecast will be updated as more information becomes available.

f. What types of organizations will be eligible to prime the opportunity?

**USAID Response:** The solicitation will be full and open.

g. Will USAID clarify the geographic focus of this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** The geographic focus is as follow, Lagos, Cross River, Akwa Ibom and Rivers State.

h. What is the anticipated month for the bidders' conference?

**USAID Response:** This is still to be determined.

85. **Nigeria:** State-to-State Local Governance Project

a. What is the anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated release date is April 30, 2018 and this will be reflected in the Business Forecast.

- b. USAID anticipating any major scope changes and, if so, will it consider releasing an updated draft SOW prior to the actual solicitation?

**USAID Response:** USAID is not anticipating any major scope changes and does not anticipate releasing a draft SOW.

- c. What information can USAID provide about a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** Although there is no small business set-aside, USAID encourages participation to the maximum extent possible of small businesses, in accordance with FAR Part 19.

86. **Pakistan:** Can you give an update of the USAID Pakistan country development strategy 2018-2023 – has it been finalized and published? How are you planning to consult with civil society stakeholders in this process?

**USAID Response:** The CDCS is still in its formative stages. Pending review and approval by USAID/W of its overall direction and content the Mission will begin a consultative process to engage stakeholders, eliciting their ideas and enlisting their support. We expect this process to begin in the coming months.

87. **Pakistan:** Are there any upcoming agricultural procurements anticipated in 2018?

**USAID Response:** No, there are no competitive procurements in Agriculture for FY 2018.

88. **Pakistan:** Capacity Development Services

- a. What is the anticipated award date?

**USAID Response:** The Mission anticipates making IDIQ awards in the March-April 2018 and small business award in the May-June 2018 timeframe.

89. **Pakistan:** Pakistan Youth Development Project (PYDP)

- a. The business forecast mentions the Pakistan Youth Development Project (PYDP). Is there more information available about the project at this stage?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation or Request for Information?
- c. What is the geographic targeting?

**USAID Response:** This project is still in very early phase of design at this point in time. We will share the information with all as it develops into some substantial and considerable form.

**90. Pakistan: Policy and Performance Support Mechanism (PESM)**

- a. What information can USAID provide about a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Pakistan welcomes participation from small businesses as either primes or subcontractors under this IQC or under subsequently issued Task Orders. The Mission is planning to issue a RFI to collect market research data about the interest and capabilities of all organizations (to include small businesses) for this activity. The Mission will update the Business Forecast with its determination.

**91. Pakistan: Training for Pakistan III**

- a. Does USAID intend to limit competition for this opportunity to small businesses? If so, will USAID only release the solicitation through the OASIS IDIQ?

**USAID Response:** The Mission is currently conducting Market Research and the decision on set-aside will be made based on the results of the Market Research.

- b. The anticipated award date for this program is February 28, 2019. The current Training for Pakistan program is scheduled to end in May 2018. Does USAID intend to extend the current program so that there will be an overlap with the new project?

**USAID Response:** The Mission is not considering extension to the existing Training for Pakistan award.

**92. Pakistan: Women's Economic Empowerment and Transformation (WEET)**

- a. There is no entry for this opportunity in the business forecast. Can USAID confirm this opportunity, including its anticipated RFP release date and procurement mechanism?

**USAID Response:** This activity is in planning stage. RFI for this activity was posted as part of market research. The A & A plan and business forecast will be updated once the planning stage is complete. This opportunity will be posted during 1st Qtr of FY19.

**93. Peru: Amazon Knowledge and Learning Platform**

- a. Can USAID please confirm that this is the new set release date?

**USAID Response:** The Business forecast has been updated to reflect the new release date. Anticipated solicitation date is August 15, 2018.

- b. Is USAID planning to release a pre-solicitation or draft scope of work in advance of the full solicitation?

**USAID Response:** No, USAID is not planning a pre-solicitation or draft scope of work

94. **Peru:** Transparent Accountable Public Investment (TAPI)

- a. Has USAID determined the intended mechanism for this project?

**USAID Response:** No, this has not been determined.

- b. Will there be an RFI?

**USAID Response:** It is not anticipated at this time.

- c. What information can USAID provide about a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** There is no information at this time.

- d. What is meant by a “transparency network” approach?

**USAID Response:**The description speaks of an “integrity network.” This is the concept of working with and through government institutions, civil society and private sector via four integrity nodes (control, transparency, social accountability and business) to improve corruption controls on select public investments.

- e. Is this a follow-on or otherwise related to ProDecentralization (PRODES)?

**USAID Response:** No, TAPI is not a follow-on. All activities at the Mission, especially in similar democracy and governance areas, may be related.

95. **Philippines:** Are there any upcoming agricultural procurements anticipated in 2018?

**USAID Response:** No, not at this time.

96. **Philippines:** Does USAID/Philippines have any health initiatives expected in FY18, including maternal, newborn, and child health projects, or Luzon Health follow-on?

**USAID Response:** Please refer to the Health Project Appraisal document for more information about USAID/Philippines planned health activities.

This document can be located at this link:

<https://www.usaid.gov/documents/1861/redacted-health-project-appraisal-document-2017-2022>.

Please also check the business forecast for updates on planned future health activities.

97. **Philippines:** Basic Education

a. Does USAID intend to release a draft or RFI before the solicitation is released?

**USAID Response:** To be determined. This activity is in the planning stage.

b. Can USAID please clarify what type of mechanism will be used?

**USAID Response:** To be determined. No choice of instrument has been approved.

c. If multiple awards are expected, will USAID expect the multiple awards to be organized by the two education outcomes: 1) improved early-grade reading skills (fluency and comprehension) of public elementary school students, and 2) basic education (foundational) and life skills enhanced in vulnerable youth? If not by these two outcomes, can USAID provide any updated expectation on how multiple awards may be organized?

**USAID Response:** To be determined. The activity is still in the planning stage and no decision has been made regarding number of awards.

d. Does USAID anticipate allocating equal weight and funding to the two outcomes, and if not, how will they be prioritized in terms of funding?

**USAID Response:** No decision has been made on the amount of funding for each mechanism or the number of mechanisms to be used.

98. **Philippines:** Marawi Program

- a. What is the funding mechanism for this activity?

**USAID Response:** This is to be determined.

99. **Philippines:** Mindanao Youth for Development (MYDev)

- a. Is USAID planning a follow-on workforce development activity?

**USAID Response:** Please see the redacted Basic Education Concept Paper (<https://www.usaid.gov/documents/1861/philippines-basic-education-project-2017-2022-redacted-concept-paper>) for additional information about our basic education priorities.

100. **Philippines:** PNG Biodiversity Program

- a. Is this a follow-on to a prior project? Is there an incumbent?

**USAID Response:** No. There is no prior project.

- b. What is the intended procurement mechanism?

**USAID Response:** To be determined.

- c. Does USAID envision postponing the PNG Biodiversity solicitation in light of the recent series of major earthquakes affecting the country?

**USAID Response:** No, not at this time.

101. **Philippines:** Strengthening Inclusive Education

- a. When will this solicitation be released?

**USAID Response:** Release of solicitation is anticipated in April 2018.

- b. Will this solicitation have a grants component?

**USAID Response:** To be determined.

102. **Philippines:** Water Activity

- a. Would USAID/Philippines be able to share any additional information regarding the Water Activity at this time, including anticipated scope of work, anticipated release date, and the anticipated Award/Action Type?

**USAID Response:** The activity is in the planning stage. The Business Forecast will be updated when new information becomes available.

- b. Will USAID be publishing a pre-solicitation notice/draft scope of work prior to RFP release?

**USAID Response:** To be determined.

**103.RDMA: Together**

- a. Will USAID please provide an Award Description and geographic focus?

**USAID Response:** As outlined in Section A of the NFO, through Together RDMA seeks to improve meaningful engagement among targeted stakeholders to reduce drivers of latent and violent conflict in Thailand. Activities benefitting Thailand's Deep South region will be prioritized, but not to the exclusion of issues of shared concern to the nation.

- b. Is USAID planning to issue a draft Request for Applications (RFA) prior to the full release?

**USAID Response:** A draft RFA was not issued for this activity. As detailed in the NFO posted to Grants.gov, an informational meeting will be held for this activity on April 10.

- c. Is the RFA timeline and release date of 3/22 still accurate?

**USAID Response:** RFA 72048618RFA00004 was released on March 16, 2018 ahead of schedule.

**104.Rwanda: Orora Wihaze**

Can USAID confirm if this procurement has been canceled?

**USAID Response:** Yes, this procurement has been canceled.

**105.Rwanda: Rwandan Health Service Delivery Activity**

- a. Can USAID please expand upon the scope of work?

**USAID Response:** Please be advised that the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Number: 72069618RFA00002 for the Rwanda Service Delivery Activity (RSDA) was posted on March 12, 2018 on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

**106.Senegal:** Agriculture Value Chain Services

- a. Does USAID intend to add a description of this upcoming opportunity to its USAID Business Forecast entry?

**USAID Response:** Yes, USAID plans to add a project description of this upcoming opportunity as soon as it is available. We anticipate doing so by mid-April, 2018.

- b. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation?

**USAID Response:** At the present time, USAID/Senegal does not plan on releasing a pre-solicitation.

- c. Will USAID require in the RFP that teaming arrangements between Offerors and local partners be non-exclusive?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Senegal is still in the design phase of this project, and a decision regarding an allowance/disallowance of exclusive local teaming arrangements has not been made.

- d. Can USAID provide an update on the scope of work?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Senegal is in the final stages of drafting the Statement of Work. As noted above, we expect to add a project description to the Business Forecast in mid-April 2018. Our current plans are to issue the solicitation by end of April, 2018.

**107.Sengal:** RISE II

- a. Can USAID please confirm if it intends RISE II to be released as one solicitation, or broken into several solicitations as follow-ons to the current RISE I activities such as REGIS-ER and REGIS-AG?

**USAID Response:** This is not yet determined. The RISE II activity is still in the design stage. The forecast will be updated as more information becomes available.

- b. Can USAID please confirm if it intends the RISE II solicitation(s) to be released before or after the USAID/FFP FY18 DFSA final RFA?

**USAID Response:** It is likely that additional RISE II solicitations may be released after the FY18 DFSA RFA, but that is not yet confirmed.

- c. Does the listing on the forecast excluded the Niger and Burkina Faso DFSA activities?

**USAID Response:** Yes. The listing on the Senegal RISE II forecast excludes DFSA activities for Burkina Faso and Niger.

- d. Could USAID please clarify whether this forecast entry indicates the release date for the revised technical paper, or for a solicitation for a specific opportunity under the RISE II program?

**USAID Response:** The date 04/01/2018 was an error --a new date has been entered. We anticipate that RISE II activity would involve more than one solicitation. The forecast will be updated as more information becomes available.

- e. Can USAID please confirm whether this will be issued as a cooperative agreement?

**USAID Response:** This is not yet determined. The RISE II activity is still in the design stage. The forecast will be updated as more information becomes available.

**108.Senegal:** Rule of Law Policy Reform Project

- a. Please clarify the award type for the Senegal Rule of Law Policy Reform Project that is expected to be released on June 1.

**USAID Response:** Decision on type of award is yet to be finalized.

**109.Senegal:** Sahel Resilience Learning Project (SAREL)

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on, and if so, will it be competed through full and open competition? Also, what would be the anticipated timeline?

**USAID Response:** This is not yet determined.

**110.Serbia:** Government Accountability Initiative Activity

- a. What information can USAID provide about a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** This procurement was awarded on 02/06/2018 and was removed from the A&A plan on 03/26/2018.

**111.Somalia:** New Somalia Education Activity

- a. Is the April 18, 2018, release date for the RFI or the live RFP?

**USAID Response:** The solicitation for this opportunity is currently being finalized and will be released as soon as possible. It is unlikely, however, that this will occur on/before April 18. No RFI is currently planned.

- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing a draft SOW in advance of releasing the full procurement?

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

- c. Can USAID confirm the design is complete and this date of release is accurate?

**USAID Response:** Please see the response to item a above.

- d. Will the opportunity be funded in this fiscal year?

**USAID Response:** Please see the response to item a above.

- e. Is this expected to be a basic education activity?

**USAID Response:** Yes

**112.Somalia:** Strengthening Somali Governance (SSG)

- a. Does USAID plan to release a follow-on to this project? If so, what is the timeline for a solicitation?

**USAID Response:** No follow-on is anticipated at this time.

**113.Somalia:** Support for International Family Planning and Health Organizations

- a. Does USAID plan to release a follow-on to this project? If so, what is the timeline for a solicitation?

**USAID Response:** No follow-on is anticipated at this time.

**114. South Africa:** “TBD” HIV Care/Treatment and OVC Opportunities

- a. Can USAID please clarify if these “TBD” opportunities are still anticipated, or if they have already been released?

**USAID Response:** The Requests for Application for the two South Africa opportunities referenced: Accelerating Program Achievements to Control the Epidemic in South Africa and Preventing HIV/AIDS in Vulnerable Populations in South Africa were released on November 7 and December 4 respectively. Both RFAs are now closed and the applications received are currently under evaluation for award.

**115. Sudan:** Are any procurements planned for (North) Sudan in 2018?

**USAID Response:** The Mission anticipates issuing an Annual Program Statement (APS) targeted towards civil society.

**116. Tajikistan:** Agribusiness Competitiveness Activity

- a. Is the anticipated June 30, 2018 award date still accurate?

**USAID Response:** Yes, this is still accurate.

**117. Tanzania:** Malaria Bednet Delivery

- a. Does USAID anticipate this activity including a behavior change component?

**USAID Response:** At this time, USAID does not anticipate a behavior change component, however, we are still finalizing the draft statement of work and intend to consult widely so that may change.

**118. Tanzania:** Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Support Activity (MSNA)

- a. Could USAID please confirm a date for the anticipated MSNA bidders conference?

**USAID Response:** USAID is unable to confirm a date at this time. We will post announcements on Grants.gov once we have final plans.

- b. Could the Mission provide any information on how this country-specific MSNA is different to the global MSNA that is under evaluation?

**USAID Response:** Both align to the USAID global nutrition strategy, but are different activities. USAID plans to formally change the name of this activity to mitigate against this confusion.

- c. Could the Mission provide any updates on the expected mechanism?

**USAID Response:** USAID will update the forecast as soon as it has additional, close-to final information.

- d. Will this to be focused on capacity building, and is it at the government level or at the village level?

**USAID Response:** USAID shared a draft PD that outlines the expectations of USAID some time ago. It should be accessible on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

- e. What is the funding amount?

**USAID Response:** USAID is unable to provide more information beyond what has already been shared on the forecast and on grants.gov when the draft position description was posted at this time.

- f. Given the end date for the Mwanza Bora project, is there an anticipated formal handover between the current implementer and a potential new implementer of MSNA?

**USAID Response:** It is possible that a formal handover may happen; however, there are several factors that will impact whether that is feasible.

- g. Are infrastructure investments expected?

**USAID Response:** No.

- h. What is the envisaged scope of WASH activities?

**USAID Response:** Emphasis will be on promotion of sanitation and hygiene using simple available technologies. Also, the Mission envisions a strong integration between Improved Nutrition for Better Life with the existing flagship WASH "WARIDI" activity.

**119.Uganda:** Does USAID/Uganda anticipate any new procurements in FY18 that are agriculture-related or Feed the Future-funded given the number of programs ending this fiscal year?

**USAID Response:** Discussions for any possible new procurements in these areas are still in the early design phase. If the mission decides to move forward, updates will appear in the business forecast.

**120.Uganda:** Is USAID/Uganda planning further activities that support biodiversity conservation now that recent work under cooperative agreements have come to a close? Will there be bridge activities leading up to new procurements?

**USAID Response:** Decisions have not been made regarding further such activities. If the mission decides to move forward, updates will appear in the business forecast.

**121.Uganda:** Previous forecast Q&As have indicated that USAID is planning on procuring follow-on awards to the following projects: STRIDES for Family Health, Community Connector, and Strengthening Uganda's Systems for Treating AIDS Nationally (SUSTAIN). Could USAID please confirm the following details on these activities?

**USAID Response:** No additional information is available at this time. The Mission will update the Forecast as information becomes available.

**122.Uganda:** Organizational Development Activity

a. What is the anticipated award date?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated award date is 05/30/2018.

**123.Uganda:** Private Health Support Program

a. Will there be a follow-on, and if not, will it be rolled into UHSS?

**USAID Response:** Some elements of the Private Health Support Program will be rolled into UHSS. There will be no follow-on award to the Private Health Support Program.

**124. Uganda:** Strengthening Citizens' Engagement in Elections (SCENE)

- a. Does USAID intend to issue an expanded scope of work?

**USAID Response:** This is a local organization set-aside cooperative agreement type of award. The NOFO is expected to be released by 04/13/2018.

**125. Uganda:** Uganda Health Systems Strengthening (UHSS)

- a. What is the anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated solicitation release date is 03/30/2018.

**126. Ukraine:** Economic Resilience Activity

- a. To what extent, if any, will agricultural activities be a part of this program?

**USAID Response:** Please review the draft Statement of Work for the Ukraine Economic Resilience Activity which was posted on [www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov) under Request for Information (RFI) # RFI-121-18-000001.

Here is the link:

[https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&tab=core&id=09552c8e5da921a38edfb6d4cd77b0a0&\\_cvview=0](https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&tab=core&id=09552c8e5da921a38edfb6d4cd77b0a0&_cvview=0).

**127. Vietnam:** Can USAID confirm whether any global health opportunities are anticipated to be released for Vietnam during FY 2018 in addition to the local SI follow-on?

**USAID Response:** At this time, we only have the SI follow-on for FY 2018.

**128. Vietnam:** Forests and Deltas Initiative

- a. Is USAID/Vietnam planning a follow-on?

**USAID Response:** No decision has been made at this time.

**129. Vietnam:** Local SI Follow On

- a. Could the Mission provide any information on whether this follow-on activity will be restricted to local organizations? Could the Mission please confirm that the 2/28/18 release date is still planned?

**USAID Response:** This will be restricted to local organizations and the release date is incorrect. The release will likely be in April/May.

**130. West Africa:** West Africa Municipal WASH

- a. Has the award type (cooperative agreement/contract) been chosen for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** The procurement strategy for West Africa Municipal WASH is still being considered.

- b. Would USAID/West Africa please confirm the anticipated date of release of 5/16/2018?

**USAID Response:** This is still the anticipated release date. The business forecast will be updated if this date should change.

- c. Will there be a water and/or sanitation infrastructure component to this project?

**USAID Response:** The procurement strategy for West Africa Municipal WASH is still being considered.

- d. Will USAID release a pre-solicitation or draft scope of work in advance?

**USAID Response:** The procurement strategy for West Africa Municipal WASH is still being considered; however, if released, it will be done on FBO.gov and/or Grants.gov.

**131. West Africa:** West Africa Trade and Investment Hub (WATIH)

- a. Will USAID release a concept note or pre-solicitation notice before issuing an RFP for this procurement to allow potential bidders to better understand how AG Compete and WATIH will be intertwined? Will the AG Compete Fund be open to all ECOWAS/WATIH countries or exclusive to Nigeria?

**USAID Response:** This procurement is being managed by the USAID/Nigeria Mission. Please refer to the answers to similar questions under this Mission.

**132. West Bank/Gaza:** Facilitating Access for Sustainable Trade Revenue and Commerce (FASTRAC)

- a. What information can USAID provide about a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** FASTRAC is not a small business set-aside; this has been updated in the Business Forecast.

**133. West Bank/Gaza: Gaza Household WASH Activity**

- a. Can the USAID/West Bank Gaza Mission provide information in the detail field for the Gaza Household WASH Activity?

**USAID Response:** Yes, the Business Forecast has been updated to provide details.

- b. Is this opportunity distinct from the “Multiple Water System Task Orders?” If so, is a NOFO expected to be released in FY18?

**USAID Response:** Yes, it is distinct from the Water Systems Task Orders. As indicated in the Business Forecast, we anticipate posting the NOFO in Mid-March.

- c. Is there an incumbent?

**USAID Response:** No, this is a new activity.

**134. West Bank/Gaza: Global Competencies**

- a. Does the Mission anticipate a similar process to the Positive Youth Engagement RFA?

**USAID Response:** No, we envision that the Global-C will be a traditional RFA with written applications only.

- b. Does the Mission still anticipate March 16<sup>th</sup> for the solicitation release date?

**USAID Response:** No, the business Forecast has been updated to reflect March 30, 2018.

- c. Does it aim to cover East Jerusalem, West Bank, and Gaza?

**USAID Response:** The activity will be implemented in the West Bank.

- d. Is there an incumbent?

**USAID Response:** No, this is a new activity.

**135. West Bank/Gaza: Multiple Water Systems Task Orders**

- a. Which IDIQ does this fall under?

**USAID Response:** The Multiple Water Systems Task Orders will fall under the Building Foundations IDIQ -- a WBG Mission-based IDIQ.

- b. Will the task orders be for Gaza only?

**USAID Response:** The task orders are still in design and once the type and quantity are decided the Mission will issue more details.

**136. Yemen: Yemen Communities Together**

- a. Can a prime contractor (without a current project in Yemen) be considered an eligible applicant if they partner with an organization with current presence in Yemen?

**USAID Response:** As noted on the APS-72027918APS00002 synopsis recently released on Grants.gov, "All applicants must be physically present in Yemen or have current active projects in Yemen and/or formed partnerships or alliances with an organization(s) physically present in or have current projects in Yemen. Organizations must be able to successfully obtain permits and access to work in Yemen."

**137. Zambia:** Could USAID/Zambia confirm whether it intends to issue an OVC solicitation over the next 12 months? It is our understanding that both the Community Rising and Zambia Rising programs end in FY18. If a new award is anticipated, could USAID/Zambia please explain how it would complement ZAMFAM activities?

**USAID Response:** USAID Zambia is currently finalizing our social protection strategies and potential procurement's that may come from the strategy. We will continue to update interested parties through the Business Forecast.

**138. Zambia: Evidence for Health**

- a. Does the Mission intend to issue another RFI or pre-solicitation before the RFP release?

**USAID Response:** No, the Mission is currently completing the solicitation.

- b. Could the Mission please confirm that the 3/1/18 release date is still planned?

**USAID Response:** The Business Forecast will be updated to reflect April 30, 2018.

- c. USAID indicated that Evidence for Health implementers with access to proprietary information could be ineligible for certain future opportunities in Zambia. Could USAID elaborate on what type of information would be considered proprietary?

**USAID Response:** This information will be furnished through the solicitation.

- 139.Zimbabwe:** Is USAID planning to release any opportunities in Zimbabwe, beyond the Advancing Accountability and Rights in Zimbabwe (AARZ) project?

**USAID Response:** At this time, there are no plans to release additional opportunities. If this changes, it will be posted on the business forecast.

- 140.Zimbabwe:** Advancing Accountability and Rights in Zimbabwe (AARZ) Second Round

- a. Is the anticipated funding specific to this call or does it represent total funding available under the APS? If the latter, can USAID provide an estimate of funding available for individual programs under Round 2?

**USAID Response:** This represents the total amount for the APS. The Business Forecast has been updated to reflect the estimated amount of funding available for Round Two, which is \$2 million.

- 141.Zimbabwe:** BAA Addendum 2 - Cervical Cancer Screening

- a. Will international organizations be eligible to apply for this?

**USAID Response:** Yes, it is open to all organizations.

- b. Will this be research-focused or clinical service delivery-focused?

**USAID Response:** The current plan is for this to be focused on clinical service delivery.

- 142.Zimbabwe:** Biomedical HIV Prevention for Epidemic Control (BPEC)

- a. Is there potential for further funding reductions on this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** Budgets are determined annually as part of PEPFAR budgeting and federal appropriations processes. The total estimated budget is only an estimate and is subject to decrease or increase according to availability of funds.

- b. Does USAID still plan to release the RFA on 04/20/2018?

**USAID Response:** USAID still plans to release the RFA on or around 4/20/2018.

- c. Will the focus be on national, provincial and district level?

**USAID Response:** The focus is primarily on PEPFAR scale up districts; however there is also scope for national and provincial level assistance.

- d. What types of organizations will be eligible to prime the opportunity?

**USAID Response:** This opportunity is open to all organizations.