

FY 2019, 3rd 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 FUSAID 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:** USAID's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) indicated that USAID has plans to establish formal targets for small business utilization at the Mission level similar to the targets at USAID/Washington. Can USAID provide updates on the progress towards this goal and associated details (for example: will the targets be global aggregation, regional, country-specific, or some combination thereof)?

Can USAID clarify where small business goals per country can be found on the USAID website? When will targets and a full list of countries for FY20 be available? Will that list be published on the USAID website?

USAID Response: Currently, the following Missions are participating in USAID's Mission Small Business Goaling (MSBG) program: Ghana, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines, Vietnam, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, Ukraine, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Peru, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, and Pakistan. The list of USAID Missions participating in the Mission Small Business Goaling (MSBG) is available via the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization website: <https://www.usaid.gov/office-small-and-disadvantaged-business-utilization/documents/1878/mission-small-business-goaling-msbg-program>. The regional small business goals and previous fiscal year accomplishments will be posted on the agency's website within the next 30 days.

The OSDBU continues to provide Mission staff with small business training and guidance concerning various market research approaches (Sources Sought Notices, Industry Days, Request for Information, etc.) and acquisition strategies. In addition, the OSDBU is in the early stages of planning an overseas small business outreach activity to be held next calendar year.

2. **Small Business:** When USAID uses the term N/A under the Small Business Set Aside Column on the forecast, does that mean "not applicable" (meaning, this is confirmed not to be a small business set aside), or does it mean "not available" (meaning, this information is not yet available), or something else?

USAID Response: The term Not Applicable (N/A) under the Small Business Set Aside Column on the USAID Business Forecast often indicates that the contracting official cannot confirm if a requirement is suitable as a total or partial small business set aside at this stage of the acquisition planning process. Typically market research (Sources Sought Notice, Request for Information, etc.) has not been conducted prior to posting a requirement on the Business Forecast. Contracting officials may indicate "N/A" for new requirements or continuing projects

that were previously awarded to “other than small businesses”. The contracting official should conduct market research prior to finalizing the acquisition strategy (i.e., small business set aside, full and open competition, etc.) and posting the requirement on the Federal Business Opportunities website. USAID recommends tracking requirements of interest to keep abreast of updates and cancellations.

3. **Business Forecast:** In multiple instances in last 6 months, USAID has listed procurements on the forecast as full and open and subsequently decided to release them under a different mechanism. As implementers, we take it seriously when opportunities are listed in the forecast and enlist significant financial and human resources behind preparing and designing projects that are free and open. What steps is USAID taking to ensure that the information in the forecast does not change in such a significant way? Will USAID provide an explanation for why the change was made and was not anticipated previously?

USAID Response: The Agency strives to have the Forecast be as accurate as possible. One of our goals for shifting to a real-time Forecast is to ensure that Partners are getting the most up to date information. As a part of the design process and through market research (such as RFIs, internal engagement) award types will shift. This is an inevitable part of the procurement process. We are committed to providing our partners with updated information as soon as possible.

If questions arise around why an activity shifts on the Forecast, we encourage partners to use our quarterly Forecast engagements to seek further clarification on why the change happened.

4. **Business Forecast:** In the last 2 weeks, several monitoring and evaluation RFPs have been released through GSA PSS that never appeared on the forecast and the release of the RFPs was not made public – only a limited number of companies were invited to bid. This is severely limiting to industry – there is no time to prepare, limited time to respond, and does not ensure the best solutions/proposals to the government. We hope USAID will recommit to posting all opportunities (no matter the mechanism) on the forecast so bidders can submit the most responsive and well-designed proposals to meet USAID’s needs.

USAID Response: Thanks for bringing this to our attention. Please do not hesitate to contact the POC’s for those opportunities and if needed, reach out to our Agency Ombudsman. We will remind CO’s to be mindful of the time turn around and to post GSA opportunities.

5. **Category Management:** Can USAID clarify which agency-wide IDIQs count towards the Agency’s category management goals?

USAID Response: All IDIQs count towards the Agency’s CM goals. The BIC goal however is more challenging to meet since only a handful of IDIQ vehicles count toward the BIC goal. USAID has made awards under the following BIC vehicles and you can expect to see more awards under these and other BIC vehicles in the future.

The BIC solutions USAID has awarded in both FY 2018 and FY2019 include:

1. 8ASTARS2
2. ALLIAN

3. COMSATCOM
4. EIS/Network
5. IPS
6. OASIS
7. OASIS SB
8. SCHEDULE 70 (IT HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE)
9. SEWP (GSS)
10. SEWP V

6. **Missing Missions and Offices:** There are 46 missions represented on the forecast out of 117 countries receiving funding. There are 51 Washington DC offices and 23 are represented. What should implementers assume regarding missing countries and offices on the forecast? Can USAID include “no requirements” when there are none?

USAID Response: Our systems and process only support reporting opportunities that are available. Yes, implementers should assume no requirements (or no opportunities) are available (as of yet) for those offices that are not posted. We do check the forecast and reach out to Offices and Missions that should have opportunities posted and provide numerous reminders and communications for them to confirm they have posted all opportunities.

7. **Business Forecast Information:** Information in the description box often lacks sufficient details for implementers to make a decision to bid, can M/OAA please periodically review this section and counsel Missions if needed? In addition, In the incumbent column there are entries that include a name, TBD, N/A or left blank. Can USAID emphasize the importance of this field?

USAID Response: USAID will continue to emphasize the importance of providing as much information as possible in the Business Forecast, including information such as the incumbent and activity description. We will conduct periodic reviews of the Forecast to ensure that this information is available.

8. **Choice of Instrument:** Can USAID emphasize choice of instrument and set-aside earlier in the process to give more time to team etc.?

USAID Response: USAID will continue to emphasize the importance of providing this information on the Forecast as soon as possible.

9. **Category Management Goals:** In previous Business Forecast Q&A calls, USAID OAA has indicated that it intends to begin directing development programming through OASIS and that implementing partners should “do all they can to get on OASIS”. However, in the case of non-small businesses (OASIS UNR), many traditional USAID implementing partners would not qualify for OASIS during the on-ramp given the size and scope of their respective contract portfolios. At the same time, other USAID representatives have indicated that, on the contrary, USAID intends to achieve its 20% BIC goal through a combination of other GSA mechanisms such as PSS and rely on OASIS primarily for materials and service contracts such as IT, travel management, janitorial, office supply/services, etc. Could you please clarify USAID’s goals and expectations with regard to the use of OASIS for development programming specifically?

USAID Response: USAID intends to meet our CM, socio economic and our J2SR goals. However, we have consistently messaged that we will not disrupt our J2SR goal to meet the CM goals. In other words, if a development programming effort had just two options, either a non-IDIQ solution to meet the J2SR goal or an IDIQ solution that would **not** meet the J2SR goal, **J2SR will prevail**. To meet our CM goals without disrupting our J2SR goals, we are encouraging our acquisition staff to consider other areas such as IT, travel, monitoring and evaluation contracts, office supplies, etc. OASIS, both large and small, offers opportunities for the Agency to meet our BIC goal and we intend to promote the use of all BIC vehicles to the full extent possible – again without disrupting development programming toward our J2SR goal.

10. **New Activities on the Forecast:** When activities are entered on the USAID Business Forecast, the new listing is included in the Business Forecast Status Change column with a “New Opportunity Not Previously Forecasted” designation. Upon occasion, that designation does not change over time even though other items in the status of the activity may be changed. Would USAID consider including the date the new opportunity is added to the forecast to minimize confusion as additional changes are made?

USAID Response: Thanks for bringing this issue to our attention. We will look into our system capabilities.

11. **Collaborative Agreement:** USAID has recently used the term “collaborative agreement” to designate an award mechanism. Could USAID please provide reference information on the collaborative agreement mechanism and describe how USAID intends to use this mechanism in the future?

USAID Response:

Collaborative agreement is a term being utilized for a procurement approach that emphasis the use of Co-creation with our implementing partners as a means of developing new program descriptions. This method can be utilized for any Acquisitions or Assistance mechanism. More information can be found in the links below:

<https://usaidlearninglab.org/library/discussion-note-co-creation-ads-201-additional-help>

<https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1870/201.pdf>

12. **New Partnerships Initiative:** Have any awards been made under the Annual Program Statement (APS) for New Partnership(s) Initiative?

USAID Response: No, none have been made yet under the NPI DCHA APS but USAID is currently in final negotiations with several organizations in Erbil, Iraq. The awards that will result from these negotiations will be direct grants to first-time Iraqi recipients that are being achieved through the co-creation process. The NPI GH APS has not been released yet. Please see the response to Question #37 below.

13. **Northern Triangle Programs:** Can USAID please advise if future funding opportunities in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras will be cancelled?

USAID Response: Authorization to award new projects are on hold for NT countries until guidance is provided from DOS on future availability of funding (FY19 and beyond). Please contact the cognizant CO/AO for additional information on a specific solicitation.

14. **Co-Creation in the Forecast:** To allow organizations to prepare better for upcoming solicitations, and given the increasing number of solicitations that are using a co-creation process, would USAID consider indicating in the forecast whether a co-creation process is envisioned for listed opportunities?

USAID Response: We will consider if/how this information could be incorporated more formally into our Business Forecast. At a minimum, we will encourage our staff to include in the Award Description if they intend to use co-creation be it a specific co-creation engagement or other collaborative techniques such as the release of an RFI, Statement of Objectives, Industry Days, etc. as a part of the A&A process.

15. **Guidance on PWS and QASP:** An increasing number of USAID RFPs are requesting Performance Work Statements (PWS) and Quality Assurance and Surveillance Plans (QASP). The RFPs and COs responses to questions have provided limited guidance regarding the content and format desired. Can the Office of Acquisition and Assistance provide guidance on or direct partners to resources on what USAID expects in a PWS and QASP?

USAID Response: Guidance and expectations for PWS and QASP can be found in FAR 37.602 and FAR 46, respectively.

16. **Washington:** USAID has multiple opportunities on the forecast listed as GSA Task Order / Delivery Orders. Does USAID maintain an interested parties list for distributions?

USAID Response: USAID follows FAR part 8 and GSA guidelines for contacting contractors that currently hold the GSA contract.

Washington Business Forecast Questions

1. **AFR:** Does USAID anticipate any upcoming amendments to Broad Agency Announcement for Sustainable Development in Sub-Saharan Africa, BAA-AFR-SD-2019?

USAID Response: No Addenda are expected this fiscal year.

2. **BFS:** Policy Analysis and Capacity (PAC)

- a. Can USAID please forecast if any additional opportunities will be coming out under this opportunity; mechanism number: 7200AA19APS00003?

USAID Response: We do anticipate additional opportunities under the PAC APS, which could include central funding (Washington) or mission funding. The timing and funding availability of these potential opportunities, however, is unknown at this time.

3. **BFS:** Market Systems and Partnership

- a. Can USAID please clarify whether the Market Systems and Partnerships opportunity will be full and open or a U.S. small business set-aside?
- b. Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date/award date of Market Systems and Partnerships Activity?
- c. Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated award type for this activity?

USAID Response: MSP will be a full and open competition, however there will be a small business subcontracting requirement. We hope to issue the solicitation before August 2019. We anticipate a cost reimbursement type contract for this activity.

4. **DCHA:** Support Which Implements Fast Transition (SWIFT) IDIQ

- a. Can USAID provide the anticipated award date?

USAID Response: USAID is unable to predict an exact award date. We are estimating an award date Q4 of FY 2019.

5. **DCHA:** FEWS Net

- a. Does USAID have a target by which Task Order 1 will be awarded?
- 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 recently awarded a task order for FEWS NET "Learning and Data Hub" services and is currently working towards awarding a task order for Pillar 1 services. At this time USAID has no information to provide. IDIQ holders will be contacted directly regarding future task orders under the FEWS NET 7 IDIQ.

6. **DCHA:** Global Reconciliation Fund

- a. We recognize that the Global Reconciliation Fund is typically procured on an annual basis. Does USAID anticipate issuing this procurement this year, and if so, is there a timeline that USAID can share?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates releasing an Annual Program Statement (APS) on People-to-People Reconciliation (P2P) in August, 2019. Currently eligible countries include the following:

Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Central African Republic, Dominican Republic/Haiti Cross-Border, Georgia, Guinea, Jamaica, Kosovo, Liberia, Mozambique, Paraguay, Philippines, Republic of the Congo, South Sudan, Sudan, Timor-Leste, Zimbabwe

As additional eligible countries are confirmed, those Missions will post a country-specific Addendum to the APS. Please note that the first Addendum to the APS will be released concurrently to the APS and will likely include country-specific information from 8-10 of currently participating country Missions. Each Addendum will be posted for a minimum of 60 days on www.grants.gov, during which time Applicants can develop a Concept Note for submission to the identified country point of contact.

7. **DCHA:** Promoting Internet Freedom

- a. When does USAID anticipate releasing the Promoting Internet Freedom solicitation and through which funding mechanism?

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

8. **DCHA:** Rule of Law IDIQ

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing another Rule of Law IDIQ? If so, what is the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The ACES IDIQ and ACES APS will serve as the follow-on mechanisms to the Rule of Law IQC.

9. **DCHA:** Active Communities-Effective States IDIQ (USAID ACES)

- a. Could USAID provide an update on the anticipated award date of the Active Communities Effective States (ACES) IDIQs?

USAID Response: USAID is unable to predict an exact award date for the ACES IDIQs.

10. **DCHA:** Active Communities-Effective States APS

- a. Can USAID share any information about the timeline for the ACES APS?
- b. Can you provide any information on plans for the USAID ACES APS?
- c. Is USAID aware of any addendum that are planned for this mechanism?

USAID Response: The ACES APS is finalized and published. The ACES APS was published on www.grants.gov on April 11, 2019 with a closing date of April 10, 2020. Addenda to the ACES APS will be posted on www.grants.gov and each addendum will indicate a timeline for submission of Concept Notes. At the present time, no more than cursory inquiries from Missions have been made regarding the use of the ACES APS.

11. **E3:** Energy II IDIQ

- a. Does USAID have an update on the status of the Energy II IDIQ award process?
- b. Is there an expected award date for the Energy II IDIQ?

USAID Response: USAID plans to have the Energy II IDIQ awarded in August 2019.

12. **E3:** Does USAID intend to procure a contract for blended finance learning this fiscal year?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID does.

13. **E3:** Does USAID anticipate releasing follow-ons for Advancing Basic Education: Access for All (ABE-ACCESS) or Advancing Basic Education: All Children Reading (ABE-ACR) IDIQs?

USAID Response: No, USAID does not.

14. **E3:** Can USAID provide an update on whether or not a global education program will be released within the next 2 quarters?

USAID Response: E3 Bureau is not contemplating a solicitation for a global education IDIQ or LWA (or similar type of mechanism) within the next two quarters.

15. **E3:** REPLACE IDIQ

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

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

16. **E3:** Making Cities Work

a. What is the anticipated release date of the MCW II IDIQ?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

17. **E3:** Clean Cities, Blue Ocean Task Order

a. I see that the "Clean Cities, Blue Ocean" task order will be issued under the Making Cities Work (MCW) IDIQ. Has the MCW IDIQ been extended? If so, what is the current end date for the IDIQ?

USAID Response: The ordering period for the IDIQ has not been extended. However, the limit for the period of performance for task orders has been extended from two years to five years after the end of the ordering period.

18. **E3:** PSE Learning under BOA

- a. Could USAID please define "BOA" in the task order title "PSE Learning under BOA" on the forecast?
- b. Could you please identify which IDIQ this opportunity will be released under?
- c. Can USAID provide more information about the scope of this anticipated project?

USAID Response: A "BOA" stands for Basic Ordering Agreement. The solicitation was released to holders of the INVEST+ Basic Ordering Agreement, not under an IDIQ. The RFP included a Statement of Objectives related to monitoring, evaluation, learning of USAID's efforts to mobilize private capital.

19. **E3:** Advancing the Evidence Base and Community Building

- a. Can USAID please confirm if the Advancing the Evidence Base and Community Building is a new requirement or is there an incumbent contractor?
- b. Given the value of this award, will it also be set aside for small business?

USAID Response: a) New Requirement and b) The solicitation was a RFQ issued to under GSA's PSS (MOBIS) Federal Supply Schedule contract in accordance with FAR 8.405 on June 20 - it was not set-aside for small business.

20. **E3:** Training, Research, Analytics, and Communications Support

- a. Could USAID please provide an updated release date for this opportunity, since the anticipated solicitation release date has passed?
- b. Under what mechanism does USAID intend to procure the Training, Research, Analytics and Communications Support contract?

USAID Response: M/OAA/E3 released this RFQ on Monday, July 1st. The solicitation was a RFQ issued to small businesses under GSA's PSS (MOBIS) Federal Supply Schedule contract.

21. **E3:** WADI IDIQ

- a. Does USAID anticipate a second WADI IDIQ? If so, what is the anticipated release date?
- b. To date, there has not been any information on the USAID Business Forecast about a Water and Development IDIQ (WADI) follow-on activity. Is there any information you can share, such as when a pre-solicitation or RFI might be expected?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

22. **E3:** Youth Power

- a. Does USAID intend to release a YouthPower 2 implementation mechanism to complement the Youth Power 2 - Learning and Evaluation opportunity?
- b. Can you please provide an update on the global Youth Power 2.0 IDIQ procurement release date
- c. The YouthPower 2 – Learning award is currently listed as a GSA DO. Would USAID please provide information about why it may use a GSA schedule for this opportunity?
- d. Could USAID provide insight on whether there will be a companion implementation mechanism under YouthPower 2 in addition to the Learning mechanism?
- e. Would USAID be able to offer an update on the expected timeline for releasing the YouthPower solicitation(s)?
- f. Does USAID expect to have any set-aside awards under the YouthPower umbrella?

USAID Response: RFQ#7200AAQ00024 - YP2LE is a requirement to procure the YouthPower 2 Learning & Evaluation (YP2LE) services. At this time, no additional information is available.

23. **Food for Peace:** Development Food Security Activities (DFSA)

- a. Can USAID provide any information on DFSA priority countries in FY 2020?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing a DFSA opportunity in Zimbabwe in FY20?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID can not discuss any DFSA design or procurement activities due to standard procurement sensitivities. Any forthcoming DFSA procurement

document will be sent out as a draft for comment to the Food Aid Consultative Group and Posted on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and the USAID website.

24. **Global Development Lab:** Science and Technology Policy Fellowship Program 2019
- a. There was Sources Sought Notice (SSN) issued in January on Fellowship, Reference number: NOOAA19ROOOII. Do you plan to release RFQ on it? If yes, when?
 - b. Can USAID please confirm if it intends to release the Science & Technology Policy Fellowship (STPF) program in 2019 and what the potential time frame might be?

USAID Response: The Sources Sought Notice was posted and released for the purposes of Market research only without a commitment of an RFP. It is however anticipated that USAID will start the review of a possible solicitation in FY2020 based on the results of the Market Research provided by potential offerors.

25. **Global Health:** Does USAID/Washington anticipate releasing any future Global Health Security Agenda procurements?

USAID Response: Global Health Security (GHS) are generally emergency supplemental funds so there are no new GHS awards planned at this time. GHS funds can be used in existing awards where responding to emergency situations fall under the scope of the award. GHS activities will likely fall under the One Health Workforce Next Gen (OHW-NG) and the Innovations for Addressing Emerging Zoonoses and Antimicrobial Resistance BAA awards being competed under the Emerging Threats Division (ETD). Both those solicitations have closed.

26. **Global Health:** Could USAID please provide an update if there is a newer USAID Global Health User's Guide since the last one published online in January 2018?

USAID Response: The published versions of the USAID Global Health User's Guide in PDF has been converted into an interactive feature to conduct searches of the mechanisms at this new website address: <https://gh-usersguide.usaid.gov/>.

27. **Global Health:** Would USAID please clarify if there is a follow-on plan to support activities currently supported by the Human Resources for Health (HRH) 2030 program?

USAID Response: Any follow-on plans to support activities under HRH2030 will be announced in the business forecast.

28. **Global Health:** Would USAID please clarify if there is a follow-on plan to support activities currently supported by the Health Policy Plus (HP+) project?

USAID Response: The Health Policy Plus (HP+) project currently ends in August 2020; any follow-on procurement will be advertised on the Business Forecast.

29. **Global Health:** MEASURE Evaluation

- a. Does USAID plan to release a follow-on to MEASURE Evaluation Phase IV?
- b. If so, when does USAID expect to post the solicitation?
- c. Can USAID provide any other relevant Forecast details?

USAID Response: USAID does not plan to release a follow-on to MEASURE Evaluation Phase IV. The health information systems work performed under MEASURE Evaluation Phase IV will now be implemented under The Translating Data for Implementation (DFI) under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Cooperative Agreement which was awarded April 15, 2019.

30. Global Health: Sustaining Health Outcomes through the Private Sector (SHOPS) Plus

- a. Does USAID/Washington intend to issue a follow-on to Sustaining Health Outcomes through the Private Sector (SHOPS) Plus? If so, does USAID anticipate issuing an RFI before the full solicitation, and could USAID provide any information such as anticipated timing of the solicitation, project scope, award mechanism, or award date?

USAID Response: We are currently in the design stage of a private sector health systems procurement, with an anticipated Q4 2020 award date. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.

31. Global Health: Support for International Family Planning Organizations 2 (SIFPO2)

- a. Does USAID/Washington still intend to issue a new private sector award following the end of Support for International Family Planning Organizations 2 (SIFPO2)?
- b. If so, does USAID anticipate issuing an RFI before the full solicitation, and could USAID provide any information such as anticipated timing of the solicitation, project scope, award mechanism, or award date?

USAID Response: SIFPO 2 will not be recompeted. A set of similar activities are currently being procured through the MOMENTUM Annual Program Statement, through Round 2B.

32. Global Health: Momentum APS

- a. Can you provide background and what exactly is the “momentum” program?
- b. Does this APS primarily call for partnerships to implement the momentum program?
- c. What are the terms of the partnership?
- d. Can USAID provide further information on the technical scope for MOMENTUM Round 3 and what USAID means by “entrenched obstacles”? Could USAID please provide some examples for topics that it considers to be “entrenched obstacles” that are to be addressed through this round?
- e. For Round 3, how many awards does USAID anticipate making?
- f. Does USAID anticipate additional rounds being released in the next two quarters? If so, does what topics does USAID envision these future rounds will cover?
- g. Does USAID expect to issue an APS for fistula care under Momentum? If yes, when? If not will there be a global fistula NOFO?

USAID Response: MOMENTUM stands for “Moving Integrated, Quality Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health and Family Planning and Reproductive Health Services to Scale.” The purpose is to accelerate reductions in maternal, newborn, and child mortality and morbidity in high-burden, USAID-supported countries by increasing the capacity of host country institutions and local organizations to introduce, deliver, scale up, and sustain the use of evidence-based, quality maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH), voluntary family planning (FP) and reproductive health (RH) services. This main APS document outlines the goal, purpose, expected results, and

priorities of MOMENTUM; it can be found at the following Grants.gov link, as well as any current Rounds (calls for concept papers): <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=315120>

The APS does not specifically call for defined partnerships; however, a Round may add additional requirements for eligibility. Overall, MOMENTUM will include a greater focus on building the capacity, sustainability, and resilience of local partner institutions, while maintaining an emphasis on advancing the scale-up of evidence-based approaches and interventions. MOMENTUM awards will seek to issue performance-based, capacity-building, and/or innovation sub-awards and sub-grants to local organizations which may, in time, become transition awards [Under MOMENTUM, a transition award is defined as a partner which previously received funding as a sub-awardee and has now transitioned to receiving direct funding from USAID or other donors.]

Entrenched Obstacles Rounds will seek to identify and apply innovative approaches to overcome identified obstacles to reducing maternal and child morbidity and mortality and reducing unmet FP need. The MCHN and PRH Offices will select specific prioritized technical topics and/or cross-cutting MNCH/FP issues requiring targeted resources and attention. USAID anticipates issuing several Rounds, which may result in a series of smaller, targeted awards.

USAID anticipates releasing at least one other Round focused on "entrenched obstacles" (referenced in d above), but the timing cannot be guaranteed at this time. There is not a set timeline for the release of Rounds. Rounds may be issued by USAID/Washington and USAID Missions as needs arise and funding is available up until the current MOMENTUM APS closing date of September 30, 2025. The future focus of Rounds is unknown at this time.

It is expected that Round 3 (entrenched obstacles) will include fistula care as part of the focus. This would be an issue of a Round under the APS, not a new APS.

33. Global Health: Medicines Quality Assurance Systems Strengthening Program (MQASSP): iMQA – Innovations for Medicines Quality Assurance 1 of 2

- a. Is there any more information USAID can share about the Award Description to help organizations plan?
- b. Is the Anticipated Solicitation Release date still valid – 9/03/2019?
- c. Will the scope of iMQA include medicines and other medical products or will it be limited to innovations in medicines?
- d. As currently published, it is not clear if research and piloting of innovative field based screening technologies and approaches to identify substandard and counterfeit products will be covered by PQM+ or does USAID expect these activities to be addressed by iMQA?

USAID Response: a) Additional information is not available at this time. b) At this time we anticipate releasing the request for iMQA concept papers mid-October. c) The scope will include all “medical products” which for the purposes of this Award is defined as drugs,

vaccines and other biologics, and medical devices. d) Additional details will be elaborated in the iMQA Program Description.

34. **Global Health:** Medicines Quality Assurance Systems Strengthening Program (MQASSP): iMQA – Innovations for Medicines Quality Assurance 2 of 2

- a. Is there any more information USAID can share about the Award Description to help organizations plan?
- b. Is the Anticipated Solicitation Release date still valid – 1/03/2020?

USAID Response: a) Additional information is not available at this time. b) We anticipate releasing the request for the second round of iMQA concept papers mid-February.

35. **Global Health:** NPI Global Health Prosper APS

- a. Does this APS primarily support Public private partnership?
- b. If so what are the terms of the Partnership?
- c. Is there an updated Anticipated Solicitation Release date, or has this opportunity been released as the date of release was 6/19/2019?
- d. Can USAID provide more information on the geographic scope for Round 1 under the USAID PROSPER APS?

USAID Response: This APS will focus on four types of partnerships to build the capacity of new and underutilized local and locally established partners using four modalities. Please see <https://www.usaid.gov/npi> for more information on these modalities. Rounds may allow for all four, or choose specific ones. THE APS should be released this month (July 2019). The rounds (calls for concept papers) will be global in scope, although they may divide into large regions; Missions may issue their own Rounds which can be country or region specific.

36. **Global Health:** Supporting Operational AIDS Research project (Project SOAR)

- a. Does USAID plan to release a follow-on to the Supporting Operational AIDS Research project (Project SOAR)?
- b. If so, when does USAID expect to post the solicitation?
- c. Can USAID provide any other relevant Forecast details?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID is not anticipating a follow-on for SOAR

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

- a. Given that the RFI is due on July 2, and the RFA release date is anticipated for July 1, does USAID have a new release date in mind.?
- b. Is USAID anticipating to release an RFA or have a BAA/co-creation process?
- c. Is this activity an extension of an ongoing activity? If so, which activity?
- d. Is this activity related directly or indirectly to a previous contract issues over the last 10 years? If so, who held that contract?
- e. Will USAID provide background on this activity?
- f. Who will be the point of contact for USAID?
- g. Well this activity be managed in Washington DC or a USAID mission?
- h. How can we find the RFI for this RFP ?

USAID Response: The July 1 solicitation release date is an error. Market research is being conducted while the potential award goes through internal review and approval processes. USAID will post an updated anticipated solicitation release date once we have a realistic estimated date. Please continue to monitor grants.gov for further updates.

It remains to be determined if and how co-creation will be used in this award. BD.

The point of contact remains TBD. However, there is a general email address in the RFI that will be used for the solicitation as well.

Additional background Background information is always provided in USAID solicitations.

This award will most likely this will be managed in Washington, DC

38. **Global Health:** Would USAID please provide additional details on how Translating Data for Implementation (DFI), MOMENTUM, and CHISU will be expected to collaborate and cross-learn?

USAID Response: The Translating Data for Implementation (DFI) under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Cooperative Agreement was awarded as of April 15, 2019. MOMENTUM, and CHISU are currently in various stages of the procurement process. The opportunities for collaboration and cross-learning will be dependent on the respective projects' work globally and/or in specific countries, which will be established once all projects are operational. All MOMENTUM awards will be required to collaborate and share data with a portfolio wide M&E and knowledge management award (under the current Round of 2C) to ensure systematic analysis, synthesis, translation and dissemination of learning across the entire suite of MOMENTUM awards. Opportunities for collaboration with non-MOMENTUM knowledge-sharing and M&E awards will be identified after the MOMENTUM awards are made, and as part of annual work plan development and implementation.

39. **Global Health:** Can we anticipate a follow on the Advancing Partners program this year?

USAID Response: At this time, we do not anticipate re-competing this procurement. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.

40. **Global Health:** Does USAID anticipate any upcoming amendments to the Global Health BAA for Research and Development, GLOBALHEALTH-BAA-2018?

USAID Response: No, not at this time.

41. **LAC:** Is USAID designing any regional opportunities for the Northern Triangle that will be added to the forecast in the next Quarter?

USAID Response: No, not at this time.

42. **LAC:** Surge Support Services

a. Does USAID intend to release the Surge Support Services for LAC opportunity in 2019?

USAID Response: No, it is unlikely that USAID will release the Surge Support Services in 2019.

43. **M:** Support Services for Instructor-Led and Web-Based Training Worldwide IDIQ
- a. Can USAID please confirm if it intends to release the Support Services for Instructor-Led and Web-Based Training Worldwide IDIQ?

USAID Response: This activity will not be released and has been removed.

44. **M/CIO:** Strategic Programs
- a. Could USAID please clarify the incumbent contract for the Strategic Programs Recompete?
 - b. Can more information be provided on award description?

USAID Response: Miracle Systems LLC. The incumbent contract provides various program management and engineering services for M/CIO.

45. **M/CIO:** CISCO BPA
- a. The solicitation was to be posted on 10/15/2018. Can an update be provided on release date?
 - b. Can more information be provided on award description?

USAID Response: The RFQ was posted on GSA eBuy on May 3, 2019. USAID is working with GSA and Cisco regarding product updates. An RFQ amendment is pending. The BPA will provide for repetitive ordering of Cisco IT equipment.

46. **M/CIO:** Network/EIS
- a. The solicitation was to be posted on 4/30/2019. Can an update be provided on release date? Can more information be provided on award description?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates posting the RFQ under GSA's EIS GWAC in November/December 2019.

47. **M/CIO:** DIS
- a. Could USAID kindly clarify which existing/incumbent contracts will be consolidated under the DIS Consolidated Award?
 - b. Can more information be provided on award description

USAID Response: This is a new requirement. USAID is still drafting the requirements. The scope is expected to include any remaining development work as well as training and deployment efforts.

48. **M/OAA:** World Wide Training & Other Related Services
- a. Please provide an update on the status of the USAID/World Wide Training & Other Related Services (WWT) opportunity.
 - b. Does USAID intend to procure a follow-on to the current IQC? If no follow on, what is USAID's strategy to continue to provide workforce training, will it be provided and/or bundled under another vehicle?

USAID Response: This activity will not be released and has been removed. It is undergoing internal review.

49. **OFDA:** Can we expect any new OFDA opportunities be added to the Forecast in Q4 of FY19?

USAID Response: No new opportunities for OFDA will be added in FY 2019.

50. **PPL:** HICD IDIQ

- a. On the FY 2019 2nd Quarter USAID Business Forecast responses to questions, USAID stated that there was no intent to issue another HICD IDIQ “at this time.” Has that intention changed and, if there is to be follow-on HICD IDIQ, what might be the anticipated solicitation release date for such an opportunity?

USAID Response: This decision remain unchanged.

51. **PPL:** Program Cycle Mechanism

- a. Can USAID confirm a timeframe for this solicitation?
- b. Does USAID still intend for this to be one single small business award? If yes, what is the anticipated dollar value?

USAID Response: The Office of Acquisitions and Assistance is awaiting the completion of the SOAR review. It is anticipated for release within the next 30 business days. Yes, OAA anticipated award to one (1) small business with a ceiling of 80million.

52. **PPL:** Eval ME IDIQ

- a. Can USAID provide further information on the anticipated release date of the EVAL ME IDIQ?
- b. An RFI was released for the EVAL-ME follow-on activity, but it is not on the forecast. Can you explain why?
- c. Could USAID also clarify the set-aside mechanism(s) for this opportunity?
- d. Does USAID intend to release the one or more task orders to be awarded as part of the solicitation?
- e. Will there be specific awards for the various small business categories?
- f. Can USAID confirm the procurement vehicle and NAICS code for this solicitation (i.e. PSS? 541611?)?
- g. Will there be any designation of awards for socioeconomic business (classification (i.e. WOSB?)
- h. What is the anticipated number of awards?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID is still in the planning stage, as such there is not a solicitation release date. If this activity moves forward, the anticipated set-aside will be for total small businesses. If the activity is approved the business forecast will discuss whether task orders will be part of the solicitation. If the activity is approved the solicitation will reflect the anticipated number of awards and NAICS code will be confirmed upon issue of the business forecast and subsequent solicitation.

Mission Business Forecast Questions

1. **Afghanistan:** Advancing Higher Education for Afghanistan's Development (AHEAD)
 - a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a revised RFI or draft RFP for the Advancing Higher Education for Afghanistan's Development (AHEAD) prior to release of the final solicitation?
 - b. Can USAID/Afghanistan please confirm mechanism type for the Advancing Higher Education for Afghanistan's Development (AHEAD) activity?

USAID Response: a. USAID/Afghanistan did release an RFI for the AHEAD program, which opened on March 11, 2019 and closed on March 25, 2019. b. The selection of mechanism type for the AHEAD activity has not yet been decided as the program is still in the design phase.

2. **Afghanistan:** Community Based Education and Affordable Private Schools
 - a. Can USAID/Afghanistan kindly provide information as to the expected timing, size, mechanism, and target award dates for the Community Based Education and Affordable Private Schools opportunities?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast for the Community Based Education (CBE) program has been updated with the requested information.

3. **Afghanistan:** Afghanistan Market-Based Jobs for Peace
 - a. Does USAID intend for the projected release date to be 8/5/2019?
 - b. Can USAID confirm that the Award/Action Type remains a cooperative agreement?
 - c. Following the RFI issued on April 25, 2019, is USAID planning to issue a pre-solicitation notice and more information about the activity design before the solicitation is released?
 - d. Could USAID confirm that the estimated cost/amount range remains \$50M-\$99.99M?

USAID Response: Please see the Business Forecast for updated information on the Afghanistan Market-Based Jobs for Peace Activity. The Activity is still in the design phase and it is not known at this time if USAID will release a pre-solicitation notice or more information about the activity design prior to the solicitation release.

4. **Afghanistan:** Urban Health Initiative
 - a. Has USAID determined the award type for the Urban Health Initiative?

USAID Response: While a final decision has not been made we anticipate that the award type will be Cooperative Agreement.

5. **Afghanistan:** Afghanistan Enhanced Data Demand and Use
 - a. Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI for the Afghanistan Enhanced Data Demand and Use opportunity? If so, when?

USAID Response: This procurement has been put on hold.

6. **Afghanistan:** Afghanistan National Technical Assistance Program

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a revised RFI or draft scope of work for the Afghanistan National Technical Assistance Program currently anticipated to be released on August 30, 2019?
- b. Is there any more information USAID can share about the Award Description to help organizations plan?
- c. Is the Anticipated Solicitation Release date still valid – 8/30/2019?

USAID Response: No, we do not anticipate releasing a revised RFI or draft scope of work/ program description. No, we do not intend to share the Award Description at this point. We will provide sufficient time to organizations to review the solicitation and submit their proposal/application if interested. Yes, the anticipated solicitation release date of August 30, 2019 is still valid.

7. **Afghanistan:** Afghanistan Competitiveness for Export-Oriented Businesses Program
 - a. Can USAID confirm that the anticipated award date remains August 1, 2019?

USAID Response: Please see the revised Business Forecast for an updated anticipated award date.

8. **Albania:** NextGen
 - a. Does USAID anticipate that this solicitation will be released as a small business set aside?

USAID Response: No, USAID does not anticipate that this will be released as a small business set aside.

9. **Algeria:** In light of the recent political transition, does USAID expect to have any opportunities in Algeria on the forecast in FY 2019?

USAID Response: This is to be determined.

10. **Bangladesh:** Esho Shikhi (Come and Learn)
 - a. Does USAID anticipate including sexual education, menstrual hygiene, or gender-based violence as part of project's scope?
 - b. Can USAID please clarify if there is an intent to release a pre-sol before the solicitation is released for the Bangladesh Esho Shikhi Activity? Does USAID intend to release the Bangladesh Esho Shikhi on August 1, 2019 as indicated on the forecast?
 - c. Does USAID intend to release the Bangladesh Esho Shikhi solicitation with a multi phase mechanism?

USAID Response: The goal of Esho Shikhi is to address the barriers, incentives, and opportunity costs that children face to access education. USAID encourages innovative proposals that address any barriers for those children to access education, thereby best achieving the results as will be stated in the solicitation.

An RFI was published for the subject activity on February 26, 2019; USAID intends to conduct a pre-proposal conference for the subject procurement. Please check Business forecast for updated information.

Further updates on this procurement will be posted on FBO.gov. Please stay alert to changes/additions on this site for the solicitation and related information.

11. **Bangladesh:** Shobai Miley Pori (“Everyone Reads Together”)

- a. Does USAID still anticipate releasing this solicitation on September 12, 2019? Can USAID specify the funding amount for this opportunity?
- b. Can USAID provide any further information on the target geographic areas for implementation?

USAID Response: USAID forecasts a release date on or about mid-Sept, 2019. However, please check Business Forecast for updated information including all funding amount related information.

The location of school-level implementation will be determined through negotiations between USAID and the Government of Bangladesh for Government Primary Schools in select local communities. No additional information regarding specific geographic areas is available at this time.

12. **Bangladesh:** Bangladesh Agriculture Growth

- a. What is the expected date that applicants will be notified to submit full proposal applications for the Bangladesh Agriculture Growth activity?

USAID Response: The estimated timeframe is within the next 2 to 3 weeks.

13. **Bangladesh:** Protibesh

- a. Will USAID Bangladesh be issuing a pre-solicitation or request for information in advance of releasing the request for proposals (RFP) for the Bangladesh Protibesh opportunity currently expected on August 1st on the business forecast?

USAID Response: The Protibesh solicitation will be delayed, but we currently anticipate a solicitation on or about 1 December 2019. We intend to issue a request for information for this solicitation, and all estimates for release date and details will be updated as approvals are received in the pre-solicitation stage of the procurement.

14. **Bangladesh:** Bandarban District Basic Education

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a contract mechanism for Bandarban District Basic Education?

USAID Response: At this time no date or mechanism has been established for this procurement.

15. **Bosnia & Herzegovina:** Growth-Oriented Local Development (GOLD)

- a. Does USAID/Bosnia intend to lease a follow-on to the Growth-Oriented Local Development (GOLD) project? If so, what is the anticipated timing for the solicitation release?

USAID Response: The GOLD project ended in 2016. There has been no “follow-on”. Any procurements that can be on the business forecast are shown.

16. **Bosnia & Herzegovina:** Can USAID BiH confirm if they are planning to design and solicit new Economic Growth and Trade or Agriculture and Food Security procurements in FY2020?

USAID Response: A draft economic growth activity (RESist) is out for comments at this time and on the business forecast. Any others will be put on the business forecast as we know about them.

17. **Bosnia & Herzegovina:** General Education Activity TABLA

- a. Could USAID please clarify when the expected release date is for the USAID General Education Activity TABLA program in Bosnia?

USAID Response: Applications were due July 1.

18. **Bosnia & Herzegovina:** Evaluation, Learning, Monitoring and Assessment

- a. What is the expected release date of this solicitation?

USAID Response: The RFTOP was procured under an existing IDIQ in March 2019.

19. **Burkina Faso:** Is there still an agriculture activity expected in Burkina Faso, as forecasted previously?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID will be releasing Markets and Nutrition during the last quarter of FY 2019.

20. **Burkina Faso:** Burkina Faso RISE II governance activity

- a. Can USAID provide details on the anticipated release date, award type, and description of the RISE II governance activity in Burkina Faso?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates releasing an assistance award in Q1 FY2020. The design of this procurement is still under development, but is anticipated to strengthen the capacity of government and civil society institutions.

21. **Burkina Faso:** Markets and Nutrition

- a. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated release date and mechanism (Contract or Cooperative Agreement)?
b. Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date/award date of the Markets and Nutrition Activity for Burkina Faso?
c. Will the co-creation mechanism be a BAA?

USAID Response: Markets and Nutrition will be an assistance award. The Mission has posted responses to questions received before the pre-solicitation conference. There will be no further information released related to RFI submissions. Comments and questions are being reviewed and addressed for the final solicitation. The Mission anticipates that the objectives and content of the solicitation will be similar, however, applicants should adjust for and elaborate based on country context. No further co-creation is envisioned at this point in time. The refinement

period serves as another opportunity for the implementer and USAID to work jointly on adjusting activities as needed.

22. **Burkina Faso:** Improving Malaria Care Project

- a. Could USAID please provide any updates on the anticipated solicitation date for the IMC follow-on?
- b. According to the 2nd quarter forecast Q&A, the Burkina Faso Improving Malaria Care (IMC) opportunity is anticipated to start spring 2020, but the solicitation release is planned for summer 2020. Can USAID please confirm if this was a typo, with the solicitation planned for summer 2019? We would greatly appreciate any information you can share about the anticipated timeline.

USAID Response: This is a typo, the anticipated solicitation timeline is planned for late 2019 with a start date of spring/summer 2020.

23. **Burkina Faso:** Integrated Health Service project

- a. Can USAID provide more information on the Integrated Health Service project?

USAID Response: USAID expects to issue the Health Services Delivery solicitation by Q1 FY 2020.

24. **Burundi:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any solicitations related to family planning/reproductive health within the next 24 months? If yes, could USAID confirm the anticipated timing and whether a RFI will be published beforehand?

USAID Response: Currently there are no plans to issue a solicitation for a family planning/reproductive health activity within the next 24 months. However, if this changes the Business Forecast will be updated accordingly.

25. **Cambodia:** Can USAID Cambodia confirm if they are planning to design and solicit new Economic Growth and Trade procurements in FY2020?

USAID Response: New requirements will be identified on the business forecast accordingly; the Mission is uncertain at this time.

26. **Cambodia:** Integrated Early Childhood Development Activity

- a. Could USAID confirm if the Integrated Early Childhood Development Activity is the follow-on to the NOURISH project?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or a Request for Information for this program?
- c. Is the November expected release date still accurate?
- d. Could USAID clarify whether this program will be a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?
- e. Would USAID provide more details on the Cambodia Integrated Early Childhood Development Activity?
- f. Does USAID intend to release the Cambodia Integrated Early Childhood Development Activity solicitation with a multi phase mechanism?

USAID Response: No, this is not a follow-on to the NOURISH project. An RFI has been released on www.grants.gov. The dates are updated to the best of our knowledge. This activity will be a cooperative agreement -- this information is updated in the business forecast accordingly. As the activity is still under design so no decisions have been made thus far if it will be a multi phase mechanism.

27. Cambodia: NOURISH

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on to Cambodia NOURISH?

USAID Response: Please continue monitoring the business forecast for a prospective new requirement.

28. Central Asia: TB Flagship

- a. This opportunity was on the previous forecast and has dropped off the Quarter 3 business forecast. Can USAID please confirm that this opportunity has been cancelled. If not, can USAID please clarify an expected release date?

USAID Response: The activity was renamed Eliminating Tuberculosis in Central Asia (ETICA) and the solicitation released (RFP #72011519R00004) on March 1, 2019.

29. Central Asia: Maintaining Progress Against HIV in Central Asia

- a. Does USAID have an update on the release date for the RFP?
b. Is USAID able to share any additional information on the technical criteria that will be included in the RFP?
c. An RFI was released in March 2019 for the Maintaining Progress Against HIV in Central Asia opportunity, but this opportunity is not listed in the Forecast. Would USAID please provide an update on the anticipated solicitation release date, estimated value range, and whether USAID intends to restrict eligibility to local entities?

USAID Response: USAID is continuing its work to design for a potential new HIV award. USAID does not have an update on the RFP, an anticipated date or value range of the RFP, or what potential technical criteria may be.

30. Central Asia: Regional Civil Society Program

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the proposal review process for the Regional Civil Society Program in Central Asia as the activity is no longer listed on the forecast?
b. Can USAID please provide an updated Anticipated Award Date for the Regional Civil Society Program in Central Asia opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Central Asia is currently reviewing applications received in response to the Regional Civil Society Program in Central Asia NOFO (72011519RFA00005). An award is anticipated by August 30, 2019.

31. Colombia: Does USAID/Colombia anticipate releasing any solicitations in FY2019 or FY2020 Quarter 1? If so, what will be the focus of future programming in Colombia?

USAID Response: As soon as we have definite information about the anticipated release of any solicitations, it will be posted on the Business Forecast. The Mission continues to work on the

new CDCS mentioned in last quarter's questions, which will help define the focus of future programming.

32. **Colombia:** USAID had previously forecasted a set of funding opportunities for Colombia that no longer appear in the forecast. Can USAID please explain the justification for removal of these opportunities?

USAID Response: Previous opportunities included in the business forecast have since closed (MEL award; afro-/indigenous APS) or been solicited under an IDIQ (Land), and therefore removed from the forecast.

33. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Task Order LLIN distribution solicitation

- a. We noticed the Task Order LLIN distribution solicitation was removed from the Business Forecast. Can USAID/ Democratic Republic of the Congo provide an update regarding the status, such as anticipated timing of the solicitation, project scope, award mechanism, or award date?

USAID Response: USAID pursued the task order route but could not find a responsible offeror. This is now a full and open procurement. The expected release date for the solicitation is on or around August 18, 2019.

34. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Forestry and Biodiversity Support Activity

- a. Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date/award date of the USAID Funded Forestry and Biodiversity Support Activity?
- b. Can USAID clarify what the target countries or zones of interventions will be under this activity?
- c. Will USAID release a Request for Information, Scope of Work, or utilize another co-creation mechanism to inform the design of the USAID/DRC Forestry and Biodiversity Support Activity?
- d. Is USAID redesigning the USAID/DRC Forestry and Biodiversity Support Activity in light of the current TIP sanctions imposed on the Democratic Republic of Congo?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date is August 30, 2019. The target zone is the Central African Sub-region. There will be no request for information nor use of co-creation. This will be a full and open procurement for the award of a hybrid contract (CPFF/IDIQ). Regarding the impact of TVPA sanctions, USAID is currently considering a variety of options and will clarify them in the solicitation. At the moment, there is no plan to redesign the activity.

35. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Conservation Through Economic Empowerment

- a. Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date/award date of the USAID Conservation Through Economic Empowerment in ROC opportunity?
- b. Will the USAID Conservation Through Economic Empowerment in ROC opportunity be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date is the end of August. No, this will not be a small business set-aside.

36. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Strengthening Livelihoods and Resilience

- a. Would USAID kindly provide any update regarding the anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: This solicitation is anticipated to be released in early August 2019.

37. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Gender Empowerment

- a. This opportunity has been removed from the forecast but was previously listed as a contract anticipated for release in May 2020. Would USAID confirm whether this opportunity is still planned and provide detail regarding the anticipated timeline and planned procurement mechanism?

USAID Response: This activity is no longer planned. USAID/DRC made a determination that gender empowerment should be mainstreamed in the other basic education activities.

38. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** DRC Prevention of Mosquito-Borne Diseases through Vector Control

- a. Can USAID provide more information related to the DRC Prevention of Mosquito-borne Diseases through Vector Control opportunity status? What mechanism will it come out of?

USAID Response: Additional information is not available at this time.

39. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Is USAID planning to issue a solicitation for follow-on funding for education for DRC? If so, can USAID provide information on the technical scope, timing of the solicitation, and expected mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID is planning two follow-on activities in the education sector. One will be an assistance focusing on flexible and responsive education services for conflict affected children and youth, with mid-to-late September 2019 as the anticipated solicitation release date. The other will be an acquisition instrument to implement an early grade reading activity. The anticipated solicitation release date for the latter is early November 2019.

40. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Basic Education Activity

- a. Basic Education Activity is listed as a contract but has a number of components that typically fall under a cooperative agreement, like gender gaps and reduction of barriers that could be informal or cultural, will there be room under this contract for sub-awardees to be grantees? (Grant under contract)?
- b. Can USAID confirm that TBD Women's Empowerment opportunity has been consolidated under this Basic Education activity?

USAID Response: Yes. There will be a GUC component to this activity. USAID/DRC made a determination that gender empowerment should be mainstreamed in the other basic education activities, so there is no longer a stand alone procurement for this activity.

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

- a. Can USAID kindly confirm that the anticipated DRC Agriculture Diversification and Market Systems for Resilience solicitation will be released under the STARR II IDIQ?
- b. If the Agriculture Diversification and Market Systems for Resilience opportunity is not expected to be released through the global STARR II mechanism, could USAID indicate whether it will be released under a different global mechanism or as an openly competed bilateral award?

USAID Response: This is the same activity as the “strengthening livelihoods and resilience” activity. It underwent a name change. August 1st, 2019 is the anticipated release date. It will be released through the STARR II mechanism.

42. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** As DRC is a tier 3 country in the Trafficking in Persons report, could USAID provide an indication of whether non-humanitarian funding for DRC will continue to be withheld and whether delays in the release of funding solicitations currently forecasted are anticipated

USAID Response: It is our assumption that yes, activities considered “assistance to the government of the DRC” will continue to be prohibited. Over the past couple of weeks though, several activities were cleared and are being implemented as initially planned. We assume that it will be the case going forward, and activities will be cleared by Washington on a case by case basis. For activities not cleared, the Mission has put in place a process called “de-scoping” where “assistance to government” activities are removed from the main award, provided that doing so does not undermine our ability to achieve the objective(s) sought through those projects. Delays in the release of funding to USAID/DRC do not have a serious impact on any of our solicitations.

43. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any solicitations related to governance/peacebuilding within the next 24 months? If so, could USAID confirm the anticipated timing and whether a RFI will be published beforehand

USAID Response: The Democracy, Rights and Governance (DRG) and the Peace and Security Office (PSO) are currently discussing the idea of a joint activity. Nothing concrete has come out of these discussions yet.

44. **East Timor:** Avansa Agrikultura

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on to Avansa Agrikultura?
- b. If yes, what is the expected release date?
- c. If yes, does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or a Request for Information for this program?
- d. If yes, could USAID clarify whether the programming will be in the form of a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID anticipates a follow-on to Avansa Agrikultura. The expected release date is still to be determined. Yes, USAID intends to release a Request for Information for this program. The mechanism has not been determined at this moment.

45. **East Timor:** Expanding Governance Reform

- a. Has a determination been made as to whether this will be a small business set-aside?
- b. Will this procurement be full and open competition, or, will this be released under an existing IDIQ? If this will be released under an existing IDIQ, can USAID share the name of the intended IDIQ?
- c. Could USAID confirm the Award/Action type?

USAID Response: The design of the Expanding Government Reform is still ongoing. The decision on the mechanism or small business set-aside has not been made.

46. East Timor: Strengthening Organizational Capacity of CSOs

- a. Can USAID please confirm that the East Timor Strengthening Organizational Capacity of CSOs will be awarded as a contract, per the previous forecast Q&A?
- b. In the FY19 Q3 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID noted that the East Timor “Strengthening Organizational Capacity of Local CSOs” project would be released as a contract. Could you please provide justification as to how the decision for a contract, rather than cooperative agreement, mechanism was determined?
- c. Can USAID clarify the intended award amount?
- d. Does USAID anticipate releasing a pre-solicitation or request for information for this opportunity?
- e. Can USAID provide any additional information on the scope of work?
- f. Does USAID anticipate a full and open competition for this award?

USAID Response: The East Timor Strengthening Organizational Capacity of CSOs will be awarded as a contract. USAID determined that acquisition is the appropriate instrument for the activity based on the criteria specified in Section 6303 the FGCA (31 USC § 6303 – Using Procurement Contracts). This contract instrument has the principal purpose of acquiring supplies and services for the performance of achieving the objectives of this activity.

The Mission intends to use Statement of Objectives in order to provide flexibility to offerors to propose innovative approaches to achieving USAID’s objectives. The intended award amount is estimated to be between \$4M and \$9.99M.

A Request for Information for this activity was released in March 2019. The Mission is completing documentation to move toward solicitation. No additional information is available at this time, but USAID is considering posting a draft solicitation prior to solicitation. USAID anticipates a full an open competition for this award.

47. Egypt: Building Egypt’s Skilled Workforce

- a. Is USAID planning to issue a pre-solicitation notice and more information about the SOW before the projected release date of June 15, 2020?

USAID Response: USAID/Egypt is considering issuing a pre-solicitation notice. It is not yet decided.

48. Egypt: Business Egypt

- a. Is USAID planning to issue a pre-solicitation notice and more information about the SOW before the projected release date of March 1, 2020?

- b. Can USAID confirm that firm-level business development services will be part of “Business Egypt” and will not be part of “Building Egypt's Skilled Workforce”?

USAID Response: USAID Response: USAID/Egypt is considering issuing a pre-solicitation notice. It is not yet decided. With regards to the BDS, this is still not determined.

49. Egypt: Women’s Empowerment

- a. Could USAID please confirm the anticipated release date of the opportunity given the release of the RFI as well as the mechanism the solicitation will be released under?
- b. Could USAID provide clarity on the intended procurement mechanism?
- c. With the release of an RFI earlier this month, could USAID confirm if the timing of 7/31 is still accurate?
- d. The RFI shared depicted a project focused on women’s economic empowerment, the forecast project description remains focused on GBV response, which does USAID intend to focus on?

USAID Response: USAID/Egypt is still reviewing responses to the RFI issued on June 10 and closed on July 2. We are considering a co-creation process that may result in a contract and/or grant mechanism. Once a determination is made on the procurement process, the business forecast will be updated with a new release date. We will update the Business Forecast description to have it more consistent with the latest thoughts on this activity reflected in the RFI.

50. El Salvador: Supporting Effective Justice in El Salvador

- a. Could USAID please confirm whether the “Supporting Effective Justice in El Salvador” solicitation is still anticipated to be released on September 30th as listed in the USAID forecast or more delays are anticipated?
- b. Could USAID please confirm if the directive and review of funding for the Northern Triangle will affect the release of the opportunity “Supporting Effective Justice in El Salvador?”

USAID Response: This project is on hold in El Salvador until we receive further guidance on future funding availability.

51. El Salvador: New Higher Education Activity

- a. In February, USAID/El Salvador released a request for information indicating its intention to release a solicitation for a potential program called the “New Higher Education Activity”? Does USAID anticipate releasing this procurement?

USAID Response: This project is on hold in El Salvador until we receive further guidance on future funding availability.

52. El Salvador: Citizen Security

- a. In 2018, USAID/El Salvador had listed a citizen security opportunity that was then taken off the forecast. Could USAID confirm whether this solicitation has been cancelled?

USAID Response: This opportunity was removed from the forecast. No solicitation was ever issued to cancel.

53. **Ethiopia:** Does USAID anticipate releasing an agriculture program in Ethiopia during the 2019 fiscal year or in FY2020? Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI? Would USAID please estimate release dates for a technical scope summary on the Forecast, an RFI, and/or the full solicitation?

USAID Response: No, not currently.

54. **Ethiopia:** Does USAID anticipate any new solicitations in water and sanitation in the next year?

USAID Response: No, not currently.

55. **Ethiopia:** Eliminate TB in Ethiopia (ETBE)

- a. This opportunity does not appear on the USAID Forecast. RFI responses were due on April 8, 2019. Can USAID please clarify if this potential project is still being considered, and any information on release date, due date, procurement mechanism, etc...?
- b. Can USAID/Ethiopia provide any information regarding the planned Eliminate TB in Ethiopia activity such as anticipated timing of the solicitation, award mechanism, or award date?

USAID Response: The purpose of the RFI is to gather information so it can make an informed decision regarding the issues raised above. This opportunity will be added to the business forecast once decisions on the type of instrument and release date have been made.

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

- a. Can we expect a follow on to Promoting Opportunities through Training, Education, Transition Investment, and Livelihoods for Youth (POTENTIAL) this year?
- b. If so, does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI?

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia currently has no plans to release a follow-on for this Activity.

57. **Ethiopia:** Local Capacity Development

- a. The Local Capacity Development project ended June 2019. Does USAID anticipate releasing a follow-on activity?

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia has not determined to do a follow-on at this time.

58. **Ethiopia:** Performance Monitoring and Evaluation program

- a. When is the Performance Monitoring and Evaluation program expected and will it be full and open?

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia is working on determining this information and will release the information after as it has made a determination.

59. **Ethiopia:** Organizational Development Services

- a. Can USAID please confirm if it intends to release the Procurement of Organizational Development Services? If so, what is the anticipated release date and will it be full and open?

USAID Response: Yes. At this time, the release date has not yet been determined.

60. **Ethiopia:** Health Workforce Improvement Program

- a. Is there an updated Anticipated Solicitation Release date, or has this opportunity been released as the date of release was 6/22/2019?

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia anticipates a release in July or August.

61. **Ethiopia:** Electronic Health Information Systems

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated award date of the Ethiopia Electronic Health Information Systems (eHIS) activity?

USAID Response: This procurement is in the evaluation process.

62. **Georgia:** Achieving Student Centered Education for a New Tomorrow

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

USAID Response: This solicitation was posted on grants.gov on June 28, 2019.

63. **Ghana:** Does USAID anticipate any WASH related activities in FY 2020?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates WASH related activities in the near future.

64. **Ghana:** SHOPS Associate Award

- a. Can USAID please confirm whether there will be a follow-on to the work implemented under the SHOPS Associate Award in Ghana?
- b. If there will be a follow-on to the work implemented under the SHOPS Associate Award in Ghana, can USAID please confirm the mechanism, release date, and whether the procurement will be limited to Ghanaian firms as primes?

USAID Response: SHOPS Associate award is currently scheduled to end September 2020. USAID/Ghana does not anticipate any follow on.

65. **Ghana:** Can USAID/Ghana provide an update on any upcoming health activities aligned with the new CDCS, as mentioned in previous Q&A rounds, such as anticipated timing of solicitation(s) and pre-solicitation notice(s), project scope(s), award mechanism(s), or award date(s)?

USAID Response: The new CDCS is still under design. We encourage you to keep monitoring the forecast for updates.

66. **Ghana:** Can we expect a follow on the Feed the Future Ghana Agriculture Technology Transfer Project this year?

USAID Response: We are designing new activities under the GFSS. We suggest to continue to monitor the Business Forecast for more information about them.

67. **Ghana:** Eval for Health

- a. Can USAID please specify the anticipated solicitation released date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: Until the new CDCS is finalized and approved, USAID/ Ghana does not anticipate soliciting and issuing a new Evaluate for Health award. Any anticipated solicitation will be communicated in the Business forecast.

68. **Ghana:** Systems for Health Project

- a. Can USAID provide more information related to the follow-on to the current Systems for Health Project?

USAID Response: USAID/Ghana does not anticipate a follow on to the current Systems for Health award.

69. **Ghana:** Is USAID Ghana planning to issue a solicitation for a follow-on project to Ghana ADVANCE? If yes, what is the timeline for the release of the solicitation and its subsequent award?

USAID Response: We are designing new activities under the GFSS. We suggest to continue to monitor the Business Forecast for more information about them.

70. **Ghana:** Does USAID have any updated information on upcoming economic growth activities in Ghana?

USAID Response: We are designing new activities under the GFSS. We suggest to continue to monitor the Business Forecast for more information about them.

71. **Ghana:** Would USAID please provide information on the anticipated procurement schedule for follow-on agriculture/Feed the Future programming in Ghana? Can USAID please confirm if it intends to release a Feed the Future solicitation in FY19? If so, what is the anticipated release date and mechanism (Contract or Cooperative Agreement)? Does USAID intend to release draft scopes of work or Requests for Information for these programs?

USAID Response: We are designing new activities under the GFSS. We suggest to continue to monitor the Business Forecast for more information about them.

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

- a. The Guatemala “National Institution Strengthening for Accountable Governance” task order no longer appears on the USAID business forecast. Could USAID confirm whether this solicitation has been cancelled?

USAID Response: The solicitation has not been posted, so we have not canceled anything yet. All new projects are on hold Guatemala for FY19 of FY20 until we receive further guidance on future funding availability.

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

- a. Could USAID please confirm it is still planning to release this activity as it appears to have fallen off the forecast?

USAID Response: All new projects are on hold Guatemala for FY19 of FY20 until we receive further guidance on future funding availability.

74. **Guatemala:** Improved Health And Nutrition Activity

- a. What is the status of the review of applications? Submissions were made January 22, 2019 and there has been no update.

USAID Response: All new projects are on hold Guatemala for FY19 of FY20 until we receive further guidance on future funding availability.

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? Could USAID clarify whether these programs will be contracts or cooperative agreements, and the size of the procurement?

USAID Response: USAID/Haiti is discussing internally the prospects for future designs and on what they will focus. The mechanism type or amounts are not known at this time.

76. **Haiti:** Can we expect a follow on to the Feed the Future North (AVANSE) activity this year?

USAID Response: USAID/Haiti is not discussing a follow-on for AVANSE at this time.

77. **Haiti:** Is there any plan to renew the Haiti investment platform activity?

USAID Response: USAID is not planning to renew this activity. It was a Buy-in to a Mechanism called "Invest" and it is ending in September 2020.

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

- a. The forecast shows that "Platform for Investment Mobilization" should have been issued in March 2018 and awarded by December 2018. Does USAID have any update?

USAID Response: The award was issued in September 2018.

79. **Haiti:** HIV activities

- a. USAID/Haiti released an RFI on May 22nd for local organizations interested in further contributing to the HIV response. Can USAID provide additional information regarding its plans for future HIV activities, such as project scope(s) and timing?

USAID Response: USAID/Haiti is in the design process for two possible activities that will have an HIV-focus that are anticipated to be awarded by the end of the fiscal year, subject to availability of funding.

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?

USAID Response: Authorization to award new projects are on hold for NT countries until guidance is provided from DOS on future availability of funding (FY19 and beyond). Please contact the cognizant CO/AO for additional information on a specific solicitation. Determination to release draft scopes of work or requests for information will be determined at a later point in time.

81. **Honduras:** Can USAID clarify the status of the funding opportunities in Honduras?

USAID Response: Authorization to award new projects are on hold for NT countries until guidance is provided from DOS on future availability of funding (FY19 and beyond). Please contact the cognizant CO/AO for additional information on a specific solicitation.

82. **Honduras:** Integrated Violence Prevention Program

- a. Could USAID please clarify the expected amount of time the Honduras Integrated Violence Prevention Program will be on hold?

USAID Response: Authorization to award new projects are on hold for NT countries until guidance is provided from DOS on future availability of funding (FY19 and beyond).

83. **Honduras:** Strengthening Democratic Foundations

- a. While the Strengthening Democratic Foundations program in Honduras may be delayed, does USAID still intend to use an acquisition mechanism for this program, as stated in the answers to the Q2 Business Forecast questions?
- b. On June 17, the State Department announced its intent to restore some aid to the Northern Triangle, while holding and reprogramming other funds. For clarity, is the Honduras “Strengthening Democratic Foundations” opportunity permanently on hold due to restrictions on aid to the Northern Triangle?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID still intends to use an acquisition mechanism for this program. Please note that: Authorization to award new projects are on hold for NT countries until guidance is provided from DOS on future availability of funding (FY19 and beyond).

84. **Honduras:** Honduras Feed the Future Building Country Capacity

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing the hold on the Honduras Feed the Future Building Country Capacity solicitation in FY20?
- b. If yes, is the November expected release date still accurate?
- c. If yes, could USAID clarify whether BCC will be a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?

USAID Response: Authorization to award new projects are on hold for NT countries until guidance is provided from DOS on future availability of funding (FY19 and beyond). We anticipate using an acquisition instrument for The Feed the Future Honduras Building Country Capacity (BCC) Activity. It is envisioned that this 5-year activity will be valued at approximately \$24 million.

85. **India:** South Asia Edge

- a. Can USAID please confirm the release date for South Asia EDGE?

USAID Response: The anticipated date for release of the Solicitation is October 2019.

86. **India:** India Partnerships Program APS

- a. Does USAID anticipate amendments to the India Partnerships Program APS in the next quarter? If so, what additional funding areas does USAID anticipate including?

USAID Response: The APS for India Partnerships Program has been extended till June 30, 2020. Currently, no amendments for additional funding areas are anticipated.

87. **India:** MCH+FP Newer Interventions

- a. What is the anticipated Award/Action Type?

USAID Response: Type of award is yet to be determined.

88. **Indonesia:** ENV - Energy Program in Indonesia

- a. Is this program and extension of a present or previous contract?
- b. Will the program be managed at USAID Headquarters or at the mission level
- c. What mechanism does USAID anticipate using for the ENV – Energy Program in Indonesia?

USAID Response: This program is a standalone and not an extension. The program will be managed at USAID/Indonesia. USAID/Indonesia is currently conducting market research to determine the appropriate mechanism for this program.

89. **Indonesia:** MEL Platform

- a. This opportunity is currently listed as TBD for small business set-aside status. Would USAID confirm this will be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: USAID/Indonesia is in the early phase of activity design and has not made a determination on the status of a small business set-aside at this time. As soon as additional information is finalized, the Business Forecast will be updated accordingly.

90. **Indonesia:** Terrestrial Program

- a. The Terrestrial Program in Indonesia currently lists “TBD” for its small business set aside status. Can USAID provide further information on when a set aside determination will be made?
- b. What mechanism does USAID anticipate using for the ENV – Terrestrial Program in Indonesia?

USAID Response: USAID/Indonesia is in the early phase of activity design and has not made a determination on the status of a small business set-aside at this time. As soon as additional information is finalized, the Business Forecast will be updated accordingly. USAID/Indonesia is currently conducting market research to determine the appropriate mechanism for this program.

91. **Jordan:** Does the Jordan Mission plan to release any cooperative agreements this year?

USAID Response: Yes, the Community Health and Nutrition program (Jordan CAN) will be a cooperative agreement. The Business Forecast has been updated to reflect this award type.

92. **Jordan:** Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated award date of the Jordan MEL activity?

USAID Response: All proposals are still under evaluation: please continue to monitor the business forecast for updates.

93. **Jordan:** Women’s Economic Empowerment and Leadership Activity

- a. For the forecasted Jordan Women’s Economic Empowerment and Leadership Activity, could USAID clarify whether the \$25-50M project will be a small business total set-aside?

USAID Response: This opportunity will be a small business total set-aside.

94. **Jordan:** WRE – Recycling

- a. Can USAID please clarify the type of award for WRE – Recycling in Jordan?
- b. Will this opportunity be a task order?
- c. Can USAID please clarify the ceiling amount for WRE – Recycling in Jordan?

USAID Response: This award will be a stand alone contract. No, it will not be a Task Order. The Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range: \$10M - \$24.99M

95. **Jordan:** Building Resilient and Inclusive Communities in Conflict

- a. The anticipated solicitation date of 6/24/2019 has passed. Could USAD update the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date?

USAID Response: Yes, the anticipated solicitation release date will be updated.

96. **Jordan:** Jordan Enterprise Support

- a. Can USAID/Jordan confirm the award/action type for the Jordan Enterprise Support activity and whether this will be a small business set-aside?
- b. Is there a project description or other information available for the “EDE - Jordan east africaEnterprise Support Activity”?
- c. Can USAID provide an update about the Award/Action Type?
- d. When does USAID intend to release the RFI for this solicitation?
- e. Is USAID planning to issue a pre-solicitation notice and more information about the SOW before the solicitation is released?
- f. Does USAID intend to release the JESA solicitation in parallel with the JERA RFP?

USAID Response: Information on this activity has been updated on the Business Forecast, including an award description. This will be a total set-aside for small businesses. It is not

USAID's intention to release JES' solicitation in Parallel with ERA's. The anticipated solicitation release date for JES' solicitation is available on the Business Forecast online portal.

97. **Jordan:** Public Financial Management Administration

- a. Is this program a continuation of the previous award? If so, who holds the award? If so, who held the award?
- b. Will this program be managed at headquarters or at the mission level?
- c. Can USAID kindly provide an award description for the Jordan EDE – Public Financial Management and Administration opportunity and confirm whether or not this will be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: Information on this activity has been updated on the Business Forecast. Deloitte Consulting LLP holds the current Fiscal Reform and Public Financial Management Activity. USAID/Jordan mission will manage the anticipated PFMA.

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

- a. Does USAID intend to bid a follow on to the Kenya Agile Harmonized Assistance for Devolved Institutions (AHADI) project? If so, what is the anticipated timing and will an RFI and/or draft SOW be released in advance of the solicitation?

USAID Response: This is still under internal discussion.

99. **Kenya:** Can USAID please confirm if the USAID/Kenya and East Africa (USAID/KEA) Evaluations, Assessments, and Analyses will be awarded in August 2019?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date for this action is the 1st Quarter of FY20.

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

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on to Nutrition and Health Program Plus (NHPplus)?
- b. If yes, what is the expected release date?
- c. If yes, does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or a Request for Information for this program? che
- d. If yes, could USAID clarify whether NHPplus will be a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?

USAID Response: USAID/Kenya will not be soliciting for a follow-on to the NHPplus activity.

101. **Kenya:** Will the Development Food Security Activity (DFSA) be released this year?

USAID Response: The DFSA RFA was already released and closed on May 20th.

102. **Kenya:** Does USAID anticipate issuing any competitive OVC solicitations in Kenya during the COP19 period?

USAID Response: USAID/Kenya has not yet made decisions regarding procurements in the COP19 period. Once decisions are made, they will be included in the forecast.

103. **Kenya:** Does USAID anticipate releasing an agriculture program in Kenya during the 2019 Fiscal year or in FY 2020? Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI? Would USAID please estimate release dates for any RFI and the full solicitation and a technical scope summary on the Forecast?

USAID Response: We do not have a planned activity at this time. USAID seeks to involve stakeholders to the maximum including the use of RFI and other engagement tools as appropriate.

104. **Kenya:** DREAMS
- a. Can you please provide an update on the anticipated Kenya DREAMS follow-on solicitation?

USAID Response: We do not anticipate any stand alone DREAMS follow-on.

105. **Kenya:** K-YES project
- a. Does USAID Kenya anticipate extending the period of performance for the K-YES project?
 - b. Does USAID Kenya anticipate releasing a follow-on to the K-YES project this current FY? If not, can USAID please provide an estimated timeline?

USAID Response: No, USAID is not planning to extend the period of performance for K-YES. There is no follow-on activity planned for this year.

106. **Kenya:** Local Development Organization Trust
- a. Does USAID anticipate health being one of the focus areas included in the APS for Local Development Organization Trust?

USAID Response: The APS covers a broad range of development including health. A link to the APS is included below: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=317009>.

107. **Kenya:** Regional Integration and Stronger Economies (RISE) IDIQ
- a. When does USAID anticipate releasing the second task order under the Regional Integration and Stronger Economies (RISE) IDIQ?
 - b. Would USAID consider adding this activity to the business forecast?

USAID Response: USAID does not have an anticipated release date for a second task order under the RISE IDIQ. The business forecast will be updated if and when a requirement is identified.

108. **Kosovo:** Kosovo New Rule of Law Program
- a. Can USAID provide further information on the award/action type and small business set-aside status for the Kosovo New Rule of Law Program?
 - b. Could USAID confirm that the foreseen activity will be released as a full and open competition? Will eligibility be restricted or unrestricted?

USAID Response: USAID has not determined the award mechanism for this opportunity, and whether this will be a set-aside for small businesses. Market research is currently underway. All small and large businesses and other organizations are encouraged to reach out to the USAID/Kosovo mission in response to an RFI, which will be released by mid-July.

109. **Kosovo:** Kosovo CSO 2.0
- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a pre-solicitation or request for information for this opportunity?
 - b. Can USAID provide any additional information on the scope of work?
 - c. What award mechanism does USAID intend to use for this opportunity?
 - d. Does USAID anticipate a full and open competition for this award?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate releasing an RFI for this opportunity. The activity is in the initial design phase, no additional information is available at this time. USAID has not determined the award mechanism for this opportunity. Market research is currently underway. All small and large businesses and other organizations are encouraged to visit the business forecast periodically for more information.

110. **Kosovo:** Developing Export-Led Growth in Kosovo
- a. Has USAID determined the award mechanism for this opportunity?
 - b. Will agriculture be a part of the “Developing Export-led Growth in Kosovo” or is USAID planning a separate follow-on to the AGRO activity?
 - c. Is this considered a follow-on to the current EMPOWER Project?
 - d. This opportunity is currently listed as TBD for small business set-aside status. Would USAID confirm whether this will be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: USAID has not determined the award mechanism for this opportunity. Developing Export-led Growth in Kosovo is anticipated to be sector agnostic/neutral. No restriction of agriculture is planned. This is not a follow-on to EMPOWER. USAID has not determined whether this will be a set aside. Market research is currently underway. All small and large businesses and other organizations are encouraged to reach out to the mission in response to the following RFI:
https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&tab=core&id=00ffb179421c9ffab1465c4813eb04d&_cvview=0

111. **Kyrgyzstan:** AgroHorizon
- a. Does USAID/Kyrgyzstan plan to issue a solicitation for a follow-on activity to AgroHorizon in FY 2020?

USAID Response: USAID/Kyrgyz Republic continues to evaluate its FY2020 activities. It has not included this activity on the business forecast. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates on upcoming opportunities with USAID/Kyrgyz Republic.

112. **Laos:** Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship activity
- a. Does USAID have any update on the previously forecasted Laos Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship activity?

USAID Response: This planned activity is on hold. USAID will revisit and may potentially post this in the FY 2020 business forecast upon re-validation of programmatic need.

113. **Lebanon:** Does USAID anticipate any future WASH solicitations in FY2020?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID/Lebanon does anticipate future WASH solicitations.

114. **Lebanon:** Does USAID/Lebanon still anticipate an agricultural sector RFI will be released early in the 2020 calendar year?

USAID Response: USAID intends to continue to support the rural economy of Lebanon through the 2020 calendar year. The Mission intends to consult with industry as early as possible to request input.

115. **Lebanon:** Lebanon Industry Value Chain Development (LIVCD)

- a. Does USAID/Lebanon plan to release a solicitation to continue some or all of the work that was done under the Lebanon Industry Value Chain Development (LIVCD) project?
- b. If so, can USAID provide an anticipated solicitation release date?
- c. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or a Request for Information for this program?
- d. Could USAID clarify whether LIVCD will be a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID/Lebanon is planning further work in agriculture value chains. Solicitations are expected to be released in early 2020. The Mission will share with industry as much information as we can as early as we can in advance of the solicitation process. This has yet to be determined and will be shared with industry as soon as we have approval for the activity.

116. **Lebanon:** Performance Management and Support Program

- a. When is the Performance Management and Support Program for Lebanon expected and will it be full and open?

USAID Response: The current contract will expire on 9/30/2020 and the Mission is planning to have an activity that will support our continued need for this work. More design details will be provided as soon as early as possible.

117. **Liberia:** Partnership for Advancing Community Services (PACS)

- a. Can USAID/Liberia provide any information regarding the Partnership for Advancing Community Services (PACS) follow-on such as anticipated timing of solicitation and pre-solicitation notice, project scope, award mechanism, or award date?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia is in the design stage for a follow-on activity and expects to issue an RFI by the end of July, 2019. The Mission also expects to issue a solicitation by the end of October, 2019 and award by May, 2020. The Business Forecast has been updated with this information.

118. **Liberia:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any agriculture programming in Liberia? If yes, what is the expected release date? If yes, does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or a Request for Information for this program? If yes, could USAID clarify whether the programming will be in the form of a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?

USAID Response: USAID has no current agriculture activities being planned.

119. **Liberia:** Liberia LEAD
- a. Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date/award date of the Liberia Elections and Democracy Activity?
 - b. Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated award type for this activity?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia expects to issue a Notice for Funding Opportunity (or RFP depending on mechanism) by the end of September 2019 and award by the end of March 2020. The award type is expected to be a cooperative agreement however this is subject to further review. Activity will be reflected in the Business Forecast when this has been determined.

120. **Liberia:** Liberia New Youth
- a. Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date/award date of the Liberia New Youth Activity?
 - b. Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated award type for this activity?
 - c. Can USAID please clarify if they intend to release a RFI for this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia expects to issue a solicitation for the Youth LEAD activity by the end of November 2019 and award by the end of May 2020. An award type has not been determined but will be reflected in the Business Forecast when this has been determined. The Mission expects to issue an RFI by the end of July 2019.

121. **Liberia:** Liberia Strategic Analysis
- a. Can USAID please provide an update whether a follow-on will be released for the Liberia Strategic Analysis (LSA) Activity which is coming to an end in September 2019?

USAID Response: The LSA Activity will be ending in November, 2020 and not September, 2019. USAID has no current date on when information on a follow on will be released.

122. **Macedonia:** GPIA North Macedonia
- a. Is GPIA North Macedonia likely to be an assistance or acquisition mechanism?

USAID Response: The GPIA activity has been renamed into Strengthening Resource Mobilization Activity (SRMA), and it is projected to be an acquisition.

123. **Macedonia:** Strengthening Resource Mobilization Activity
- a. Has USAID determined if this opportunity will be a small business set-aside?
 - b. Does USAID envision this as a local procurement?
 - c. Does USAID have any updated information on whether an RFI would be released?

USAID Response: Yes, this activity will be a small business set-aside, therefore it will not be for local organizations. USAID is not planning on issuing an RFI.

124. **Macedonia:** YouThink

- a. Can USAID please confirm whether the Macedonia YouThink opportunity listed on the Business Forecast will be awarded as a contract, per the previous forecast Q&A?
- b. Will this be procured through restricted competition (for local organizations or U.S. small businesses) or will it be full and open?

USAID Response: This has changed. YouThink is likely to be awarded under an assistance instrument. The opportunity will likely be full and open competition under Geographic Code 937.

125. **Malawi:** Does USAID anticipate publishing competitive follow-on solicitations for the current Pamawa ndi a Chinyamata, Malawi Tiwalere II, and Health Communication4Life projects? If so, could USAID confirm the anticipated timing and whether a RFI will be published beforehand?

USAID Response: USAID/Malawi is in the process of developing a new CDCS. As soon as the new development objectives are established the Mission will consider the future procurement needs.

126. **Malawi:** Empower

- a. Can you please provide an update on the anticipated Malawi EMPOWER solicitation in terms of timing for release?
- b. Could USAID confirm whether eligibility to prime is restricted to local/indigenous organizations or will there be an option for international organizations to prime the award and then issue transition awards to local/indigenous organizations during implementation?
- c. Could USAID confirm the number of awards anticipated to be made?

USAID Response: USAID/Malawi is planning to release the solicitation in 4thQ of FY2019. This will be full and open competition and no restrictions are anticipated. USAID anticipates up to five cooperative agreements in response to the solicitation.

127. **Malawi:** Learn to Perform (L2P)

- a. Can USAID include the “Malawi Learn to Perform (L2P) Activity,” released as a presolicitation on June 26, 2019, on the USAID forecast?
- b. Can USAID please confirm if this opportunity will be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: USAID/Malawi is doing the market research and published RFI (Request for Information) as part of it. That being said, the Mission is still considering scope, type of procurement and the funding level.

128. **Malawi:** When does USAID anticipate releasing an OVC opportunity? Will it be full and open or limited to local organizations?

USAID Response: USAID/Malawi is planning to release the local APS in 4tQ of FY2019. In addition, USAID/Malawi is considering additional OVC opportunity through the full and open competition in FY2020.

129. **Mali:** Does USAID have any updated information on upcoming agriculture or economic growth activities in Mali?

USAID Response: USAID/Mali can confirm that internal administrative processes are underway, and a solicitation is anticipated by the end of the calendar year, although timing is still unknown. Please continue to follow USAID's Business Forecast, Grants.gov, and FedBizOpps.gov.

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

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate a separate award for SBC activities although some similar activities may be a part of other upcoming solicitations.

131. **Mali:** Will USAID be adding a resilience opportunity to the forecast for Mali in the next quarter?

USAID Response: USAID/Mali does not plan to add a sole resilience opportunity to the forecast at this time.

132. **Mali:** Could USAID provide an update on the timing of finalization of the Agriculture and Economic Growth Office Strategy?

USAID Response: USAID/Mali is working diligently on the finalization of the Agriculture and Economic Growth Strategy, however any date as to when it will be completed is still unknown. Please continue to follow USAID's Business Forecast, Grants.gov, and FedBizOpps.gov.

133. **Mali:** On June 13, 2013 USAID released a business forecast for two opportunities in Mali, "Integrated Family, Household, and Community Health & Nutrition Activity" and "Health System Strengthening, Governance & Financing Activity." The anticipated solicitation release date for both opportunities is June 28, 2019. Does USAID anticipate any delays or will these solicitations be released in that time frame? Could USAID please provide an update on this third planned activity?

USAID Response: USAID can confirm that it anticipates releasing those solicitations as soon as all internal administrative processes are complete. If by third planned activity, one means the Quality Procurement one, its solicitation will follow the other two, some time in FY2020.

134. **Mali:** Integrated Family, Household, and Community Health & Nutrition Activity
- a. Does USAID plan on releasing a separate Quality Improvement procurement for Mali?
 - b. Can USAID provide an update on the latest anticipated release date for the Integrated Family, Household and Community Health & Nutrition Activity solicitation?

USAID Response: Please see above response.

135. **Mali:** Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Platform
- a. When is the Mali Performance Monitoring and Evaluation platform expected and will it be full and open?

USAID Response: While internal discussions have begun, no decisions have been made at this time.

136. **Mali:** Cereals Value Chain program and Livestock Growth
- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing separate solicitations for the follow-ons to the Cereals Value Chain program and Livestock for Growth?
 - b. Could USAID clarify whether these will be contracts or cooperative agreements?
 - c. Would USAID please provide information on the anticipated procurement schedule and procurement size for these solicitations?
 - d. Does USAID intend to release draft scopes of work or Requests for Information for these programs?

Response: At this time, USAID/Mali does not anticipate separate follow-on solicitations for any specific Feed the Future programs that recently operated in Mali. Please continue to follow USAID's Business Forecast, Grants.gov, and FedBizOpps.gov.

137. **Mali:** Rural Water Governance Infrastructure
- a. Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date/award date of the Rural Water Governance Infrastructure opportunity?
 - b. Does USAID anticipate releasing a description of the scope?

USAID Response: USAID can confirm it anticipates release of the solicitation of a contract and that internal administrative processes are underway. Exact release date is unknown. No decision has been made yet regarding how the scope will be released. Please continue to follow USAID's Business Forecast and FedBizOpps.gov.

138. **Mali:** Health Systems Strengthening, Governance, and Financing Activity
- a. Could USAID please provide any update on this upcoming solicitation and if it will be released as a Contract, Task Order, or Cooperative Agreement?

USAID Response: As noted above, USAID can confirm that it anticipates releasing that solicitation as soon as all internal administrative processes are complete. Plans are to compete it as a Cooperative Agreement. Please continue to follow USAID's Business Forecast and Grants.gov.

139. **Mali:** Can USAID confirm if it intends to release a Feed the Future solicitation in FY19? If so, what is the anticipated release date and mechanism (Contract or Cooperative Agreement)?

USAID Response: USAID/Mali can confirm that administrative processes are underway. Although a solicitation is anticipated by the end of the calendar year, we are not yet sure of how long before release nor has a final decision about the implementing mechanism(s) been made. Please continue to follow USAID's Business Forecast, Grants.gov, and FedBizOpps.gov.

140. **Mexico:** Strengthening Justice Activity
- a. The previous USAID Q&A indicated that the “Strengthening Justice Activity” was cancelled because the mission was reviewing the requirements of the procurement. Does USAID anticipate releasing the revised solicitation for this procurement later this year?

USAID Response: USAID/Mexico continues to review the requirements for any such procurement.

141. **Moldova:** Can USAID please clarify if they intend to release any opportunities related to governance for Moldova in the next 24 months? If yes, does USAID intend to release a RFI?

USAID Response: Yes. The business forecast includes the anticipated Effective Justice activity. Since the activity is still in the design stage, it is not known at this time if USAID will release an RFI.

142. **Moldova:** Copilaria Mea
- a. Can USAID please clarify if they intend to re-release the Copilaria Mea opportunity, as the original opportunity was not awarded?

USAID Response: Not at this time.

143. **Morocco:** Inclusive Socioeconomic Development
- a. Can USAID please confirm when the upcoming Inclusive Socioeconomic Development Activity will be released and whether it will be full and open competition?
 - b. Could USAID/Morocco confirm when it plans to issue the addendum to the Science, Technology, Innovation, and Partnership (STIP) Annual Program Statement, to include the “Inclusive Socio-Economic Development in Beni Mellal-Khenifra Region” opportunity?
 - c. Can USAID share the anticipated release date, funding size, and funding mechanism of Inclusive Socio-Economic Development in Beni Mellal-Khenifra Region?

USAID Response: The estimated solicitation release date for this activity is August 26, 2019. The APS will be open to local organizations only. However, local organizations are strongly encouraged to partner with international organizations. The local ones will be the prime.

The addendum to the STIP APS to include the Inclusive Socio-Economic Development in Beni Mellal-Khenifra Region" is estimated to be released on July 16, 2019 with an intended total funding of approximately \$15 million. USAID anticipates 1-4 awards which will likely be of an assistance type. However, the specific assistance instruments will be defined at the award stage.

144. **Morocco:** Capacity Building Services
- a. Can USAID please confirm when the upcoming Capacity Building Services opportunity will be released and whether it will be full and open competition?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

145. **Mozambique:** Can USAID provide details on upcoming food security and cyclone response opportunities?

USAID Response: USAID plans to continue to support food security and cyclone response. Programming focus areas will include nutrition, agriculture sector recovery, health services and commodities, WASH, energy, education, and disaster risk reduction.

146. **Mozambique:** Does USAID anticipate issuing any OVC solicitations for Mozambique during the COP19 period?

USAID Response: An OVC procurement is in the planning stage at this time. Notice will be posted on the Business Forecast once confirmed.

147. **Mozambique:** Please confirm if USAID plans to solicit a follow on to Vamos Ler! Program, and if so will USAID consider using a cooperative agreement instead of a contract?

USAID Response: At the present time, USAID/Mozambique does not have plans to solicit a follow on to Vamos Ler! .

148. **Mozambique:** Does USAID plan to solicit a follow on to the Força à Comunidade e Crianças (Child and Community Strengthening) Activity?

USAID Response: USAID/Mozambique does not have any plans to solicit a follow on procurement.

149. **Mozambique:** Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism and Services

- a. When is the Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism and Services project expected and will it be full and open?

USAID Response: The Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism and Services was awarded on December 21, 2016. Performance dates are 01/17/2017 through 01/16/2022.

150. **Mozambique:** Mozambique TB

- a. The Mozambique TB opportunity was anticipated to be released on May 24th, can you please share the updated release date?

USAID Response: RFA was released May 24; Initial Closing date was June 27, 2019 and it was extended to July 10, 2019: The RFA and its amendments were all posted on www.grants.gov.

151. **Namibia:** HIV Prevention

- a. VMMC-does USAID anticipate that this award will include family planning or gender-based violence?

USAID Response: The full notice of funding opportunity and responses to questions and answers can be viewed at: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=311174>.

The deadline for applications has passed, however.

152. **Namibia:** Is USAID planning any opportunities for Namibia in 2019/2020?

USAID Response: The business forecast is up-to-date on planned opportunities for this period.

153. **Nepal:** Can USAID please clarify if they intend to release any new solicitations for Nepal in the next 24 months? If yes, can USAID please clarify the technical areas of those activities and whether a RFI will be released?

USAID Response: Yes, subject to the availability of funds, USAID/Nepal intends to issue new solicitations over the next 24 months. At this time, it is not determined if an RFI will be released.

154. **Nepal:** Is USAID planning a follow-on to Nepal Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning?

USAID Response: Yes, subject to the availability of funds, USAID/Nepal intends to issue new solicitations over the next 24 months. At this time, it is not determined if an RFI will be released.

155. **Nepal:** Will the Development Food Security Activity (DFSA) be released this year?

USAID Response: At this time, it is unlikely that the Development Food Security Activity will be released this year in Nepal.

156. **Nepal:** M&E Contract

- a. Does USAID intend to release a rebid of the Nepal M&E contract?
- b. Will it be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: USAID/Nepal intends to develop an activity focused on Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning. The proposed activity will fall under full and open competition and organizations inclusive of small businesses will be encouraged to submit proposals.

157. **Nepal:** Does USAID have any updated information on upcoming agriculture, economic growth, or health activities in Nepal?

USAID Response: For updated information on upcoming agriculture, economic growth, or health activities in Nepal, please visit fbo.gov and grants.gov.

158. **Nepal:** Family Planning

- a. Does USAID have an anticipated release date for the solicitation of the FP/RH project mentioned in the Q2 Q&A?

USAID Response: No, at this time an anticipated release date has not been established.

159. **Niger:** Does USAID anticipate issues any education solicitations for Niger? If so, can USAID provide information on the technical scope, timing of the solicitation, and expected mechanism?

USAID Response: This is to be determined.

160. **Niger:** Can USAID please confirm whether an upcoming Niger education opportunity (following the current NECS project) would be included within the RISE II umbrella, or released as a standalone procurement?

USAID Response: This procurement will likely fall under the RISE II umbrella, although discussions are still ongoing.

161. **Niger:** What is USAID's anticipated timeline for releasing an education solicitation in Niger?

USAID Response: This is to be determined.

162. **Niger:** Does USAID/West Africa anticipate releasing any solicitations in Niger addressing DO1 of the Shared NEW-CVE and BRIDGE results framework by Q2 FY 2020?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID/West Africa's Regional Peace and Governance Office (RPGO) does not plan to issue any new solicitations in Niger addressing DO1 of the Shared NEW-CVE and BRIDGE results framework by Q2 FY 2020 (by March 31, 2020). It should be noted, however, that USAID/WA/RPGO's current CVE-related programs, including Voices for Peace (V4P), Partnerships for Peace (P4P), PELA, PEACE, as well as several additional CVE action research/pilot activities to be awarded under our CVE Annual Program Statement (APS), will continue to implement activities in Niger and contribute to DO1.

163. **Niger:** Bridge: Youth Jobs and Skills for Niger

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing Bridge: Youth Jobs and Skills for Niger as a cooperative agreement?
- b. Is USAID still planning on releasing the solicitation for Bridge: Youth Jobs and Skills for Niger on July 30, 2019?
- c. Does USAID intend to use a multistage and/or co-creation process that necessitates this longer timeline between solicitation and award date?

USAID Response: This procurement will likely be released by the end of FY 2019. Youth Jobs and Skills for Niger is Youth Connect (see question 166). An RFI was posted and USAID is reflecting on the responses received.

164. **Niger:** Youth Connect

- a. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated release date and mechanism (Contract or Cooperative Agreement)?

USAID Response: This procurement will likely be released by the end of FY 2019. A Request for Information was posted and USAID is reflecting on the responses received.

165. **Niger: Regional Governance in Niger**
- a. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated release date and mechanism (Contract or Cooperative Agreement)?

USAID Response: Timing on this award remains TBD, but USAID expects this solicitation to be released in the last quarter of FY2019. The BRIDGE PAD has been approved, but awards underneath the BRIDGE PAD are in various stages of procurement. A RFI was posted and USAID is reflecting on the responses received, including budgets and option years.

166. **Niger: Resilience Governance**
- a. With the release of an RFI earlier this month, can USAID please confirm if the timing of a 7/30 release is still accurate?
 - b. On page 3 of the notes to the Resilient Governance in Niger (RGN) Pre-Solicitation Conference, it is stated that “SRO and its Country Offices are designing the new Bridge project that will address push factors of violent extremism, including governance, rule of law, and economic growth.” What is the status of the Bridge project in Niger?
 - c. On page 1 of the Resilient Governance in Niger (RGN) RFI (RFI-685-19-RGN), it is stated that “RGN is expected to be an \$18,000,000, three-year activity, with two option years for a total of five years, subject to the availability of funds.” Should budgets for this proposal span for three years or five years? Will additional funding beyond the \$18,000,000 be supplied for the two option years? Are there any more updates regarding the funding amount or project length for RGN?

USAID Response: Timing on this award remains TBD, but USAID expects this solicitation to be released in the last quarter of FY2019. The BRIDGE PAD has been approved, but awards underneath the BRIDGE PAD are in various stages of procurement. A RFI was posted and USAID is reflecting on the responses received, including budgets and option years.

167. **Niger: Markets and Nutrition**
- a. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated release date and mechanism (Contract or Cooperative Agreement)?
 - b. Can USAID provide additional details on this program based on RFI responses received?
 - c. Will the objectives and content of the solicitation for Niger and Burkina Faso differ?
 - d. Will the co-creation mechanism be a BAA?

USAID Response: Markets and Nutrition will be an assistance award. The Mission has posted responses to questions received before the pre-solicitation conference. There will be no further information released related to RFI submissions. Comments and questions are being reviewed and addressed for the final solicitation. The Mission anticipates that the objectives and content of the solicitation will be similar, however, applicants should adjust for and elaborate based on country context. No further co-creation is envisioned at this point in time. The refinement period serves as another opportunity for the implementer and USAID to work jointly on adjusting activities as needed.

168. **Nigeria: Integrated Child Health and Social Services (ICHSSA)**
- a. Can USAID please confirm if the Integrated Child Health and Social Services (ICHSSA) Cooperative Agreement will have unrestricted eligibility?

USAID Response: Eligibility for the ICHSSA award(s) is restricted to local Nigerian organizations only.

169. **Nigeria:** Nigeria Strengthening Advocacy and Civil Society

- a. Does USAID intend to issue a follow on to the Nigeria Strengthening Advocacy and Civil Society activity?

USAID Response: USAID Nigeria doesn't intend to issue a follow-on to the Nigeria Strengthening Advocacy and Civil Society activity.

170. **Nigeria:** Feed-the-Future Nigeria Agricultural Extension Services and Advisory Services

- a. Can you confirm the 4 FTF geographic zones for this opportunity ?

USAID Response: The four Nigerian geographic zones are: 1) South-south: Cross River & Delta, 2) Southeast: Ebonyi 3) North-central: Benue & Niger, and 4) Northwest: Kaduna & Kebbi.

171. **Nigeria:** State2State

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the proposal review process as the State2State activity is no longer listed on the forecast?
- b. Can USAID please provide an updated Anticipated Award Date?

USAID Response: State2State is still in the pre-award evaluation stage. The anticipated award date is 31 October 2019.

172. **Pakistan:** Pakistan Policy and Performance Support Mechanism (3PSM)

- a. Could USAID please provide additional information, such as project scope and total estimated cost/amount range, for this Task Order?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing the Task Order together with the 3PSM RFP?
- c. Does USAID anticipate issuing a Request for Information or a draft scope of work for comments prior to the Request for Task Order Proposal release?

USAID Response: The IBEEP Task Order under 3PSM IDIQ award is still under design. It is tentatively planned to be a three year activity with two single year option periods (maximum life of TO: five years) to deliver technical assistance to achieve the primary objective of: strengthening Pakistan's business enabling environment (BEE) to build greater credibility of Pakistani institutions and improve the ecosystem for foreign direct investment (FDI). The range of the TO is between \$12M to \$16M.

Yes, the RFP for 3PSM IDIQ award and IBEEP TO will be issued together.

USAID does not intend to release the Request for Information at this stage for the TO, however an RFI was issued for the 3PSM IDIQ award.

173. **Pakistan:** Citizen Engagement and Governance Program

- a. Are there any updates to the award type, anticipated solicitation release date, and scope of the Pakistan "Citizen Engagement and Governance Program"?

- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing a Request for Information for the Citizen Engagement and Governance Program in Pakistan prior to the release of the procurement?
- c. Can USAID provide any information around the intended scope of work or program description?
- d. Could USAID confirm the Award/Action type and the Small Business Set-Aside status, if known?

USAID Response: Information regarding this activity has been updated on the Business Forecast. USAID has no intentions for releasing Request for Information at this stage, however, if an RFI is issued, it will be published on www.fbo.gov. Please keep visiting www.fbo.gov where the solicitation will be released that will include the Statement of Work (SOW).

174. **Pakistan: FATA Health Award**

- a. Is the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date of 12/30/2020 the correct anticipated release date?
- b. Can USAID provide information on the anticipated award type?
- c. What areas of health will be included under this project?
- d. Does USAID anticipate including reproductive health as a focus area?
- e. Will this project have a specific geographic focus within Pakistan?

USAID Response: Yes, the anticipated solicitation release date is correct. The anticipated award type is yet to be decided. The activity is still under design. The solicitation will provide you further information about the exact interventions under this activity. The geographic focus will be in line with the Mission's Strategy. The solicitation will provide you further details about the geographical focus.

175. **Pakistan: FATA Land Registration Support Activity**

- a. Does USAID intend to issue the FATA Land Registration Support Activity as a task order under an awarded IDIQ mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID Pakistan intends to award this activity through full and open competition.

176. **Pakistan: KP Resource Mobilization**

- a. Does USAID intend to issue the KP Resource Mobilization activity as a task order under an awarded IDIQ mechanism?
- b. Could USAID please confirm that the anticipated release date for this activity is 6/28/2019.

USAID Response: USAID Pakistan intends to award this activity through full and open competition. The solicitation will include the requested information. The anticipated solicitation release date for this activity is 08/30/2019.

177. **Peru: Regional Initiative for Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants**

- a. Can USAID please confirm if it intends to release the Regional Initiative for Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants?
- b. What is the anticipated release date and mechanism (Contract or Cooperative Agreement)?

- c. In the previous Q&A, it was clarified that USAID intended to pursue two separate programs, one combined program for Ecuador and Peru, and one for Brazil. Does USAID have an update on the intended mechanism – cooperative agreement or contract?
- d. Will the solicitations be full and open for US organizations to submit proposals?
- e. Does USAID still anticipate on activity specific to Brazil and one activity combining work in Ecuador and Peru?

USAID Response: USAID confirms that it intends to release a Regional Initiative for Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants. This project is still under design; we do not have an anticipated release date or mechanism(s). We do not have an update on whether it will be a full and open solicitation for US or non-US organizations. USAID still anticipates on activity specific to Brazil and one activity combining work in Ecuador and Peru.

178. **Peru:** Transparent Accountable Public Investment (TAPI)
- a. USAID had previously forecasted a “Transparent Accountable Public Investment (TAPI)” project in Peru that no longer appears in the forecast. Can USAID confirm if this means that this solicitation will no longer be released?

USAID Response: The Solicitation has already been released on FedBizOpps as RFP No. 72052719R00004.

179. **Philippines:** Quality Education and Skills Training - Philippine Qualifications Framework (QUEST-PQF)
- a. Can USAID provide additional information on the scope of this activity?
 - b. Does USAID anticipate releasing a pre-solicitation or RFI for this opportunity?
 - c. Is this opportunity a follow-on to existing programming?
 - d. Can USAID specify a funding amount for this opportunity?

USAID Response: This is a new opportunity, not a follow-on to an existing program. A Request for Information is forthcoming. Additional information will be provided in the solicitation.

180. **Philippines:** Initiative for Democracy
- a. When does USAID anticipate releasing addenda for the Initiatives for Democracy APS?

USAID Response: This addendum is under design. Updates to the Business Forecast will be made as it becomes available.

181. **Philippines:** Philippines’ Youth Activity
- a. Can USAID kindly confirm the anticipated solicitation release date for the “Philippines’ Youth Activity” as July 12th, 2019?
 - b. Is USAID planning to issue a pre-solicitation notice and more information about the SOW before the projected solicitation release date of July 12, 2019?
 - c. Is USAID planning on utilizing a multi-phase proposal process for the “Philippines’ Youth Activity”? If so, can USAID please indicate what the phases of the procurement will be?
 - d. Will the “Philippines’ Youth Activity” be a national-level program, with an emphasis on Cities Development Initiative (CDI) sites or will it focus exclusively on secondary cities in Mindanao?

- e. To what extent does USAID envision the “Philippines’ Youth Activity” working directly in the BARMM – (the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao)?
- f. Are any further changes expected to the activity description?
- g. Does this opportunity include scope to address reproductive health, sexual education, and/or gender-based violence?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date is moved to July 19, 2019. Updates to the Business Forecast will be made as it becomes available. USAID is not planning on issuing an RFI for this award.

Yes, it will be in three phases. All other information will be made available in the solicitation.

It is envisioned to be a national level program, with implementation in selected regions, as well as CDI sites. All other information will be made available in the solicitation.

There is no plan for the activity to be in BARMM at the moment.

The NOFO will contain the full activity description.

It is still to be determined if this will include reproductive health, sexual education, and/or gender-based violence work.

182. **Philippines:** Quality Education and Skills Training - Philippine Qualifications Framework (QUEST-PQF)

- a. Can USAID confirm that technical components of “Quality Education and Skills Training - Philippine Qualifications Framework (QUEST-PQF)” are separate and apart from the “Philippines’ Youth Activity”?

USAID Response: Yes, this is correct.

183. **Philippines:** Annual Program Statement (APS) on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance

- a. Can USAID provide any information on when it anticipates releasing the final two addendums of the APS?

USAID Response: These addenda are under design. Updates to the Business Forecast will be made as it becomes available.

184. **Philippines:** Pacific-American Climate Fund (PACAM)

- a. Does USAID/Philippines have plans for a follow-on to the Pacific-American Climate Fund (PACAM) Activity?

USAID Response: This is to be determined.

185. **Philippines:** Evidence-Driven Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting

- a. Can USAID confirm the anticipated release date for the Evidence-Driven Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting contract?
- b. Could USAID confirm that this will be a Small Business Set-Aside?

- c. Can USAID please clarify how the USAID/Philippines Evidence-Driven CLA Activity SOW will complement that of the current CLAim Activity?
- d. Will implementing this project present a conflict of interest that would preclude the implementer from implementing any other projects in-country?

USAID Response: The solicitation was released in FedBizOpps on July 7, 2019. It is a Total Small Business Set-Aside. Please read RFP number 72049219R00009 posted in FedBizOpps for additional details.

186. **Philippines:** Energy Secure Philippines

- a. Will the Energy Secure Philippines project be a task order under a mechanism or a full and open opportunity?

USAID Response: This is to be determined.

187. **RDMA:** Asia Learning and M&E Support Project

- a. When is the Asia Learning and M&E Support Project expected and will it be full and open?

USAID Response: The solicitation is planned to be issued next fiscal year or earlier. USAID is considering a limited competition to US small businesses or a full and open competition.

188. **RDMA:** Southeast Asia Hub mechanism

- a. Does the Southeast Asia Hub mechanism currently on the forecast replace the previously anticipated RDMA EDGE multi-award IDIQ?

USAID Response: No. The solicitation on Southeast Asia EDGE hub is a separate procurement which does not replace the RDMA EDGE multi-award IDIQ.

189. **RDMA: Southeast Asia Edge:**

- a. The forecast had previously included the Southeast Asia EDGE. It no longer appears on the forecast. Has USAID cancelled this activity?
- b. Are the USAID EDGE for SE Asia activities all expected to be awarded under TOs/GSA schedule?
- c. Can USAID provide an update on the contract mechanism for this opportunity?
- d. Will all Mission level energy projects in Southeast Asia be under the RDMA EDGE umbrella? IF not, will they be independent of the EDGE program?

USAID Response: The activity has not been cancelled, but USAID/RDMA removed it from the forecast because the Southeast Asia EDGE flagship activity still needs to complete the Senior Obligation Alignment Review (SOAR), and no action would occur on this activity before the end of the fiscal year. RDMA intends to issue the Asia EDGE IDIQ solicitation next fiscal year depending on the completion of internal approval and clearances, and will provide an updated Business Forecast listing with more complete information about this Activity following SOAR completion.

RDMA has proposed an IDIQ for SE Asia EDGE activities that RDMA and other USAID Missions would be able to utilize. The majority of RDMA's Asia EDGE programming would be expected to be awarded via task orders under this IDIQ.

A multiple-award IDIQ mechanism has been proposed to USAID leadership through USAID/RDMA's SOAR submission

The RDMA SE Asia EDGE mechanism is envisioned to be available for use by other Missions, however Missions will make their own strategic decisions about selecting acquisition and assistance instruments to support the Asia EDGE program.

190. **RDMA:** Does USAID anticipate releasing an RDMA IDIQ mechanism?

USAID Response: A multiple-award IDIQ mechanism has been proposed to USAID leadership through USAID/RDMA's SOAR submission.

191. **Rwanda:** Private Sector Driven Agricultural Growth (PSDAG)

- a. Does USAID/Rwanda intend to lease a follow-on to the Private Sector Driven Agricultural Growth (PSDAG) project? If so, what is the anticipated timing for the solicitation release?

USAID Response: USAID/Rwanda does not intend to release a follow on to PSDAG.

192. **Rwanda:** Does USAID anticipate publishing competitive solicitations for PEPFAR programming in Rwanda over the next 24 months? If so, could USAID confirm the target populations, any anticipated eligibility restrictions, as well as anticipated timing and whether a RFI will be published beforehand?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast will be updated once USAID/Rwanda decides to publish competitive solicitations for PEPFAR programming in Rwanda.

193. **Rwanda:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any youth employment opportunity over the next 24 months? If so, could USAID confirm the anticipated timing and whether a RFI will be published beforehand?

USAID Response: There are no plans at the moment to issue a solicitation for a youth employment project.

194. **Rwanda:** Ororo Wihaze

- a. Can you please provide an update on the timeline for awarding the Rwanda Ororo Wihaze procurement?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates the Orora Wihaze procurement will be awarded in late August 2019 to early September 2019.

195. **Rwanda:** Rwanda Integrated Health Systems Activity (RIHSA)

- a. Does USAID intend to release a draft SOW/RFI for the Rwanda Integrated Health Systems Activity (RIHSA) in advance of the solicitation being released?

- b. Can USAID provide information about how the Rwanda Integrated Health Systems Activity (RIHSA) will differ from the predecessor Rwanda Health Systems Strengthening Project?

USAID Response: No. USAID/Rwanda will not release a draft SOW/RFI for RIHSA. RIHSA will continue to support Health Systems Strengthening in Rwanda.

196. **Rwanda:** Gikuriro Program

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on to USAID Gikuriro Program? If yes, what is the expected release date?

USAID Response: No, USAID does not anticipate a follow-on to the Gikuriro program.

197. **Rwanda:** Please confirm when USAID anticipates releasing an OVC opportunity? Will the OVC opportunity be full and open or limited to local organizations?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast will be updated once USAID/Rwanda decides to publish competitive solicitations for PEPFAR programming in Rwanda.

198. **Senegal:** Senegal Agriculture Policy Service

- a. Will this Senegal Agriculture Policy Service activity projected for release on July 3, 2019 complement the anticipated Senegal Agriculture Value Chain Services contract projected for release on July 29, 2019?
- b. Is USAID planning to issue a pre-solicitation notice and more information about the SOW before the solicitation is released?
- c. Can USAID provide any information on the project description at this time?

USAID Response: The Senegal Agriculture Policy Services activity is not a complement of the Senegal Agriculture Value Chain Services contract. No, USAID is not planning to issue a pre-solicitation notice. No additional information on the project is available at this time. A full solicitation package will be posted to FedbizOpps when ready.

199. **Senegal:** RISE II Integrated Health System Delivery

- a. Will malaria activities be supported under this project?
- b. Does USAID still intend to issue this as a stand alone award, or is there any possibility that it may be released via another global mechanism?
- c. Does USAID intend to share an updated RFI in advance of the solicitation, given the ongoing changes in the region and shifting USG and US military priorities in the region?
- d. Can USAID confirm the regions that this award is to work in?
- e. Can USAID share the cause of the delays for this procurement?
- f. The current estimate in the forecast is \$50-100m; can USAID provide an updated range for the award value?
- g. As HSD and other not-yet-procured activities under the RISE II umbrella are expected to coordinate with the other RISE II programs, including DFSAs that are now entering Q4 of their Refine year, how will these delays affect the overall integration of RISE II?

USAID Response: The delay for this activity is due to Internal approval processes. This will be a full and open, stand alone award. USAID is not anticipating issuing an RFI. No additional updates on the award range is available at the moment.

It is possible that malaria activities be supported under this project. Regions for this activity will be clarified in the solicitation.

USAID does not expect timing to impact the overall approach to collaboration or refinement of HSD.

200. **Senegal:** Systems Strengthening Plus program

- a. Can USAID provide more information related to the Senegal Systems Strengthening Plus program?

USAID Response: The Health Systems Strengthening Plus (HSS+) is currently in the administration phase. The period of performance will end in 2021.

201. **Senegal:** Senegal Entrepreneurship Promotion and Business Investment Program

- a. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated release date and mechanism (Contract or Cooperative Agreement) for the Senegal Entrepreneurship Promotion and Business Investment Project?
- b. Is there any more information USAID can share about the Award Description to help organizations plan?
- c. Can USAID kindly confirm that the “Entrepreneurship Promotion and Business Investment Program” will be a full and open procurement?

USAID Response: USAID/Senegal is still going through the internal approval process and expect to release the solicitation within the next few weeks. The released solicitation will provide information about the type of mechanism. No additional information is available at this time. This will be a full and open procurement.

202. **Sierra Leone:** Please confirm if USAID plans to release a global health solicitation in Sierra Leone this fiscal year

USAID Response: At this point in time, Sierra Leone has no plans to release a global health solicitation this fiscal year.

203. **Somalia:** Somalia Monitoring, Verification and Reporting IDIQ

- a. Can USAID please confirm when the IDIQ will be released?
- b. Can USAID please confirm if this will be a small business set aside?
- c. Could USAID update the forecast to include the planned Somalia Monitoring, Verification and Reporting mechanism?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the planning stages. There is no additional information available on set asides and hence it will not be put on the Business Forecast until such time as more information is available.

204. **Somalia:** Accelerated Quality Learning of Somali Children and Youth program
a. Can USAID advise when an award is anticipated for the above procurement?

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

205. **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: USAID anticipates publishing a competitive solicitation to follow on GEEL in the next 12 to 18 months.

206. **Southern Africa:** Does USAID anticipate publishing any competitive solicitations for VMMC activities in South Africa in the next 24 months? If yes, could USAID confirm the anticipated timing and whether a RFI will be published beforehand. Whether eligibility to prime is restricted to local/indigenous organizations or whether there be an option for international organizations to prime the award and then issue transition awards to local/indigenous organizations during implementation.

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate publishing any competitive solicitations for VMMC activities in South Africa in the next 24 months.

207. **Southern Africa:** Does USAID anticipate issuing any HIV focused solicitations for South Africa during the COP19 period?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate issuing any HIV focused solicitations for South Africa during the COP19 period.

208. **Southern Africa:** Data and Technical Support
a. Is this a new activity, or is it a continuation of the previous activity? If it is a continuation, what is the activity it is continuing? If so, who held this activity?
b. Will this activity be managed in Washington DC or at a USAID mission?

USAID Response: This activity builds on work previously executed under PATRP. USAID envisions that services will be performed at the Contractor's facility in Washington D.C., as well as either Pretoria or Johannesburg, South Africa.

209. **Southern Africa:** MECLAK IDIQ
a. Could USAID/Southern Africa Regional Mission please provide an update on the Southern Africa MECLAK IDIQ award(s)?

USAID Response: Eight IDIQ contracts were awarded, dated July 1, 2019. Award notice posted on FedBizOpps.

210. **Southern Africa:** ASPIRE
a. When does USAID anticipate the ASPIRE RFA will be released?
b. Does USAID anticipate limiting the types of organizations that are eligible to apply for the ASPIRE RFP for Eswatini?

USAID Response: As noted on the business forecast, USAID/Southern Africa anticipates releasing the ASPIRE Request for Proposals (RFP) o/a August 2019. USAID does not anticipate limiting the types of organizations that are eligible to bid on the ASPIRE RFP.

211. **Southern Africa:** Data and Technical Support Activity (DTS)

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date of the Data and Technical Support Activity (DTS), managed by Power Africa's (PA) Partnerships Office?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates release by the end of July 2019.

212. **South Sudan:** There are currently no opportunities for South Sudan. Is USAID designing any that we can expect to be added to the forecast?

USAID Response: Yes, please pay attention to the Forecast for upcoming opportunities.

213. **South Sudan:** Can USAID/South Sudan provide any information regarding the anticipated health award mentioned in the quarter two Q&A? Can USAID please provide any additional details around timing, technical scope, and/or budget ceiling? Can USAID confirm if an RFI should be expected?

USAID Response: The new award is still in design, though an RFI should be released soon.

214. **South Sudan:** Can USAID confirm if there is an upcoming education solicitation for South Sudan? If yes, can you provide information on the technical scope, timing, and mechanism?

USAID Response: Yes there is a new education program in design. The award will be assistance. We do not have any other details available at this time.

215. **South Sudan:** Overall, If required, does USAID expect to obtain a waiver for South Sudan projects with respect to the Trafficking in Persons report?

USAID Response: Unknown at this time.

216. **South Sudan:** Supporting Learning Outcomes in South Sudan

- a. The RFI for Supporting Learning Outcomes in South Sudan was released in March 2019. Has USAID made a determination on the anticipated delivery mechanism?
- b. Additionally, does USAID have an anticipated solicitation release date?
- c. Would USAID consider adding this activity to the business forecast?

USAID Response: This activity will be an assistance award. No additional updates are available on the anticipated award date. This activity will be added to the Forecast.

217. **Sri Lanka:** Can USAID clarify if they intend to release any new solicitations for Sri Lanka related to in the next 24 months? If yes, can USAID please clarify the technical areas and whether they intend to release a RFI?

USAID Response: At this time we cannot confirm any open solicitations for either Sri Lanka or Maldives as future planning is currently ongoing. Should any activities be determined as open solicitations we will immediately update the USAID Business Forecast. It will be our intention to issue RFI's for all open solicitations.

218. **Sudan:** In light of the recent political transition, does USAID expect to have any opportunities in Sudan on the forecast in FY 2019?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate any opportunities being listed on the forecast for FY2019. Should any activities be determined as open solicitations we will update the USAID Business Forecast immediately.

219. **Syria:** Syria Accountability and Research Team Activity
- a. When does USAID intend to release the Syria Accountability and Research Activity?
 - b. Will this contract be a small business set-aside?
 - c. Can USAID provide any further details on the scope of the Syria Accountability and Research Team (ART) Activity at this time?

USAID Response: ART RFP was released on 7/11/2019. Please see FBO for details.

220. **Tajikistan:** Does USAID anticipate issuing any NOFOs for maternal newborn and child health in Tajikistan and if so what is the anticipated timing of the release? Budget? Contracting mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID/Central Asia's current Tajikistan Health and Nutrition Program operates through September 2020. A new activity related to maternal and child health and nutrition in Tajikistan is currently under design for award by September 2020, but decisions regarding budget and choice of instrument are not final at this time. Please monitor the Business Forecast for more information as it becomes available.

221. **Tanzania:** Tusome Pamoja Education Program
- a. Can USAID please provide an update on whether it plans to release a follow-on to this program?

USAID Response: Once USAID has plans for a new education activity, the Business Forecast will be updated.

222. **Tanzania:** Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Police & Prisons Activity
- a. Is there a description available for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The following description was added in the A&A Plan: "This activity will support the health system managed by police and prison authorities to provide high-quality HIV and TB prevention, care and treatment services. This activity will benefit prisoners, police & prison staff & their families, and the communities living near these facilities."

223. **Tanzania:** Malaria Bed Net Delivery

- a. Can USAID please provide an updated Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for Malaria Bed Net Delivery opportunity?

USAID Response: An RFP for the Tanzania Vector Control activity, which includes bed net delivery as one of the tasks, was released in April 2019. The deadline for submitting proposals was in May 2019.

224. **Tanzania:** Community Health System Strengthening
- a. Does USAID intend to issue a follow on to the Tanzania Community Health System Strengthening activity?
 - b. If yes, will USAID release an RFI?
 - c. If yes, can USAID confirm Action Type?
 - d. If yes, can USAID confirm the intended Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range?
 - e. If yes, can USAID please confirm the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date?
 - f. Can you please confirm the geographic scope of the solicitation?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID intends to issue a follow on to the Tanzania Community Health System Strengthening activity. In addition, we intend to issue an RFI. The award will be a contract. The Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range is \$24,999,000-\$50,000,000. The anticipated solicitation date is April 30,2020. Geographic scope is not available at this time.

225. **Tanzania:** Tanzania Public Sector Systems Strengthening Next Generation project
- a. Can USAID provide any more information on the Tanzania Public Sector Systems Strengthening Next Generation project?

USAID Response: PS3 Next Generation project will provide technical assistance to the Government of Tanzania to institutionalize public systems that are responsive to citizens' needs for quality services at the local level, particularly for underserved populations. The project will support the Government of Tanzania to improve evidence-based, inclusive planning and management at local levels; strengthen local governance to promote citizen engagement and social accountability; and increase efficient use of financial resources.

A Stakeholders' consultative meeting was held on February 26, 2019, and the notes from the meeting was shared on Fedbizopps on April 02, 2019. USAID/Tanzania expects to post the draft Performance Work Statement (PWS) on Fedbizopps for comments before the end of July 2019.

226. **Tanzania:** Comprehensive Community Cascade for Epidemic Control Among Key and Vulnerable Populations
- a. Can USAID/Tanzania provide any information regarding the Comprehensive Community Cascade for Epidemic Control Among Key and Vulnerable Populations activity such as anticipated timing of the solicitation, award mechanism, or award date?

USAID Response: This procurement has been cancelled.

227. **Tanzania:** Is USAID planning to issue a solicitation for follow-on funding for education for Tanzania? If so, can USAID provide information on the technical scope, timing of the solicitation, and expected mechanism?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID intends to procure a new flagship education project. At this time, we do not have useful information to provide.

228. **Tanzania:** Does USAID anticipate any agriculture or economic growth activities in Tanzania?

USAID Response: Several agriculture/economic growth portfolio activities do not meet the criteria for the business forecast, but as we move forward with new designs for competitive solicitations we will update the forecast accordingly.

229. **Tanzania:** As there are several projects ending in 2020, is USAID planning any agriculture-related procurements for Tanzania in FY 2020? If yes, what is the expected release date? If yes, does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or a Request for Information for these programs? If yes, could USAID clarify whether the programming will be in the form of contracts or cooperative agreements, and the size of the procurements?

USAID Response: Several agriculture/economic growth portfolio activities do not meet the criteria for the business forecast, but as we move forward with new designs for competitive solicitations we will update the forecast accordingly.

230. **Tanzania:** Support of Orphans and Vulnerable Children, adolescent and Young people

- a. Does USAID intend to issue a follow on to the Tanzania Support of Orphans and Vulnerable Children, adolescent and Young people?
- b. If yes, will USAID release an RFI?
- c. If yes, can USAID confirm Action Type?
- d. If yes, can USAID confirm the intended Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range?
- e. If yes, can USAID please confirm the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date?
- f. Can you please confirm the geographic scope of the solicitation?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID intends to issue a follow on to the Tanzania Support of Orphans and Vulnerable Children, adolescents and Young people, as well as an RFI. The action type, geographic scope, as well as the amount is still to be determined. The anticipated release date is July 30, 2020.

231. **Tunisia:** Does USAID/Tunisia anticipate releasing any solicitations in 2019 or 2020? There are no opportunities included on the forecast. Can USAID Tunisia confirm if they are planning to design and solicit new Economic Growth and Trade or Agriculture and Food Security procurements in FY2020?

USAID Response: There are two Economic Growth opportunities that may soon be under design for USAID/Tunisia: 1) a Women and Youth Economic Empowerment Activity - 5 years estimated between \$30 and \$40 mn and 2) a Trade and Investment Platform Activity for 5 years estimated between \$20 and \$30 mn.

232. **Uganda:** Does USAID still anticipate releasing a civil society strengthening activity in Uganda in FY19, as referenced in past Q&As? If so, could USAID please confirm the timing of the solicitation release and whether this is a continuation of existing programming?

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. This is a new activity and it is not a follow-on.

233. **Uganda:** Does USAID intend to release any Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance programming for Uganda in the coming quarter or next fiscal year?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID intends to release this Opportunity, please keep checking USAID's Business forecast for updates on the estimated release dates.

234. **Uganda:** Does USAID anticipate using a co-creation approach for either the Uganda Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Maternal and Child Health (NMCH) Activity or the Voluntary Family Planning for Improved Reproductive Health and Development Activity proposals?

USAID Response: USAID undertook co-creation approaches for both opportunities through RFI-617-18-MCH-N and RFI-617-19-FAMILY PLANNING.

235. **Uganda:** Biodiversity for Resilience
a. In the RFI for Uganda Biodiversity for Resilience, USAID asked a question whether a contract or cooperative agreement would be the preferred mechanism. The USAID Mission Forecast states that the mechanism will be a cooperative agreement. Will USAID please provide the justification for the selection of that instrument type?

USAID Response: Based on the market research, responses received from the RFI and planned objectives, USAID made a determination that a Cooperative Agreement is the preferred instrument type.

236. **Uganda:** Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Maternal and Child Health Activity
a. Do you expect that this will be released on 7/1/2019 as currently reflected?
b. Is it a requirement to use SmartCare going forward?
c. Can USAID provide an indication of the geographic scope of this anticipated project?

USAID Response: 72061719RFA00001 MCHN_RFA was released 7/8/2019 on Grants.gov, please refer to this RFA for all details on requirements for this Activity.

237. **Uganda:** Inclusive Agricultural Markets Activity
a. Does USAID have an updated projected date for the award of the Feed the Future Uganda Inclusive Agricultural Markets Activity?
b. Can USAID/Uganda please share the outcome of Inclusive Agricultural Markets activity?

USAID Response: This Activity has not yet been awarded. The anticipated award date is on or about 8/24/2019.

238. **Uganda:** Health Systems Strengthening Activity
a. Can USAID provide any update on the review status of the Uganda Health Systems Strengthening Activity?

- b. When does USAID intend to make a decision regarding the Uganda Health System Strengthening proposal RFP: 72061718R00009 that was submitted in June 2018?

USAID Response: This Activity is still under proposal review. We anticipate an award date 8/30/2019.

239. **Uganda:** Hazardous Medical Waste Management Services
a. Is there an updated Anticipated Solicitation Release date, or is 7/31/19 still valid?

USAID Response: For now, 7/31/2019 is still valid. Please continue to check the Business Forecast for any updates on this Opportunity.

240. **Uganda:** Local Service Delivery Activity
a. Can USAID/Uganda confirm if they will be releasing an RFI or draft scope of work for the Local Service Delivery Activity before the RFP is released?
b. Could USAID confirm that eligibility to prime is still restricted to local/indigenous organizations and that there will not be an option for international organizations to prime the award and then issue transition awards to local/indigenous organizations during implementation?
c. Could USAID confirm the number of awards anticipated to be made?
d. Could USAID confirm whether the award will be a cooperative agreement or contract?
e. Will this award be limited to local organizations?

USAID Response: An RFI-617-19-OHH-Local Service Delivery Activity was released on February 1, 2019. Eligibility is restricted to Local Organizations. Please look out for the RFA for information on the number of awards anticipated. The type of Award anticipated is a Cooperative Agreement

241. **Uganda:** Systems and Institutional Strengthening Activity
a. The Systems and Institutional Strengthening Activity is listed on the business forecast as "To Be Determined" in the Award/Action type. Has USAID made a determination on the anticipated delivery mechanism?
b. Would USAID please provide information on the timing for the anticipated Uganda Systems and Institutional Strengthening Activity (SISA) procurement?

USAID Response: USAID is yet to determine the delivery mechanism. Please keep checking the Business Forecast for information on timing.

242. **Uganda:** Integrated Child and Youth Development Activity
a. The Integrated Child and Youth Development Activity is listed on the business forecast as a "collaborative agreement," but the RFI released by USAID in May states that this activity will be a contract. Could USAID please clarify the anticipated delivery mechanism?
b. Can USAID provide more information regarding the Award action type "Collaborative Agreement"? The RFI released describes a Statement of Work which lends itself to an Acquisition Implementing mechanism.

- c. Furthermore, the forecast estimates the contract at \$100-300 million but the RFI did not state an anticipated value. Is there a more specific estimated budget range that USAID would be able to share?
- d. Could USAID confirm the percentage of funding contribution from PEPFAR?
- e. In addition to the education team, what other sectors will the forecasted Uganda ICYD opportunity receive funding from?
- f. Will sexual education, reproductive health, HIV, or gender-based violence be included as priority areas in the “integrated child and youth development” activity?

USAID Response: The Integrated Child and Youth Development Activity will be delivered under a Contract. Please refer to the estimate provided on the Business Forecast. Please look out for USAID’s Request for Proposals (RFP) for this Opportunity for more information.

243. **Uganda:** Is USAID able to provide any information as to the reason behind the delays of several of the anticipated activities in Uganda, including the “voluntary family planning for improved reproductive health and development” and “multi-sectoral nutrition, maternal, and child health activities”? Does USAID anticipate any additional delays?

USAID Response: The voluntary family planning for improved reproductive health and development Opportunity is still under design. Please continue to check the Business Forecast for any schedule updates, we will promptly update it to reflect any changes. The multi-sectoral nutrition, maternal, and child health activity was released on 7/8/2019.

244. **Uganda:** Voluntary Family Planning for Improved Reproductive Health and Development
- a. Is there a more detailed description for this activity?
 - b. Do you expect that this will be released on 9/30/2019 as currently reflected?
 - c. Can USAID provide an indication of the geographic scope of this anticipated project?

USAID Response: Details on this Opportunity will be provided in the RFA, please keep checking www.Grants.gov for the anticipated posting. The current release date is still accurate, but keep checking the Business Forecast for any updates.

245. **Uganda:** Accountability and Risk Management Support Services Activity
- a. Can USAID confirm that July 31, 2019 remains as the anticipated solicitation release date
 - b. Could USAID confirm whether successful ARMSS awardees (in prime or sub roles) could be precluded from bidding on future opportunities in Uganda due to conflict of interest concerns? If so, what criteria would be used to determine ARMSS awardees’ eligibility to bid on other anticipated USAID and/or PEPFAR funding opportunities in Uganda?

USAID Response: Please check the Business Forecast for updates on timing. Please look out for the Solicitation document for these details.

246. **Vietnam:** Can USAID please clarify if they intend to release any new solicitations for Vietnam in the next 24 months? If yes, can USAID please clarify the technical areas of those activities and whether a RFI will be released?

USAID Response: The Mission is currently in the process of developing Vietnam’s new Country Development Cooperation Strategy. The Mission anticipates programming in the areas of

biodiversity, sustainable landscaping, clean energy, economic/business growth, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis, and programs for persons with disabilities. USAID/Vietnam plans to actively engage with industry through a variety of means, to include RFIs, during the activity design and procurement process.

247. **Vietnam:** Vietnam Learns

- a. Does USAID have an updated timeline for award of the Vietnam Learns contract?

USAID Response: We anticipate an award by August 2019.

248. **Yemen:** Can USAID confirm whether any new activities are currently anticipated for Yemen?

USAID Response: While there are program activities that are currently in design, there are no new activities to be included on the Business Forecast at this time.

249. **Zambia:** APROACH

- a. Can USAID provide an updated release date for the Zambia APROACH activity?

USAID Response: Note that the APROACH Activity is now referred to as The Alternatives to Charcoal Activity. The anticipated Solicitation release date is 09/11/2019.

250. **Zambia:** Evidence for Health

- a. The Evidence for Health opportunity has disappeared from the business forecast. Could USAID provide an updated time frame for award?

USAID Response: Proposals are still under review and at this stage USAID is not able to project when the award will be made. However, offerors will be notified of next steps when more information is available.

251. **Zambia:** Family Health and Nutrition Activity

- a. With the change in title of this forecasted opportunity, can USAID confirm if the anticipated scope of work will be different from the originally planned RMNCAH&N Continuum of Care TA project? If so, will a revised RFI or more detailed program description be issued by USAID prior to the release of the Family Health and Nutrition Activity procurement?
- b. Do you expect that this will be released on 8/28/2019 as currently reflected?
- c. Can USAID offer any insight into the multiple delays of the release of the Family Health and Nutrition Activity?
- d. Can USAID clarify if the Journey to Self-Reliance and indigenous partner organizations will feature as larger roles in the RFP? Can USAID give any indication if it will have any requirements around the inclusion of local partners?
- e. Can USAID clarify the scope of WASH?
- f. Can USAID confirm if the awardee will be expected to cover all districts in the four target provinces?

USAID Response: USAID does not expect the scope of the activity it to be different. There is currently no plan to issue another RFI. The activity is still expected to be released on 8/28. Additional information is unavailable at the activity is still under design.

The successful offeror will be expected to support all districts within the target provinces.

252. **Zambia:** Rural Agricultural Enterprise Development project procurement
- a. Would USAID please provide information on the anticipated Rural Agricultural Enterprise Development project procurement?
 - b. Is the mid-August release date still accurate?
 - c. Will USAID release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for this program?
 - d. Could USAID clarify whether this program will be a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?
 - e. Does USAID have any specific Provinces or Districts in mind for the Zone-of-Influence, or will the location of intervention be left to the supplier's determination?
 - f. Will malaria activities be supported under this project?

USAID Response: The release date has been updated to 9/16/2019. USAID is anticipating releasing an RFI. There is no additional information to provide beyond what is currently on the business forecast. It will be a contract, please refer to information on the business forecast. This project will be located in the Eastern Province and Peri-Urban Lusaka. This activity will not include malaria activities.

253. **Zambia:** Could USAID/Zambia provide any additional information regarding the anticipated social protection, OVC, or DREAMS-focused solicitations mentioned in previous Q&A rounds?

USAID Response:The Social Protection Program will comprise of three activities, namely the OVC service delivery; OVC technical assistance and a government to government program (G2G). The OVC service delivery activity is currently in design, and listed on the business forecast. The OVC TA activity will be designed to align with the G2G needs and will be supporting the G2G Activity. The Social Protection Program will not have a specific DREAMS focus although the activities may address issues of sexual violence of adolescents.

254. **Zambia:** Maintaining HIV Epidemic Control through Local Partners
- a. Does USAID/Zambia anticipate releasing an RFI or draft scope of work for Maintaining HIV Epidemic Control through Local Partners activity prior to releasing the final solicitation?
 - b. Could USAID confirm that this is 100% PEPFAR-funded?
 - c. Could USAID confirm whether a RFI will be released before the solicitation is published? If so, what is the anticipated timing of the RFI's release date?
 - d. Could USAID confirm whether eligibility to prime is restricted to local/indigenous organizations or will there be an option for international organizations to prime the award and then issue transition awards to local/indigenous organizations during implementation?
 - e. Could USAID confirm the number of awards anticipated to be made?

USAID Response: An RFI was released last year on 10/4/2019 (Local Zambian Organizations Working in HIV Treatment). At this point, we are planning for this to be PEPFAR funded. However, it may be possible that other USAID Health funds may be included at a later date. The intent is for the prime partner to be local, not a transition award. USAID anticipates issuing one award.

255. **Zambia: RMNCH**

- a. Could USAID provide clear cut guidance describing how different the role of the offeror will be, compared to the CIDA funded G2G project scope? This should be disaggregated by community versus facility scopes of work.
- b. Since the project will be TA focused, should the TA provider be incumbered with targets?
- c. What will happen to the SOW for the successful USAID IP if CIDA funding ends earlier than USAID's as being speculated?
- d. The RFI recommended co-location of project teams with MOH offices. However, most MOH offices have no space to accommodate project teams. Thus, could the requirement instead be stated as a recommendation, not a requirement?

USAID Response: This will be addressed in the Family Health and Nutrition Activity Solicitation.

256. **Zambia: Zambia Accessible Markets for Health (ZAM Health)**

- a. Zambia Accessible Markets for Health (ZAM Health) is listed on the forecast as a contract but in the recently released RFI it was mentioned to be released as a cooperative agreement, can you please clarify if this will be a cooperative agreement or contract- thank you?
- b. Can USAID/Zambia please confirm whether the Zambia Accessible Markets for Health (ZAM-Health) Activity opportunity will be restricted to local primes only?
- c. What is the rationale within the Zambia Accessible Markets for Health (ZAM-Health) Activity opportunity for limiting work with private providers to social franchisees and would USAID consider broadening out to non-franchised provider networks linked to sustainable financing?

USAID Response: The ZAM Health activity will be a cooperative agreement. The business forecast has been updated accordingly. USAID intends to restrict to local primes. The ZAM-Health activity does not limit work with private providers to social franchisees. USAID is open to non-franchised provider networks.

257. **Zambia: HIV Prevention for Key and Target Populations**

- a. Will the HIV Prevention for Key and Target Populations be released as a cooperative agreement and since it is more than 50% PEPFAR funded, will only local organizations be eligible to prime?
- b. Does USAID anticipate restricting this opportunity to local primes only, or will international organizations also be eligible to bid as prime?
- c. Does USAID/Zambia anticipate releasing an RFI or draft scope of work for the HIV Prevention for Key and Targeted Populations activity prior to releasing the final solicitation?
- d. Could USAID confirm the anticipated geographic coverage of this project?

- e. Could USAID confirm whether a RFI will be released before the solicitation is published? If so, what is the anticipated timing of the RFI's release date?
- f. The sector field states, "HIV/AIDS (More than 50% funded by PEPFAR)". Could USAID confirm which USG funding mechanism is funding the project besides PEPFAR?
- g. Could USAID confirm whether eligibility to prime is restricted to local/indigenous organizations or whether there will be an option for international organizations to prime the award and then issue transition awards to local/indigenous organizations during implementation?
- h. Could USAID confirm the number of awards anticipated to be made?
- i. Does USAID anticipate including gender-based violence programming in this project?

USAID Response: The instrument type is to be determined. It will be restricted to local primes. USAID plans to issue an RFI. The geographical focus will be on high HIV burden districts. The timing of the release of the solicitation is still to be determined.

At this point, we are planning for this to be PEPFAR funded. However, it may be possible that other USAID Health funds may be included at a later date. There could be up to two awards

Yes, gender-based violence (GBV) prevention will be part of the project as GBV is a component of the USAID and PEPFAR prevention strategy.

258. **Zambia:** Orphans and Vulnerable Children Activity

- a. Will the Orphans and Vulnerable Children activity come back on the forecast?
- b. When does USAID anticipate releasing an OVC opportunity?
- c. Will it be full and open or limited to local organizations?
- d. Does USAID anticipate that the upcoming OVC solicitation for Zambia will be restricted to local prime applicants?
- e. Does USAID anticipate that the upcoming OVC solicitation for Zambia will include a DREAMS focus?

USAID Response: Yes, this activity will be added back to the Forecast. The anticipated solicitation date is 9/2019. The activity will be limited to local organizations. It will not include a DREAMS focus.

259. **Zambia:** Program for the Advancement of Malaria Outcomes (PAMO) Follow-on

- a. Will there be a follow-on to PAMO in Zambia? If so, can USAID share any information on the anticipated timeline for this solicitation?

USAID Response: To be determined. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for information.

260. **Zimbabwe:** Strengthening of the Human Resources Information System

- a. Could USAID please confirm whether a competitive follow-on to the Strengthening of the Human Resources Information System (PEPFAR) program is expected?
- b. If yes, could USAID confirm the anticipated timing and whether a RFI will be published beforehand?

USAID Response: Following market research for local organizations, USAID determined that it will pursue a non-competitive award.

261. **Zimbabwe:** Can USAID provide more information related to the Assistance Program in Malaria follow-on?

USAID Response: USAID is in the planning process and anticipates issuing a Notice of Funding Opportunity in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2020.

262. **Zimbabwe:** Can USAID please confirm if it intends to release any additional procurements (aside from the Accountability and Rights opportunity already on the Mission Forecast)? If so, when can any new opportunities be expected?

USAID Response: USAID is in the process of developing priorities for FY 2020. We anticipate issuing new opportunities in the first or second quarter of FY 2020.