

FY 2019, 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. **Small Business:** Can USAID share the countries that have small business targets for 2019? Could you also share the target percentages?

USAID Response: The Agency is finalizing its internal small business goaling process. We have not finalized the list of additional Missions for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 phase of the Mission Small Business Goaling program. We were slowed down by the lapse in appropriations, as well as by deteriorating security situations in countries we had proposed to participate in the program. We're hopeful that we'll finalize negotiations very soon. The Agency's FY 2019 prime small business goal is 12.50 percent and the subcontracting goal is 15.50 percent. The socio-economic programs' prime and subcontracting goals are: small disadvantaged, 5 percent; woman-owned, 5 percent; service-disabled-veteran-owned, 3 percent; and Historically Underutilized Business Zone, 3 percent.

2. **Business Forecast:** As more solicitations seem geared toward local organizations only as a prime, would USAID consider a searchable field noting that a particular opportunity is restricted to local organizations (similar to the Small Business Set-Aside field)?

USAID Response: We can certainly explore that possibility. However, please be mindful though depending on the activity that it doesn't necessarily mean that a local would not consider subawards to U.S. organizations.

3. **Business Forecast:** We have noticed that in some instances USAID includes in brackets the IDIQ mechanism planned for TO/Dos. This information is key for bidders, as it has a high impact on teaming and bid/no-bid decisions. Can USAID please consistently mention the IDIQ mechanism in brackets next to the opportunity name?

USAID Response: We will continue to communicate to our staff the importance of including the IDIQ mechanism for planned TO/DOs. If information is missing on the specific IDIQ, please feel free to e-mail the Contracting Officer or e-mail businessforecast@usaid.gov.

4. **Business Forecast:** The CIO's office has never been represented on the business forecast? It uses the GSA schedule exclusively for its business requirements. What steps can USAID take do seek participation of the CIO's office on the forecast to include GSA schedule requirements?

USAID Response: M/CIO potential solicitations should and will appear on the Business Forecast. Please continue to check the Forecast in the future.

5. **Selection of Instrument:** Has USAID considered expanding the use and applicability of BAAs to other aspects of agency procurement operations?

USAID Response: Broad Agency Announcements are only used for research and development purposes, as outlined in the FAR. The Agency is seeking to expand the use of co-creation and collaboration in its procurements, but it will not be expanding the use of BAAs.

6. **Program Design:** Several solicitations recently issued contain differing methodologies for two-stage processes that include oral presentations by bidder key personnel. What best practices or lessons learned has USAID gathered from past use of oral presentations that can be shared with implementing partners?

USAID Response: The Agency is reviewing and discussing its best practices around multi-step procurements. The new A&A Strategy highlights these as an approach that the Agency will prioritize. As the Agency develops best practices and guidance, we look forward to engaging with our partners.

7. **Partner Resources:** In the past, USAID provided a list of IDIQ holders at: <https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/resources-for-partners/usaid-partners>. Recently on this site, the implementing partners (IPs) are no longer listed, despite a reference to them that remains (“Provided in the link below for your reference is a current list of USAID IDIQs and the organizations that are associated with each IDIQs”). Has there been a policy change or is this simply an oversight? Would USAID please publish a list of IDIQs/IQCs with the current holders? Will USAID consider publishing a list of Task Order IPs by IDIQ?

USAID Response: At one time USAID did publish the partners associated with each IDIQ, however this is no longer the practice. The information on the page was in error and has been changed. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

8. **Business Forecast:** There have been a high number of RFIs and Sources Sought published by USAID in the last few months which are not on the forecast. The forecast, as a result, is increasingly incomplete. Could USAID please consider requiring RFIs and Sources Sought opportunities to be listed on the forecast to help potential bidders better plan?

USAID Response: Similar to our Business Forecast, Requests for Information and Sources Sought Notices are used to inform our partners of upcoming USAID funding opportunities. These upcoming funding opportunities are included on the Business Forecast.

9. **Selection of Instrument:** We are seeing various “Collaborative Agreements” opportunities in the Forecast. Can USAID please provide further guidance on this contracting mechanism, its rationale for use, and how it differs from the other mechanisms commonly used by USAID?

USAID Response: The formal term “Collaboration Agreement” was developed when the Agency initiated public-private alliances and launched the Global Development Alliance (GDA) over a decade ago. It was a new tool created at that time to reach out to non-traditional private sector partners. It historically was not used frequently.

- 10. Business Forecast:** Can USAID add the origination date for opportunities to the forecast to know for certain when they first appeared and if they are new opportunities not previously forecasted?

USAID Response: This suggestion will be taken under advisement. USAID is continuously seeking to improve the content and use of the Business Forecast. Upgrades will be made as time and resources allow.

- 11. Business Forecast:** We noted that at least 18 opportunities were added to the Business Forecast that have anticipated solicitation release dates in March 2019 – representing 30% of all those listed. Such a high concentration of opportunities in such a short time frame could provide a distinct advantage to only very large businesses being able to respond. This could potentially reduce the number, diversity, and/or quality of proposal response submissions for USAID consideration and selection. While we recognize the reality of procurement timeline constraints, we respectfully request that USAID review, and as feasible, consider spreading out the solicitation releases across a broader timeframe.

USAID Response: We appreciate this issue and will continue to encourage our staff to update and maintain the Business Forecast with the most realistic and up-to-date information possible, including anticipated solicitation and award dates.

- 12. Category Management:** Can USAID clarify its Category Management targets for 2019? And can USAID share any intended use of OASIS this year, particularly as OASIS Pool 1 Small Business is currently held up in protest?

USAID Response: USAID's category management targets include increasing Best-in-Class (BIC) spend to 40 percent of addressable spend, or \$84.7 million and increasing SUM to 75 percent, or \$3.7 billion. There are no specific targets set by USAID regarding selection of a specific BIC solutions. As USAID has and continues to leverage OASIS and OASIS SB it is likely they will be continued to be considered in the future.

- 13. Business Forecast:** Can USAID discuss what impact, if any, the recent government shutdown may have had or will have on USAID/Washington's and USAID Missions' FY2019 procurement goals and schedule for release of new opportunities?

USAID Response: Naturally, there is some impact in regard to catching up on timelines and schedules especially trying to prioritize the most immediate needs coming out of the shutdown. There is clearly robust activities going forward since that time, and we expect continual increases to workload and updating opportunities. In addition to prioritizing immediate funding needs and administrative approvals, there has been a good number of upcoming competitive actions moving through the SOAR review process over the last several weeks.

- 14. Business Forecast:** When this is a TO/DO or GSA schedule, would USAID include in the description the specific mechanism? While in some cases, this can be obvious, in others, it is less clear.

USAID Response: We will continue to communicate to our staff the importance of including the IDIQ mechanism for planned TO/DOs. If information is missing on the specific IDIQ, please feel free to e-mail the Contracting Officer or e-mail businessforecast@usaid.gov.

15. Business Forecast: Does USAID have any plans underway for new participant training programming, whether as standalone projects or IQC/IDIQ?

USAID Response: The current Business Forecast does not include any upcoming participant training programs.

Washington Business Forecast Questions

1. **AFR:** BAA for Sustainable Development in Sub-Saharan Africa

- a. Does USAID plan to release any addenda?

USAID Response: We don't anticipate releasing any addenda at this time.

2. **BFS:** Partnerships and Market Systems Activity (PMSA)

- a. An RFI was released in November 2018, but this opportunity is not currently listed in the forecast. When does USAID anticipate releasing an RFP for this activity?

USAID Response: The opportunity is listed in the forecast as Market Systems and Partnerships. USAID hopes to release the solicitation by April 8, 2019.

- b. Could USAID provide an update on its anticipated release date, estimated value range, and award/action type?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date is by April 8, 2019. This is likely to be issued on FBO and unlikely to be solicited through one of the GSA Schedules. The estimated value range listed on the business forecast is between \$50 million and \$99.99 million.

- c. Does USAID intend to release this opportunity under full and open competition?

USAID Response: USAID is still analyzing the market research for this opportunity and has not made a decision as it relates to full and open competition vs. a small business set-aside.

3. **BFS:** Knowledge, Data, Learning & Training (KDLT)

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated award date for this solicitation?

USAID Response: The contract was awarded on March 12, 2019, with an effective start date of March 13, 2019.

4. **DCHA:** Active Communities - Effective States (ACES) APS

- a. Can USAID offer any further updates or clarification about the mechanism and anticipated process?

USAID Response: USAID is still working to post the APS on the Grants.gov as soon as possible.

- b. Can USAID please verify that the total estimated amount range for the APS for the Active Communities - Effective States (ACES) is \$100-299.99 million?

USAID Response: The TEC range in the forecast is correct.

- c. Does USAID still intend to release it in Q2 or later in the fiscal year?

USAID Response: Yes, that is the plan so far; if and when that changes we will update the business forecast accordingly.

- d. Can USAID provide information about how the APS for the Active Communities - Effective States (ACES) opportunity will differ from the Active Communities - Effective States (ACES) IDIQ submitted in October 2018

USAID Response: The primary difference between the ACES IDIQ and the ACES APS is that the former will be a set of contracts (acquisition) while the latter will be cooperative agreements (assistance or grants). The kind of activities that can be implemented under either will be similar.

When USAID decides to implement an activity, one of the first decisions we have to make is whether we should use a contract or a grant. For example, depending on the project design, a local governance project could be implemented either as a contract or a grant. By having both an IDIQ (contracts) and an APS (grants), our missions and other USAID operating units will be able to choose the mechanism that best fits their needs.

5. **DCHA:** Analytical Services IV IDIQ

- a. Would USAID be able to provide an update to the anticipated award date?

USAID Response: USAID anticipate making an awarding within the second quarter (Q2) of the FY19.

6. **DCHA:** ATScale: A Global Partnership for Assistive Technology

- a. Can USAID provide more information on the anticipated solicitation release date for this opportunity as it was not included on the forecast?

USAID Response: This is a Request for Information (RFI) issued for the purpose of obtaining information from interested parties regarding the potential design process of a coordinating body to accelerate access to assistive technology (AT). The Government does not intend to award a contract or assistance agreement on the basis of this RFI.

7. **DCHA:** Democracy Indicators Surveying

- a. Could USAID confirm the award/action type and the small business set-aside status, if known?

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

8. **DCHA:** Development Food Security Activity

- a. Since the draft RFA for Madagascar and Malawi had already been released at the time the Q&As were published, please confirm that USAID's response indicated the anticipated timing of the final RFA. Is the 3rd quarter of FY19 still the expected timeframe for release? Is this true not only for Madagascar and Malawi, but for Kenya, as well?

USAID Response: Yes, the response was for the release of the final RFA for Malawi and Madagascar, and the final RFA for Kenya. As indicated before, the response was for either Q3 of FY19 (April-June).

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

- a. Does USAID have a target by which this IDIQ will be awarded?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates awarding the FEWS NET 7 IDIQ in the 3rd

Quarter of Fiscal Year 2019.

- b. Would USAID please provide details on the anticipated timing and scope of any future task orders under the FEWS NET 7 IDIQ?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates releasing future task orders shortly following the award of the FEWS NET 7 IDIQ

10. DCHA: Global Reconciliation Fund

- a. Could USAID please share which countries are being considered for the FY19 Global Reconciliation Fund opportunity?

USAID Response: The list of countries is still being determined. We will update the forecast once the information becomes available.

- b. When does USAID intend to release this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID anticipate releasing this opportunity in the second quarter (Q2) of the FY19.

- c. When will USAID notify bidders of results from the 2018 Reconciliation Fund procurement

USAID Response: USAID will notify bidders of the results of the 2018 Reconciliation Fund once the Step Two Review has been completed.

11. DCHA: OTI M&E

- a. Will this be released in Q2 or Q3 of FY 2019?

USAID Response: USAID released OTI M&E to IDIQ holders under the EVAL-ME IDIQ in Q2 of FY 2019.

12. DCHA: Strengthening Democratic Foundations

- a. Could USAID provide more information on the award/action type, if known? Might this opportunity be released under the EPT LWA?

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

13. DCHA: SWIFT V IDIQ

- a. Can USAID clarify the anticipated award date?

USAID Response: USAID is unable to predict an exact award date. We estimating award date Q3 of FY 2019.

14. E3: Advancing Basic Education: Access for All IDIQ

- a. When does USAID plan to release a follow-on activity? If so, can USAID provide anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

- b. Will there be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: See response above.

15. E3: Advancing Basic Education: All Children Reading IDIQ

- a. When does USAID plan to release a follow-on activity? If so, can USAID provide anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

- b. Will there be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: See response above.

16. E3: ADVANTAGE IDIQ

- a. When does USAID plan to release an RFP for a follow-on activity?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

- b. What type of procurement mechanism (e.g., RFP, RFA, GSA Schedule) has USAID decided to use for the follow-on to activity?

USAID Response: See response above.

- c. Has there been any consideration of making the follow-on activity a Women Owned Small Business (WOSB) set-aside?

USAID Response: See response above.

- d. What other GENDEV procurements are expected in FY2019?

USAID Response: Please refer to the Business Forecast for upcoming procurements.

17. E3: Fiscal Accountability and Sustainable Trader (FAST)

- a. No change is listed under the forecast. What has changed in the award information?

USAID Response: Changes have been made to the A&A plan which should be reflected in the forecast.

18. E3: HCID IDIQ

- a. Does USAID intend to re-bid the HICD IDIQ? If yes, what is the anticipated release date for the HICD IDIQ re-bid?

USAID Response: There is no intent to issue another HICD IDIQ at this time.

19. E3: REPLACE IDIQ

- a. Will there be a follow-on to this IDIQ?

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

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

- a. This APS was extended until August 2019. Does USAID anticipate that this APS will be extended another year until August 2020? Are there any planned addenda

there going to be issued under this mechanism?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

21. E3: Water and Development (WADI) IQC

- a. Is USAID planning to create a WADI II IDIQ? If so, is there any information you can share, such as when can we expect to see a presolicitation for WADI II?

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

22. GH: Could USAID provide an update on when additional information will be available regarding its plans for designing integrated projects that encompass E2A, APC, PAC-FP, and Fistula

USAID Response: Additional information will be available with the MOMENTUM solicitation.

23. GH: Control and Elimination Project for Neglected Tropical Diseases (CEP-NTDs)

- a. Would USAID kindly provide updated information on the **Data Analytics Center project** referenced in the recent CEP-NTD solicitation and RFI, including size and scope of the program, as well as whether it will be full and open competition, and if an RFI will be released prior to an RFA?

USAID Response: USAID's NTD Division is evaluating the need for a Data Analytics Center to support CEP-NTD/Act to End NTDs. Please continue to monitor USAID's Business Forecast in the coming months for updated information.

24. GH: ENVISION

- a. The ENVISION Cooperative Agreement is publicly set to expire on September 30, 2019. Is USAID planning to release a follow-on activity? If not, are the objectives of ENVISION expected to be accomplished through a different activity?

USAID Response: The follow-on awards to ENVISION were competed and awarded under the CEP-NTD solicitation 7200AA18RFA00010 in 2018.

25. GH: Human Resources for Health (HRH2030)

- a. If so, does USAID anticipate issuing an RFI before the full solicitation?

USAID Response: At this time USAID has not made any determinations regarding this potential award.

- b. Has there been a determination on whether it will be an acquisition or assistance mechanism and if it will be single or multiple award?

USAID Response: USAID has not made any determinations regarding this potential award.

26. GH: Innovations for Medicines Quality Assurance (iMQA)

- a. When searching for the iMQA in the Forecast, two nearly identical opportunities come up; would USAID please clarify if there will be two distinct opportunities or if there will be a single, unified iMQA opportunity?

USAID Response: The MQASSP APS will have two different technical areas - PQM+ and iMQA, which will be competed through multiple rounds of concept paper requests. PQM+ will be competed during the first round, which is expected to be issued in the next couple weeks. USAID currently expects the issuance of one or two subsequent rounds for iMQA, starting in the 4th quarter of the Fiscal Year.

27. GH: Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention (MMDP) Project

- a. Is USAID planning a follow-on? If so, will USAID release an RFI prior to competing an RFA? When would the RFA be released?

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 monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and the Business forecast for updates.

28. GH: Medicines Quality Assurance Systems Strengthening Program (MQASSP)

- a. Could USAID please provide the expected start date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: Please see the response to Question 25 for the expected solicitation dates. Please monitor the Business Forecast for any updates.

29. GH: MOMENTUM

- a. Does USAID have an updated release date?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates that the solicitation will be posted in the spring/early summer of 2019.

- b. Does “suite of multiple awards” mean it is a program with multiple mechanisms similar to the epidemic control program with TMEC, RCAY, ASAP, and DFI as separate activities? Or does it indicate a single multiple award mechanism?

USAID Response: MOMENTUM will have multiple awards.

- c. can USAID share additional information about how the 3 anticipated awards might focus thematically, geographically and technically?

USAID Response: The number of awards has not yet been determined. Unfortunately, we cannot share additional information.

- d. Is MOMENTUM anticipated to be the follow-on for MCSP as referenced in the December 2018 Q&A, or is it a follow-on to the larger grouping of E2A, APC, and Fistula??

USAID Response: MOMENTUM encompasses multiple existing awards in MCH and PRH.

- e. Will USAID share what the percentages of resources are from the Office of Population and Reproductive Health and from the Office of Maternal and Child

Health and Nutrition?

USAID Response: MOMENTUM is an integrated program. Additional information will be forthcoming with the solicitation.

30. GH: Reaching Targeted Children and Youth with PEPFAR-Specified Services in USAID PEPFAR Programs (RCAY)

- a. Could USAID please provide the expected start date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: At this time, it is anticipated that the start date will be April 15, 2019.

31. GH: Sustaining Health Outcomes through the Private Sector (SHOPS) Plus

- a. Does USAID intend to issue a follow on? If so, does USAID anticipate issuing an RFI before the full solicitation?

USAID Response: A determination has not been made.

- b. Has there been a determination on whether it will be an acquisition or assistance mechanism and if it will be single or multiple award?

USAID Response: A determination has not been made.

32. GH: Technical Assistance Support Contract 4 Information and Communications for Health (TASC 4-ICT)

- a. COULD USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: USAID does not plan to recompute the TASC requirement at this time. Please monitor USAID's business forecast for any updates.

33. GH: Translating Data for Implementation (DFI)

- a. Could USAID please provide the expected start date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: At this time, it is anticipated that the award date will be on or before April 15, 2019

34. GH: Tuberculosis Implementation Framework Agreement (TIFA)

- a. Would USAID please confirm if there will be a global technical assistance TB solicitation that will work with the TIFA and LON/TB projects?

USAID Response:USAID is evaluating the requirement. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast.

- b. What is the difference between TIFA and LON/TB? Will there be additional RFPs to complement these two opportunities?

USAID Response: TIFA and LON are two separate components of the Global Accelerator to End TB that aim to increase commitment and capacity in USAID TB priority countries on their journey to self-reliance. Only local

non-governmental organizations can apply for LON. See the solicitation for more information. TIFA is focused more on direct support and partnerships with local governments. While TIFA and LON are both key components of the Accelerator, they are only two pieces of a wide portfolio that includes various mechanisms to end TB.

35. GH: Preparedness & Response (P&R)

- a. Is USAID planning to release a follow-on activity? If not, are the objectives of P&R expected to be accomplished through a different activity?

USAID Response: USAID does not plan to release a follow-on activity after the Preparedness & Response Project has concluded and will not include the objectives of P&R in any new activity.

36. GH: Support for International Family Planning Organizations 2 (SIFPO2)

- a. USAID previously indicated that there would be a new private sector award following the end of SIFPO2. Could USAID share any additional information about its plans for this anticipated award?

USAID Response: USAID is still planning to issue a new private sector award.

37. GH: YouthPower IDIQ

- a. Is USAID planning a follow-on to this IDIQ?

USAID Response: USAID is considering a suite of mechanisms, including an APS and GSA task order.

- b. Could USAID provide additional information on the anticipated YouthPower 2 Implementation opportunity? Will this opportunity be added to the business forecast?

USAID Response: See response above.

- c. USAID released a sources sought for YouthPower2: Learning and Evaluation on 2/28/19. The same day, USAID added it to the forecast as a GSA Task/Delivery Order with the total estimated cost of \$0-149,000. Can USAID clarify, whether the forecast detail is accurate?

USAID Response: The forecast has been updated with the correct estimated cost.

38. LAC: Can USAID please confirm whether the implementer of the Environment Support Mechanism for the Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean would be conflicted out of bidding on any environment and energy programs in the portfolio during the life of the Support Mechanism?

USAID Response: The contractor would be excluded from competition on any future procurements for which it contributed to the program/activity design. This type of work is projected to be part of, but not the entirety, of the planned Environment Support Mechanism.

39. LAC: South America Regional Initiative for Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants

- a. Can USAID please provide further guidance on anticipated release date, contracting mechanism, and intent to pursue a regional or country-specific program?

USAID Response: This program is still in design and we have not yet defined mechanisms or an anticipated solicitation release date. However, currently, we do intend to pursue two separate activities. One activity will be specific to Brazil and one activity will combine work in Ecuador and Peru.

40. LAC: Surge Support Services

- a. This was removed from the Business Forecast. Does USAID intend to release this opportunity in 2019 or anticipate including it in the forecast?

USAID Response: We intend to add this action to business forecast soon.

41. OAA: Support Services for Instructor-Led and Web-Based Training Worldwide (ILT/WBT)

- a. Does USAID intend to re-compete this opportunity in 2019 or anticipate including it in the forecast?

USAID Response: No.

- b. Does USAID still intend to procure a follow-on to the current Worldwide Training IQC? If yes, does USAID intend to post information on the follow-on project to the business forecast in the near future?

USAID Response: No.

- c. If there is a follow-on, will this opportunity be released as a small business set aside?

USAID Response: No.

- d. Will this be full and open?

USAID Response: No.

- e. In previous business forecast Q&As, USAID indicated that a follow-on would be released through OASIS as a small business set aside. Is this still the case?

USAID Response: No, this will not be the case.

42. OFDA: Can we expect any new OFDA opportunities to be added to the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: YES—there are a number of other OFDA APSs/RFAs that are in development, but not yet included on the USAID Business Forecast (as of March 20, 2019, the SEADS APS is the only one listed on the Forecast)

43. OFDA: Best Practices in Humanitarian Agriculture

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

USAID Response: The Best Practices in Humanitarian Agriculture APS entitled

“Supporting Emergency Agriculture Design and Standards/ SEADS” is currently open/live. The Notice of Funding Opportunity was posted on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) on March 8, 2019 and Concept Notes will be submitted by April 15, 2019.

- b. Can USAID confirm if this activity will also include elements of in-country implementation or if its limited to developing guidelines?

USAID Response: Applicants' responses should not include elements of in-country implementation, although they should feel free to consult and/or partner with partners in countries where agriculture sector humanitarian responses are implemented.

- c. Can USAID confirm if this activity will look at crises and conflicts as well as disasters and shocks?

USAID Response: Yes - the SEADS Guidelines will be for use in all emergency humanitarian responses— rapid onset disasters and complex emergencies/crises.

44. PPL: EVAL-ME IDIQ

- a. An RFI has been issued for a follow-on activity, but it is not on the forecast. Could USAID provide the anticipated procurement schedule?

USAID Response: A solicitation will be issued No Later Than June of this fiscal year

- b. Does USAID intend to release the first task order as part of the solicitation?

USAID Response: No, an immediate Task Order is not anticipated.

45. PPL: Program Cycle Mechanism

- a. When does USAID intend to release this opportunity?

USAID Response: It is anticipated that this opportunity will be released in late October/early November

- b. Does USAID plan to release it as a partial or total small business set aside?

USAID Response: This will be a 100% small business set aside.

Mission Business Forecast Questions

1. **Afghanistan:** Can USAID offer any additional information about whether SRH/FP or GBV might appear as program/technical areas in either of its posted Afghanistan awards—1) the National TA Program, and/or 2) the Urban Health Initiative?

USAID Response: These programs are still in the design and we are not yet at liberty to share the details of these programs.

2. **Afghanistan:** We are pleased to see USAID's continued program design in Afghanistan through the upcoming Civil Society and Media Self Reliance BAA. We have not noted further updates to the forecast for opportunities in Afghanistan. Will the mission be updating the forecast with any new pending opportunities?

USAID Response:

3. **Afghanistan:** Afghanistan Affordable Private Schools
 - a. Can USAID provide any estimate of planned solicitation release date and mechanism for this opportunity which has seen an RFI but is not yet on the forecast?

USAID Response: This program is still in design and there is not yet an estimate for a solicitation release date.

4. **Afghanistan:** Afghanistan Urban Health Initiative and Technical Assistance
 - a. Has USAID determined if this program will consist of cooperative agreements or contracts?

USAID Response: This program is still in design and we are not yet at liberty to share the details.

5. **Afghanistan:** Community-Based Education
 - a. An RFI was released on January 30, 2019. Does USAID/Afghanistan intend to release a full solicitation in FY19?

USAID Response: This program is still in design and there is not yet a plan for a solicitation release date.

- b. Can USAID provide additional details on this program based on RFI responses received?

USAID Response: The analysis of the RFI responses is still underway.

6. **Albania:** NextGen Albania
 - a. Can USAID confirm that the projected release date for the Albania NextGen cooperative agreement remains 6/3/2019?

USAID Response: Yes, on or about.

- b. Is USAID planning to issue a pre-solicitation notice and more information about the SOW before the solicitation is released?

USAID Response: An RFI was already issued.

7. **Bangladesh:** Would USAID please provide information on the anticipated procurement schedule for follow-on agriculture/Feed the Future programming in Bangladesh? Does USAID intend to release draft scopes of work or Requests for Information for these programs?

USAID Response: All full and open opportunities for Agricultural/Feed the Future programming will be available for review on the business forecast as early in the design stage as possible. Draft requirement documents and requests for information will be issued to the fullest extent possible for these procurements.

8. **Bangladesh:** Esho Shikhi (Come and Learn)
a. Does USAID intend to release this on August 1, 2019 as indicated on the forecast?

USAID Response: The intent remains to release the solicitation on August 1, 2019

- b. Does USAID intend to release this with a multi-phase submission?

USAID Response: The evaluation methodology has not been determined yet.

9. **Bangladesh:** Inclusive Education
a. Can USAID please provide information on the timing for this activity?

USAID Response: This activity is not on the business forecast.

- b. Will there be an RFI?

USAID Response: This activity is not on the business forecast.

10. **Bangladesh:** New Market Systems Development Activity
a. What is the anticipated release date for this activity?

USAID Response: This activity is not on the business forecast

- b. What is the anticipated scope for this activity?

USAID Response: This activity is not on the business forecast

- c. Has USAID determined the estimated cost range for this activity?

USAID Response: This activity is not on the business forecast

11. **Bangladesh:** Workforce Development for Bangladeshi Youth Activity
a. Are there any updates on plans to release this opportunity?

USAID Response: This opportunity was cancelled several months ago

12. **Bosnia & Herzegovina:** BiH M&E Support Activity
a. Will there be a follow-on to this activity?

USAID Response: This is still to be determined

13. Bosnia & Herzegovina: MEASURE

- a. Does USAID intend to issue a follow-on opportunity for this work?

USAID Response: This is still to be determined

- b. Is it possible that USAID might use existing mechanisms to procure follow-on mission support work?

USAID Response: Yes it is possible.

14. Bosnia & Herzegovina: Radical E-Services (RESist)

- a. Can USAID confirm the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: This is still to be determined

- b. Could USAID clarify whether this project is expected to be small business set-aside?

USAID Response: This is still to be determined

15. Burkina Faso: Does USAID anticipate the release of any funding opportunities related to agriculture in Burkina Faso and Niger in the current fiscal year?

USAID Response: USAID is planning a new agriculture program, but the timeline on the solicitation is not yet determined.

16. Burkina Faso: Does USAID plan to release any procurements in Burkina Faso related specifically to RISE II governance? If so, can USAID provide details on the anticipated release date, award type, description, etc?

USAID Response: USAID is planning a governance program for RISE II in Burkina Faso. Further details will be released in future forecasts.

17. Burkina Faso: Improving Malaria Care (IMC)

- a. In the FY2019 Q1 Business Forecast Q&A USAID indicated that a new solicitation to implement malaria programs is anticipated to be procured and operational by Spring 2020. Is this the expected timeframe? Will USAID please provide any update or additional information on the upcoming solicitation?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID plans to issue a new solicitation in Summer 2020. The award will be a follow-on to IMC and will include additional funding for family planning and maternal and child health activities.

18. Burma: Community Strengthening Project

- a. The US Embassy in Burma recently announced future funding for a Community Strengthening Project that does not appear in the forecast. Is there any additional information on this activity?

USAID Response: The US Embassy in Burma webpage announced two activities that were awarded in 2018 (CSM II and CSP). There are no current/anticipated new funding opportunities in these areas. Please see

19. Burundi: Does USAID expect to have any health opportunities on the forecast in FY2019?

USAID Response: There are two health opportunities on the forecast which are proposed to be awarded in FY 2020. These are for the new PEPFAR-funded Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Local Activity and the PEPFAR-funded Gender Based Violence (GBV) Local Activity. It is intended that both awards will be made to Local Organizations.

20. Cambodia: Cambodia Social Accountability Innovation Activity

a. Recently, the Social Accountability Innovation Activity was removed from the forecast. Does USAID still plan to move forward with this opportunity?

USAID Response: The Cambodia Mission has made a determination that this activity, as currently designed, prospectively fits within the framework of an existing Leader With Associate (Strengthening Civil Society Globally (SCS Global)) award and an Associate Cooperative Agreement is being contemplated for this activity.

b. Has USAID determined the procurement mechanism and the release date?

USAID Response: See response above.

21. Cambodia: Cambodia Trafficking in Persons (CTIP)

a. Will the current USAID/Cambodia Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) project be re-bid as a single-country opportunity? If so, will it be re-bid in FY19?

USAID Response: No decision has been made at this time. Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for updates.

22. Cambodia: Integrated Nutrition, Hygiene and Sanitation (NOURISH)

a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on to Cambodia NOURISH? If yes, what is the expected release date? Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or a Request for Information for this program?

USAID Response: No decision has been made at this time. Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for updates.

23. Cambodia: Labor and Consumer Rights Activity

a. This activity no longer appears on the forecast. If it's still being planned for release, has USAID determined the procurement mechanism and the release date?

USAID Response: The Cambodia Mission has made a determination that this activity, as currently designed, prospectively fits within the framework of an existing Leader With Associate (Global Labor Program) award and an Associate Cooperative Agreement is being contemplated for this activity.

24. Cambodia: Social Accountability innovation Activity

- a. Is this opportunity still planned for release in FY19?

USAID Response: See response above.

- b. Could USAID confirm which Award/Action Type will be used for this opportunity?

USAID Response: See response above.

- c. Will this project seek to link to ongoing accountability programs to serve as a standalone initiative?

USAID Response: See response above.

- d. Does USAID plan on issuing this solicitation through a free and open competition, or will eligibility be restricted to certain entities?

USAID Response: See response above.

- e. If reposted, will it be divided into two releases, one focused on Civic Tech and a second focused on social accountability, or will it remain as one opportunity?

USAID Response: See response above.

- f. Can USAID provide details on upcoming governance and accountability programming for Cambodia?

USAID Response: No decision has been made at this time. Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for updates.

25. Cameroon: Community HIV/AIDS Investments for Longer Lives (CHILL)

- a. Has this requirement been cancelled?

USAID Response: A determination was made to fulfill this requirement by issuing a logical follow-on to the current CHAMP Cooperative Agreement award to CARE International.

- b. Cameroon CHILL is listed as a “collaborative agreement” on the forecast; would USAID please explain what a “collaborative agreement” is?

USAID Response: This opportunity was cancelled as a result of the decision outlined in 25a above.

- c. Would USAID please clarify how Cameroon’s classification as a “reboot” country for COP 19 will impact the release of the anticipated CHILL solicitation?

USAID Response: Please see response to 25b.

- d. Does USAID intend to issue this cooperative agreement with unrestricted eligibility?

USAID Response: Please see response to 25b.

- e. Can USAID please confirm the dollar value?

USAID Response: Please see response to 25b.

- f. Would USAID please confirm that international NGOs will be eligible to prime

USAID Response: Please see response to 25b.

26. Central Asia: Central Asia Enhancing Growth and Development through Energy (EDGE)

- a. Could USAID kindly provide an anticipated release date for the RFP for Central Asia as well as the anticipated size, scope, and procurement action type?

USAID Response: USAID/Central Asia did not include this activity on the business forecast. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates on upcoming opportunities with USAID/Central Asia.

27. Central Asia: Regional Civil Society Project

- a. Does USAID plan to release an RFI or a draft SOW for this opportunity?

USAID Response: No. The USAID/Central Asia Regional Civil Society Activity will be released as a full Notice of Funding Opportunity.

- b. Will this be released on March 29, 2019? If not, could USAID provide updated release date for this procurement?

USAID Response: USAID/Central Asia plans to issue the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Regional Civil Society Project as early as March 15 but not later than April 15. Please monitor grants.gov for the release of this opportunity.

- c. Can USAID please confirm ceiling for this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Central Asia currently anticipates a ceiling of approximately \$18 million for this opportunity.

28. Colombia: Does USAID have an update on the timing of the release of the Colombia CDCS?

USAID Response: The process is just beginning, therefore at this point, we do not have a specific indication of when the CDCS will be final.

29. Colombia: Does USAID anticipate any new procurements in FY19?

USAID Response: There are designs in the works. As soon as we have definite information, it will be posted on the Business Forecast.

30. Colombia: Colombia Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL)

- a. Can USAID confirm the anticipated award date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: At this point we can not confirm a specific award date however we do hope to have a decision made in the near future.

31. DRC: As DRC is a tier 3 country in the Trafficking in Persons report, can USAID provide an indication of whether non-humanitarian funding for DRC will continue to be withheld and if they anticipate delays in the release of funding solicitations currently forecasted?

USAID Response: The vast majority USAID/DRC FY2018 funds continue to be withheld from obligation, pending completion of the Washington approval process.

32. DRC: ACCELERE

- a. Can USAID confirm if there will be any follow-on opportunities for components of this project?

USAID Response: Yes. The Business Forecast will be updated to reflect new opportunities by March 15.

33. DRC: Agriculture Diversification and Market Systems for Resilience

- a. Can USAID kindly provide any update regarding the anticipated solicitation release date and the expected award/action type for this opportunity? In previous OAA Q&A calls USAID has indicated this may come out as an RFTOP, but we are unclear which IDIQ mechanism will be used.

USAID Response: It is anticipated that the solicitation will be released in Spring 2019. It will be under the STARR II IDIQ.

- b. Does USAID anticipate to procure an external evaluator for this project?

USAID Response: This is undecided so far.

- c. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated geographic scope of this opportunity?

USAID Response: This will be included in the solicitation. It will fall in our CDCS zones of interest.

- d. Can USAID confirm whether there will be a pre-solicitation or RFI for this opportunity?

USAID Response: This RFI was released last year, 2018.

- e. Is USAID contemplating a full and open procurement?

USAID Response: We plan to use the STARR II IDIQ.

- f. Is this the same as the "Resilience Agriculture Value Chain" opportunity that was previously on the forecast, or is it a separate opportunity?

USAID Response: Yes, it is the same.

34. DRC: Promoting Free and Open Media in DRC

- a. Does USAID anticipate the cooperative agreement falling under an existing LWA?

USAID Response: Yes. It falls under Strengthening Civil Society Globally (SCS

Global) Leader with Associates.

35. DRC: Sustainable WASH Service Delivery BAA

- a. How does this differ from the similarly titled BAA released in 2018?

USAID Response: This is the same BAA. It is currently in the concept paper development phase.

- b. Is the award date actually 8/03/2020 like the forecast stated on 2/28/2019?

USAID Response: We anticipate an award in the summer of 2019.

- c. Is the Anticipated SOL release date of 5/01/2019 and indication that an addendum to the BAA is coming up?

USAID Response: There are no additional addendums expected for the BAA. Currently, the process is in Phase 2 which is the Development of the Concept Paper phase.

- d. Does the anticipated release date of 5/01/2019 reflect the anticipated release date for an addendum to the existing BAA, or a new BAA entirely?

USAID Response: There are no additional addendums expected for the BAA. Currently, the process is in Phase 2 which is the Development of the Concept Paper phase.

36. DRC: USAID Conservation Through Economic Empowerment in ROC

- a. Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date/award date?

USAID Response: June 15, 2019

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

USAID Response: TBD

37. DRC: USAID Funded Forestry and Biodiversity Support Activity

- a. Could USAID please confirm April 30, 2019 as the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: Yes, we plan to release the full solicitation by the end of April 2019.

- b. Could the USAID Funded Forestry and Biodiversity Support Activity provide support to environmental compliance and/or environmental impact assessment activities in priority forest landscapes?

USAID Response: No. FABS will not support compliance. USAID's new Environmental Compliance and Operational Support (ECOS), which replaces the Global Environmental Management Support (GEMS) project is the central mechanism that USAID uses to support compliance.

38. Dominican Republic: Improved Governance in Guyana Extractive Sector

- a. Does the Mission have any further information it can provide on Anticipated Solicitation Release Date or Total Estimated Cost?

USAID Response: This action is still at the planning stage. An RFI was issued on Nov 16, 2018 as part of the market research. The Regional OAA is waiting on the submission of all required documents for the GLAAS Request to be able to issue the Notice for Funding Opportunity. The estimated date for issuing the NOFO is the week of April 15, 2019. The total estimated cost is \$500,000.00

39. East Africa: Evaluation, Assessment and Analysis

- a. Does USAID/KEA still intend to release the RFP on 3/15 per the current forecast? How many awards is USAID/KEA planning to issue for this IDIQ?

USAID Response: Business forecast has been updated to reflect the revised RFP anticipated release date. USAID/KEA is planning to issue up to five IDIQ contracts.

- b. Does USAID intend to release the first task order as part of the solicitation?

USAID Response: No

- c. Will this IDIQ include Somalia M&E activities?

USAID Response: Somalia activities included in this IDIQ are anticipated to focus on Evaluation.

- d. Does USAID intend to re-tender contract AID-623-I-14-0009, Somalia Program Support Services Activity (SPSS) after the conclusion of the most recent 5 month extension? Or are these activities intended to be included in the East Africa Evaluation, Assessment, and Analysis IDIQ?

USAID Response: Yes, we anticipate a full and open competition for a follow-on award. Only evaluation activities are envisioned to be included in the East Africa Evaluation, Assessment, and Analysis IDIQ.

40. East Africa: Regional Integration and Stronger Economies (RISE)

- a. This opportunity is not yet on the Forecast but indicates a solicitation will be released in the coming weeks. Could USAID please share an expected RFA/RFP release date?

USAID Response: This opportunity was included in previous forecast however the name has changed. The anticipated release date will be reflected on the business forecast.

- b. will USAID provide an anticipated ceiling, timing, or detailed scope, or specify when implementers might see the opportunity on the forecast?

USAID Response: See answer above.

- c. Will USAID be releasing a concurrent Request for Task Order Proposals or a case study?

USAID Response: A request for task order proposal will be issued with the IDIQ.

41. East Africa: Strengthening Agriculture and Regional Resilience (STARR)

- a. USAID previously indicated that the Business Forecast entry for the STARR RFI would be updated to reflect a revised anticipated solicitation release date, along with other changes. Can USAID share if this activity is still being planned? If so, can USAID kindly share the anticipated award/action type and solicitation release date?

USAID Response: This program is now called Regional Integration and Stronger Economies (RISE)

- b. Can USAID confirm that the previously named East Africa STARR opportunity is also the same procurement as the recently released pre-solicitation for the East Africa Regional Integration and Stronger Economies (RISE)?

USAID Response: This program is now called Regional Integration and Stronger Economies (RISE)

42. East Timor: Will USAID indicate the contract mechanism anticipated for the upcoming civil society program (contract vs cooperative agreement) in East Timor?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates two new awards related to the civil society program in Timor-Leste: Expanding Governance Reform and Strengthening the local NGOs. Please see below for more information.

43. East Timor: Expanding Governance Reform

- a. Could USAID confirm the award/action type, if known? Does USAID anticipate issuing a task order under an existing IDIQ mechanism?

USAID Response: This activity is in the early stages of design. The award of this activity is now projected for Q2 of FY20 and the business forecast will be updated to reflect this date. The procurement mechanism for this activity is still to be determined.

44. East Timor: Strengthening Organizational Capacity of Local CSOs

- a. Will USAID be releasing an RFA/P?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID is planning for the release an RFP for this activity in FBO. Note that the name of the activity is revised to Strengthening Local Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) in Timor-Leste.

- b. Can USAID clarify the intended procurement mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates the procurement mechanism to be an acquisition (contract).

- c. Does USAID intend to release this under full and open competition?

USAID Response: Yes, the solicitation is currently anticipated to be under full and open competition.

- d. Is 5/15/19 still the target date for solicitation release?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation date remains o/a May 15, 2019.

- e. Is USAID planning to issue a pre-solicitation notice and more information about the SOW before the solicitation is released?

USAID Response: The RFI and the draft Statement of Objectives was released on February 15 and closed on March 4, 2019.

- 45. Ecuador:** Is USAID considering the release of any program opportunities in Ecuador in FY19?

USAID Response: Please refer to the answer to Question No. 39.

- 46. Egypt:** Business Egypt

- a. Can USAID confirm that the projected release date remains 6/30/2019?

USAID Response: Thank you for your question and interest in this opportunity. We will update the Business Forecast with a more accurate project release date as 6/30/2019 may no longer be feasible.

- b. Is USAID planning to issue a pre-solicitation notice and more information about the SOW before the solicitation is released?

USAID Response: Yes

- 47. Egypt:** Economic Courts Support

- a. Considering that USAID issued an RFI with a set of very specific questions that might lead to changes in the SOW and that RFI responses are due March 13, is the anticipated March 30 solicitation date still viable? If not, please provide a new anticipated solicitation date.

USAID Response: Thank you for the question. The anticipated release date will most likely be closer to April 30, 2019.

- b. Will this activity be a full and open competition or a Rule of Law IQC task order?

USAID Response: This has not been determined yet. If this will be solicited under and IDIQ, we will update the business forecast.

- 48. Egypt:** Economic Governance Flagship Activity

- a. Can USAID please clarify which IDIQ is expected to be used for this activity?

USAID Response: The IDIQ to be used is not determined yet. The business forecast has been modified to that effect.

- 49. Egypt:** Services to Improve Performance Management, Enhance Learning & Evaluation (SIMPLE)

- a. Will there be a follow-on to this activity?

USAID Response: This is still under discussion and consideration.

50. Egypt: Technical Assistance to the Water Companies to improve Management (IWSSTA)

- a. Does USAID intend to use the MCW IDIQ for this procurement? If not, which IDIQ does USAID intend to use?

USAID Response: Yes.

- b. Does USAID/Egypt anticipate releasing an RFI or description of the scope?

USAID Response: USAID/Egypt does not anticipate releasing an RFI. The description of the scope will be released through a RFTOP.

51. Egypt: Trade Reform and Development in Egypt (TRADE)

- a. The RFI that was issued on 2/11/19 states that the RFP for the TRADE Activity will be released “on or about May 2019.” Is this still accurate?

USAID Response: This is our current intention, but it may be late in May.

- b. Is USAID planning to issue a pre-solicitation notice and more information about the SOW before the solicitation is released?

USAID Response: Given that we have already released a draft SOW in February 2019, it is not likely that we will issue another pre-solicitation notice that contains additional information about the SOW.

52. Egypt: Women’s Empowerment Activity

- a. Could USAID provide clarity around the intended mechanism and release date?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date is still 6/30/2019. As this is still in design, there is no additional information on the procurement method.

- b. Will USAID issue an RFI or draft scope of work prior to the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: We do intent to post a draft SOW/PD for comment and to understand who is interested in this opportunity.

53. El Salvador: Are there any anticipated opportunities with a focus on violence prevention?

USAID Response: Yes.

54. El Salvador: Bridges to Employment

- a. Is there any further information available regarding a free and open follow on program?

USAID Response: No.

55. El Salvador: Citizen Security

- a. Could USAID provide an update on the timeline and if/when there will be pre-solicitation/RFI released?

USAID Response: The mission is still in the design phase. More information will

be provided next quarter.

56. El Salvador: New Higher Education Activity

- a. Is any further information available, such as forecasted amount or anticipated solicitation release date?

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

57. Ethiopia: Health Workforce Improvement Program

- a. Does USAID intend to issue an RFI for this activity?

USAID Response: An RFI was previously released.

- b. Can USAID please provide an update on its plans for this opportunity, including solicitation release date, amount and award type?

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia is currently working on this opportunity and it is not possible to determine the release date with any specificity at this time. This opportunity is expected to result in a cooperative agreement with a life-of-activity value between \$25 and \$50 million.

58. Ethiopia: Pastoral Areas Resilient Activity

- a. Could USAID please share an anticipated release date for this opportunity (RFI-663-19-00001)?

USAID Response: This opportunity is going through internal review and it is not possible to determine the release date with any specificity at this time.

- b. Can USAID confirm if this the follow-on activity to PRIME?

USAID Response: This will be a new activity, though some activities will be similar to those conducted under PRIME.

59. Ethiopia: Pastoralist Areas Resilience Improvement through Market Expansion (PRIME)

- a. Would USAID please confirm the release date of the RFA for Ethiopia PRIME II follow-on activity?

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia is working on a new opportunity that, while some activities will be similar to those done under PRIME, will be a new Activity.

60. Ethiopia: Promoting Opportunities through Training, Education, Transition Investment and Livelihoods for Youth (POTENTIAL)

- a. Will USAID kindly provide an update on the anticipated solicitation date?

USAID Response: No further information is available at this time

61. Ethiopia: SIPED II

- a. Can USAID/Ethiopia please provide further guidance on whether there will be follow-on conflict management assistance programming?

USAID Response: Whether there will be a new conflict management assistance activity has not yet been determined and is certainly not imminent.

62. Georgia: Georgia Economic Governance Program

- a. Can USAID confirm the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: Anticipated release date of the RFP is May 31, 2019.

63. Georgia: Georgia New Education Program

- a. Given the scope of the program described in USAID's Business Forecast, does USAID plan to increase the size of the award or reduce the scope of the program?

USAID Response: Basic Education in Georgia Program will focus on reading and mathematics. It will be a \$7 million program. Entrepreneurial education will not be included in this program. At this stage USAID has no plans to increase the size of the award or reduce the scope.

- 64. Ghana:** Does USAID anticipate releasing an agriculture program in Ghana during this quarter as anticipated? If so, does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI? Would USAID please estimate release dates for the RFI and the full solicitation and a technical scope summary on the Forecast?

USAID Response: The USAID/Ghana Economic Growth Office is in the midst of developing its Global Food Security Strategy Project Appraisal Document at this time. The announcement of future activities will be posted on the USAID Business Forecast during our activity design phase, which is expected to begin in quarter three of FY2019.

- 65. Ghana:** Does USAID have any updates on anticipated release of and education follow-on procurements in Ghana?

USAID Response: Not at this time. The Business Forecast will be updated as soon as we have clear plans for education procurements.

66. Ghana: ADVANCE II

- a. Does USAID have plans for a follow-on activity in FY19?

USAID Response: The USAID/Ghana Economic Growth Office is in the midst of developing its Global Food Security Strategy Project Appraisal Document at this time. The announcement of future activities will be posted on the USAID Business Forecast during our activity design phase, which is expected to begin in quarter three of FY2019.

- b. Will USAID use a BAA to procure a follow-on?

USAID Response: See response to 66a above.

67. Ghana: Systems for Health (S4H)

- a. Will there be a follow-on? If yes, what is the expected release date?

USAID Response: USAID/Ghana is currently developing its new Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). The announcement of future activities aligned with the new CDCS will be posted on the USAID Business Forecast during our activity design phase, which is expected to begin in quarter two of FY2019.

68. Ghana: USAID Partnership for Education & Learning

- a. Does USAID have plans for a follow-on activity? If so, will an RFI be released?

USAID Response: Yes. The Business Forecast will be updated as soon as we have clear way forward.

69. Ghana: West Africa Local Works

- a. Can USAID please clarify if this is envisioned to be a regional initiative or Ghana-specific opportunity?

USAID Response: Regional initiative.

- b. Would a Small-Business Set-aside be considered as there's no incumbent listed and the Contract is for less than \$10M?

USAID Response: Local Works funding can only be used for organizations that meet the local organization definition as defined in the ADS.

70. Ghana: West Africa Municipal WASH

- a. This opportunity was recently modified to Task Order as the Award Type, what IDIQ will this Task Order be issued under?

USAID Response: USAID/West Africa will solicit off the USAID- issued HABITAT IDIQ contract, currently known as "Making Cities Work."

71. Guatemala: Does USAID/Guatemala plan on funding an urban planning and upgrading project at any time in the near future?

USAID Response: USAID Guatemala is not planning on funding an urban planning and upgrading project. Our municipal government activities sometimes, very tangentially, touch on these issues, but not to any extent that we would say we are funding urban planning and upgrading.

72. Guatemala: Justice and Transparency Project

- a. Could USAID please confirm if there is an updated anticipated release date for this activity?

USAID Response: The solicitation was released on September 18, 2018. The target award date is May 14, 2019.

73. Guatemala: National Institution Strengthening for Accountable Governance

- a. Could USAID please confirm it is still planning to release this activity?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID is still planning to release this activity under an IDIQ.

74. Guatemala: Sustainable Forest Management and Water Activity

- a. Could USAID please confirm if there is an updated anticipated release date for this activity?

USAID Response: The funding opportunity was released in Grants.gov on March 5, 2019.

- b. Can USAID please share an updated contact email address to request the RFI, or share the RFI on grants.gov? The previous shared contact is no longer accepting emails.

USAID Response: Carolina Villegas, Acquisition and Assistance Specialist
email: cvillegas@usaid.gov

- 75. Haiti:** Would USAID please provide information on the anticipated procurement schedule for follow-on agriculture programming in Haiti? Does USAID intend to release draft scopes of work or Requests for Information for these programs?

USAID Response: The design phase of future agricultural activities is on-going. USAID is unable to provide an estimated time frame at the moment. USAID/Haiti may consider releasing a draft Scope Of Work for feedback further into the process.

- 76. Haiti:** FTF North AVANSE

- a. Will USAID kindly provide and update on the anticipated solicitation date for this follow-on?

USAID Response: Yes, however USAID is unable to provide an anticipated solicitation date at this point in time.

- 77. Haiti:** Haiti Health Leadership

- a. Will USAID kindly provide and update on the anticipated solicitation date?

USAID Response: USAID is currently finalizing the evaluation and anticipates an award by the end of the month, March 2019.

- 78. Haiti:** OVC

- a. What programmatic/technical scope is USAID expecting for this opportunity?

USAID Response: This activity was awarded on November 30, 2018. Its aim is to enhance the capabilities of the collaborators and partners to provide comprehensive care to orphans and vulnerable children and to manage health issue within the OVC population and to provide education awareness and social support.

- 79. Haiti:** Vérification des Résultats pour la Santé (VRS) II

- a. Will USAID kindly provide and update on the anticipated solicitation date?

USAID Response: USAID/Haiti is anticipating publishing the solicitation this month, March 2019.

- 80. Honduras:** Would USAID please provide information on the anticipated procurement schedule for follow-on agriculture/Feed the Future programming in Honduras? Does USAID intend to release draft scopes of work or Requests for Information for these programs? Does USAID anticipate any activity other than the follow-on to Mercado?

USAID Response: The Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for the FTF Building Country Capacity (BCC) Activity is May 22, 2019. USAID does intend to release a Request for Information for this anticipated program. Please note that the anticipated FTF Building Country Capacity (BCC) Activity is a new standalone FTF activity and is not specifically a follow-on. This is the only anticipated

agriculture/ FTF activity for the remainder of FY19.

81. Honduras: Integrated Violence Prevention Activity

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for the Integrated Violence Prevention Activity mid-summer 2019.

82. Honduras: Mercado

- a. Can USAID provide any information on the anticipated follow-on?

USAID Response: Please see response to Question 80. Please note that the anticipated FTF Building Country Capacity (BCC) Activity is a new standalone FTF activity and is not specifically a follow-on. This is the only anticipated agriculture/ FTF activity for the remainder of FY19.

83. Honduras: Strengthening Democratic Foundations

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the type of mechanism it plans to use for this solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID intends to use an acquisition mechanism for this anticipated activity. Once this decision is finalized, it will be posted on the Business Forecast.

- b. Does USAID intend for election work to be included in this scope of work?

USAID Response: No. Election work is not included for the anticipated Strengthening Democratic Foundations Activity.

- c. Does USAID still plan on a June 15, 2019 release date?

USAID Response: Yes, the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for the Strengthening Democratic Foundations Activity is June 15, 2019.

84. India: India Accelerator to End TB

- a. Would USAID please confirm the anticipated release date and provide more details?

USAID Response: USAID India plans to issue a Broad Agency Announcement for the TB Accelerator program by or before mid April 2019. The mission is seeking to support the efforts of the Government of India to eradicate TB by 2025. The mission is focusing in co-create, co-design, co-invest, and collaborate on research and development interventions that will help in achieving this objective.

85. India: India Partnerships Program APS 2.0

- a. This is advertised twice. Is there any difference between one and the other?

USAID Response: This is because there is going to be an two awards one for Water and Sanitation and other for Global Health.

86. India: MCH+FP Newer Interventions

- a. Is this a follow-on to an existing program?

USAID Response: No, this is not a follow-on to any single existing HO program. This proposed new activity is envisaged to incorporate elements of several existing MCH & FP activities within Health Office.

- b. Will this opportunity be a part of the India Partnerships APS, or will it be a separate procurement?

USAID Response: No this will be a separate procurement.

- c. Is eligibility for this opportunity unrestricted?

USAID Response: The current plan is for an unrestricted opportunity.

- d. Would USAID please confirm the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: OAA is still in discussions with the technical office. However the current plan is to release the solicitation in next quarter. Technical office is still working in finalizing the program design.

- e. What does USAID consider a “newer” intervention?

USAID Response: For 'newer interventions', we are referring to either high-impact evidence-based practices that have not yet been tested/scaled in India such as 'kangaroo mother care' or new products such as 'contraceptive implants' that have not yet been introduced in India. These are illustrative examples. The newer interventions can include newer solutions/approaches such as innovative financing mechanisms.

87. India: South Asia Enhancing Growth and Development through Energy (EDGE)

- a. Does USAID have an update on the release date and value range?

USAID Response: The mission issued a RFI for March 19, 2019. This will inform the mission on future timeline and value range.

88. Iraq: USAID/Iraq Durable Communities and Economic Opportunities

- a. Can USAID confirm that the anticipated release date is March 18, 2019?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date is the end of March. Please continue to monitor fbo.gov for a pre-solicitation notice.

- b. Can USAID clarify if this will be a new IDIQ mechanism or if USAID will route funds through an existing IDIQ? Will USAID issue a TO concurrently with the IDIQ?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates using full and open competition to award a single-holder IDIQ.

- c. As an IDIQ, does USAID intend to issue awards to multiple holders or a single holder?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates awarding a single holder IDIQ

- d. If there are multiple holders, will there be a small business set aside component?

USAID Response: N/A. See response to 88.c

- e. Could USAID kindly provide additional information about the expected scope of work?

USAID Response: This information will be provided in the pre-solicitation notice after all internal review processes are completed.

- f. Does USAID intend to hold a pre-solicitation event, release a pre-solicitation, sources sought notice or request for information before the solicitation release date?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates releasing a pre-solicitation notice in mid-March.

- 89. Jordan:** Can USAID please share when the expected Jordan CDCS will be released? Are current forecasted opportunities expected to remain on the 2019 forecast or could they be pushed to 2020 until the new CDCS is released?

USAID Response: It is anticipated to be released late winter/early spring 2020.

- 90. Jordan:** Building Resilient and Inclusive Communities in Conflict (BRICC)

- a. Can USAID please identify which IDIQ this will fall under, or if it will be a new one?

USAID Response: It will be a new IDIQ mechanism

- b. Does USAID anticipate the scope of small business set-aside portion to match that of the full and open portion of the IDIQ, or will small businesses be expected to provide services only under a portion of the overall scope? If the latter, can USAID provide additional detail on the anticipated scope of the small business set-aside portion of the IDIQ?

USAID Response: USAID continues to evaluate the results of the sources sought responses. That said, USAID anticipates the scope of the US small business set aside to match the full scope of the full & open IDIQ.

- c. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: USAID released the RFI in Q2 2019.

- d. Does USAID plan to hold a pre-solicitation conference in Jordan or Washington, D.C.?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates holding a pre-solicitation conference in Washington, DC.

- 91. Jordan:** Economic Reform Activity (ERA)

- a. Will this be a multiple or single award IDIQ?

USAID Response: USAID continues to evaluate the results of the sources sought. Although we anticipate a multi-holder IDIQ, a final determination has not been made.

- b. Will there be any set-asides for small businesses?

USAID Response: USAID continues to evaluate the results of the sources sought. Although we anticipate a a set-aside, a final determination has not been made.

- c. Will all USAID/Jordan opportunities related to economic growth activities be aligned with the Jordan Renaissance Plan and World Bank Five Year Matrix as seen with the Economic Reform Activity (ERA)? For example would we expect to see similar alignment with the Women Economic Empowerment Activity?

USAID Response: The Economic Reform Activity (ERA), The Jordan Enterprise Support Activity (JESA), and the Women's Economic Empowerment Activity are all being designed to support the Jordan Economic Reform Activity, the Jordan Renaissance Plan and the Jordan Economic Growth Plan. USAID activities are designed to provide Jordan with the tools and assistance necessary to execute the reforms and activities necessary to achieve the objectives stated in these documents.

92. Jordan: Jordan Enterprise Support Activity (JESA)

- a. Has a funding mechanism been selected yet? If not, is there an estimate as to when this decision might be made?

USAID Response: USAID continues to deliberate the matter.

- b. Will USAID issue a pre-solicitation, or full description of the activity prior to solicitation release?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates doing so.

93. Jordan: Jordan Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Activity (MELA)

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated award date for this activity?

USAID Response: USAID continues to evaluate the submitted proposals.

94. Jordan: Pre-Service Education Training in Jordan (PRESTIJ)

- a. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: USAID is developing the requirement.

95. Jordan: Public Financial Management and Administration

- a. Can USAID confirm the IDIQ USAID is expecting to use for this TO/DO?

USAID Response: USAID is developing the requirement.

96. Jordan: Women Economic Empowerment Activity

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

USAID Response: USAID is evaluating the results of the sources sought and has not made a determination.

- 97. Kenya:** Does USAID intend to issue any OVC solicitations in the next 12-18 months given the current life cycle of its existing OVC awards?

USAID Response: USAID Kenya is currently finalizing the Country Operation Plan (COP) for PEPFAR funded activities and has not made any final decisions regarding new OVC procurements. If a decision is made to solicit for a new OVC award, this information will be included in the Business Forecast.

- 98. Kenya:** Does USAID anticipate releasing a youth opportunity in Kenya? If so, what procurement mechanism and timing does USAID anticipate

USAID Response: USAID Kenya does not anticipate releasing any new youth opportunities in the next two years.

- 99. Kenya:** Agile Harmonized Assistance for Devolved Institutions (AHADI)

- a. Does USAID plan to issue a follow-on? If so, what is the anticipate timing?

USAID Response: USAID Kenya is still planning its next steps and, as such, future support for devolution is not yet defined. Please continue to watch the Business Forecast for opportunities as they arise.

- 100. Kenya:** Development Food Security Activity

- a. What is the expected RFA release date?

USAID Response: USAID Washington is planning on issuing this RFA within the next few weeks pending the receipt of internal approvals. Please continue to monitor Grants.gov.

- 101. Kenya:** Nutrition and Health Program Plus (NHPplus)

- a. Does USAID plan to issue a follow-on? If so, what is the anticipate timing?

USAID Response: USAID Kenya does not have any information regarding a potential follow on to NHPplus. If USAID decides to issue a follow on, it will be included in the Business Forecast.

- 102. Kenya:** Private Sector HIV

- a. Could USAID provide an update on whether it was released? And if so, where/what mechanism it was released through?

USAID Response: This activity wasn't released and there is no current plan to conduct a procurement for Private Sector HIV. If, at a future date, USAID Kenya decides to procure a private sector HIV activity, it will be included on the Business Forecast.

- 103. Kosovo:** Export-Led Growth in Kosovo

- a. Could USAID clarify whether this project is expected to be small business set-aside?

USAID Response: No decision has been made yet. If interested small business partners wish to provide their capability statement to the noted POC, Ms. Urime Abdyli, at uabdyli@usaid.gov, they may do so.

- b. Could USAID clarify whether this project is a follow on to any of the existing project/past project or it is a new initiative?

USAID Response: This is a new initiative.

104. Kyrgyz Republic: AgroHorizon

- a. Is USAID planning a follow-on?

USAID Response: USAID/Kyrgyz Republic did not include this activity on the business forecast. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates on upcoming opportunities with USAID/Kyrgyz Republic.

105. Kyrgyz Republic: Collaborative Civic Organizing in the Kyrgyz Republic

- a. Can USAID narrow down the potential funding range of this opportunity?

USAID Response: The estimate for funding for this award is \$14,000,000.

- b. Can USAID confirm whether this is a follow-on to a previous project or whether this is considered new work?

USAID Response: This is a new activity.

- c. To what extent does USAID anticipate that this activity will work with or complement existing DG activities, including the Collaborative Governance Project, Community and Municipal Government Initiative, Media-K, and Enhancing Employability and Civic Engagement of Youth?

USAID Response: USAID/Kyrgyz Republic expects that the activity will build on previous USAID and USG investments and experience. Further details are provided in the NFO.

- d. Can USAID provide an update on when the solicitation is expected to be released? Does USAID anticipate any delays?

USAID Response: The NFO was released on March 14, 2019 and is available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

106. Kyrgyz Republic: Improved Basic Education

- a. Could USAID confirm the anticipated release date of the evaluation opportunity and the expected procurement mechanism?

USAID Response: The RFP for the Basic Education activity was released on Feb. 22, 2019. USAID/Kyrgyz Republic did not include an evaluation opportunity on the business forecast. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates on upcoming opportunities with USAID/Kyrgyz Republic.

107. Kyrgyz Republic: Kyrgyzstan Agriculture Activity

- a. Would USAID please confirm the RFP release date of this opportunity?

USAID Response:USAID/Kyrgyz Republic did not include this activity on the business forecast. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates on upcoming opportunities with USAID/Kyrgyz Republic.

- 108. Lebanon:** Does USAID anticipate issuing a procurement for a new water and sanitation activity in Lebanon?

USAID Response: Yes. We anticipate a new award utilizing funding expected in Spring 2020.

- 109. Lebanon:** Lebanon Industry Value Chain Development (LIVCD)

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on to LIVCD? If yes, what is the expected release date? Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or a Request for Information for this program?

USAID Response: USAID intends to continue to invest in and support the agriculture sector of Lebanon. There is a good possibility that a new solicitation or RFI in this area will be issued some time early in the next calendar year (2020).

- 110. Lebanon:** Lebanon Investment Initiative

- a. Is there an updated expected release date for this opportunity, scheduled to come out on 2/22/19?

USAID Response: This opportunity was released March 18, 2019.

- b. The Berytech Foundation is listed as the incumbent. Can USAID please specify the project for which this is a follow-on?

USAID Response: Middle East North Africa Investment Initiative (MENA II) in Lebanon.

- c. Can USAID please provide more details on technical focus and description?

USAID Response: The Lebanon Investment Initiative will fall under the same legal authority and program as MENA II.

- 111. Lebanon:** Mission-Wide Architecture and Engineering Services

- a. Can the Mission please confirm that the Request for Proposal will be a full and open solicitation?

USAID Response: Yes, the Mission anticipates following the competitive procedures in FAR 36.

- 112. Liberia:** New Youth Activity

- a. The Liberia New Youth Activity was removed from the 2019 Q1 forecast. Does USAID intend to place this back on the forecast? If yes, will USAID release an RFI?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the design phase and USAID intends to place it back on the forecast when it is in a more developed stage. USAID has not yet determined if it will release an RFI.

Can USAID confirm the intended action type, estimated amount and anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The intended action type, amount and release dates are not yet firm although we are hoping to get it to the solicitation phase by August/September, 2019.

113. Madagascar: Madagascar MEL

- a. Previous new business forecasts had information on a Madagascar MEL project that had been planned to be released in the near future. Can USAID please provide an update on this?

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

114. Malawi: Does USAID intend to release any additional opportunities in FY19 that support education? If so, can USAID provide any details?

USAID Response: There are no plans at this time.

115. Malawi: Malawi Development Food Security Activity

- a. Would USAID clarify the anticipated release date for the FY 2019 Development Food Security Activities?

USAID Response: It is anticipated that the RFA will be made public sometime in April 2019.

- b. Would USAID provide information on the countries anticipated for 2019 funding?

USAID Response: : We do not have that information at the country office or mission level.

- c. What impact will the merger of the Office of Food for Peace and the Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance have on a) the timing of the release of development RFAs and b) Food for Peace's management of development portfolios moving forward?

USAID Response: This is not expected to disrupt the planned FFP emergency or development activities.

116. Malawi: Modern Cooking for Healthy Forests

- a. Will USAID kindly provide and update on the anticipated solicitation date?

USAID Response: The solicitation was released on March 1, 2019 and the solicitation number is 72061219R00003. Currently, USAID is responding to questions it received on the RFP on March 15.

117. Malawi: PaMawa

- a. Does USAID intend on re-compete the PaMawa project in Malawi?

USAID Response: No.

118. Malawi: PREVENTION - EMPOWER

- a. Is this the same opportunity released as an RFI on September 6, 2018 with RFI No. 612-18-HIVPREV-01?

USAID Response: Yes, the Prevention TBD referenced in the September 2018 RFI is now named EMPOWER.

- b. Does USAID still anticipate that the PREVENTION - EMPOWER is a five-year program will be split into several separate RFAs? If so, how many and how will they be divided?

USAID Response: EMPOWER has three components - we anticipate up to 5 awards from one RFA. The VMMC component could have up to two awards, the AGYW/male case identification component could have up to two awards, and the condom component could have one award. One organization may apply for multiple components, in which case a winning application could receive an award combining multiple components.

- c. When does USAID anticipate the RFA(s) for the PREVENTION – EMPOWER program will be released?

USAID Response: EMPOWER is currently undergoing senior leadership approval in Washington, D.C. The RFA will be released once internal approvals are obtained.

- d. Can USAID please confirm whether eligibility to prime will be restricted to local and/or regional organizations?

USAID Response: Local organizations are encouraged to apply; international organizations that apply are required to engage local sub-partners.

- e. Can USAID please confirm if potential applicants will have the option to bid on the different components (VMMC; DREAMS and HIV Case Finding; and Condoms) separately, or will some or all of the components be part of a single integrated award and project?

USAID Response: USAID Response: Potential applicants can either bid on one component or multiple components. If an applicant is selected to perform multiple components, then one award will be made to the successful applicant combining the components it was selected to perform.

119. Mali: Does USAID anticipate the release of any funding opportunities related to WASH in Mali in the current fiscal year?

USAID Response: Yes, see “Rural Water” in response # 127 below.

120. Mali: Will USAID be providing a forecast of upcoming agriculture work in Mali?

USAID Response: USAID is continuing to develop its programming in Agriculture and Economic Growth. It is unlikely there will be any solicitations before summer or fall 2019. Please continue to follow grants.gov and fedbizopps.gov for any announcements.

121. Mali: Can USAID provide information on any pending release of solicitations for social behavior change (SBC) activities in Mali?

USAID Response: Yes, SBC will be included in one or more solicitations expected to be released in mid-2019.

122. Mali: Please share any updates available on what USAID is envisioning for the next round of education opportunities in Mali, especially related to possible follow-ons for current education awards.

USAID Response: No updates are available at this time. No Education solicitations are anticipated in 2019.

123. Mali: Agriculture and Economic Growth (AEG)

- a. In the Q1 FY2019 Q&A, it is stated that USAID/Mali was in the process of developing its programming for the Agriculture and Economic Growth (AEG) office. Since there are currently no anticipated solicitations listed for Mali in the current Business Forecast, would USAID kindly provide an update on the expected timeline for AEG related solicitations?

USAID Response: USAID is continuing to develop its programming in Agriculture and Economic Growth. It is unlikely there will be any solicitations before summer or fall 2019. Please continue to follow grants.gov and fedbizopps.gov for any announcements.

124. Mali: Cereal Value Chain (CVC)

- a. The Q1 2019 Forecast indicated that it is unlikely there would be any procurement before summer of 2019. Would USAID kindly provide any updates to the timeline and status of the Agriculture and Economic Growth office programming?

USAID Response: Please see the response to Question #123.

- b. Is USAID planning a follow-on?

USAID Response: The Bureau for Food Security leads coordination of the U.S. Government Global Food Security Strategy through the U.S. Government's Feed the Future initiative to combat hunger, poverty and malnutrition: See <https://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/agriculture-and-food-security/increasing-food-security-through-feed-future>

125. Mali: Integrated Rural Program to Improve Nutrition and Hygiene (IRP)

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on to the suite of activities under IRP? If yes, what is the expected release date? Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or a Request for Information for this program?

USAID Response: Activities related to those in IRP may be included in solicitations anticipated for mid-2019.

126. Mali: Rural Water Governance Infrastructure

- a. In the Q1 Forecast Q&A, USAID noted that USAID/Mali anticipates a solicitation for a Rural Water Governance Infrastructure contract of approximately \$15-20 Million in mid-calendar year 2019. This has not yet been added to the Business Forecast. Is this contract still anticipated to be released in mid-calendar year 2019, or have plans for either this project or the timing of its release been changed?

USAID Response: This is also anticipated in mid-2019 and will be added to the Business Forecast shortly.

127. Mali: SAFE

- a. Does USAID intend to revise the procurement and release it or will there be a new procurement released? If there will be a new procurement, will a RFI be released and when will the Business Forecast be updated?

USAID Response: USAID/Mali does not recognize this award. It is definitely not a bilateral, and no technical office recognizes it as field support.

128. Mali: Services de Santé à Grand Impact (SSGI)

- a. In November 2018, USAID indicated that new solicitations that include many of the current SSGI activities are expected to be announced sometime in early-mid 2019. Is there an update or is this still accurate? Will USAID please provide any update or additional information about these upcoming solicitations?

USAID Response: Solicitations are anticipated for mid-2019.

129. Mexico: Promoting Analysis of and Communication about Justice Sector Performance

- a. We note that USAID has indicated this as a Collaborative Agreement in the business forecast; can you confirm that this will be a Cooperative Agreement? If it is a Collaborative Agreement can USAID please explain the difference?

USAID Response: This was an error in the Business Forecast - it will be a Cooperative Agreement.

- b. Can USAID note if there is an incumbent for this project?

USAID Response: This is a new activity and as such there is not an incumbent.

130. Mexico: Promoting Human Rights and Due Process

- a. Will this activity be a full and open competition?

USAID Response: This will be full and open but limited to Mexican entities only.

131. Mexico: Strengthening Justice Activity

- a. Will this activity be a full and open competition?

USAID Response: This activity has been cancelled as the mission is reviewing the requirements of this procurement.

132. Moldova: Tourism Activity

- a. Given the small budget, would USAID consider setting this aside for small businesses?

USAID Response: USAID will take this under consideration.

- b. Could USAID please indicate the intended mechanism governing this opportunity?

USAID Response: Once the government has signed a selection of instrument, this will be reflected on the business forecast.

133. Morocco: Is USAID considering releasing any program opportunities in Morocco (in addition to the Civic Education opportunity) in the near future?

USAID Response: USAID/Morocco is designing activities for local organizations to conduct Science, Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships (STIP) under a regional APS mechanism. In addition, we are also designing activities for a solicitation to provide capacity building services to local organizations.

134. Morocco: Career Center Program

- a. Is there any further information available regarding a free and open follow on program?

USAID Response: There will be no follow on activity by USAID. The Government of Morocco will manage the Career Center activities upon award completion.

135. Morocco: Civic Education, Elections and Political Process Monitoring Activity

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the mechanism intended for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The projected procurement mechanism is an Annual Program Statement (APS) with multiple rounds or requests for concept papers

- b. Can USAID confirm that this solicitation will be open to international organizations?

USAID Response: This solicitation is envisioned to be limited to local organizations as prime awardees. However, international organizations that can

provide capacity building may apply as sub-awardees.

- 136. Mozambique:** Does USAID intend to issue any OVC solicitations in the next 12-18 months given the current life cycle of its existing OVC awards?

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

- 137. Mozambique:** Mozambique Efficiencies for Clinical HIV Outcomes (ECHO)

- a. Can USAID please confirm when this will be awarded?

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

- 138. Namibia:** Namibia HIV Prevention - Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC)

- a. Can USAID please provide an update to the anticipated release date for this activity?

USAID Response: The current status of this activity is reflected in Notice of Funding Opportunity number 72067319RFA00001 (as amended), found on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) at the following link:
<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=311174>

- b. Will this activity be limited to local organizations?

USAID Response: See the [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) link above for detail.

- 139. Namibia:** SAFE

- a. Does USAID intend to revise the procurement and release it or will there be a new procurement released? If there will be a new procurement, will a RFI be released and when will the Business Forecast be updated?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID anticipates releasing an amendment to the current Notice of Funding Opportunity number 72067319RFA00001.

- 140. Namibia:** Sustaining Epidemic Control in Key Populations

- a. Is this opportunity different from the previously advertised STAR HIV Prevention and Treatment among KP opportunity?

USAID Response: These titles refer to the same anticipated activity.

- b. Will this activity be limited to local organizations?

USAID Response: At this time USAID has not selected a type of obligating instrument for the anticipated activity and as such has not finalized whether the activity would be limited to local organizations. However, limiting the activity to local organizations is under consideration.

- 141. Nepal:** Is USAID planning follow on programs for the SABAL or PAHAL programs?

USAID Response: Both the Sustainable Action for Resilience and Food Security (SABAL) and Promoting Agriculture, Health, and Alternative Livelihoods (PAHAL) activities are funded by Food for Peace (FFP) Washington, not by USAID/Nepal. Thus, only FFP Washington as the primary funding source of these activities can respond to

this inquiry. Nevertheless, it seems unlikely that a follow-on multi-sectoral program focusing on resilience will be funded.

142. Nepal: Does USAID plan to release a new education procurement in FY19 or FY20?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID/Nepal envisages providing continuing education technical assistance in Nepal in FY 2019.

143. Nepal: Can USAID give further details on the release and scope of any USAID Nepal family planning/reproductive health solicitations?

USAID Response: The Mission remains in the early stages of its family planning/reproductive health project, which should include three or four activities. With regards to scope, the activity will seek to strengthen Nepal's health sector's ability to respond to the needs and preferences for obtaining sexual and reproductive health (SRH) information and contraceptive services.

144. Nepal: Early Grade Reading Program

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

USAID Response: Please see response provided under question No. 142 above.

145. Nepal: Nepal Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) and Learning

a. Will there be a follow-on to this contract?

USAID Response: The Mission has not yet determined whether to have a follow-on award for the expiring monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) contract. However, the Mission will update the business forecast once a decision has been reached.

146. Nepal: Tayar Nepal

a. Will the anticipated award date of 4/2/2019 remain the same? Can USAID provide any additional status updates?

USAID Response: Due to circumstances beyond our control, we anticipate award of Tayar Nepal on or about August 2019.

147. Niger: Given the recently released Global Food Security Strategy for Niger, can USAID provide information as to expected solicitations (including focus area, timing, and anticipated instrument) to support this strategy?

USAID Response: RISE 2 supports the GFSS for Niger.

148. Niger: Does USAID plan to release a new education procurement in FY19 or FY20?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID plans to release a new education procurement sometime in FY19 or FY20.

149. Niger: Resilient Government in Niger

a. Can USAID/SRO please provide further information on intended project focus, anticipated release date, and contract mechanism?

USAID Response: Please see the already released RFI for programmatic focus. Click this link to access the RFI and related documents:
<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=310897>

- b. The forecast states that RGN will serve as the leading governance activity of the RISE II project. Given that RISE II covers target regions in both Burkina Faso and Niger, will there be a parallel activity for governance in Burkina Faso?

USAID Response: USAID intends to solicit a RISE II governance activity for Burkina Faso.

- 150. Nigeria:** As some of the Nigeria opportunities have been on the forecast for several years, and some are new to this quarter's forecast, can USAID/Nigeria kindly confirm the expected order these opportunities will be released?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release dates are noted in the Business Forecast.

- 151. Nigeria:** Does USAID intend to issue any OVC solicitations in the next 12-18 months? If so, what is the anticipated value?

USAID Response: USAID intends to issue OVC solicitations in the next 12 - 18 months. However, the anticipated values cannot be determined at this time.

- 152. Nigeria:** Community Initiatives to Promote Peace

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the proposal review process as this activity is no longer listed on the forecast.

USAID Response: This solicitation closed on November 5, 2018 and is in the Evaluation phase. No further information can be provided at this time.

- b. Can USAID please provide an updated anticipated award date?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date as listed in the business Forecast remains July 2019.

- 153. Nigeria:** FTF Nigeria Agricultural Extension Services and Advisory Services

- a. Can USAID please clarify if this is a follow-on to a previous activity?

USAID Response: This is a new activity and not a follow-on to any previous activity.

- b. Can USAID please share any additional information on the geographic scope?

USAID Response: The geographic scope of the activity is Benue, Cross River, Delta, Ebonyi, Kaduna, Kebbi and Niger States of Nigeria.

- c. Would USAID provide more details on which agricultural sector or value chain the project will focus on?

USAID Response: The project activity focus will include aquaculture, cowpea, maize, rice and soybean value chains – downstream, upstream and production.

- d. Does USAID anticipate that the scope for this opportunity will overlap with Rural Resilience?

USAID Response: No. However, it is expected that there will be collaboration and coordination with other feed-the-future activities, including Rural Resilience, as well as with other relevant donor-funded activities.

- e. Will USAID release an RFI or pre-solicitation for this opportunity?

USAID Response: No request for information (RFI) for this opportunity is anticipated at this time.

- f. Can USAID confirm the timing of this opportunity?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date as listed in the Business Forecast is March 29, 2019.

- g. Would USAID confirm whether this will be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: This will not be a small business set-aside but small business organizations are encouraged to respond to the solicitation.

154. Nigeria: Northern Education Plus (NEI+)

- a. Will this activity be re-bid in FY19?

USAID Response: This activity will not be re-solicited in FY19.

155. Nigeria: Orphans and Vulnerable Children Social Services Activities (OSSA)

- a. Does USAID intend to place this back on the forecast? If so, will there be a second RFI?

USAID Response: This activity has undergone design modifications and will be placed on the Business Forecast in the next iteration, we do not anticipate a second request for information (RFI).

- b. Can USAID provide an anticipated release date for this activity?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date will be provided in the next Business Forecast update.

- c. Will this opportunity be open to international organizations?

USAID Response: The eligibility criteria for this activity will be specified in the solicitation document when it is released.

156. Nigeria: Rural Resilience

- a. Can USAID confirm the timing of the release of the solicitation?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release dates as noted in the Business Forecast is March 28, 2019. However, this date may be updated as the activity is undergoing USAID internal review processes.

157. Nigeria: Small Town WASH Activity

- a. Can USAID Nigeria please confirm if the anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release dates as noted in the Business Forecast is March 29, 2019.

- b. Can USAID share more information on the geographic scope? Is USAID expecting a focus on urban, peri-urban, and/or rural areas?

USAID Response: The geographic focus for this activity is Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States (Northeastern region of Nigeria).

- c. Will this activity address hardware and infrastructure, or address the soft side of WASH at the community level?

USAID Response: The activity will address both hardware and infrastructure components.

- d. Will USAID release an RFI or pre-solicitation?

USAID Response: No request for information (RFI) is envisioned for this activity at this time.

- e. Can USAID please confirm the eligibility criteria? Is USAID expecting that INGOs will be eligible to submit an application or is this opportunity designed for local organizations?

USAID Response: Eligibility criteria for the activity will be outlined in the solicitation.

158. Nigeria: Social Services for AIDS-Affected Orphans, Vulnerable Children & Adolescents

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on anticipated timing, amount and award type for this previously forecasted opportunity?

USAID Response: The award type anticipated is Cooperative Agreement, additional details will be provided by the next Forecast update, please see response to 155 above.

159. Nigeria: State2State

- a. Can USAID provide an update on this activity, as it is no longer appearing on the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: The State 2 State solicitation was posted on November 26, 2018 and closed on January 22, 2019 and is currently in the Evaluation phase. No further information can be provided at this time.

- b. Can USAID provide an anticipated release date for this activity?

USAID Response: See response above.

160. Nigeria: Strengthening Advocacy and Civil Society

- a. Does USAID intend issue a follow-on to this activity? If so, will USAID release an RFI?

USAID Response: No follow-on activity is contemplated at this time.

- 161. North Macedonia: Cross-Sectoral Youth Assessment**
a. Will this opportunity be limited to local organizations?

USAID Response: No.

- 162. North Macedonia: North Macedonia Community Self-Reliance Program**
a. Could USAID confirm that this opportunity has already been released?

USAID Response: This has not been released yet.

- b. Can USAID confirm that only local organizations will be eligible to bid?

USAID Response: This is Localworks funded and is not restricted to local organizations.

- c. Can USAID confirm the expected release date of April 12?

USAID Response: This may be delayed further. We are updating the business forecast as delays become apparent, although the Mission is working to issue the APS soonest.

- 163. North Macedonia: North Macedonia Informed Citizen Media Activity**
a. Can USAID advise on the intended contracting mechanism for this activity?

USAID Response: This will be a contract.

- b. In the Forecast, we have seen a diminished focus on the media literacy component. Can USAID please clarify if they envision this still being an element of the intended ICMA project?

USAID Response: Media literacy will still be an element of the activity.

- 164. North Macedonia: Strengthened Resource Mobilization Activity**
a. Does USAID/North Macedonia anticipate releasing an RFI or draft scope of work?

USAID Response: USAID is still deliberating the best procurement process.

- b. Would USAID share whether or not it considers any recent or current projects to be predecessors to this activity?

USAID Response: There are no recent or current projects that would be a predecessor.

- 165. Pakistan: Citizen Engagement and Governance Program**
a. Can USAID offer any insight into what the programmatic/technical scope will be?

USAID Response: The Mission is currently conducting surveys with recipient shareholders to determine the range and areas where support is needed.

- b. Can USAID clarify the award type?

USAID Response: The type of mechanism most appropriate to implement this activity has not been determined yet.

166. Pakistan: Federally Administered Tribal Area (FATA) Health Award

- a. Does USAID anticipate that the country review findings will effect this opportunity?

USAID Response: No, this activity remains as a Mission approved activity for implementation.

- b. Does USAID plan to release an RFI or draft RFA prior to the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date currently listed on the forecast?

USAID Response: No, an RFI was previously released on July 16, 2018 to collect market research for this proposed activity. Findings identified both local and international firms with capabilities of implementing this activity. The tentative release date for the RFP will be on or before January 2020.

- c. Could USAID confirm the award/action type and the small business set-aside status, if known?

USAID Response: The type of mechanism most appropriate to implement this activity has not been determined yet. The Mission is currently conducting surveys with recipient shareholders to determine the range and areas where support is needed. Due to the security restrictions and difficulty for some organizations to obtain permission to operate in the areas formerly known as FATA small business set asides are not being considered at this time.

167. Pakistan: KP Resource Mobilization

- a. Can USAID/Pakistan provide additional information, such as solicitation type?

USAID Response: The project title has been updated to “KP Revenue Mobilization.” The type of mechanism most appropriate to implement this activity has not been determined yet. The Mission currently is engaged in discussions with recipient shareholder to determine the levels and types of support sought. The Mission is strongly considering use of an existing Washington based IDIQ to implement this activity.

- b. Is this activity anticipated to be released under the 3PSM IDIQ?

USAID Response: No, The Mission does not intend to source this activity under 3PSM IDIQ.

168. Pakistan: Pakistan Performance Management Support for Pakistan (PERFORM)

- a. Will there be a follow-on to this activity?

USAID Response: Decision on the follow-on activity is not yet made. Soon as there is any decision, the Business Forecast will provide the updated information.

169. Pakistan: Pakistan Policy and Support Mechanism (3PSM) IDIQ

- a. Can USAID confirm that the projected release date remains 3/29/2019?

USAID Response: Update: the RFP issuance date has been updated to April 24, 2019.

- b. Is USAID planning to issue a pre-solicitation notice and more information about the SOW before the solicitation is released?

USAID Response: No. The Mission issued a RFI to solicit interest from interested firms on March 29, 2018. Findings from the RFI identified multiple firms with the capabilities to implement this activity. Mission will use Full and Open competition procedures to source this activity.

170. Pakistan: Pakistan Youth Development Project

- a. Has USAID cancelled this procurement, or will it be re-posted?

USAID Response: USAID has cancelled this procurement.

- b. Will this opportunity contain a specific inclusivity element addressing the needs of disabled youths?

USAID Response: Please see response 170a.

171. Pakistan: Punjab Enabling Environment Project (PEEP)

- a. Has USAID cancelled this procurement, or will it be re-posted?

USAID Response: This activity was awarded in 2014 and ends in 2021.

172. Pakistan: Sindh Enabling Environment Activity (SEEA)

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on program and solicitation in FY2019?

USAID Response: SEEA was a notional activity planned for issuance under 3PSM, however, after further deliberation the Mission has decided not fund this activity at this time nor in the future.

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

- a. Has USAID cancelled this procurement?

USAID Response: No. This remains an active Mission approved activity. The tentative release date for the RFP is April 10, 2019.

174. Pakistan: Youth Job Placement APS

- a. Could USAID kindly provide an updated solicitation release date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The APS was posted on www.grants.gov on March 12, 2019. The APS number is 72039119APS00001.

- b. Does USAID anticipate any additional youth development work to complement the Youth Job Placement APS?

USAID Response: Not at the moment.

175. Papua New Guinea: Does USAID intend to announce an opportunity focused on land tenure and related reforms in Papua New Guinea?

176. Peru: Transparent Accountable Public Investment (TAPI)

a. Is April 1 still the anticipated solicitation date?

USAID Response: No, we anticipate the solicitation will be released by mid May, 2019.

b. Will this activity be a full and open competition?

USAID Response: Yes, this will be a full and open competition.

177. Philippines: Does USAID/Philippines intend to release an energy project?

USAID Response: Yes, an energy-related project is anticipated. Please check the Business Forecast for updates.

178. Philippines: Advancing Basic Education in the Philippines (ABEP)

a. Can USAID provide any update on the status of the evaluation of the Philippines ABEP presentations and when USAID will complete this process?

USAID Response: ABEP is still in the procurement stage. No additional information can be shared publicly until the award has been made.

179. Philippines: APS on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance

a. Can USAID provide an update on the type of mechanism it plans to use for this solicitation?

USAID Response: To be determined. Please check the Business Forecast for updates.

b. How many projects does USAID intend to fund through the APS?

USAID Response: To be determined. Please check the Business Forecast for updates.

c. Will the APS be open to both international and local organizations?

USAID Response: To be determined. Please check the Business Forecast for updates.

180. Philippines: DELIVER

a. Could USAID confirm the anticipated award date?

USAID Response: DELIVER is still in the procurement stage. No additional information can be shared publicly until the award has been made.

181. Philippines: Evidence-Driven Collaborating, Learning and Adapting

a. Could USAID confirm the small business set-aside status, if known?

USAID Response: To be determined. Please check the Business Forecast for

updates.

- b. Will implementing this project present a conflict of interest that would preclude the implementer from any other projects from USAID/Philippines?

USAID Response: The potential for conflict of interest exists but depends on the specific programmatic circumstances involved.

182. Philippines: Youth Activity

- a. When does USAID expect to release this award?

USAID Response: Per the Business Forecast, anticipated award date is September 30, 2019. Please check the Business Forecast for updates.

- b. Will this opportunity include a health and/or gender-based violence focus?

USAID Response: To be determined. Please check the Business Forecast for updates.

183. RDMA: Asia Enhancing Development and Growth Through Energy (EDGE) Activity (RDMA)

- a. Can USAID confirm the ceiling for this opportunity and the countries that will be of focus?

USAID Response: A final decision on the ceiling has not yet been made. The instrument will focus on Southeast Asia, but may be made available Asia-wide depending upon the outcome of the design process.

- b. Can USAID comment on whether this will be a multiple holder IDIQ or single holder?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates a multiple holder IDIQ, but this activity is still in the design phase.

- c. Does USAID have an update on the release date and bidders conference?

USAID Response: Date is to be determined.

- d. Does USAID intend to release a Task Order with the IDIQ RFP?

USAID Response: USAID/RDMA does not intend to release the first Task Order as part of the RFP.

184. RDMA: Asia Learning and M&E Support Project

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on contract to this project?

USAID Response: USAID/RDMA anticipates awarding a new mechanism to provide Learning and M&E support for the Asia region. USAID anticipates to solicit and award this in FY2020.

185. RDMA: Better Preparing Lower Mekong Youth for the 21st-Century Workforce

- a. Per FBO.gov, the solicitation was removed from the forecast due to “due to changes in regional priorities.” Could USAID/RDMA provide some insight on what

the regional priorities are for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam?

USAID Response: Higher Education/Workforce Development is no longer part of USAID/RDMA's regional priorities. For individual Mission/Country's priorities, please refer to the respective Mission's country strategy.

186. RDMA: Laos Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship Activity

- a. In Q1 an RFI was released, however it has not appeared on the forecast. Does USAID plan to move forward with this opportunity?

USAID Response: We do not plan to move forward with this activity during this FY. The responses received from the RFI are informing the design for an activity that could potentially appear on the Business Forecast in FY 20.

- b. Has the Mission determined a scope of work based on the information collected?

USAID Response: The scope of the activity has not been determined. The Laos Country Office is still engaged in the design process to refine the concept.

- c. Can USAID specify the expected release date, mechanism and award amount?

USAID Response: Not at this time. The Business Forecast will be updated once this potential activity has progressed further in the activity design process, and we have more definite information to share.

187. RDMA: Networks for Peace

- a. Does USAID plan to release an RFI or draft scope of work?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID/RDMA does not plan to release an RFI or draft scope for this activity.

- b. Can USAID clarify the intended mechanism for this activity?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the design phase, and no determination has yet been made as to the intended mechanism.

- c. Can USAID please confirm that this activity is planned to take place in Sri Lanka, Burma, and Thailand? If these countries have changed, can USAID please verify in which countries the activity will take place? Will there be a specific target sub-region?

USAID Response: The activity is still in the design phase and thus the target countries have not been finalized. However, the activity is anticipated to address common themes that are widely applicable across Asia.

188. Rwanda: Orora Wihaze

- a. Does USAID anticipate to procure an external evaluator for this activity?

USAID Response: This question was addressed in the Q&A period of the solicitation. USAID/Rwanda reserves the right to procure an external evaluator, but has not made a decision at this time.

- b. Could USAID confirm when to expect the release of the evaluation opportunity and the expected procurement mechanism?

USAID Response: See response above. A decision has not yet been made.

189. Rwanda: Twiyubake

- a. Is USAID intending to re-bid this project in FY19?

USAID Response: USAID does not intend to re-bid this project in FY 19.

- 190. Senegal:** Could USAID please provide a justification regarding the change in award/action type for USAID/Senegal Backbone Support and Learning/Sahel Collaboration and Communication Activity from a contract to a cooperative agreement, if the scope of work is similar to the current SAREL project? Has there been a significant change in the scope of work for this activity from the SAREL project?

USAID Response: The scope of work for for the Sahel Collaboration and Communication Activity is different from the SAREL project. USAID has determined that a cooperative agreement is the most appropriate mechanism for implementing the SCC activity.

191. Senegal: Agricultural Value Chains Services Activity

- a. Does USAID/Senegal intend to hold a bidder's conference for this opportunity?

USAID Response: This procurement is still in the design process. At this time, USAID does not plan to hold a bidder's conference. We will update the Business Forecast if this information changes.

- b. Would USAID please confirm that the release date remains 03/29/2019?

USAID Response: This procurement is still undergoing internal reviews. It is very likely that the solicitation release date will slip into late April 2019. USAID/Senegal will update the Business Forecast as soon as the new date is available.

- c. Would USAID confirm if the key value chains and geographic zones under consideration remains the same?

USAID Response: The geographic zones are the same. In each agro-ecological region of the Zone Of Influence, investments must be targeted on cereal, horticulture and or small ruminants value chains that have the greatest potential to sustainably improve at a large scale food security, employment, income and nutrition.

192. Senegal: Entrepreneurship Promotion and Business Investment Program

- a. What is the expected RFA/RFP release date?

USAID Response: This procurement is still in the design process. Its associated Request for Information (RFI, issued for market research purposes) closed on March 18, 2019. USAID/Senegal anticipates releasing the Request for Proposals (RFP) on or about June 1, 2019.

- b. Is USAID contemplating a full and open procurement, or will the project be issued through an IDIQ mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID/Senegal is contemplating a full and open competitive procurement.

- c. Is USAID contemplating issuing this project as a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: USAID/Senegal is currently reviewing feedback it received from its recently issued RFI (closed on March 18, 2019). As of right now, USAID/Senegal is contemplating a full and open competitive procurement.

193. Senegal: RISE II Integrated Health Service Delivery

- a. Is the anticipated release date of March 15, 2019 still accurate for the USAID Integrated Health Service Delivery project for Burkina Faso and Niger?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date is now April 1, 2019

- b. Is this the same as the previously forecasted RISE II opportunity, for which RFI-625-18-RISEII-HSD was released on May 18, 2018?

USAID Response: Yes

- c. The FY19 Q1 Business Forecast Q&A stated that the RISE II Health Service Delivery Activity geographic scope will be Tillaberi, Maradi, and Zinder in Niger, and Centre-Nord, Est, and Sahel in Burkina Faso. Are there any anticipated changes to that geographic scope?

USAID Response: No

194. Senegal: Prevention of Child Early and Forced Marriage Activity

- a. Could USAID please clarify in which country/ies this activity will take place? What are the USAID Target Zones of Intervention?

USAID Response: The target zones will be Maradi, Zinder, and Tillaberi in Niger

- b. Will this be an open solicitation or for local organizations only?

USAID Response: Open solicitation

195. Senegal: RISE II - Accelerated Growth (REGIS-AG)

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on? If yes, would USAID please provide information on the anticipated procurement schedule? Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or a Request for Information for this program? Could USAID confirm if this will be a contract or a cooperative agreement?

USAID Response: USAID intends to solicit a new agriculture activity, but it is still under design. The business forecast will be updated when further details are available.

196. Senegal: RISE II - Enhanced Resilience (REGIS-ER)

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on? If yes, would USAID please provide information on the anticipated procurement schedule? Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or a Request for Information for this program? Could USAID confirm if this will be a contract or a cooperative agreement?

USAID Response: We do not anticipate a follow-on to this program.

197. Senegal: Sahel Collaboration and Communication (SCC)

- a. Can USAID confirm if Implementing Partners will be allowed to prime the Sahel Collaboration and Communication (SCC) activity?

USAID Response: Organizations that meet the eligibility standards set forth in the solicitation NOFO #72068519RFA00005 may apply for the Sahel Collaboration and Communication activity.

- b. Can the SRO please provide a justification for why this Forecast entry was updated last week to indicate that a cooperative agreement will now be used? Given USAID's express commitment to small business utilization, how can the SRO justify this shift?

USAID Response: Based on agency guidance, the selection of instrument determination indicated that cooperative agreement is the appropriate mechanism for implementing the SCC activity.

- c. Can USAID please provide further guidance on anticipated release date and scope of this opportunity?

USAID Response: The NOFO for this activity was posted on www.grants.gov on March 14, 2019. Click this link to access the SCC NOFO #72068519RFA00005: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=313774>

- d. What health areas with this cover?

USAID Response: SCC is not a health activity. The Health Services Delivery activity RFI provides details on the health topics it will cover.

- e. What is the relationship between this and the Integrated Health Service Delivery activity for Burkina Faso and Niger?

USAID Response: SCC is a collaboration and communication activity that supports all RISE II activities, including HSD.

198. Senegal: Senegal Entrepreneurship Promotion and Business Investment

- a. Can USAID please provide further guidance on anticipated release date and contract mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID/Senegal anticipates releasing the Request for Proposals (RFP) on or about June 1, 2019.

199. Somalia: Growth Enterprise, Employment and Livelihoods (GEEL)

- a. Does USAID intend to release a program building on this contract? If so, can further information be provided on technical scope, timing, value, or mechanism?

USAID Response: This is still under discussion.

200. Somalia: Somalia Accelerated Education Program (AEP)

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the status of the review of proposals and when USAID expects to provide notifications on the outcome?

USAID Response: Evaluation is still underway. More information will be shared as soon as it is available.

201. Somalia: Somalia Program Support Services

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on contract to this project?

USAID Response: Yes. Please see response to 38(d) above.

202. South Africa: Can USAID/Southern Africa confirm if they will be releasing additional information on the eSwatini Attain and Sustain 95-95-95, Prevent New Infections and Reach the Hard-to-Reach for Epidemic Control (ASPIRE) scope of work prior to solicitation release?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID/Southern Africa plans to update the RFI previously posted with the presentation and Q&A from the pre-solicitation conference.

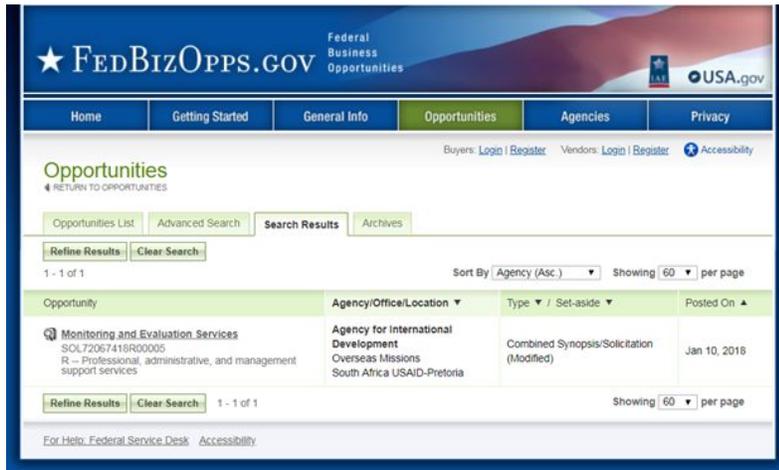
203. South Africa: Does USAID anticipate releasing any additional HIV related procurements based on recent COP discussions for Lesotho during this fiscal year separate from the Business Forecast entry for Karabo ea Bophelo activity? If yes, will there be a RFI released and when will the Business Forecast be updated?

USAID Response: Please be informed that a new procurement for "Scale-up of Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Services in Lesotho" has recently been added to the Business Forecast. No RFI will be issued.

204. South Africa: Monitoring and Evaluation to Collaborate, Learn, Adapt, and Knowledge Management Activity

- a. To our knowledge the activity was never awarded. It is not included in the forecast and we are no longer able to locate information about it in FedBizOpps. Is the opportunity still active?

USAID Response: This activity has not been awarded. It's not on the Business Forecast anymore because the solicitation is closed. The solicitation can still be found on FedBizOpps.



205. South Sudan: Can USAID provide details on upcoming global health and education opportunities, including technical details?

USAID Response: We anticipate one Education award and one Health award in FY2020. We are still designing both so no further detail is available at this time.

206. South Sudan: Promoting Civic Engagement and Peace (PCEP)
 a. Does USAID plan to update the anticipated award date?

USAID Response: We are on track to award this FY. No update is needed at this time.

Sri Lanka: Transparent Investment & Efficiency Project

b. Does USAID have a projected release date for this opportunity, following the RFI that was released on 12/20/2018?

USAID Response: This opportunity will be issued as a RFTOP against the Public Financial Management (PFM) II IDIQ contract.

c. Is USAID planning to issue a pre-solicitation notice and more information about the SOW before the solicitation is released?

USAID Response: No.

d. Can USAID provide any information about the award mechanism type considered?

USAID Response: This opportunity will be issued as a RFTOP against the Public Financial Management (PFM) II IDIQ contract. There is expected to be one task order award.

207. Tanzania: Community Health System Strengthening

a. Will there be a follow-on to this activity? If so, will USAID release an RFI?

USAID Response: We anticipate a new activity will be designed and begin after the existing award expires. USAID/Tanzania will provide potential interested parties with an opportunity to comment on any draft documents prior to a solicitation being released.

208. Tanzania: Comprehensive Community Cascade for Epidemic Control Among Key and Vulnerable Populations (CCC-KVP)

- a. An RFI was issued in Q1, however it has not appeared on the forecast. Does USAID plan to move forward with this opportunity? If so, is there an anticipated solicitation date?

USAID Response: USAID does plan to issue an RFP for this opportunity. USAID will update the business forecast to include this opportunity as soon as possible.

- b. Can USAID specify the expected release, mechanism, and award amount?

USAID Response: USAID will provide this information in the business forecast. It will be a contract between \$100M - \$124.99M.

209. Tanzania: Malaria Bed Net Delivery

- a. Can USAID provide an anticipated release date? Will an RFI be released beforehand?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date is now mid-April, 2019. USAID posted a request for feedback on requirements documents twice and a request for feedback on the evaluation criteria and instructions once. USAID posted a third iteration of documents on FBO where the previous two postings were listed. We will not issue a 4th RFI.

210. Tanzania: Public Sector Systems Strengthening (PS3) Next Generation

- a. Can USAID provide any more information on the project after the recent stakeholders' meeting?

USAID Response: USAID will post notes from the meeting and as more information becomes available, we will share information.

- b. Will USAID release an RFI?

USAID Response: USAID will release a draft requirements document when it is written and cleared internally and solicit feedback.

- c. When does USAID anticipate releasing a solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID does not have an anticipated date at this time.

- d. What will be the anticipated size and scope of the program?

USAID Response: USAID cannot provide this information at this time as we are in the market research stage.

211. Tanzania: Sustainable Access for Expanded Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) Services

- a. Can USAID please share the anticipated award date?

USAID Response: December 1, 2019

212. Tanzania: Tusome Pamoja Education Program

- a. In the FY2019 Q1 Q&A, USAID/Tanzania indicated that it needed to start negotiations with the Government of Tanzania to determine if a follow-on to the Tusome Pamoja Education Program would be released. Could USAID please provide an update on the status of these negotiations and whether it plans to release a follow-on?

USAID Response: USAID does not have information about a follow-on at this time to share.

213. **Uganda:** Does USAID anticipate releasing a civil society strengthening activity in Uganda in FY19?

USAID Response: This opportunity is still under design and please continue to check the Agency Business Forecast for any updates on the anticipated solicitation release date.

214. **Uganda:** Can USAID provide any update on expectations for the follow-on to the LARA and SHARPE projects, specifically if USAID expects to continue supporting separate scopes, or if there will be a combining of scopes into a single follow-on opportunity?

USAID Response: This opportunity is still under design and please continue to check the Agency Business Forecast for any updates on the anticipated solicitation release date.

215. **Uganda:** Are there further HIV/AIDS opportunities expected to be released this year?

USAID Response: Please continue to check the Agency Business Forecast for any updates on new HIV/AIDS opportunities.

216. **Uganda:** Accountability and Risk Management Support Services

- a. Can USAID confirm (a) whether this will be a new IDIQ, and (b) whether it is limited and specific to Uganda?

USAID Response: The ARMSS IDIQ is a new activity and is limited to Uganda.

- b. Can USAID confirm if IDIQ holders will be eligible to apply for funding as a prime or a sub awardee/contractor that receives services from this IDIQ?

USAID Response: Any potential conflict of interest that might arise will be evaluated at the Task Order solicitation stage.

217. **Uganda:** Biodiversity for Resilience

- a. Can USAID provide a status update on this opportunity, including anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: This opportunity is still under design and please continue to check the Agency Business Forecast for any updates on the anticipated solicitation release date.

218. **Uganda:** Local Service Delivery Activity

- a. Could USAID please confirm whether eligibility to prime will be restricted to local and/or regional organizations?

USAID Response: Eligibility to prime will be restricted to LOCAL Organizations as per the definition provided in the RFI.

- b. Could USAID confirm which project(s) LSDA will act as a follow-on award to?

USAID Response: This is a new activity and it is not a follow-on.

219. Uganda: Systems and Institutional Strengthening Activity

- a. Can USAID please provide further guidance on anticipated release date and contract mechanism?

USAID Response: This is a new activity and it is not a follow-on.

220. Uganda: Uganda Health System Strengthening (UHSS)

- a. The opportunity is no longer listed on the business forecast. Can USAID please clarify if the UHSS opportunity is still expected to be awarded? And if so, what is the anticipated award date?

USAID Response: The UHSS opportunity is listed on the Agency Business Forecast and is still expected to be awarded in the near future, please keep checking the Business Forecast for updates on this opportunity.

221. Uganda: Uganda Integrated Child and Youth Development

- a. Could USAID provide information on timing and mechanism?

USAID Response: Any updates regarding this activity will be posted on the Agency Business Forecast.

222. Uganda: Uganda Multi-Sectoral Nutrition & MNCH Activity

- a. Will USAID kindly provide and update on the anticipated solicitation date?

USAID Response: The anticipated date for the release of the RFA is o/a April 15, 2019.

- b. Can USAID confirm if this solicitation descended from USAID RFI-617-18-MCH-N Multi-Sectoral Nutrition, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Activity of June 2018?

USAID Response: Yes.

223. Uganda: Uganda Voluntary Family Planning for Improved Reproductive Health and Development

- a. On 2/27/2019 this opportunity was cancelled. The following day the forecast was updated to show the opportunity is still planned and the anticipated release date is 4/30/2019. Can USAID please confirm that the opportunity is indeed still anticipated and not cancelled as previously forecasted?

USAID Response: The Voluntary Family Planning for Improved Reproductive

Health and Development Opportunity is still anticipated and not cancelled. This opportunity is listed on the Agency Business Forecast.

- b. Per the latest procurement update, IR3 appears to have a service delivery focus. Could USAID kindly confirm if this activity is intended to have a service delivery component?

USAID Response: Yes this activity will have some limited service delivery in selected districts, TBD.

- c. How does USAID envision this opportunity complementing the Uganda Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Maternal and Child Health (NMCH) Activity? Does USAID expect there to be overlap between the two activities?

USAID Response: Technically, we do not expect these two activities to overlap. One is providing TA on Family Planning and the other one is providing TA for MNCH. There might be some overlap in terms of national level capacity building and support in working with the same key stakeholders and technical divisions at the national and district levels including the MOH Reproductive Health Division.

- d. Similar to the NMCH activity, is the mission also looking for a more integrated approach, as well as multi-sectoral approach, to the FP mechanism?

USAID Response: This activity will support the vision outlined in the Mission's CDCS in terms of selectivity, focus and integration. More details will be outlined in the RFA.

- e. Is this the same as the previously advertised "Flagship Family Planning Activity"?

USAID Response: Yes, it is the same opportunity. The name changed from "Flagship Family Planning Activity" and is now called "The Voluntary Family Planning for Improved Reproductive Health and Development Opportunity."

- f. Is this award intended for local organizations or will international organizations be eligible to apply for this opportunity?

USAID Response: This activity is anticipated to be a full and open competition RFA.

- g. Will this award be inclusive of private sector approaches?

USAID Response: The activity will be in alignment with the Agency's focus on Sustainability and the Journey to Self-Reliance. More details will be outlined in the RFA.

224. Ukraine: Agriculture Growing Rural Opportunities (AGRO)

- a. Is this activity expected to be a continuation of activities or a follow-on to already ongoing programs such as the USAID/Ukraine Agriculture and Rural Development Support Program?

USAID Response: USAID expects AGRO to build on successes of ARDS.

- b. Is USAID planning to issue a pre-solicitation notice and more information about the SOW?

USAID Response: USAID does not intend on releasing an RFI for this solicitation.

225. Ukraine: New Civil Society Sectoral Support Activity in Ukraine

- a. Can USAID advise if this is a follow-on to an existing program

USAID Response: This is a new activity.

- b. Will this opportunity be competed openly, or will it be limited to local organizations?

USAID Response: USAID/Ukraine intends to announce a full and open competition through NOFO/RFA. Final determination on eligibility will be reflected in the NOFO document. USAID encourages all interested parties to monitor www.grants.gov periodically.

- c. Can USAID provide more detail on the anticipated release date and scope?

USAID Response: USAID/Ukraine anticipates to post NOFO/RFA at grants.gov sometime in spring 2019. All details including Program Description will be reflected in the NOFO document. Please continue monitor www.grants.gov periodically.

- d. Can USAID clarify the distinction between the forecasted "ODG: New Civil Society Sectoral Support Activity in Ukraine" and the ongoing USAID-funded ENGAGE project? Will the forecasted program be a follow-on activity?

USAID Response: The forecasted program will be a new activity in Ukraine and further details will be released with the NOFO/RFA.

226. Ukraine: Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova Analytical Services IDIQ

- a. Does the Mission anticipate the re-announcement of the project?

USAID Response: USAID's requirement has changed, so USAID will not be re-announcing this IDIQ. Please note, however, that USAID has listed the Monitoring and Learning Support contract on the business forecast.

- b. Does USAID intend to replace this project by any initiative such as Ukraine Monitoring and Learning Contract and if so does USAID intend to issue similar contracts for other two countries (Moldova and Belarus)?

USAID Response: The Ukraine Monitoring and Learning Support contract listed on the forecast will have the possibility to provide support to Belarus since Belarus is an office within the USAID/Ukraine mission. USAID/Moldova is a separate mission that is receiving its evaluation support through other means.

227. Ukraine: Ukraine Monitoring and Learning Contract

- a. Could USAID confirm that this project will be small business set-aside?

USAID Response: Yes, this will be a small business set-aside.

- b. Could USAID confirm that this project will be issued as a contract and not as a Task order under an existing IDIQ?

USAID Response: This is correct. This will be procured as a standalone contract.

- c. Could USAID clarify whether this project will only be working in Ukraine or other countries (such as Moldova and Belarus) might also be covered under it?

USAID Response: The Ukraine Monitoring and Learning Support contract listed on the forecast will have the possibility to provide support to Belarus since Belarus is an office within the USAID/Ukraine mission. However, since USAID/Moldova is a separate mission, this contract will not be working in Moldova.

- 228. Vietnam:** Does USAID anticipate any women's economic empowerment-related, or disability rights solicitations for Vietnam in FY19?

USAID Response: Not at this time.

- 229. West Africa:** Municipal WASH

- a. At various points, the Award/Action Type has been listed as TO/DO. Would USAID indicate which IDIQ mechanisms are being considered?

USAID Response: USAID/West Africa will solicit off the USAID- issued HABITAT IDIQ contract, currently known as "Making Cities Work."

- 230. West Bank/Gaza:** Does USAID expect to release the Global Development Alliance Awards and the Multiple Water System Task Orders opportunities within the timeframe specified despite the current hold on funding for programs in the West Bank/Gaza?

USAID Response: No, USAID/WBG does not anticipate GDA or infrastructure opportunities this fiscal year.

- 231. Yemen:** Transitional Education Support Program

- a. Will there be a pre-solicitation notice for this opportunity?

USAID Response: No, the solicitation should be released under an addendum under APS-OAA-17-000002 on Grants.gov shortly.

- b. What is the definition of "children" and "Youth" in terms of ages?

USAID Response: "Children" refers to primary age students. USAID defines "Youth" to be the young people in the 10-29 year age range, with a general programmatic focus on 15-24 years old. Please refer to Public Law 115-56, the 'READ' Act for further definitions.

- c. What is encompassed under "Education Systems"? Does it cover infrastructure and policy related interventions? Would USAID expect a specific outcome on system development?

USAID Response: “Systems” refers to all inputs that comprise public education. Infrastructure and policy interventions are part of the system. Yes, USAID expects outcomes on system development. Please refer to Public Law 115–56, the 'READ' Act for further definitions.

- d. Is Technical and Vocational Education including non-formal education part of access to education?

USAID Response: Yes. Please refer to Public Law 115–56, the 'READ' Act for further definitions.

232. Yemen: Yemen Citizen Engagement

- a. Can USAID please provide additional information on whether this opportunity has been cancelled or delayed, given that it is no longer listed?

USAID Response: This solicitation has been cancelled

- b. Was the cancellation or delay due to internal USAID planning or a result of monitoring progress towards a peace process in Yemen?

USAID Response: This solicitation has been cancelled due to internal USAID planning

233. Yemen: Yemen Systems Health and Resilience Project (SHARP)

- a. Please confirm if there is any update on the anticipated award date for this opportunity, as well as when USAID intends to move to the next phase of the applicant review process?

USAID Response: The Selection Committee is currently in the concept paper review phase and will move into the next phase of requesting full applications shortly.

- 234. Zambia:** Does USAID intend to issue any competitive OVC or DREAMS focused solicitations in the next 12 months?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID intends to issue a competitive opportunity related to OVC in the next 12 months and preferably towards the end of FY19.

- 235. Zambia:** Is USAID still planning to release an opportunity related to social protection, as mentioned in previous Q&A rounds? If so, will the opportunity be released in FY19?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID intends to issue a competitive opportunity related to Social Protection in the next 12 months and preferably towards the end of FY19.

236. Zambia: Evidence for Health

- a. The latest forecast entry, known to us, had an award date listed for February. Is there a revised timeline for award?

USAID Response: May 31, 2019

237. Zambia: RMNCAH&N Continuum of Care TA

- a. The Business Forecast shows a release date of May 20. Does USAID anticipate an update?

USAID Response: At the moment May, 20, 2019 is still the anticipated date for solicitation release for the RMNCAHN Activity. The Business forecast will be updated in an event the date changes.

- b. Would USAID please confirm that international NGOs will be eligible to prime?

USAID Response: This is still under consideration. The solicitation will provide all eligibility requirements.

238. Zimbabwe: Advancing Accountability and Rights in Zimbabwe

- a. There has been no information on this grant for several business forecasts. Can USAID please provide an update on this?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates having a call for applications in Fiscal Year 2019 in the following sub-sectors: the parliamentary strengthening, decentralization and media.

239. Zimbabwe: DREAMS

- a. Does USAID intend to complete this program in Zimbabwe over the next 12-18 months?

USAID Response: DREAMS activities are implemented in Zimbabwe through multiple partners and multiple mechanisms. We intend to continue DREAMS activities this fiscal year and beyond. We do not plan to re-compete any of our awards with DREAMS activities this fiscal year.

240. Zimbabwe: Parliamentary Strengthening Activity

- a. Can USAID provide any additional information, such as its technical areas of focus?

USAID Response: This activity was deleted from the A&A Plan and the business forecast. USAID anticipates having a call for applications under APS-613-17-00001.

- b. Will this opportunity be open to international organizations, or might it be directed at regional and/or local groups?

USAID Response: It will be done under the APS and will be open to international, regional, and local organizations.