

FY 2021, 1st Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses

Background

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

Mission Business Forecast Questions

1. Afghanistan: Accessible and Quality Basic Education

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the status of this opportunity (i.e. solicitation release date, award mechanism, scope of work) and add it to the USAID Business Forecast?
- b. Does USAID have any updated information on target locations for this opportunity?
- c. What is the anticipated budget envelope for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

2. Afghanistan: Market-based Jobs for Peace

- a. The announcement of a solicitation for Market-based Jobs for Peace disappeared from the forecast. The original solicitation release date was June 2020. Could you provide the status of this solicitation or similar planned solicitations?

USAID Response: This solicitation release date is TBD.

3. Afghanistan: Power Sector Governance

- a. Could USAID provide information regarding the timing of the solicitation?
- b. Could USAID provide the anticipated value of the activity?
- c. Could USAID kindly indicate whether this task order will be added to the mission forecast?

USAID Response:

- a. First Quarter of CY 2021
- b. \$10m - \$12m
- c. This is still under discussion.

4. Afghanistan: Air Export Program

- a. Does USAID intend to award this procurement in FY2021 Q1?
- b. Could USAID provide the anticipated award date for this procurement?

USAID Response:

5. Afghanistan: Community-based Jobs for Peace

- a. Can USAID confirm that the solicitation release date will be November 2020?

- b. Does USAID intend to procure this activity as a contract or cooperative agreement?
- c. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation in advance of the solicitation to provide bidders with information regarding the project's updated objectives?
- d. This opportunity no longer appears on the USAID Business Forecast. Does USAID still plan to issue a solicitation for the project? If so, is it being redesigned?
- e. Please confirm when USAID intends to release the RFP for Afghanistan Community Based Jobs for Peace opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. The solicitation release date is TBD.
- b. The choice of instrument for this hopeful award is TBD.
- c. USAID has not determined if it will release a pre-solicitation with information regarding the project's updated objectives.
- d. A release date for a redesigned solicitation is TBD.

6. Afghanistan: Strengthening Afghanistan Local Administration and Municipalities (SALAM)

- a. Can USAID provide a release date and additional information on this anticipated opportunity?
- b. Could USAID kindly indicate whether this opportunity will be added to the mission forecast and, additionally, provide further information as to the timing, scope, and value of the anticipated procurement?

USAID Response: The release date and details for this solicitation is TBD.

7. Afghanistan: Women in Civil Society (WiCS)

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the WiCS opportunity that USAID communicated would be released last April?
- b. Can USAID please provide more info on this opportunity or provide an update on where the mission is in conceptualizing the project?
- c. How many awards does USAID anticipate making for WICS
- d. Will CSOs receive funding through this mechanism?
- e. Can USAID confirm that the timing in the forecast is accurate – January 2021?
- f. Will there be any overlap between the start of this project and the current civil society project?

USAID Response: The Mission hopes to release the solicitation in the third Quarter of CY 2021.

8. Afghanistan: Women's Economic Development

- a. Can USAID provide a release date and additional information on this anticipated opportunity?
- b. Can USAID provide an update on the status of this opportunity?
- c. Can USAID add it to the USAID Business Forecast?
- d. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation document before the solicitation is released?

USAID Response: The Mission hopes to release the solicitation in the fourth Quarter of CY 2021.

9. Afghanistan: Subnational Governance and Economic Development Project

- a. In a previous Business Forecast Call, USAID indicated that the RFP for this activity would be released in the coming weeks. Is USAID able to add this opportunity to the business forecast and include the anticipated date for the release of the RFP?

USAID Response: The release date and specific information for this award are TBD.

10. **Afghanistan:** Regional Agricultural Development Program Follow On

- a. Does USAID/Afghanistan intend to release a follow-on to the Regional Agricultural Development Program in FY21?

USAID Response: No, there is no plan to do so.

11. **Afghanistan:** Engineering Support

- a. Does USAID have an update on whether they plan to release a follow-on to the Afghanistan Engineering Support opportunity?

USAID Response: Prior to January 2022

12. **Armenia:** How will the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict affect the issuance and awarding of Agreements? Several previously listed opportunities have seen their anticipated release dates delayed.

USAID Response: USAID/Armenia is delaying issuance of some solicitations due to the current situation, particularly those restricted to local organizations. The Mission will continue to update the business forecast if and when anticipated release dates change.

13. **Armenia:** Does USAID/Armenia anticipate any changes to its development priorities and plans in Armenia as a result of the ongoing conflict in Nagorno Karabakh?

USAID Response: Since the situation continues to evolve, USAID/Armenia has not yet made any decisions about whether or how development priorities and plans might change. The Mission's new CDCS will be available to the public soon and at this time USAID is confident that the goal and development objectives included in the CDCS are still valid, although we are constantly monitoring the situation.

14. **Armenia:** Financing Self Reliance

- a. When is the solicitation for Armenia Financing Self Reliance expected?
- b. Can USAID confirm that they are still planning to release a request for information for the Armenia Financing Self Reliance opportunity, as indicated in the FY2020 Q3 Q&A?
- c. Would USAID please provide an indication of the expected mechanism choice?

USAID Response:

- a. The anticipated solicitation date for Armenia Financing Self Reliance has been updated to February 28, 2021.
- b. USAID is still planning to release a request for information for Armenia Financing Self Reliance Program o/a January 15, 2021.
- c. USAID is still in the design phase and the expected program implementation mechanism is not selected yet.

15. **Armenia:** Armenia Labor Market Development

- a. Does USAID anticipate restricting lead applicants to local organizations

USAID Response: Yes, USAID is planning to restrict the program to local organizations.

16. **Armenia:** Improved Water Management and Use Program

- a. Can USAID please confirm the expected procurement mechanism (contract or cooperative agreement) to be used for the activity?

USAID Response: USAID is still in the design phase and the expected procurement mechanism has not been selected yet.

17. **Armenia:** Labor Market Development

- a. On the business forecast the release date is listed as 10/31/2020. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date of this opportunity?

USAID Response: The updated anticipated solicitation release date for the program is December 1, 2020.

18. **Armenia:** Civic Education Plan

- a. How has the ongoing conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan affected USAID's priorities and engagement in Armenia?
- b. Does USAID anticipate any delays in the release of the Civic Education Plan given the ongoing conflict?
- c. Can USAID confirm that international organizations and for profits will be ineligible for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. Since the situation continues to evolve, USAID/Armenia has not yet made any decisions about whether or how development priorities and plans might change. The Mission's new CDCS will be released soon and at this time USAID is confident that the goal and development objectives included in the CDCS are still valid, although we are constantly monitoring the situation.
- b. USAID/Armenia will continue to update the anticipated release date if plans change.
- c. USAID is planning to restrict the program to local entities and locally established partners.

19. **Bangladesh:** Does USAID/Bangladesh anticipate releasing any health opportunities in FY2021? If so, can USAID/Bangladesh share anticipated release date(s), scop(s), and award value(s) and mechanism(s)?

USAID Response: USAID/Bangladesh does anticipate releasing at the very least a nutrition opportunity in FY 21. Business forecast information is not available at this time.

20. **Bangladesh:** Rights for People with Disability

- a. Is it expected if there will be any limitations on eligibility for this award?
- b. Is USAID able to share the target geographic area?
- c. What is the intended mechanism for this opportunity (cooperative agreement, standalone contract, etc.)?
- d. Does USAID prefer a consortium or single applicant approach?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID expects to award the Rights for People with Disability activity to an eligible local organization.
- b. USAID expects to implement the activity in two to three divisions, and six to eight districts within those divisions. However, USAID expects the awardee to propose geographic areas based on criteria and justification.
- c. USAID expects to use a Fixed Amount Award (FAA) mechanism to implement the proposed activity.
- d. USAID would encourage a consortium approach in response to the RFA.

21. **Bangladesh:** FTF Livestock Production for Improved Nutrition Activity

- a. Does USAID/Bangladesh plan on releasing a follow-on to the FTF Livestock Production for Improved Nutrition Activity in FY21?

USAID Response: A solicitation for a new Activity, Feed the Future Bangladesh Livestock and Nutrition Activity, was released on Oct. 27, 2020 and is available on grants.gov.

22. **Bangladesh:** In Bangladesh, for the three youth activities that are all listed –

- A) DRG Youth Activity, (AA-312600)
- B) Integrated Youth Activity, (AA-312601)
- C) Youth Leadership Program (LEAD) (AA-312348)

Are these duplicates of the same opportunity to be released under the previously announced Bangladesh Youth Power APS or separate individual opportunities?

USAID Response: The DRG Youth Activity and the Integrated Youth Activity are separate activities and are being issued under one addendum to the Youth Power 2 APS. The Youth Leadership Program-LEAD Activity is being replaced by the DRG Youth Activity.

23. **Bangladesh:** Agricultural Infrastructure Development Program II and Agricultural Infrastructure Support II

- a. Will the Bangladesh Agricultural Infrastructure Development Program II and Agricultural Infrastructure Support II projects be combined into one RFP?
- b. Can USAID confirm that the release date will be December 1, 2020, as listed in the forecast?
- c. Can USAID clarify whether the total estimated value is \$10-24.99M as listed in forecast or within the \$8-10M range as listed on GovWin?

USAID Response:

- a. Currently, no.
- b. As updated in the Business Forecast, January 7, 2021 is the anticipated release date for the FTF Bangladesh Agricultural Infrastructure Development Activity. The FTF Bangladesh Agricultural Support Activity has been removed from the Business Forecast with no new anticipated solicitation date to report.
- c. The total estimated value for the Agricultural Infrastructure Development Activity is \$10-24.99M.

24. **Bangladesh:** Advancing Private Sector Engagement in the Ready-Made Garment Supply Chain

- a. It was previously advised that USAID anticipates to release an RFP or RFA sometime after June

2021. However, this opportunity has since disappeared from the forecast. Is it still planned?

USAID Response: A Private Sector Engagement activity is still being planned, however, no additional information is available at this time.

25. Bangladesh: Bangladesh Advancing Development and Growth through Energy (BADGE)

- a. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation or request for information in advance of the solicitation?
- b. Does USAID intend to procure this activity as a small business set-aside?
- c. Can USAID provide context on the reason for the delayed release date, and confirm whether the RFTOP will be released in 2020?
- d. Would USAID please advise under which IDIQ this activity will be released?

USAID Response:

- a. No
- b. No
- c. The solicitation will be released in 2020.
- d. Energy II IDIQ

26. Bangladesh: DRG Youth Activity

- a. Can USAID provide a program description for the DRG Youth Activity and how it will differ from the Integrated Youth Activity (AA-312601), other than the award amount?
- b. Will the DRG Youth Activity be a New Partnerships Initiative (NPI) Activity?
- c. Could USAID provide an updated anticipated release date?
- d. Could USAID clarify the estimated budget amount within the range forecasted?
- e. Can USAID clarify the overall purpose of each activity and how the scope differs among the three?
- f. Can USAID describe how it envisions implementing partners coordinating and working together under these three activities?
- g. How closely aligned will these activities be?
- h. Can USAID clarify the benefits of separating youth programming in Bangladesh into three bids and releasing three separate youth-focused opportunities at around the same time?
- i. Does USAID Bangladesh have plans to release an updated CDCS?
- j. The DRG Youth Activity and the Youth Leadership Program-LEAD both fall under the Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance Sector. How will each solicitation's scope differ?
- k. Will Youth Leadership Program-LEAD be released under the YouthPower2 APS? Will USAID release a RFI or a presolicitation of this activity?
- l. Does USAID still plan to issue the DRG Youth Activity under the YouthPower2 APS? Will USAID release a description or a RFI of this activity?
- m. Can USAID/Bangladesh clarify if the anticipated scope of work for this program is expected to retain a focus on "resilience to violent extremism and anti-democratic values" and "good governance"?
- n. If not, can USAID clarify if that scope will shift to the "DRG Youth Activity" opportunity?
- o. Would USAID please confirm that 11/10 is still the expected release date? Can you share details on this opportunity?
- p. Could USAID please provide a program description, in particular clarifying how this opportunity differs from the Bangladesh Integrated Youth Activity (AA-312601) and the Bangladesh Youth Leadership Program – LEAD (AA-312348)?

- q. Does USAID plan to release additional addenda under this APS? If so, could USAID please add the anticipated addenda to the Business Forecast?
- r. In Bangladesh, for the three youth activities that are listed (DRG Youth Activity, Integrated Youth Activity, and Youth Leadership Program) are these duplicates of the same opportunity to be released under the previously announced Youth Power APS or are they separate opportunities?
- s. The description indicates that USAID seeks to award two activities: Integrated Youth Activity (AA-312601) and Youth LEAD (AA-312348). Could USAID please clarify how these two activities will be divided in scope and/or complement each other?
- t. Could USAID please verify the funding sources (DRG, OPHNE and the Office of Economic Growth) and the percentage of funding to come from each source?

USAID Response:

- a. An addendum to the Youth Power 2 APS is forthcoming with a description of the requirement for the DRG Youth Activity and the Integrated Youth Activity.
 - i. DRG Youth Activity (1) provides a quality civic education to increase youth understanding of democratic values and acquire solid soft skills; and (2) provides youth with safe community-based opportunities to practice those skills and to build relationships and networks with fellow youth, their communities and decision-makers.
 - ii. Integrated Youth Activity specifically accomplishes (1) increased civic awareness and resilience to anti-democratic and violent extremism values; (2) youth participation in community-improvements and decision-making processes strengthened; and (3) employability and soft skills of targeted youth improved.
- b. The DRG Youth Activity is not an NPI initiative. It is being issued under the YP2 APS. However, it will include co-creation as a component of the design and evaluation process.
- c. The anticipated release date of the addendum to the APS is November 30, 2020.
- d. The estimated amount is at the low end of the range amount.
- e. See response at a. i. and ii. The purpose and scope of the DRG Youth and Integrated Youth Activities will be provided in the Addendum to the APS.
- f. There are now only two Activities. USAID will expect the implementing partners to have regular collaboration meetings.
- g. An addendum to the Youth Power 2 APS is forthcoming with a description of the requirement for the DRG Youth Activity and the Integrated Youth Activity. See response at a.i and ii.
- h. Youth programming requirements consist of only two Activities now; the DRG Youth Activity and the Integrated Youth Activity.
 - i. The new CDCS will be released as soon as approval is obtained.
 - j. The Youth Leadership Program-LEAD Activity is replaced with the DRG Youth Activity.
 - k. The Youth Leadership Program-LEAD forecast opportunity is being deleted.
 - l. An addendum to the YP2 APS will contain a description of the DRG Activity. No RFI will be released.
- m. See response at a.i., above
- n. The Youth Leadership Program-LEAD scope has shifted to the DRG Youth Activity.
- o. The anticipated release date is 11/30/2020.
- p. An addendum to the Youth Power 2 APS is forthcoming with a description of the requirement for the DRG Youth Activity and the Integrated Youth Activity. See response at a.i. and a.ii. The Youth Leadership Program-LEAD Activity is being replaced with the DRG Youth Activity.
- q. Unknown at this time
- r. An addendum to the Youth Power 2 APS is forthcoming with a description of the requirement for the DRG Youth Activity and the Integrated Youth Activity. See response at a.i. and a.ii. The Youth

- Leadership Program-LEAD Activity is being replaced with the DRG Youth Activity.
- s. The Youth Leadership Program-LEAD Activity is being replaced with the DRG Youth Activity.
 - t. The funding sources identified are correct.

27. Bangladesh: Advancing Private Sector Engagement in the Ready-Made Garment Supply Chain

- a. Can USAID confirm if the RMG sector activity is still anticipated in 2021, and if so, when it is expected to be released?
- b. Can USAID provide an update on the scope, priorities, award amount and award type for the RMG sector activity?

USAID Response:

- a. A RMG Private Sector Engagement Activity is still under consideration for 2021. No specific release date has been finalized.
- b. No business forecast information is available at this time.

28. Bangladesh: Integrated Youth Activity

- a. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated award mechanism will be a cooperative agreement?
- b. Can USAID confirm the number of awards it plans to issue?
- c. The program description describes two youth activities. Could USAID identify which objectives would be included in the Integrated Youth Activity and which objectives would be included in the DRG Youth Activity?
- d. Will the Integrated Youth Activity be a New Partnerships Initiative (NPI) Activity?
- e. Could USAID provide an updated anticipated release date?
- f. Could USAID clarify the estimated budget amount within the range forecasted?
- g. Can USAID clarify if they anticipate combining the DRG Youth Activity and Youth Leadership Program currently forecasted activities into one solicitation? Or will they be issued as two separate awards?
- h. If two separate awards, can USAID clarify if a decision has been made on the mechanism for "Youth Leadership Program – LEAD"?
- i. Can USAID/Bangladesh clarify if the anticipated scope of work for this program is expected to retain a focus on "resilience to violent extremism and anti-democratic values" and "good governance"?
- j. If not, can USAID clarify if that scope will shift to the "DRG Youth Activity" opportunity?
- k. Would USAID please confirm that 11/10 is still the expected release date?
- l. Could USAID please clarify how this opportunity differs from the Bangladesh DRG Youth Activity (AA-312600) and the Bangladesh Youth Leadership Program – LEAD (AA-312348)?
- m. Will this project focus primarily on socio-entrepreneurship and economic empowerment since it's categorized under the Economic Growth and Trade sector?
- n. What role will research, evidence generation, and learning play in the anticipated project?

USAID Response:

- a. A cooperative agreement is correct.
- b. One award will be issued for the Integrated Youth Activity
- c. i. DRG Youth Activity (1) provides a quality civic education to increase youth understanding of democratic values and acquire solid soft skills; and (2) provides youth with safe community-based opportunities to practice those skills and to build relationships and networks with fellow youth, their communities and decision-makers.

- ii. Integrated Youth Activity specifically accomplishes (1) increased civic awareness and resilience to anti-democratic and violent extremism values; (2) youth participation in community-improvements and decision-making processes strengthened; and (3) employability and soft skills of targeted youth improved.
- d. The Integrated Youth Activity is not an NPI initiative. It is being issued under the YP2 APS. However, it will include co-creation as a component of the design and evaluation process.
- e. The anticipated release date of the addendum to the APS is November 30, 2020.
- f. The estimated amount is at the low end of the range amount.
- g. The Youth Leadership Program-LEAD is now the DRG Youth Activity.
- h. See response at g., above.
- i. See response at c. ii., above
- j. See response at c.i., above.
- k. The anticipated release date is 11/30/2020.
- l. See response to c. An addendum to the Youth Power 2 APS is forthcoming with a description of the requirement for the DRG Youth Activity and the Integrated Youth Activity. The Youth Leadership Program-LEAD Activity is now the DRG Youth Activity.
- m. Civic education, training in democratic values, youth leadership and empowerment, and youth workforce development will be major points of focus in the addendum.
- n. Research always plays a role in any MEL plan.

29. Bangladesh: Youth Leadership Program - LEAD

- a. Can USAID provide a program description, award/action type, and eligibility criteria for the Youth Leadership Program - LEAD?
- b. The co-creation field indicates that this opportunity will be released under an Annual Program Statement (APS). Could USAID clarify if this will be a new, stand-alone APS? Or, will this opportunity be released under an existing APS?
- c. Could USAID confirm the Award/Action Type for this opportunity?
- d. Could USAID provide a program description for this opportunity?
- e. Would USAID please confirm that 11/30/2020 is still the expected release date? Can you share any further details on the description for this activity?
- f. Could USAID please provide the expected award/action type and a program description, in particular clarifying how this opportunity differs from the Bangladesh Integrated Youth Activity (AA-312601) and Bangladesh DRG Youth Activity (AA-312600)?
- g. Can USAID please provide more info on this opportunity or provide an update on where the mission is in conceptualizing the project?
- h. Will an RFI be released?

USAID Response: This Activity has been replaced with the DRG Youth Activity. The DRG Youth Activity procurement will be issued through an Addendum to the Youth Power 2 APS.

30. Bangladesh: Promotion of Women's Equity and Rights

- a. Promotion of Women's Equity and Rights opportunity was listed in the business forecast and USAID indicated that a concept note "Promotion of Women's Equity and Rights" for the W-GDP 2019 was approved. When will USAID add this opportunity to the business forecast?

USAID Response: USAID/Bangladesh received approval of its concept from Washington. A determination has been made to restrict eligibility for this Activity, therefore, it will not be included in

the Business Forecast.

31. **Bangladesh: Bangladesh Anti Trafficking in Persons**

- a. Can USAID clarify the contracting mechanism for the Bangladesh Anti Trafficking in Persons Activity?

USAID Response: The new Anti Trafficking Activity will be awarded as a Cooperative Agreement.

32. **Bangladesh: Enabling Environment**

- a. Does USAID/Bangladesh plan on releasing a new business enabling environment activity in FY20 or FY21?
- b. If yes, what is the anticipated scope for the activity?

USAID Response:

- a. FTF Bangladesh Improving Trade and Business Enabling Environment (BITBEE) was awarded in Nov. 2019.

33. **Bangladesh: Shobai Miley Shikhi ("Everyone Reads Together") formerly "Learning Together" (Ekshatke Shikhi)**

- a. Is the 'Everyone Reads Together' in Bangladesh expected to be a contract?
- b. Does the Mission expect delays to the current release date of 11/19/2020? If so, what is the anticipated solicitation release date?
- c. The Mission has provided a total estimated cost range of \$10M - \$24.99M for this award. Can the Mission provide the anticipated ceiling for this award?
- d. What is the expected award type for this solicitation?

USAID Response:

- a. No, the selection of instrument has recently been approved for a cooperative agreement.
- b. The new anticipated release date is December 15, 2020.
- c. The cost range is sufficient for solicitation purposes.
- d. Five months from the solicitation release date.

34. **Bangladesh: Advancing Good Governance & National Integrity (AGNI)**

- a. Please advise when the mission will decide whether or not this will be a set-aside for US Small Businesses.
- b. Does USAID plan to conduct market research to determine whether this procurement should be set-aside for small businesses? If not, why not?
- c. Please confirm whether the RFP will be released on December 1, as currently indicated.

USAID Response:

- a. The procurement process will be full and open.
- b. USAID plans to issue an RFI in December to retrieve responses from all interested parties.
- c. USAID plans to issue an RFI first, a revised date for issuing the RFP will be set for early 2021.

35. **Barbados:** Can USAID please provide a timeline for release of new CDCS for Barbados?

USAID Response: The anticipated publication of USAID/ESC's RDCS is in the 2nd Quarter of FY21.

36. Belarus:

- a. In response to the current events in Belarus, does USAID anticipate releasing any opportunities related to civil society and civic engagement in FY21? If yes, can USAID provide further information on the number and type of opportunities?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID does not anticipate releasing any opportunities related to civil society and civic engagement for Belarus.

37. Benin: There are no current opportunities forecasted for Benin. Does USAID anticipate adding any programming in Benin over the next 6-12 months?

USAID Response: Benin is contemplating a Family Planning opportunity which mechanism is yet to be confirmed (could be field support or bilateral). The Forecast will be updated when information is available.

38. Bosnia: Localworks Community Philanthropy Public Awareness

- a. Is there an incumbent contractor?
- b. Is this a contract or a cooperative agreement?

USAID Response:

- a. There is no incumbent for this opportunity.
- b. It has not been determined yet. Once determined, Business Forecast will be updated accordingly.

39. Botswana: HIV Prevention and Treatment

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

USAID Response: The business forecast will be updated with additional information on this procurement. We anticipate a solicitation release in the 3rd quarter of FY 2021.

40. Burkina Faso: Integrated Health Services (IHS) Activity

- a. Operating Unit: Senegal. According to the Business Forecast, USAID's Burkina Faso Integrated Health Services (IHS) Activity's release date is still August 14, 2020. Could USAID please provide an updated estimated release date for this opportunity?
- b. Could USAID clarify what the Award Type for the Burkina Faso Integrated Health Services (IHS) Activity opportunity will be?
- c. Has USAID yet determined the contract vehicle for this solicitation?
- d. What is the anticipated geographic focus of this award within BF?

USAID Response:

- a. The RFA will be issued before the end of November, 2020. The business forecast will be updated accordingly.
- b. This solicitation is intended to be a single cooperative agreement.
- c. No, this opportunity will not be under an IDIQ.
- d. This has yet to be confirmed.

41. **Burma:** What other contract-mechanism solicitations does USAID/Burma anticipate releasing in FY21?

USAID Response: USAID/Burma updates the Business Forecast as we confirm new activities. Please continue to check the forecast for new opportunities.

42. **Burma:** Higher Education Program

- a. The forecast indicates that this opportunity will come out through an APS mechanism. Could the Mission please specify which APS it anticipates releasing the solicitation through?
- b. Does the Mission anticipate making one award or multiple awards?
- c. Could the Mission please provide more information on the intended focus of this program?

USAID Response: This has not been confirmed yet and the decision to use an APS has not been finalized. Please continue to check the business forecast for updates on this and any remaining questions regarding this activity.

43. **Burma:** Local Governance Strengthening

- a. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated award mechanism?
- b. Can USAID provide more details on the scope of work?
- c. Could USAID clarify if this is a follow-on activity to an existing or past program?
- d. Does USAID still intend to issue the full solicitation in the first quarter of FY21?
- e. At what level of governance would USAID expect the engagement to take place i.e, how will USAID define “local” in this assistance instrument (State/Region, District, Township, and/or sub-township level)?
- f. Does USAID know yet which regions of the country this will target? Can you provide any additional information about the procurement at this time?

USAID Response: No additional answers to these questions are being provided at this time. Please continue to check the business forecast as well as beta.sam.gov or grants.gov for updates.

44. **Burma:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any agricultural or food security programs in Burma during FY 2021?

USAID Response: No. USAID/Burma does not anticipate releasing any agricultural or food security-related procurements during FY21.

45. **Burma:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any economic growth procurements in Burma during FY 2021?

USAID Response: No. USAID/Burma does not anticipate releasing any economic growth procurements during FY21.

46. **Burma:** TB and HIV Integrated Activity

- a. Can USAID/Burma provide an update on the TB and HIV Integrated Activity (AA-313576); including project scope and anticipated solicitation release date?
- b. Please can USAID provide details on the technical scope of this opportunity?
- c. In which regions of Myanmar will USAID be supporting activities?
- d. Is the Activity to be awarded to only one organization/consortium or will there be multiple awards?

- e. Will the activity include both (but separate) HIV and TB activities, or focus on HIV/TB co-infections? Is the activity likely to be split into multiple awards based on technical area (i.e. HIV and TB)?
- f. Please can USAID provide updates to the forecast in terms of confirming the eligibility criteria, co-creation process, and the solicitation release dates?
- g. Please can USAID issue an RFI for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The answers to these questions are still being considered by the mission design team. Please continue to check the business forecast and grants.gov for updates.

47. Burma: Malaria Elimination

- a. Can USAID/Burma provide an update on the Malaria Elimination Support Activity (MESA) for Myanmar (AA-313569); including project scope and anticipated release date?
- b. Please can USAID update the solicitation release date, given an RFI has already been issued for this opportunity?
- c. With the extension of the current Defeat Malaria grant until 2022, and the RFI for MESA already issued, is the intention to overlap the implementation of the activities of these grants or will these be eventually sequenced?
- d. When will the MOP-Burma for FY 2021 be available?
- e. We understand that USAID has 4 priority regions for MESA. Please can USAID clarify the specific townships, or are all townships under all four regions priorities for the USAID new opportunity? If USAID cannot clarify this at this time, please can this information be provided in the RFA?
- f. While the current focus of NMCP and USAID is on *P.falciparum* elimination, give the 5 years duration of the implementation of this grant and increasing *P.vivax* cases compared to *P.falciparum*, is USAID also taking this funding opportunity to capacitate/prepare the NMCP for *P. vivax* elimination?

USAID Response:

- a. Please continue to check the business forecast and grants.gov for updates.
- b. Please continue to check the business forecast and grants.gov for updates.
- c. There will be a 3-6 month overlap period of both grants for smooth transition from one activity to another.
- d. MOP2021 is still in the review process. Given MOP2021 activity implementation starts in October 2021, we anticipate MOP2021 will be available for public around January 2021.
- e. Specific townships/villages for MESA activity will be decided by the partner mapping exercise which involves the National Malaria Control Programme (NMCP) and other donors particularly considering the disease epidemiology, gaps in service delivery and availability of other implementing partners and resources.. We will provide more clear information about the geographical coverage of activity implementation during the solicitation process.
- f. Yes, The NMCP's current strategy is to eliminate indigenous transmission of Plasmodium falciparum malaria by 2025 and keep Myanmar on the path to eliminate all human malaria by 2030. Therefore P.vivax will be part of the surveillance and case management support of the PMI program in Myanmar Please refer to Myanmar National Strategic Plan for Malaria Elimination 2021-2025 document for more details.

48. Burma: Analytical Activity

- a. Could USAID please indicate whether the Myanmar Analytical Activity project is expected to be released as a SBSA, a full and open competition, or under an IDIQ? If the latter, then could you please indicate whether it will be released under EVAL ME II?
- b. Is USAID able to give an update on the estimated release date?

USAID Response: This is not a current action in the Burma Acquisition & Assistance Plan.

49. **Burundi:** Does USAID anticipate any procurements out of USAID/Burundi in FY 2021?

USAID Response: In FY 2021 USAID/Burundi anticipates two new health transition awards to local partners and a new 3-year sole source contract to a local organization to conduct PEPFAR SIMS assessments.

50. **Cambodia:** Does USAID anticipate any new opportunities for Cambodia related to civil society in the next two fiscal years? If yes, can USAID provide further information on the number and type of opportunities?

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

51. **Cambodia:** Does USAID anticipate any new opportunities for Cambodia related to natural resources management in the next two fiscal years? If yes, can USAID provide further information on the number and type of opportunities?

USAID Response: USAID/Cambodia envisions at least one new opportunity in the next two fiscal years focused on improved natural resources management and sustainable livelihoods development.

52. **Cameroon:** Does the Cameroon Mission anticipate any new funding opportunities in FY21?

USAID Response: Not at this time. Any new opportunities will be added to the forecast when information is available.

53. **Cameroon:** Is USAID/Cameroon planning any Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance and/or peacebuilding/countering violent extremism procurements in FY21? If so, will USAID please provide details regarding the timing, eligibility requirements, award type and value, geographic targets, and scope?

USAID Response: The Regional Peace and Governance Office (RPGO) Operating Unit (OU) is designing for Cameroon an activity: "Strengthening Civil Society and Community Resilience Program." Information will soon be shared through the Forecast.

54. **Central Asia:** Can USAID please clarify if the USAID Central Asia mission plans to release an updated country development strategy for the years beyond 2020, and if so, when might that be anticipated?

USAID Response: We anticipate that the public version of the USAID/Central Asia Regional Country Development Cooperation Strategy for 2020-2025 will be posted on the USAID website early next calendar year.

55. **Central Asia:** We kindly request that USAID provide an update on plans to expand or release new programming in a portfolio around jobs, trade, and competitiveness for the Central Asia region?

USAID Response: We have no information at this time.

56. Central Asia Regional: Trade Central Asia

- a. Could USAID provide information regarding the timing of the solicitation?
- b. Will this opportunity be added to the forecast?
- c. Will there be a potential bidders meeting to debrief the RFI?
- d. What is the anticipated solicitation release date? What is the anticipated award date?
- e. What is the anticipated award/action type?
- f. What is the anticipated award ceiling of this opportunity?
- g. Can USAID confirm the procurement release date, vehicle, and expected dollar value?

USAID Response: We have no information at this time.

57. Colombia: USAID/Colombia Venezuela Response and Integration

- a. Will this opportunity be acquisition or assistance?
- b. Can USAID please provide a more specific description of this program?
- c. Can USAID please confirm whether this project will be a cooperative agreement or a contract?
- d. Will there be multiple holders of whichever instrument is selected, or will it be a single, stand-alone award?
- e. Is USAID able to share an activity description or additional information regarding the anticipated Colombia Venezuela Response and Integration program prior to its release on 11/30/2020?

USAID Response:

- a. It is expected that this opportunity will be publicized as an Acquisition Activity (IDIQ).
- b. In accordance with the Request for Information (RFI) publicized in beta.sam.gov on 04/24/2020, *“The Venezuela Response and Integration (VRI) Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Contract will help Colombia respond to the social, political, and economic disruption caused by sustained mass migration from Venezuela. The VRI IDIQ aims to increase socio-economic integration by strengthening public systems and economic opportunities in migrant receptor communities. VRI IDIQ Task Orders (TOs) will assist the Colombian Government—at the national and local levels—develop and implement a sustainable, comprehensive approach to respond effectively to the mass migration from Venezuela, as well as help the Colombian Government utilize their resources more effectively and efficiently to meet the needs of migrants and their host communities.”*
- c. It is expected that this opportunity will be publicized as an Acquisition Activity (IDIQ).
- d. It is expected that this Activity will be awarded as a single-holder IDIQ.
- e. At this point, no additional updates are available for sharing, as the RFP will be made public soon (*Expected Release Date 11/30/2020*).

58. Colombia: Venezuela Response and Integration

- a. Will this opportunity be added to the forecast?
- b. Can USAID please share the release date?
- c. Could USAID please clarify whether it will award a Single-holder or Multi-holder IDIQ?
- d. Does USAID have an update on the potential solicitation release date and due date?
- e. Can USAID please state whether it anticipates releasing task orders in the first year of award in addition to Task Order 1, Migration Management, and if so in what thematic area(s)?

USAID Response

- a. This opportunity has been added to the *USAID Business Forecast* since 04/24/2020 and has been regularly updated in the system (Last update 10/14/2020).
- b. At this point, no additional updates are available for sharing, as the RFP will be made public soon (*Expected Release Date 11/30/2020*).
- c. It is expected that this Activity will be awarded as a single-holder IDIQ.
- d. At this point, no additional updates are available for sharing, as the RFP will be made public soon (*Expected Release Date 11/30/2020*).
- e. While additional Task Orders are in the design stage, there is no certainty about whether the release date will take place during Year One of the IDIQ's period of performance.

59. Colombia: Amazon Alive

- a. The USAID forecast lists the award length for the Amazon Alive opportunity as seven (7) years. Can USAID confirm this is the accurate award length?
- b. If so, could USAID provide additional information on its vision for the program as it has evolved since the Industry Day held in October 2019?
- c. Could USAID/Colombia please confirm the anticipated release date?

USAID Response:

- a. The Government contemplates the award of a Hybrid contract consisting of a Cost Plus Fixed-Fee (CPFF) Completion-type (CLIN 001) and an IDIQ (CLIN 002). The period of performance for the overall contract will be seven (7) years. The period of performance for CLIN 001 is five (5) years; TOs under CLIN 002 will be issued during a five (5) year ordering period and will have a maximum period of performance of no more than five years. TOs issued in years 1 and 2 may have a five-year performance period whereas the TOs issued in years 3, 4 and 5 may have less than a five-year period.
- b. In response to Colombia's recent surge in deforestation and biodiversity loss, the purpose of the Amazon Alive Activity is to: (1) improve the effectiveness of environmental crime prevention and prosecution; and (2) improve the effectiveness of forest conservation and management. This is an integrated Activity designed to contribute to Colombian development by strengthening social cohesion, responsive governance, and environmentally sustainable economic development.
- c. The RFP is expected to be posted at the end of November 2020.

60. Colombia: Amazon Forests and Biodiversity

- a. Could USAID provide information regarding the timing of the solicitation?

USAID Response: The name of this Activity changed to Amazon Alive. The RFP is expected to be posted at the end of November 2020.

61. Colombia: FEMPOW/Mujeres Poderosas

- a. Does USAID intend to release the FEMPOW solicitation on November 18, 2020, as listed in the forecast?
- b. Could USAID confirm that it anticipates an investment of \$32-35 million USD to be leveraged by the private sector?
- c. Can USAID provide an update on the solicitation release date for this opportunity?
- d. Can USAID provide any additional information about the award length for this activity or the decision for 7 years?
- e. Can USAID provide the expected size of the grants under contract fund?

- f. USAID lists the category management contract vehicle as “Tier 1, Mandatory Use Agency-wide solutions” and the eligibility criteria as “full and open competition.” Could USAID please clarify which contract vehicle it intends to use?
- g. Does USAID anticipate the focus of this activity to be in specific economic sectors?
- h. Can USAID provide further detail on the target PDET municipalities' for this Activity?

USAID Response:

- a. FEMPOW’s solicitation has been released. Projected dates were updated in the Business Forecast accordingly. The Request for Proposal (RFP) 72051420R00024 was posted on beta.sam.gov on November 4, 2020.
- b. USAID anticipates an investment of minimum USD \$5 million to be leveraged by the private sector. Leverage and mobilizing resources from the private sector are highly encouraged for this Activity. For further information, please refer to Fempow’s RFP # 72051420R00024.
- c. As stated above, Fempows solicitation was posted on November 4, 2020, on Beta.sam.gov.
- d. USAID anticipates awarding a single Hybrid - Cost plus Fixed Fee (CPFF) Completion - Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity Contract (IDIQ) contract. The period of Performance for CLIN 001 (Cost Plus Fixed Fee portion of the award) will be five years, and for CLIN 002 (IDIQ portion of the award) will be seven years.
- e. According to Fempow’s RFP#72051420R00024. Section C.2.1, “The GUCs mechanism does not have a fixed budget amount but will not exceed \$8,000,000.00 within CLIN 001”.
- f. USAID anticipates awarding one (1) contract as a result of this solicitation through full and open competition, but reserves the right to award multiple or no awards.
- g. Please refer to Fempow’s RFP#72051420R00024. Attachment J.1- Statement of Objectives - for further information regarding this Activity’s objectives.
- h. According to Fempow’s RFP#72051420R00024 Attachment J.1- Statement of Objectives. “Geography proposed must align with USAID/Colombia’s critical geography for implementation of the 2020-2025 Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) and the U.S. Colombia Growth Initiative; areas of the country where with a significant gender disparity in terms of economic opportunities; and areas with high levels of GBV”.

62. Colombia: Clean Energy

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on to this activity?

USAID Response: Discussions about a possible follow-on are ongoing and updates will be posted in the business forecast when known. USAID/Colombia cannot offer any additional information at this time.

63. Colombia: Oro Legal Project Follow-on

- a. Does USAID intend to issue a follow-on activity to Oro Legal Project?
- b. If so, what is the expected release date for the final RFA/P?
- c. What is the expected dollar value?
- d. What is the expected award type?
- e. Will USAID issue an RFI for this activity prior to the full solicitation,
- f. Can USAID say approximately when this RFI would be released?

USAID Response: Discussions about a possible follow-on are ongoing and updates will be posted in the

business forecast when known. USAID/Colombia cannot offer any additional information at this time.

64. Colombia: Indigenous Peoples and Afro-Colombian Activity

- a. Can USAID confirm the target municipalities for this Activity?
- b. Can USAID please provide a more specific description of this program?
- c. Can USAID provide further detail on the intermediate results for each objective of the Activity?
- d. The RFI indicates that "The Activity is also expected to include a large sub-grants fund". Can USAID provide further detail on the possible uses for such funds? (e.g. is it only for capacity building purposes?)

USAID Response:

- a. At this point, the IPAC is in the design stage and the development issues to be solved are being elaborated on, so it is expected that more accurate information will be available in the next quarter, beyond what was publicized in the Request for Information issued on 08/06/2020.
- b. At this point, the IPAC is in the design stage and the development issues to be solved are being elaborated on, so it is expected that more accurate information will be available in the next quarter, beyond what was publicized in the Request for Information issued on 08/06/2020.
- c. At this point, the IPAC is in the design stage and the development issues to be solved are being elaborated on, so it is expected that more accurate information will be available in the next quarter, beyond what was publicized in the Request for Information issued on 08/06/2020.
- d. Sub-Grant funds are an additional tool to support technical implementation, so it is expected that these funds are used to support the applicant's technical approach and advance the objectives of the Cooperative Agreement.

65. Colombia: Strengthening Together Activity

- a. Can USAID provide any information on how the Strengthening Together Activity will relate to the Fortaleciendo project?
- b. Can USAID provide any additional information on the 17 current local partners referenced in the RFI?
- c. Can the Mission confirm the anticipated size of the opportunity?
- d. Has the Mission decided on the eligibility criteria? Will this opportunity be reserved for local organizations?
- e. What is the set-aside status for this opportunity?
- f. With how many local partners does USAID anticipate to work with in this Activity?
- g. Does USAID intend to move forward with issuing and awarding procurement in FY21?
- h. Does USAID plan to use a multi-stage process for this solicitation?
- i. Will there be any eligibility restrictions?
- j. Will this Activity be released under the New Partnerships Initiative?
- k. Please advise when the mission will decide whether or not this will be a set-aside for US Small Businesses.
- l. Does USAID plan to conduct market research to determine whether this procurement should be set-aside for small businesses? If not, why not?
- m. An RFI was released for this activity on June 1, 2020, with responses due July 1, 2020. Does USAID plan to update the forecast to indicate that Co-Creation measures were taken with the

issuance of, and subsequent responses to this RFI?

USAID Response:

- a. Both Activities, Strengthening Together Activity (STA) and Fortaleciendo, looked to work with local organizations and improve their performance, however, primary beneficiaries for STA will likely be USAID's current local partners which is different from the prior Fortaleciendo Activity which worked with more than 100 civil society organizations.
- b. Not at this point.
- c. Currently we estimate this opportunity will be in the range of \$8 - \$10 million.
- d. Currently the mission is working on the NOFO in which you may find the eligibility criteria, this opportunity will not be set aside.
- e. Please see answer d.
- f. In general, between 20 - 30 local partners, however there will be particular sub-activities within the Activity that will be open to the larger local organization sector in Colombia.
- g. Yes
- h. All the information of the process will be available in the NOFO.
- i. Please see answer d.
- j. Please see answer d.
- k. Please see answer d.
- l. The Mission conducted market research and in addition a Request for Information (RFI) earlier in 2020 and based on the evidence there is no need to set-aside this opportunity.
- m. This procurement will be under assistance; more details on its procurement process will be published in the Notice for Funding Opportunity.

66. **Cote d'Ivoire:** Could USAID provide additional details regarding the timeline for the upcoming integrated health opportunity in Cote d'Ivoire?

USAID Response: The Mission anticipates to begin the integrated health activity (MCNH/RH/Malaria) design phase in FY21, Q2. Expected release date of the solicitation will be announced subsequently in future Business Forecast updates.

67. **Cote d'Ivoire:** Is USAID preparing a OVC procurement this fiscal year? If so, will it be restricted to local partners?

USAID Response: USAID does not plan to prepare an OVC procurement in FY21.

68. **Cote d'Ivoire:** MCNH

- a. The three USAID opportunities in previous forecast have dropped off - Malaria, OVC and MCNH. Could USAID confirm that these opportunities will be released and if so, are there updates to the release dates? Can USAID confirm the anticipated geographical reach of the MCNH opportunity?
- b. In previous quarterly updates USAID has provided information about upcoming health related bids in Cote d'Ivoire specifically related to an MNCH program and a separate program for malaria. Can USAID provide any information about release dates for both opportunities?
- c. Can USAID confirm the anticipated funding amount and intended mechanism?
- d. Can USAID provide any details on the expected project description?
- e. Will an RFI or pre-solicitation be released?

- f. Does USAID intend to conduct a co-creation/consultation process?
- g. According to the FY20 Q4 Q&A, USAID's Cote d'Ivoire Maternal Child Health Family Planning (MCHFP) solicitation release date is FY21. Could USAID please provide a more precise release date for this opportunity?
- h. Could USAID please specify if their focus on gender for the MCHFP opportunity will be focused at the community or at the facility level?
- i. Could USAID please specify if the MCHFP opportunity will focus on the regions not already supported by the Spark World Bank project?

USAID Response:

- a. The integrated health activity (MCNH /RH/Malaria) activity will be designed during FY21, Q2. USAID does not plan for an OVC procurement in FY21.
- b. Please refer to Response (a) above
- c. Information on funding amount and type of mechanism is not currently available
- d. Information on Project Description is not currently available as the activity will enter design phase in FY21, Q2
- e. RFI or pre-solicitation phase to be determined during activity design
- f. Co-Creation and/or consultation process will be determined during the activity design phase.
- g. please refer to Response (a)
- h. Focus on gender to be determined during the activity design phase.
- i. Geographical intervention areas to be determined during the activity design phase.

69. Cote d'Ivoire: Malaria Service Delivery Activity

- a. In the FY20 Q3 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID/Côte d'Ivoire mentioned that malaria service delivery activity would be released by December 2020. Can USAID provide an update on whether this activity is still anticipated to be released in December, given that it has not been added to the Business Forecast? If so, does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work for comment before an RFP is released?

USAID Response: Mission has finalized the design of the Malaria activity. Expected release date of the solicitation is mid December 2020.

70. Cote d'Ivoire: Malaria bilateral

- a. Will USAID please confirm the anticipated solicitation release date for this activity?

USAID Response: Anticipated solicitation release date is mid December 2020

71. Cote d'Ivoire: Integrated MCH/FP/MIP Activity

- a. Could USAID please provide an update on the timing, funding amount, and target geographical areas of the anticipated MCH/FP/MIP activity in Cote d'Ivoire? Is there any news of when this opportunity will be included on the forecast?
- b. Can USAID confirm that they are still planning release a bilateral MCH/FP/MIP opportunity in FY 2021? If so, can USAID provide additional details on the anticipated scope of work and geographic focus?
- c. Can USAID confirm that they are still planning release a bilateral malaria opportunity in December 2020? If so, can USAID provide additional details on the anticipated scope of work?

USAID Response:

- (a) and (b): The Mission anticipates to begin design of the integrated MNCH/RH/Malaria activity in FY 2021 Q2. Scope of work, and targeted geographical areas will be determined and clarified during the design phase. No anticipated release date of solicitation is known at the moment but Mission will advise in future business forecasting update(s).
- (c) Solicitation for the new malaria bilateral activity is anticipated to be released mid-December 2020.

72. Democratic Republic of Congo: Sanitation Activity in DRC

- a. Could USAID provide information regarding the timing of the solicitation?
- b. Does USAID intend to procure this activity as a contract or cooperative agreement?
- c. Can USAID provide more information on (1) timing for a solicitation (2) budget estimate (3) funding mechanism? Will USAID update the forecast to include this opportunity?

USAID Response: No update is available on this activity.

73. Democratic Republic of Congo: Advancing the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

- a. When does USAID plan to inform applicants of the status of their concept note submissions?

USAID Response:

- a. Review of concept notes is ongoing. An update on status of submissions will be provided at a later date.

74. Democratic Republic of Congo: Public Policy Support Activity

- a. Can USAID provide an update on this opportunity?
- b. Can this be added to the business forecast?

USAID Response:

- a. There is no update on this proposed activity.
- b. At this time it will not be added to the business forecast.

75. Democratic Republic of Congo: Mission Strategic Support

- a. Is this a replacement for MECC 2, which appears to have dropped off of the forecast?
- b. Is the IDIQ this TO is planned to be released under the EVAL ME II IDIQ?

USAID Response:

- a. The solicitation formerly called MECC II (2) is now renamed the Mission Strategic Support Program.
- b. Yes

76. Democratic Republic of Congo: Monitoring, Evaluation and Coordination Contract II

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date? We understand the current contract has received an extension until November 2021.
- b. Will this contract be run through the EVAL-ME II IDIQ?
- c. This opportunity is no longer on the Business Forecast. However, there is a new opportunity on the Business Forecast for DRC, the Mission Strategic Support Program. Is this the same procurement. Are these the same procurement?

USAID Response:

- a. The solicitation formerly called MECC II (2) is now renamed the Mission Strategic Support Program. Hopefully December 2020. The current contract is not yet extended.
- b. Yes.
- c. Yes.

77. Democratic Republic of Congo: Bednet Distribution Activity

- a. Can USAID/DRC provide an updated anticipated award date for the DRC Bednet Distribution Activity?

USAID Response:

- a. This award is anticipated to be made in the 2nd Quarter of FY 21.

78. Democratic Republic of Congo: DRC INVEST

- a. Could USAID please share any updates on the anticipated award date for the DRC INVEST activity?

USAID Response:

- a. It is still in the procurement process, the award date is 3-6 months away.

79. Democratic Republic of Congo: Solutions for Peace and Recovery

- a. With the Solutions for Peace and Recovery (SPR) Activity currently scheduled to close in August 2021, does USAID/DRC intend to issue any new solicitations in the DRC in FY 2021 supporting conflict prevention, resolution, and recovery in eastern DRC?
- b. Could USAID please confirm when the current program will close?
- c. Will USAID issue an RFI or other pre-solicitation or a related activity, and if so, what is the anticipated RFI release date?
- d. Can USAID share any details regarding the scope?
- e. What type of mechanism (BPA, task order, contract, or cooperative agreement) does USAID intend to use for this activity?
- f. Can USAID provide further details regarding bidder eligibility, such as the likelihood of the activity being a set-aside or limited to local competition?
- g. What is the expected release date for the final RFA/P?

USAID Response:

- a. Continued activities are still in the discussion phase.
- b. The current SPR activity ends in August 2021.
- c. USAID is still determining next steps for any possible continued work in this area.
- d. There is no scope to share at this time.
- e. No determination has been made on a follow-on activity.
- f. No information available yet.
- g. No information available yet.

80. Democratic Republic of Congo: Program for the Development of Eastern Congo (P-DEC)

- a. Can USAID please specify if there will be a co-creation phase for the currently live P-DEC opportunity? If yes, could USAID please specify whether and how organizations who are not part of a consortium's application may be invited to co-creation?

USAID Response: All information about the procurement process for this action is available in solicitation 72066020RFA00009 and the related documents, available at www.Grants.gov.

81. Democratic Republic of the Congo: Peri-Urban and Rural Sanitation Activity

- a. Can USAID/Democratic Republic of the Congo provide an update on the procurement process or any other details for the DRC Peri-Urban and Rural Sanitation Activity?

USAID Response:

- a. No update is available on this activity.

82. Dominican Republic: Criminal Justice System Strengthening Project

- a. Does USAID plan to release a follow-on to the Criminal Justice System Strengthening Project in the Dominican Republic?
- b. If so, what is the anticipated release date of: a) the RFI; b) the RFP?

USAID Response: Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for updates and possible future opportunities.

83. Dominican Republic: Can USAID please provide a timeline for release of new CDCS for the Dominican Republic?

USAID Response: The Dominican Republic is currently in the process of developing its new CDCS. It is in the final stages review and is expected to be approved by the end of this calendar year and released to the public towards the beginning of 2021.

84. Dominican Republic: Is USAID planning to fund any cross-border activities in the Dominican Republic and Haiti?

USAID Response: USAID/DR is currently designing a new Resilience PAD, which will include future plans and activities to support sustainable transboundary activities. These programs will be developed using a systems approach that fosters locally-led development, creates networks that connect communities, local and national governments, to address development priorities and harmonize linkages between centralized government policies and decentralized implementation mechanisms. Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for updates and possible future opportunities.

85. Dominican Republic: Does USAID/Dominican Republic anticipate releasing any health opportunities in FY 2021? If so, could USAID/Dominican Republic share anticipate release date(s), scope(s) and award value(s) and mechanism(s)?

USAID Response: The Dominican Republic Mission is currently discussing potential future Health opportunities for FY2021. Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for updates.

86. Dominican Republic: Caribbean Energy Initiative

- a. On FY20 Q3 forecast comments, USAID indicated that the USAID/Dominican Republic was working on the design of the Caribbean Energy Initiative and that the final version of the Project Appraisal Document (PAD) will be approved mid-August. Has the PAD been approved? And does

USAID have an anticipated RFI and/or RFP release date?

USAID Response: The final version of the Project Appraisal Document (PAD) for the Caribbean Energy Initiative has been approved. The Technical Team is in the pre-planning process for a prospective activity. Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for updates.

- b. Can USAID provide an Award Description and any additional context on plans for vehicle selection, release date, and co-creation?

USAID Response: Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for updates.

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

- a. Can USAID please add future task orders under the East Africa Regional Integration and Stronger Economies (RISE) IDIQ to the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: Yes. We currently plan to issue two task orders under RISE that include agriculture. The focus of each task is described in the responses above.

88. Egypt: Does USAID plan to release a new agriculture-focused program in FY2021? If so, does USAID plan to release an RFI for it?

USAID Response: USAID/Egypt is not planning a new agriculture- focused activity in FY2021 at this time.

89. Egypt: Services to Improve Performance Management, Enhance Learning and Evaluation

- a. Will this opportunity be added to the Business Forecast?
- b. Can USAID provide an update on the expected release date?
- c. Can USAID indicate whether this opportunity will be released as a small business set aside or full & open?
- d. Will there be a follow on to the Egypt SIMPLE project?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID/Egypt expects to add any learning activity to the Business Forecast at an appropriate time.
- b. The expected release date is unknown at this time.
- c. This will be determined when market research is completed.
- d. It is expected, but not certain, that USAID/Egypt will have a new learning activity of some type.

90. Egypt: Women's Empowerment

- a. When does USAID/Egypt expect to announce the NOFO?
- b. Please clarify whether the USAID Women's Empowerment project in Egypt will undergo a co-creation process and what will that entail?
- c. Please confirm that the NOFO will be announced as an RFA leading to a cooperative agreement, in one award.
- d. Could USAID confirm that the Egypt Women's Empowerment Activity will focus on both economic empowerment and gender-based violence?

- e. Does USAID intend to procure this activity as a contract or cooperative agreement? Given the NGO law in Egypt, which places multiple restrictions on non-profit entities operating in the country, can USAID confirm that they will procure this activity through a contract?
- f. The RFI for this opportunity stated that the value of the award would be \$30-40 million. Can you please confirm whether this estimated range is correct?
- g. Would USAID please confirm the anticipated solicitation release date?
- h. Would USAID please confirm the anticipated award type?
- i. Can USAID confirm that international organizations and for profits will be ineligible for this opportunity?
- j. To what extent is USAID planning for local NGOs to program this large funding opportunity? Further, will the NPI or other initiatives frame this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. The NOFO is expected to be released within the next month.
- b. This NOFO is expected to include a co-creation process. This process will be specified in the NOFO and in later amendments. At this time, it is expected that the process will include simple concept papers, a co-creation event focused on providing feedback on concepts, combined with information sharing, followed by a final written application and a final workshop with the apparently successful applicant to collaboratively develop the program description.
- c. The NOFO is in the form of a Request for Applications and is expected to result in the award of one cooperative agreement, though it is expected that partnerships and alliances will be necessary for the winning applicant.
- d. The NOFO will have a program description that will include both of these topics. Please review the NOFO upon release.
- e. USAID/Egypt plans to award a cooperative agreement.
- f. The range is accurate.
- g. The NOFO is expected to be released within one month from today.
- h. USAID/Egypt expects to award a cooperative agreement.
- i. The eligibility requirements for the NOFO will be specified therein. It is not expected that international organizations and for profits will be excluded.
- j. This opportunity is not expected to be restricted to local organizations or NPI eligible entities. It is expected that any successful applicant will have strong partnerships or alliances with a diverse group of partners, including local organizations.

91. Egypt: Business Egypt

- a. The announcement of a solicitation for Business Egypt disappeared from the forecast. The original solicitation release date was October 2020. Could you provide the status of this solicitation or similar planned solicitations?
- b. Does USAID still intend to release this activity?
- c. Could USAID provide information regarding the timing of the solicitation?
- d. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation or a new request for information in advance of the solicitation?

USAID Response: The Business Egypt Activity is at the planning stage at this time and no further

information on the timing or status is available at this time. USAID/Egypt already posted an RFI on January 15, 2020, which closed on February 4, 2020.

92. **EI Salvador:** Are there any procurements forecasted for EI Salvador in the next fiscal year? If yes, can USAID add them to the forecast?

USAID Response: USAID EI Salvador is currently preparing to publicly release its 2020-2025 Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). USAID's goal for this five-year country strategy is to help EI Salvador stem the flow of illegal migration to the United States by addressing the root causes that drive Salvadorans north.

To achieve this goal, USAID will work to:

1. Improve security in Salvadoran communities for people likely to migrate
2. Increase jobs and incomes for likely migrants
3. Improve government responsiveness, accountability, and transparency

The Mission is concurrently designing projects and activities to achieve the strategy and will share information on stakeholder business opportunities in the near term.

93. **EI Salvador:** Youth Employment for Migration Prevention Activity (YEMP)

- a. USAID previously added this opportunity to the Business Forecast and later removed it. Does USAID still anticipate that this opportunity will be released?
- b. If so, what is the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: USAID EI Salvador is currently preparing to publicly release its 2020-2025 Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). USAID's goal for this five-year country strategy is to help EI Salvador stem the flow of illegal migration to the United States by addressing the root causes that drive Salvadorans north.

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94. **EI Salvador:** Does USAID anticipate that a youth workforce development activity for EI Salvador will be released in FY21? If so, in which quarter of FY 21 would a youth workforce development activity for EI Salvador be released?
- a. What is the anticipated award mechanism?
 - b. What is the anticipated award amount?
 - c. Will USAID be issuing an RFI for the Activity prior to?
 - d. Might USAID restrict participation to local firms only?
 - e. Will the Activity's expected results focus on:

- i. Expanded enrollment in and completion of basic labor competencies, technical skills and quality secondary education?
- ii. Increased investment by education institutions, service providers and employers in mechanisms which link graduates to employment opportunities?
- iii. Improved support system for innovative at-risk youth enterprises including social and growth entrepreneurship for at risk youth employment, and other youth employment innovations?
- f. Will co-creation be a part of the procurement process, and if so, at which stage?
- g. Will this be a direct follow-on to the current PUENTES para el Empleo project, or will this also incorporate elements of the Higher Education for Economic Growth project? Will this merge elements of both projects?
- h. Will the workforce development activity incorporate aspects of higher education?

USAID Response: USAID El Salvador is currently preparing to publicly release its 2020-2025 Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). USAID's goal for this five-year country strategy is to help El Salvador stem the flow of illegal migration to the United States by addressing the root causes that drive Salvadorans north.

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95. El Salvador: Economic Growth or Education

- a. Does USAID intend to release any new economic growth or education solicitations in Q1 or Q2 of FY2021?
- b. Does USAID/El Salvador anticipate releasing new solicitations related to economic growth and/or workforce development? If so, what is the expected release date(s)?
- c. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or RFI for this program(s)?

USAID Response: USAID El Salvador is currently preparing to publicly release its 2020-2025 Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). USAID's goal for this five-year country strategy is to help El Salvador stem the flow of illegal migration to the United States by addressing the root causes that drive Salvadorans north.

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96. **El Salvador:** Citizen Security

- a. Can USAID please confirm if a Citizen Security project in El Salvador will be added to the Business Forecast or provide additional information about this opportunity?
- b. Does USAID intend to use a contract or cooperative agreement mechanism for upcoming citizen security activities?

USAID Response: Please monitor the Business Forecast for information. It will be updated when details are available.

97. **El Salvador:** Early Grade Reading

- a. When does USAID expect to release the El Salvador EGR opportunity?
- b. Will there be an RFI released prior to the solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID El Salvador is currently preparing to publicly release its 2020-2025 Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). USAID's goal for this five-year country strategy is to help El Salvador stem the flow of illegal migration to the United States by addressing the root causes that drive Salvadorans north.

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98. **El Salvador:** Power Efficiency and Reliability Improvement Activity

- a. USAID El Salvador had previously issued an RFI on June 21, 2018, however no procurement was realized. Does USAID anticipate allocating any funding to energy programs in El Salvador for FY21?
- b. Could USAID please provide a status update regarding this procurement?

USAID Response: USAID El Salvador is currently preparing to publicly release its 2020-2025 Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). USAID's goal for this five-year country strategy is to help El Salvador stem the flow of illegal migration to the United States by addressing the root causes that drive Salvadorans north.

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99. **El Salvador:** Does USAID intend to release any new democracy and governance solicitations?

USAID Response: USAID El Salvador is currently preparing to publicly release its 2020-2025 Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). USAID's goal for this five-year country strategy is to help El Salvador stem the flow of illegal migration to the United States by addressing the root causes that drive Salvadorans north.

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100. **El Salvador:** Can USAID please confirm if a Justice project in El Salvador will be added to the Business Forecast or provide additional information about this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID El Salvador is currently preparing to publicly release its 2020-2025 Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). USAID's goal for this five-year country strategy is to help El Salvador stem the flow of illegal migration to the United States by addressing the root causes that drive Salvadorans north.

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101. **El Salvador: Education**
- a. Will USAID be adding El Salvador education opportunities to the published business forecast?
 - b. If so, is USAID planning to release a RFI or pre-solicitation and what is the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: USAID El Salvador is currently preparing to publicly release its 2020-2025 Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). USAID's goal for this five-year country strategy is to help El Salvador stem the flow of illegal migration to the United States by addressing the root causes that drive Salvadorans north.

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102. **El Salvador: Workforce Development Activity**

- a. Can USAID confirm if the Mission intends to release a Workforce Development Activity?
- b. If so, what is the anticipated solicitation release date and anticipated Award/Action Type?
- c. Does the Mission intend to release an RFI or draft Scope of Work in advance of the solicitation?
- d. Does USAID intend to use a contract or cooperative agreement mechanism for upcoming workforce development activities?
- e. Does USAID intend to integrate workforce development and education priorities in upcoming solicitations?

USAID Response: USAID El Salvador is currently preparing to publicly release its 2020-2025 Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). USAID's goal for this five-year country strategy is to help El Salvador stem the flow of illegal migration to the United States by addressing the root causes that drive Salvadorans north.

To achieve this goal, USAID will work to:

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The Mission is concurrently designing projects and activities to achieve the strategy and will share information on stakeholder business opportunities in the near term.

103. **El Salvador: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Project:**

- a. Does USAID intend to release a solicitation for the follow on to the MEL Platform?
- b. Can USAID indicate what mechanism will be used for this solicitation?
- c. What is the anticipated solicitation date?

USAID Response: The Mission is concurrently designing projects and activities in support of the CDCS and will share information on stakeholder business opportunities in the near term.

104. **El Salvador: Violence Protection and Youth**

- a. Does USAID El Salvador intend to release a procurement related to violence prevention and youth in FY2021?

USAID Response: Please monitor the Business Forecast for information.

105. **El Salvador: El Salvador Rights and Dignity**

- a. Can USAID please confirm that a follow on to El Salvador Rights and Dignity will be recompeted in 2021?
- b. Can USAID please clarify the mechanism and anticipated release date

USAID Response: USAID El Salvador is currently preparing to publicly release its 2020-2025 Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). USAID's goal for this five-year country strategy is to help El Salvador stem the flow of illegal migration to the United States by addressing the root causes that drive Salvadorans north.

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The Mission is concurrently designing projects and activities to achieve the strategy and will share information on stakeholder business opportunities in the near term.

106. **Ethiopia:** Market Systems for Growth Activity

- a. In the Quarter 3 Forecast Update, USAID referenced a Market Systems and Resilience Activity for Ethiopia that was still in design. Earlier this year, USAID announced a \$55 million award called Market Systems for Growth in Ethiopia under the CATALYZE Project. Could USAID clarify whether this award made under CATALYZE is the same procurement that was referenced in the Quarter 3 update, or if USAID is planning to issue another procurement in Ethiopia?

USAID Response: The Market Systems for Growth Award was made under the CATALYZE project. There is no other procurement planned at this time.

107. **Ethiopia:** Market Systems and Resilience Activity

- a. In the previous forecast Q&A, USAID stated that a Market Systems and Resilience Activity was under design. A) Will this now be under the BMA? B) Does USAID intend to add this opportunity to the Business Forecast? C) Does USAID intend to release an RFI or draft SOW for this opportunity? D) Could USAID clarify whether the program will be a contract or cooperation agreement, or if the procurement will be released under a mechanism with limited competition? E) Could USAID update us on the anticipated size of the procurement?
- b. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or draft SOW for this opportunity? if not, when does USAID anticipate releasing the solicitation for this project, which USAID referenced in the July 2020 forecast Q&A?
- c. Would USAID confirm whether this Activity will be a follow-on to a previous program?

USAID Response: This activity is in the early stages of design, no additional information is available at this time.

108. **Ethiopia:** Ethiopia Feed the Future Livelihoods for Resilience Activity

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a follow on procurement to the Ethiopia Feed the Future Livelihoods for Resilience Activity in FY 2021?

USAID Response: This is currently under review, a final determination has not been made at this time,

109. **Ethiopia:** Does the Mission plan to utilize the Broad Mission Announcement in FY21? If yes, what are the priority areas?

- a. Has USAID released any addenda to the Ethiopia/Mission BAA and if not, might USAID provide an

indication of when it will issue addenda?

USAID Response: Several activities are under review that are considering use of the BMA however final determinations have not been made at this time.

110. **Ethiopia:** Does USAID/Ethiopia anticipate releasing a large-scale economic growth activity in FY 2021?

USAID Response: The Mission recently issued the Market System for Growth Award under CATALYZE, no other large procurements are planned for FY21

111. **Ethiopia:** We understand that USAID/Ethiopia has multiple planned procurements in Agriculture. Could USAID provide an update on these potential planned procurements, even if planning is in initial stages?

USAID Response: The new awards are in the preliminary stage and no information can be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast.

112. **Ethiopia:** Strengthening Accountable Governance and Civic Engagement

- a. Can USAID kindly provide an update on the mechanism and timing of the Ethiopia Strengthening Accountable Governance and Civic Engagement activity?
- b. Can USAID please clarify the instrument and solicitation type for the SAGCE activity, i.e., contract or cooperative agreement?
- c. Can USAID please confirm the expected release date of the final RFA/P?
- d. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated dollar value?
- e. Will this be a full and open competition or issued through the BMA?
- f. What will be the procurement instrument is the Mission planning to issue?

USAID Response: This activity is in the early stages of design thus responses to these questions cannot be provided. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for additional information.

113. **Ethiopia:** Can USAID/Ethiopia provide an update on if there are anticipated programs in design from the draft Project Appraisal Documents (HSS and ECBH) and the Ethiopia HIV RFI? If so, can USAID provide information on potential mechanism(s), scopes, value(s), and anticipated release date(s)?

USAID Response: Efforts are currently underway to design programs and specific activities that will result from these strategies. The awards will be listed in the new business forecast when the specific details are determined. All HIV awards have been made.

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

- a. Can USAID please provide information on the expected projects that may be released as a part of this portfolio of activities? The previous USAID forecast update indicated that this will be a suite of opportunities, but nothing has appeared on the forecast yet.
- b. USAID's RFI indicates new procurements under each project will be implemented through multiple awards and a mix of procurement mechanisms, including bilateral awards, Government to Government awards, and utilization of USAID/Washington Central Awards. Can USAID please elaborate on the suite of awards anticipated under each project, including eligibility requirements, solicitation release timelines, estimated value, and award/action types?

- c. When does USAID anticipate a final PAD to be available for this opportunity?
- d. Has USAID finalized the release timeline for this activity? Is it expected to be released in FY 20/21 Q1? Will the opportunity still involve multiple activities?
- e. Could USAID indicate how many activities they expect to release under each of these program descriptions?
- f. When does USAID anticipate releasing solicitations for these activities?
- g. Can USAID clarify the programmatic focus, estimated value, award mechanism, and eligibility restrictions for each activity?
- h. Can USAID clarify the geographic focus of each activity?
- i. Does USAID expect these opportunities to fall under NPI?

USAID Response:

- a. Expected awards may include but not limited to: Malaria Surveillance, Social and Behavior Change, Quality Improvement for Health, and Nutrition.
- b. Specific mechanisms have not yet been determined, but it is expected that most mechanisms would be bilateral awards, where both local and international organizations could compete through full and open competition.
- c. The complete PAD is an internal document that will not be released to the public, but has not substantially changed from the RFI.
- d. Efforts are currently underway to design programs and specific activities that will result from these strategies. The awards will be listed in the new business forecast when the specific details are determined.
- e. This is still under review
- f. These activities are in the early stages of design and this information cannot be provided at this time.
- g. These activities are in the early stages of design and this information cannot be provided at this time.
- h. Geographic focus is not yet determined, but will be driven primarily by epidemiological burden
- i. USAID will attempt to integrate the procedures and policies of NPI

115. **Ethiopia: Lowland WASH Follow-On**

- a. Could USAID provide information regarding the timing of the solicitation?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation or request for information in advance of the solicitation?
- c. In the previous Business forecast call, USAID indicated addenda would likely be released related to the Broad Mission Announcement for Ethiopia in October 2020. Can USAID please provide an update on the timeline for addenda to be released and specify the anticipated sectors?
- d. Can USAID please clarify if addenda will be forecasted in advance?
- e. Is there an anticipated mechanism identified?
- f. In a prior business forecast Q&A, USAID/Ethiopia said it intended to release an RFI or pre-solicitation for the Lowland WASH follow-on activity. Are there any updates on the procurement timeline, technical scope, mechanism, or budget?

USAID Response: This activity is in the early stages of design thus responses to these questions cannot be provided. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for additional information.

116. **Ethiopia: Urban Sanitation Activity**

- a. Does USAID still intend to release this activity?
- b. Could USAID provide information regarding the timing of the solicitation?
- c. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation or request for information in advance of the solicitation?
- d. Can USAID clarify a stand-alone urban sanitation award is envisioned, or if urban sanitation will be a component of a broader award?

USAID Response: This activity is in the early stages of design thus responses to these questions cannot be provided. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for additional information.

117. **Ethiopia: Empowered Communities for Better Health and Health Systems Strengthening project**
- a. Following the release of RFI-663-20-000003 dated February 14, 2020, can USAID please update this opportunity on the USAID Business Forecast, with details including the timing, scope, and funding amount of this anticipated opportunity?
 - i. If so, what is the expected timing of this draft SOW?
 - b. Could USAID please let us know why the opportunities are no longer on the USAID Business Forecast?
 - c. Is the pause on certain foreign assistance funding to Ethiopia affecting any of the anticipated ECBH opportunities, their timing, and their design?
 - d. Will USAID be releasing a revised Project Appraisal Document for the ECBH and HSS opportunities?
 - e. Does USAID anticipate including co-creation as part of the selection process, and if so, at what stage, and in what form?
 - f. Can USAID provide information regarding the anticipated ECBH opportunities, such as their release dates, mechanisms, award amounts?
 - g. Will any of the ECBH opportunities be restricted to local primes?
 - h. Is USAID considering releasing any of the ECBH opportunities as NPI or W-GDP opportunities?
 - i. Does USAID expect that the ECBH opportunities solicitations will first call for concept papers?
 - j. How will the ECBH opportunities and existing NPI Expand project interact?
 - k. What is the anticipated mechanism – a cooperative agreement or contract?
 - l. Are multiple awards anticipated?
 - m. What is the anticipated release date for the final RFA/P?
 - n. What is the expected dollar value?
 - o. Could USAID share any details on the anticipated number of awards for the ECBH opportunity, and if the overall anticipated \$400M in funding will be broken into distinct lots covering different geographic and/or technical focus areas?
 - p. USAID recently issued a solicitation # 72066321RFA00001 for the USAID/Ethiopia International Youth Activity. Could USAID describe how the ECBH opportunity will be aligned with or complement the International Youth Activity?

USAID Response:

- a. These activities are still in the design process so no dates can be provided at this time.
- b. USAID sought public comment to strengthen internal strategy development and to ensure that we were abreast of current needs. This RFI was part of USAID's stakeholder consultation process.
- c. The pause on foreign assistance has not halted designs. If the pause continues it may limit USAID/Ethiopia's ability to issue new awards.
- d. No. This is an internal strategic document that cannot be shared with the public.
- e. Yes; the details will vary with each award and will be included in solicitation instructions.

- f. See a above.
- g. Funding for a new set of HIV-focused activities was restricted to local primes. Local partners are encouraged to apply to all funding opportunities.
- h. All USAID activities will consider NPI approaches in their design.
- i. That is still under review.
- j. The role of NPI Expand will be finalized once the activity designs are completed.
- k. That is under review
- l. See a above.
- m. Release dates for solicitation documents are still under review
- n. Dollar award are still under review
- o. See a above.
- p. The Integrated Youth Activity will work to improve governance, health service access, and economic opportunities focusing in urban areas. Please review the NOFO which is posted on grants.go

118. **Ethiopia:** Strengthening Accountable Governance and Civic Engagement in Ethiopia (SAGCE)
- a. Does USAID intend to procure this activity as a contract or cooperative agreement?
 - b. Will USAID add this opportunity to the forecast?
 - c. Can USAID please share the award type, release date, and award amount?
 - d. Can USAID confirm the type of mechanism for the upcoming Ethiopia Strengthening Accountable Governance program?

USAID Response: The expected release date of the final RFA/P will be in the first quarter of calendar year 2021. No decision has been made concerning the type of instrument. The estimated TEC/A for the activity is \$30,000,000,

119. **Ethiopia:** Resilience Platform for Adaptive Management
- a. Can USAID confirm if the solicitation release is it still envisaged for Dec 2020?
 - b. Can USAID confirm if this will be a full and open solicitation?
 - c. Can USAID provide more information on the (1) eligibility requirements, (2) funding mechanism and (3) award length?
 - d. Where can we find more information on the USAID Tiger project?
 - e. Will the Resilience Platform for Adaptive Management Activity be conducting any evaluations?
 - f. Does USAID anticipate releasing a RFI prior to the release of the RFP?

USAID Response: This is still in the activity design process so these questions cannot be addressed at the current time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast.

120. **Ethiopia:** EIE Basic Education Opportunity
- a. Can USAID provide more information on: (1) the timeline for solicitation release and award notification (2) number of awards (3) eligibility requirements (4) funding mechanism (5) total estimated amount of funding (6) regional focus?

USAID Response: This project is in the early stages of design so no information can be provided at this time.

121. **Ethiopia:** Collaboration, Learning, and Adapting (CLA) Platform in Ethiopia

- a. Could USAID provide an update on the timing of this opportunity?
- b. Is there an incumbent contractor?
- c. Would USAID confirm that this will be a BAA?
- d. Will an RFP be released for this opportunity?
- e. This is listed as N/A for small business set aside. Would USAID kindly confirm that this will not be a small business set-aside?
- f. This is listed as TBD for Award/Action Type. Would USAID advise if this will come out under an IQC? If yes, which IQC mechanism will it be released under?
- g. Will USAID limit expressions of interest for addenda to single organizations or will it consider expressions from consortia?
- h. What type of award is expected?
- i. Does the Mission still anticipate calling for an expression of interest via the release of an addendum?
- j. Can USAID kindly indicate how many attendees per applicant may participate in a potential co-creation workshop?
- k. Does the Mission still anticipate holding a virtual co-creation workshop?
- l. Could USAID please indicate whether the Ethiopia CLA project is expected to be released as a SBSA, a full and open competition, or under an IDIQ? If the latter, then could you please indicate whether it will be released under EVAL ME II?
 - i. Is USAID able to give an update on the estimated release date?

USAID Response: This project is in the early stages of design so answers to these questions are not available. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for additional information,

122. Ethiopia: Health System Strengthening

- a. Can USAID provide more information on: (1) the timeline for solicitation release (2) number of awards (3) eligibility requirements (4) funding mechanism (5) total estimated amount of funding?
- b. USAID's RFI indicates new procurements under each project will be implemented through multiple awards and a mix of procurement mechanisms, including bilateral awards, Government to Government awards, and utilization of USAID/Washington Central Awards. Can USAID please elaborate on the suite of awards anticipated under each project, including eligibility requirements, solicitation release timelines, estimated value, and award/action types?
- c. When does USAID anticipate a final PAD to be available for this opportunity?

USAID Response: This project is in the early stages of design so answers to these questions are not available. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for additional information,

123. Ethiopia: Transform WASH

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on for the Transform WASH Program? If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipated release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?
- b. What mechanism will USAID use to procure this activity?
- c. Does USAID/Ethiopia anticipate a follow-on to the Transform WASH activity or a new WASH activity? If so, are there any updates on the procurement timeline, technical scope, mechanism, or budget?

USAID Response: This is still under review so no additional information can be provided at this time.

124. **Ethiopia:** Feed the Future Value Chain Activity
- Does the Mission plan the follow-on to Feed the Future Value Chain Activity?
 - When is the anticipated date of release for the new activity?
 - Is USAID planning a follow-on program to the Feed the Future Ethiopia Value Chain Activity?

USAID Response: This is still under review so no additional information can be provided at this time.

125. **Ethiopia:** Broad Mission Announcement
- We note that Addendum I was issued but there are no other planned addenda listed on the business forecast. A) Could USAID provide any updated information regarding the addenda referred to in the July Q&A about potential solicitations in Ethiopia?
 - The Broad Mission Announcement is currently on sam.gov. B) Does the USAID intend to add other opportunities under the BMA to the Business Forecast?
 - Does USAID intend to release any addenda under this BMA? If so, could USAID please add the anticipated addenda to the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: A number of activities are under design that may use the BMA , please continue to monitor the business forecast for opportunities.

126. **Ethiopia:** New Urban Sanitation Activity
- Can USAID clarify if the New Urban Sanitation Activity is different from the TRANSFORM WASH program?

USAID Response: This is still under review so no additional information can be provided at this time.

127. **Ethiopia:** Organizational Development Activity
- When is the award expected to be announced?
 - The Business Forecast indicates an award date of December 31, 2020. Does this date refer to the date by which organizations who submitted Expressions of Interest in September 2020 will be informed if they have been selected to move on to the next stage? Or does the date refer to when an Apparent Potential Partner will be selected following all subsequent Broad Mission Announcement stages (Concept Papers and Full Proposals)?

USAID Response: This award date is estimated for January 2021.

128. **Ethiopia:** Youth Workforce Development
- In previous USAID forecast Q&A responses, USAID has referenced an upcoming “Youth Workforce Development” opportunity for USAID/Ethiopia. Could USAID clarify if the recently released Integrated Youth Activity #72066321RFA00001 will take the place of the previously noted “Youth Workforce Development” activity?
 - If USAID is still planning to release a separate “Youth Workforce Development” activity, does USAID have an updated anticipated release date or release quarter?

USAID Response:

- Yes, it was redesigned to be included in both the IYA and also in the Market Systems for Growth Activity(MS4G).The latter is already awarded.
- No.

129. **Ethiopia:** Empowering Youth with Disabilities

- a. Can USAID provide information on the scope of this project: For example, will it target in-school or out-of-school youth with disabilities or both? What age group? What types of disabilities? Is there a focus on work force development/vocational training or gaining basic skills or both?
- b. The anticipated release date has passed. Can USAID provide an update as to when the opportunity will be released?
- c. Will this opportunity fall under USAID's New Partner Initiative?

USAID Response:

- a. This activity is already released and eligible local disability focused organizations have responded to the NOFO. The anticipated awards are pending.
- b. Award is pending and USAID will update its forecast based on availability of resources.
- c. Yes

130. **Ethiopia:** Ethiopia Youth Empowerment (EYE)

- a. Several anticipated activities under the EYE project were referenced in the July FY2020 Business Forecast Questions and Responses, but the activities have not been added to the Business Forecast yet. Can USAID please add these anticipated activities to the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: The IYA is redesigned to be an integrated and cross-sectoral activity. There is no plan to be included in the business forecast.

131. **Ethiopia:** Achieving & Sustaining HIV Epidemic Control Activities;

- a. This is no longer on the USAID Business Forecast. Can USAID confirm if it intends to still issue a solicitation for this opportunity in the near future?

USAID Response: Planned HIV procurements have already completed. There is no plan to issue new solicitation in the near future.

132. **Gambia:** Does USAID intend to release any new democracy and governance solicitations?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate any new DG programming in Gambia at this time. All opportunities will be added onto the business forecast when available.

133. **Georgia:** Will the early outcome of the recent parliamentary elections and potential boycott of government impact the timing or areas of emphasis of either the Georgia Local Self Government or New Governance activities?

USAID Response: USAID expects that these projects will move forward as planned. The Mission will update anticipated solicitation dates if there are any changes.

134. **Georgia:** Bridging the Gap: Increased People to People Initiatives between Georgians, Abkhazians and South Ossetians for Conflict Resolution

- a. The eligibility criteria states "restricted". Please can you elaborate further on what restrictions this refers to?

USAID Response: After the review of concept papers, the Mission sent a request for full application to only one organization. This opportunity has been removed from the Forecast.

135. **Georgia:** Civic Society Program
- a. Could USAID please update or confirm the anticipated release date for this program?

USAID Response: USAID confirms that the anticipated release date for this program is January 15, 2021.

136. **Georgia:** New Rule of Law Activity
- a. Does USAID have any updates on the anticipated Award/Action Type for the New Rule of Law Activity?
 - b. Does USAID anticipate issuing a request for information or pre-solicitation for this anticipated procurement?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID does not have any updates yet. The action type for the New Rule of Law activity is still TBD. Please note that we consider this to be a follow-on project to the PROLoG activity.
- b. Yes, USAID/Georgia anticipates issuing a request for information or pre-solicitation for this action.

137. **Georgia:** New Integration Program
- a. Does USAID have any updates on the anticipated Award/Action Type for the Georgia New Integration Program?
 - b. Does USAID anticipate issuing a request for information or pre-solicitation for this anticipated procurement?

USAID Response:

- a. At this time, the program is still at an early design stage. The Mission will update the Business Forecast when we have more information.
- b. The Mission has not yet made a decision about whether to issue a request for information or pre-solicitation.

138. **Georgia:** New Governance Activity
- a. Can USAID provide updated information on the award / action type or the small business set-aside on the New Governance Activity?
 - b. Does USAID plan to issue a request for information (RFI) for the New Governance Activity?
 - c. Can USAID confirm that the USAID/Georgia New Governance will be a free and open opportunity?
 - d. Please advise when the mission will decide whether or not this will be a set-aside for US Small Businesses.
 - e. Does USAID plan to conduct market research to determine whether this procurement should be set-aside for small businesses? If not, why not?

USAID Response:

- a.-d. At this time, the program is still at an early design stage. The Mission will update the Business Forecast when we have more information.
- e. Yes. The Mission plans to conduct market research to determine whether this procurement should be set-aside for small businesses.

139. **Georgia:** Industry Led Skills Development Activity

- a. Can USAID confirm that the anticipated award date remains December 21, 2020?

USAID Response: While a December 2020 award date is possible, it will most likely be early spring 2021.

140. **Georgia:** Civic Education/Digital Learning

- a. For Civic Education/Digital Learning Georgia, when is solicitation expected?
b. Was there an RFI? Please provide RFI link
c. Does USAID have any updates on the anticipated mechanism for the USAID/Georgia Civic Education/Digital learning Program?
d. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation or request for information for this program? If yes, could USAID please specify its anticipated release date?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID/Georgia expects to issue the solicitation on March 30, 2021. We will update the business forecast as necessary.
b. No, the Mission has not issued a request for Information.
c. USAID/Georgia anticipates using an assistance instrument for this activity.
d. The Mission will likely release a request for information or pre-solicitation notice but has not yet made a final decision.

141. **Georgia:** Local Self-Government Strengthening Activity

- a. When does USAID expect the release of the USAID/Georgia Local Self-Government Strengthening Activity, given that its anticipated awarded date has been extended to 9/30/2021?
b. Does USAID discourage exclusivity of local partners for the anticipated USAID/Georgia Local Self-Government Strengthening Activity?

USAID Response:

- a. Dates are now updated in the business forecast: the anticipated solicitation release date is February 22, 2021; anticipated award date is October 29, 2021.
b. Yes. USAID/Georgia discourages exclusivity of local partners under this activity. Our preference is for local partners to be able to work with as many prime contractors as they want and not be forced to limit their options.

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

USAID Response: All upcoming opportunities under USAID/Ghana Health are included in the USAID Business Forecast and will be updated accordingly as additional information is available.

143. **Ghana:** Education

- a. Does the Ghana Mission plan to release an education opportunity anytime soon?
b. If so, will there be an RFI released prior to the solicitation?
c. On page 41 of the Ghana CDCS, USAID references the Ghana Low Cost Private Schools

Assessment (2020). Could USAID please provide a link to the assessment or upload it onto the DEC?

- d. Does USAID anticipate releasing any new education opportunities in Ghana in FY 2021?

USAID Response:

- a. At this time, the USAID/Ghana Education Office is in the early stages of project and activity design. Additional information is anticipated in early 2021.
- b. It has not been determined if an RFI is appropriate or needed.
- c. The assessment of low cost private schools will be uploaded to the DEC within the next week.
- d. The USAID/Ghana Education Office is in the early stages of project and activity design. Additional information on new education opportunities is anticipated in early 2021.

144. **Ghana:** Enhancing WASH Activity

- a. Can USAID update the anticipated release date? Will USAID/Ghana release an RFI prior to a full RFA?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast is now updated with an anticipated RFP release date of December 15, 2021.

145. **Ghana:** Market Systems and Resilience

- a. Can USAID confirm that the release date for this opportunity is still December 11, 2020?
- b. Is the Market Systems and Resilience (AA-313041; Ghana) contract still expected to be released on 12/11/20?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast is now updated with an RFP release date of February 15, 2021.

146. **Ghana:** Fisheries Recovery Activity

- a. Can USAID please confirm if USAID is considering this opportunity as a small business set-aside?
- b. Could USAID please confirm that it will still be releasing the RFP for this opportunity on 03 December 2020?
- c. Will USAID be revising the draft objectives reflected in the RFI to include sustainable aquaculture as part of the forthcoming RFP?
- d. Can USAID indicate what proportion of the funding (if any) is anticipated to be from the Feed the Future earmark?

USAID Response:

- a. The Business Forecast does not include a small business set-aside for this activity; however, a small business subcontracting plan will be required.
- b. Yes, this opportunity is on track for a release date o/a December 6, 2020.
- c. USAID has reviewed RFI responses and will make adjustments that make sense for the award, and align with the Ghana Food Security Strategy.
- d. USAID anticipates at this time approximately 55% of funding to come from the Feed the Future earmark.

147. **Ghana:** USAID Accelerating Social and Behavioral Change

- a. When does USAID expect to release the Ghana ASBC opportunity?

- b. Will there be an RFI released prior to the solicitation?
- c. Does USAID intend to use a co-creation process for this bid?
- d. Does USAID intend to use the NPI mechanism for this bid?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast includes the most current information available and will be updated as needed. The activity is expected to be solicited via full and open competition, with new partners strongly encouraged to apply as a prime or member of a consortium

148. **Ghana: Trade and Investment**

- a. Is USAID still expecting to release the Ghana Trade and Investment Activity on or around November 11th, 2020?
- b. Please confirm whether the RFP will be released on November 21, as currently indicated.

USAID Response: (a and b) USAID adjusted this procurement release date on the Business Forecast to December 20, 2020. USAID anticipates extending the RFP and Q&A deadlines to accommodate time off during the holiday season.

149. **Ghana: Resiliency in Northern Ghana (RING) II – Systems Strengthening**

- a. Would USAID please share the Final Report and Evaluation for the Resiliency in Northern Ghana (RING) I project?
- b. Is USAID still expecting to release the Ghana RING II activity on or around December 8th, 2020?

USAID Response:

- a. The Final Report and Evaluation for the Resiliency in Northern Ghana -RING I is now available on the DEC via <https://dec.usaid.gov/dec/home/Default.aspx>
- b. The expected release date for the solicitation was updated to January 29, 2021.

150. **Ghana: MESP**

- a. Could USAID please indicate whether the Ghana MESP project is expected to be released as a SBSA, a full and open competition, or under an IDIQ? If the latter, then could you please indicate whether it will be released under EVAL ME II?
- b. Is USAID able to give an update on the estimated release date?

USAID Response: This action was cancelled.

151. **Ghana: Agriculture and Food Security**

- a. Would USAID please provide the anticipated scope of the activity?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI in advance of the solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID/Ghana does not anticipate an Agriculture and Food Security procurement at this time.

152. **Ghana: SERVIR West Africa**

- a. Does USAID see a role for U.S. universities as a prime or sub in SERVIR West Africa 2?
- b. Does USAID expect to make the SERVIR West Africa 2 award to a West African-based prime?

Will there be lead roles for capacity strengthening?

USAID Response: (a) As stated on the Business Forecast, USAID/West Africa anticipates a full and open competition for this procurement so Applicants may propose a team that makes the most sense for its proposed approach. (b) Same answer as above. USAID released a draft version of the Program Description under an RFI on grants.gov that also addressed capacity building in one of the three objectives.

153. **Ghana:** Quality Integrated Health Systems

- a. Can USAID please confirm whether the upcoming Quality Integrated Health Systems project in Ghana will be released under a new IDIQ or an existing one at a regional or global level?
- b. The current forecast notes an anticipated solicitation date of November 2, which has passed. Could USAID please provide an update on the timing of solicitation release?
- c. Could USAID please clarify if this project will be a nationwide or focus on specific regions?
- d. Would USAID provide the name of the IDIQ to be used for this procurement?

USAID Response:

- a. The Quality Integrated Health Systems Activity will be released under the existing Integrated Health Systems (IHS) IDIQ which expires in September 2025.
- b. The business forecast has been updated to reflect an anticipated solicitation date of January 31, 2021.
- c. The activity will focus on target districts in specific regions.
- d. The IDIQ for this activity is the Integrated Health Systems (IHS) IDIQ.

154. **Guatemala:** In the Q3 Q&A, USAID/Guatemala stated that the Mission is planning a new education activity for FY 2021. Could the Mission please provide an update on the status of this anticipated opportunity, release date, award mechanism, restrictions, and value range?

USAID Response: USAID/Guatemala is working on the design of this new activity. We expect to update the forecast and provide additional information within the following weeks.

155. **Guatemala:** Is USAID planning funding on releasing any Feed the Future opportunities in Guatemala during this fiscal year?

USAID Response: None anticipated for FY2021.

156. **Guatemala:** National Institution Strengthening Project

- a. Can USAID clarify the Guatemala National Institution Strengthening (NIS) project scope and contract mechanism? This recently appeared on the forecast and there was a similar program that was never procured. Is this intended to replace the previously forecast NIS project, or should partners expect another similar procurement in Guatemala that is a contract rather than a CoAg?
- b. The forecast indicates that this will be a cooperative agreement. The predecessor project, The Fiscal and Procurement Reform Project, was not a cooperative agreement. Why did USAID determine that the follow-on should be a cooperative agreement rather than a contract .
- c. Has USAID considered issuing this procurement as a task order under the PFM II IDIQ? If not, why not?
- d. There has not been an RFI, draft SOW, sources sought, or any other co-creation involved with this procurement. Why not?
- e. Please confirm that the RFP/RFA will be released on November 16.

USAID Response:

- a. This will be a Cooperative Agreement. This replaces the previous procurement with some modifications in the activities originally anticipated.
- b. The design of the new award is different from the previous contract. A Cooperative Agreement has been chosen.
- c. The selection of instrument determination has been updated with the new design.
- d. We are still finalizing the new design and will proceed with appropriate processes to get industry input.
- e. The design process is not finalized yet, so we will push back the solicitation date.

Guatemala: CDCS

- a. USAID/Guatemala has extended the current CDCS through December 31,2020. Can USAID/Guatemala please provide an update to the release of an updated Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) for beyond January 1, 2021?

USAID Response: The 2020 - 2025 CDCS was approved on July 31, 2020. The public version is still in clearance and will be published to the USAID website very soon. Individuals may contact info-guatemala@usaid.gov for a copy of the new results framework if needed prior to the public release of the CDCS.

157. **Guatemala: Education**

- a. Will USAID be adding Guatemala education opportunities to the published business forecast?
- b. If so, is USAID planning to release a RFI or pre-solicitation and what is the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: USAID/Guatemala is working on the design of this new activity. We expect to update the forecast and provide additional information within the next following weeks.

158. **Guatemala:** Could USAID please clarify if they will be publishing a solicitation for Feed the Future Guatemala before the end of FY21 Q2? This was noted in the previous quarter's forecast Q&A, but has not appeared on the forecast.

USAID Response: No. We don't anticipate to have any Feed the Future opportunities during FY 2021.

159. **Guinea:** Does USAID/Guinea anticipate releasing any PEPFAR or PMI activities in FY2021? If so, would USAID/Guinea provide information such as anticipated date of release, award value and mechanism, and scopes of work?

USAID Response: USAID/Guinea does not anticipate releasing any PEPFAR or PMI activities at this time. All opportunities will be added onto the business forecast when available.

160. **Guinea: Guinea Health Services Delivery**

- a. The Anticipated Solicitation Release Date is 3/31/2021. Could USAID provide more details on the focus of this project?
- b. Can USAID please provide a description of the expected scope of work for this opportunity?
- c. To aid implementing partners in their capture efforts for the upcoming Guinea Health Services

- Delivery Project, would USAID please consider requesting that the incumbent implementing partner add their quarterly and annual reports to the Development Experience Clearinghouse?
- d. Would USAID please share the final version of the final evaluation of the current project?

USAID Response:

- a. The anticipated solicitation release date has been updated to October 2021.
- b. The Health Services Delivery activity is currently in the design stage. We are in the process of aligning our development goals with the planned activity. We hope to share more information during our quarter two (Q2) update.
- c. The proposed request is under consideration. If approved, certain public reports will be uploaded onto the Development Experience Clearinghouse website.
- d. The proposed request is under consideration. If approved, certain public reports will be uploaded onto the Development Experience Clearinghouse website.

161. **Haiti:** Can USAID provide an update on when the Haiti Mission will release the Strategic Framework (SF) covering December 2020 through December 2022?

USAID Response: USAID/Haiti anticipates the release of the new Strategic Framework (SF) in late-December to early January. The SF will be publicly available and accessible through USAID's external website.

162. **Haiti:** Development Food Security Activity

- a. Does USAID/BHA intend to release an RFA for a Development Food Security Activity (DFSA) in Haiti in Q1 or Q2 of FY2021?

USAID Response: This activity is currently in design and is not managed by USAID/Haiti. No additional information is available at this time. Status of this procurement is regularly updated on the Food Aid Consultancy Group (FACG) platform.

163. **Haiti:** Water and Sanitation Activity

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on to this activity?

USAID Response: USAID/Haiti does not anticipate pursuing a follow-on contract or task order in FY 2021. USAID/Haiti will update the Business Forecast with updated information should this change.

164. **Haiti:** Improved Health Service Delivery Project

- a. Is USAID still planning to release this opportunity? It does not appear on the forecast.
- b. Can USAID confirm the expected release date, anticipated funding amount, and intended mechanism?
- c. Can USAID provide any details on the expected project description?
- d. Will an additional RFI or pre-solicitation be released?
- e. Does USAID intend to conduct a co-creation/consultation process?
- f. To aid implementing partners in their proposal development efforts for the Haiti Health Service Delivery Project, would USAID please consider sharing the latest quarterly and annual reports for all Haiti health projects on the Development Experience Clearinghouse?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, USAID is still planning to release this opportunity which is currently in the design phase (pre-solicitation).
- b. The expected release date and funding amount are currently not available, the Mission will ensure to update the forecast as we progress with the activity.
- c. The anticipated program's objective is to contribute to USAID/Haiti's goal to support a stable Haiti by investing in health services, supporting the Ministry of Health in the delivery of quality health services and strengthening the health system. IHSD embodies strategic evidence-based strategies for Ending Preventable Child and Maternal Death and gender-based violence, respect for women and advancing to Sustainable HIV Epidemic Control, using data to make informed decisions and building local capacity to implement integrated health programs.
- d. An RFI was posted on Grant.gov and Beta.sam.gov on September 10, 2020 with a closing date of October 2, 2020.
- e. Co-creation is currently being explored for this procurement.
- f. This request is being evaluated, USAID/Haiti will communicate with the industry at a later stage about document sharing.

165. **Haiti:** Resilience and Agriculture Sector Advancemen

- a. In the Haiti Feed the Future Haiti Resilience and Agriculture Sector Advancement (HRASA) Activity pre-solicitation letter; USAID mentions baseline data from the resilience baseline in the Northeast. Can USAID specify the source of this data and if there is a report available to the public?
- b. Is USAID anticipating releasing the HRASA Activity solicitation on December 18, 2020, as indicated on the forecast?

USAID Response:

- a. The resilience baseline was conducted through a USAID project. The report is available on USAID's Development Experience Clearinghouse (DEC). A link to this report will be included in the activity description that will be used for the solicitation.
- b. December 18, 2020 is an estimated date. Potential offerors are encouraged to monitor the Business Forecast.

166. **Haiti:** SBCC Activity

- a. The anticipated solicitation release date was 8/31/2020. Does USAID have an updated release date?
- b. Will this project be acquisition or assistance?
- c. Does USAID plan to release multiple awards?
- d. Can USAID please provide more info on this opportunity or provide an update on where the mission is in conceptualizing the project?
- e. Does USAID plan to provide an RFI for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. The updated anticipated release date is December 18, 2020.
- b. This project is expected to be implemented through an assistance mechanism.
- c. USAID/Haiti anticipates to issue one (1) award for this activity.
- d. The SBCC project is currently in the final design phase.
- e. USAID/Haiti does not anticipate issuing an RFI for this opportunity.

167. **Haiti: Spotlight Activity**
- a. The anticipated solicitation release date was 10/12/2020. Does USAID have an updated release date?
 - b. Will this project be acquisition or assistance?
 - c. Is USAID able to share any updates or additional information about the SPOTLIGHT Activity for Haiti?
 - d. Does USAID plan to release multiple awards?

USAID Response:

- a. The updated anticipated release date is December 4, 2020.
- b. This project is expected to be implemented through an assistance mechanism.
- c. Industry is encouraged to monitor Grants.gov for the notice of funding opportunity and the Business Forecast.
- d. USAID/Haiti anticipates issuing one (1) award for this activity.

168. **Haiti: Integrated Health Service Delivery**

- a. Can USAID/Haiti provide an update on the Integrated Health Service Delivery bid including anticipated date of release, number of award(s), award value(s), award mechanism(s), and any restrictions?

USAID Response: This design is in its early stages. USAID/Haiti does not anticipate any restrictions, and anticipates that it will be full and open competition. We currently don't have exact dates for award release and exact award values but we will ensure to update the Business Forecast regularly to include updated information about this activity.

169. **Haiti: Haiti Domestic Resource Mobilization**

- a. Can USAID please provide an updated release date for the Haiti Domestic Resource Mobilization activity previously anticipated for May to June 2020 in the FY20 Q2 Q&A?

USAID Response: The design has been delayed. It is expected to be released in Q3 of FY21. Industry is encouraged to monitor the Business Forecast.

170. **Haiti: Feed the Future Haiti Resilience and Agriculture Sector Advancement Activity**

- a. Is this still expected to be released on 12/18/20?

USAID Response: December 18, 2020 is an estimated date. Potential offerors are encouraged to monitor the Business Forecast and Beta.sam.gov.

171. **Honduras:** Does USAID/Honduras plan to release a solicitation for an anti-corruption activity in FY21? If so, would USAID kindly provide an update on (1) Solicitation release date (2) Eligibility (3) Award value (4) Award type.

USAID Response: This is still in the early pre-planning stage. Additional details will be provided if and when more information is available.

172. **Honduras:** Are there any procurements forecasted for Honduras in the next fiscal year? If yes, can USAID add them to the forecast?

USAID Response: Prospective offerors and applicants are encouraged to regularly review the USAID Business Forecast for opportunities.

173. **Honduras:** Justicia Efectiva Activity (Countering Corruption and Criminal Impunity)

- a. On September 3rd, 2020, USAID/Honduras released a Request for Information for the Justicia Efectiva Activity (Countering Corruption and Criminal Impunity). Could USAID/Honduras please provide additional information on the anticipated release date, award mechanism, and anticipated value range for this potential solicitation?

USAID Response: Please note, this activity is still in the pre-planning stage. More information will be forthcoming if and when it moves the design phase.

174. **Honduras:** CDCS

- a. Can USAID/Honduras please provide an update to the release of a current Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS)?

USAID Response: USAID/Honduras is currently in the final stage of completing its CDCS, which will cover the period 2021-2025. USAID/Honduras expects to have a completed internal version of its CDCS approved by Washington by the end of December 2020. The Mission will develop and release a public version of the CDCS shortly thereafter.

175. **Honduras:** FARMS

- a. Could USAID please confirm that the Honduras FARMS opportunity is a Feed the Future contract?
- b. USAID recently updated the forecast to indicate that this procurement is expected out in mid-February 2021. Could USAID clarify if you intend to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for the program?
- c. Can USAID please confirm the targeted geography of this activity?
- d. The forecasted FARMS procurement (Honduras) is noted as “Stand Alone Contract” for the mechanism type. Does this mean that it will not be subject to full and open competition?
- e. Can USAID please provide further information about the release of an RFI for the recently forecasted FARMS activity?
- f. Can USAID provide any further information on the scope and objectives of the anticipated FARMS activity?
- g. Can USAID provide further information on whether the FARMS activity is anticipated to be released as a small business set aside?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, it is a Feed the Future contract.
- b. Intended release of RFP for this Activity is 12/07/2020.
- c. The Activity will target six departments of Western Honduras.
- d. This opportunity will be Full and Open Competition.
- e. An RFI will not be issued. The intended date for release of a RFP is 12/07/2020.

- f. This information will be provided in detail in the RFP.
- g. FARMS is not anticipated to be released as a small business set aside.

176. **Honduras:** Sembrando Esperanza Activity (Integrated Prevention of Violence and Migration)
- a. This seems to have been removed from the forecast. Can USAID please provide an update of this opportunity and its anticipated release date?
 - b. The RFI was released in August 2020. When does USAID plan on releasing the final solicitation?
 - c. Will this project be acquisition or assistance?
 - d. Will USAID add this opportunity to the forecast?
 - e. Can USAID share the award type, release date, and award amount?
 - f. Can USAID confirm whether Sembrando Esperanza will be a contract or cooperative agreement?

USAID Response: Sembrando Esperanza is still in the pre-planning phase, as such, there is no solicitation release date at this time. It is anticipated that this activity will utilize an acquisition type instrument. The anticipated total estimated cost is approximately \$38 million.

177. **Honduras:** Citizen Security
- a. Other than the Justicia Efectiva activity, does USAID intend to release new solicitations in the area of Citizen Security in Honduras?

USAID Response: Please check the USAID Business Forecast as well as this FAQ for more information.

178. **Honduras:** Monitoring, Evaluation, & Learning and Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting
- a. What is the anticipated solicitation release date for this opportunity?
 - b. Will it be procured as a full and open solicitation or a small business set aside?
 - c. Is the Mission considering EVAL-ME II IDIQ as a potential vehicle?
 - d. Could USAID please indicate whether the Honduras MEL/CLA project is expected to be released as a SBSA, a full and open competition, or under an IDIQ? If the latter, then could you please indicate whether it will be released under EVAL ME II?
 - e. What mechanism does USAID intend to use for this contract?

USAID Response: It is anticipated that the new MEL and Collaboration Learning and Adapting activity will be procured through the IDIQ EVAL ME II. A task order is planned for award at the end of the procurement process. It is envisioned that a Request for Task Order Proposals (RFTOP) will be released to IDIQ EVAL ME II holders during late December 2020.

179. **Honduras:** Integrated Violence Protection
- a. What is the anticipated solicitation release date for this procurement?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the pre-planning phase, as such, there is no anticipated solicitation release date for this procurement at this time.

180. **Honduras:** Strengthening Democratic Foundations
- a. In 2019, USAID released a Strengthening Democratic Foundations (previously Foundations for

Political Change) RFI, which was then put on hold. Can USAID clarify if it still anticipates the release of this opportunity?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the pre-planning stage. We will provide an update if and when more information becomes available.

181. **Honduras:** Food Security and Resilient Agriculture Market Systems Activity

- a. As noted in the Q3 FY2020 Business Forecast Q&A, this opportunity was updated with an anticipated solicitation release date of September 2020. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date of this procurement?

USAID Response: The anticipated RFP release date for this Activity is 12/07/2020.

182. **India:** Strengthening Landscape Management and Conservation program

- a. Can USAID clarify the award type for the USAID/India Strengthening Landscape Management and Conservation program?
- b. When does it anticipate making a mechanism decision for the program?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the conceptualisation stage. We will update the business forecast as and when additional information is available.

183. **India:** Support for Urban Water and Sanitation in India (SUWASI)

- a. Could USAID provide the anticipated award date for this procurement?
- b. We had submitted our bid for the above opportunity. The anticipated award date was 14th September, 2020. We would like to know the status of the evaluations and if any of the bidders have been shortlisted for seeking clarifications on their bid.

USAID Response: This is still in the evaluation phase. The new expected award date is January 2020.

184. **India:** South Asia Regional Energy Project (SAREP)

- a. Could USAID provide an anticipated award date for the South Asia Regional Energy Project?

USAID Response: Anticipated award date for SAREP is January 2021.

185. **India:** Clean Air and Better Life

- a. Given the upcoming release date can USAID provide an Award Description and any additional context on plans for vehicle selection?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the conceptualisation stage. We will update the business forecast as and when additional information is available.

186. **India:** Air Pollution

- a. Can USAID provide an Award Description and any additional context on plans for co-creation?
- b. Can USAID provide any information on the eligibility criteria of this opportunity? Also about the project details?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the conceptualisation stage. We will update the business forecast as and when additional information is available.

187. **India:** Maternal Newborn Child Health Accelerator (MNCH Accelerator)

- a. Could USAID please specify if organizations who did not submit concept notes for MOMENTUM 4 will be able to attend the co-creation workshop? If so, how?
- b. Can USAID provide a timeline for when the MOMENTUM 4 co-creation workshop will take place in India?

USAID Response:

- a. Please refer to 'Section IV.A Round 4 Application Instructions' of the Momentum APS Round 4, wherein it is stated that, 'During co-creation, USAID or the applicant may recommend bringing additional members to form a consortium in order to strengthen their proposed technical approach'. However, these additional invitees are not eligible to be prime recipients of an award.
- b. We expect to have the co-creation either late December 2020 or January 2021.

188. **India:** DRR Activity

- a. Can USAID provide context on the reason for the delayed release from previously forecasted dates, and confirm whether the RFA will be released in 2020?
- b. Can USAID provide any additional information on the anticipated timing and eligibility criteria for this opportunity?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the conceptualisation stage. We will update the business forecast as and when additional information is available.

189. **Indonesia:** Mitra Kunci

- a. Does USAID/Indonesia plan to issue a follow-on to the Mitra Kunci youth activity ending FY22?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID/Indonesia is not planning to issue a follow-on to the Mitra Kunci activity. Please continue to review the A&A Business Forecast for any further updates.

190. **Indonesia:** Local Governance Enabling Environment (LGEE)

- a. Could USAID confirm whether this activity is still under source-selection?
- b. If not, may USAID please confirm the successful awardee of this procurement?
- c. This opportunity was expected for award in September 2020, though has since been removed from the Business Forecast. Can USAID provide an updated Anticipated Award Date?

USAID Response: This activity is still under the source selection process.

191. **Indonesia:** ENR – Marine II Conservation Project

- a. Can USAID clarify the contracting mechanism for the ENR – Marine II Conservation Project? When does it anticipate making a mechanism decision for the program?

USAID Response: This activity is in the early design phase and no selection of instrument or eligibility restrictions have been determined at this time. A decision on a mechanism will be determined after all assessments and market research is completed.

192. **Indonesia:** Given the changes on the forecast for Indonesia New Marine and Fisheries Program, post RFI, could USAID please give more clarity on the mechanism for either of the two opportunities now listed, Marine II Conservation and Collaboration for Sustainable Fisheries?

USAID Response: This activity is in the early design phase and no selection of instrument or eligibility restrictions have been determined at this time. A decision on a mechanism will be determined after all assessments and market research is completed.

193. **Indonesia:** Health Technical Assistance Project (BANTU)

- a. Does USAID/Indonesia anticipate releasing a follow-on to the Health Technical Assistance Project (BANTU)? If so, could USAID/Indonesia share anticipate release date, scope, and award value, and mechanism?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID/Indonesia is not planning to issue a follow-on to the BANTU activity. Please continue to review the A&A Business Forecast for any further updates.

194. **Indonesia:** IUWASH

- a. When does USAID anticipate releasing the IUWASH follow-on?
b. In the last business forecast Q&A, USAID/Indonesia said it “anticipates awarding a new five-year water, sanitation, and hygiene activity in approximately December 2021, representing an estimated investment of \$25-40 million”. Are there any updates or additional information available regarding this procurement?

USAID Response:

- a. This activity is in the early design phase and the anticipated date of issuance of a solicitation to the follow on will be set forth in the business forecast when available.
b. No additional information is available at this time. This activity is still in the early design phase. We will update the business forecast as and when additional information is available.

195. **Indonesia:** Collaboration for Sustainable Fisheries

- a. Would USAID please provide an update on whether USAID is considering this opportunity as a small business set-aside?
b. Does USAID plan to release solicitations related to the USAID/RDMA Project Appraisal Document (PAD) for USAID Sustainable Fish Asia (SuFiA) project this fiscal year? If so, is there an estimated timeframe of release and award amount for the solicitations
c. Can USAID clarify the contracting mechanism for the ENV - Collaboration for Sustainable Fisheries in Indonesia? When does it anticipate making a mechanism decision for the program?

USAID Response:

- a. This activity is in the early design phase and no selection of instrument or eligibility restrictions have been determined at this time. A decision on whether this procurement will be a small business set-aside will be determined after all assessments and market research is completed.
b. USAID/Indonesia cannot comment on this question.
c. This activity is in the early design phase and no selection of instrument or eligibility restrictions have been determined at this time. A decision on a mechanism will be determined after all assessments and market research is completed.

196. **Indonesia:** DRG - Papua Governance Collaborative Initiative

- a. The USAID Business Forecast lists a total estimated cost range of \$10M - \$24.99M; however, the RFI that was released on September 18, 2020 listed the anticipated funding as between \$8-10M. Can USAID please clarify the estimated cost range for PCGI?
- b. Has a determination been made as to the Award/Action Type for this opportunity?
- c. Does USAID anticipate restricting eligibility for this opportunity to New Partners, Underutilized Partners, Local Entities, or US Small Businesses?
- d. Can USAID please provide more info on this opportunity or provide an update on where the mission is in conceptualizing the project?

USAID Response: The current estimated cost range is \$8-10 million; the Business Forecast has been updated accordingly. This activity is in the early design phase and no selection of instrument or eligibility restrictions have been determined at this time. No further updated information beyond the issued Request for Information is available at this time.

197. **Indonesia:** DRG – USAID Indonesia Integrity Initiative

- a. Can USAID provide updated information regarding the award type and anticipated solicitation release date of this procurement?
- b. Will the Indonesia Integrity Initiative be a contract or a cooperative agreement?
- c. Can USAID clarify if there any updates on the intended mechanism for this opportunity?
- d. Can USAID confirm whether this opportunity will be restricted to local entities?
- e. Can USAID please provide more info on this opportunity or provide an update on where the mission is in conceptualizing the project?

USAID Response: This activity is in the early design phase and no selection of instrument or eligibility restrictions have been determined at this time. No further updated information beyond the issued Request for Information is available at this time.

198. **Indonesia:** Sustainable Energy for Indonesia’s Advancing Reliance (SINAR)

- a. Can USAID provide an anticipated award date for SINAR?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date for SINAR is expected in FY2021 Quarter 2.

199. **Indonesia:** HCP-Partnerships for ProDUctive Workforce – PADU:

- a. Can USAID confirm whether the opportunity will be limited to local implementers only
- b. Can USAID clarify the award type for the Indonesia HCP: Higher Education Partnership Initiative (HEPI) Activity? When does it anticipate making a mechanism decision for the program?

USAID Response:

- a. The PADU activity is in the early design phase and no eligibility restrictions have been determined at this time.
- b. The HEPI activity is in the early design phase and no selection of instrument has been determined at this time. When such a decision has been made, the Business Forecast will be updated accordingly.

200. **Indonesia:** HCP: Higher Education Partnership Initiative (HEPI)
- a. Does the Mission anticipate that this program will support one partnership or multiple partnerships?
 - b. Does the Mission anticipate restricting this opportunity to HEI primes?

USAID Response:

- a. This activity is in the early design phase and no decision has been made as to whether one or more partnerships will be supported or whether there will be any eligibility restrictions. A Request for Information was issued on November 6, 2020.

201. **Indonesia:** ENV - Collaboration for Sustainable Fisheries in Indonesia and ENV - Marine II Conservation
- a. Would USAID please advise: If these are the same project, and if not, how the scopes of the two projects differ.

USAID Response: The activities, Collaboration for Sustainable Fisheries in Indonesia and Marine II Conservation, are two separate activities. As noted in the Request for Information issued for these activities, USAID is considering one activity to focus on marine biodiversity conservation and another activity to focus on sustainable fisheries management.

202. **Indonesia:** HCP: Technical and Management Support to Indonesian LPDP Scholarship (TEMAN LPDP)
- a. Has the Mission determined whether this opportunity will be restricted to U.S. HEI or local primes?

USAID Response: This activity is in the early design phase and no decisions regarding eligibility restrictions have been made at this time.

203. **Indonesia:** Private Sector Engagement Accelerator Platform
- a. Can USAID clarify the contracting mechanism and scope for the Indonesia PSE Accelerator Platform opportunity?

USAID Response: The Private Sector Engagement Accelerator Platform will include activities that result from the issuance of an addendum to the Global Development Alliance Annual Program Description. Any resulting awards will be assistance mechanisms.

204. **Indonesia:** Indonesia Jalin
- a. Does USAID have any plans for a follow on to the Indonesia Jalin project bilateral opportunity in this fiscal year?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID/Indonesia is not planning to issue a bilateral project as the follow-on to JALIN. Please continue to review the A&A Business Forecast for any further updates.

205. **Iraq:** Does USAID expect to add to the Forecast any new education opportunities for Iraq in the

coming quarter?

USAID Response: USAID/Iraq does not expect to add any education opportunities in the coming quarter.

206. **Iraq:** Does USAID Iraq have plans to release any procurements related to economic development and recovery in post-conflict areas?

USAID Response: USAID/Iraq does not currently expect to release any economic development and recovery opportunities in the near future.

207. **Jordan:** Water Governance

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a RFI or solicitation for the upcoming Jordan Water Governance Activity?

USAID Response: A RFI was released on April 6, 2020, and responses were collected. A pre-solicitation notice was released on November 2, 2020. The solicitation is anticipated to be released before the end of November.

208. **Jordan:** Tourism Support Activity

- a. The Tourism Support Activity has a January 24, 2021 anticipated release date. The small business set-aside is TBD. Could you advise whether this solicitation will be a small business set aside or when the determination will be made?
- b. What is the anticipated type of Award/Action?
- c. Will it be a small business set-aside?
- d. Can you please confirm whether USAID envisions a co-creation process for this opportunity?
- e. Does USAID already have in mind targeted geographic areas for this activity?
- f. Does USAID plan to issue a pre-solicitation for this opportunity?
- g. Can USAID provide additional information on the program description?
- h. Can USAID confirm that this opportunity will be full and open?
- i. Will USAID be releasing an RFI or pre-solicitation for this opportunity? Should USAID provide an RFI or pre-solicitation, can bidders anticipate a proposal release date in January 2021, as indicated on the forecast?
- j. Can USAID confirm that the opportunity will be a Stand Alone Contract?

USAID Response:

- a. Please monitor the agency Business Forecast for any changes to the estimated release date of the activity. This activity is currently in design. The small business set-aside is TBD.
- b. This is anticipated to be a Contract however it is still under design. Please monitor the agency Business Forecast.
- c. This activity is currently in design. The small business set-aside is TBD. Please monitor the agency Business Forecast.
- d. This activity is currently in design. Once design is completed USAID will have a better vision of the process it will utilize.
- e. This activity is under design. Please monitor the agency Business Forecast
- f. USAID plans to issue an RFI for this opportunity.
- g. This activity is under design. Please monitor the agency Business Forecast
- h. This activity is anticipated to be full and open.

- i. Yes, USAID plans to issue an RFI for this opportunity. Please monitor the agency Business Forecast for any changes to the estimated release date.
- j. This is anticipated to be a Stand Alone Contract however it is still under design. Please monitor the agency Business Forecast.

209. **Jordan:** USAID/Jordan/Economic Development and Energy - Economic Reform Activity (ERA)
- a. Could USAID provide the anticipated award date for this procurement?
 - b. Can USAID confirm that this is a task order that will be issued following the award of the USAID/Jordan Economic Reform Activity IDIQ?
 - c. Can USAID provide an update on the award date for this IDIQ?
 - d. Can USAID provide an update on the release date for this Task Order?
 - e. What IDIQ will the Jordan Economic Development and Energy-Economic Reform Activity (AA-311625; Jordan) come out under as a Task Order?

USAID Response:

- a. The anticipated date is February 26, 2021
- b. Confirmed
- c. The anticipated award date is February 26, 2021
- d. The anticipated release date is March, 2021
- e. We do not understand your question.

210. **Jordan:** HSQA
- a. What procurement process will USAID utilize for award of HSQA: co-creation, concept note submission, or request for application direct to evaluation?
 - b. Will USAID confirm the release date of December 7, 2020 as well as anticipated award start date of May 16, 2021?

USAID Response:

- a. The Mission has already shared a draft version of the Program Description (PD) via Grants.gov and have received and reviewed comments from interested parties and have updated the PD. This activity is currently going through final stages of design, and it is expected at this time that applicants will be requested to submit an application in response to a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
- b. Please monitor the agency Business Forecast for any changes to the estimated release date of the NOFO. If it is necessary to revise the current estimated release date, the Mission will factor in the December holiday period when updating the NOFO release date and the application submission deadline.

211. **Jordan:** Jordan Public Financial Management and Administration (PFMA)
- a. Does USAID/Jordan still anticipate awarding the Jordan Public Financial Management and Administration (PFMA) project by November 30, 2020?

USAID Response: PFMA's new anticipated award date is April 20, 2021.

212. **Jordan:** Women's Economic Empowerment and Leadership Opportunity
- a. Please provide an update on when the Jordan WEELA opportunity is expected to be awarded?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date is April 28, 2021.

213. **Jordan:** Business Growth Activity

- a. Please provide an update on when the Jordan Business Growth Activity is expected to be awarded?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date is February 28, 2021.

214. **Jordan:** Economic Reform Activity

- a. Does USAID still intend to make an award for the Jordan Economic Reform Activity IDIQ and if so when can we expect that announcement?

USAID Response: The anticipated date for the announcement is February 26, 2021.

215. **Jordan:** SSAP

- a. Could USAID please provide information regarding any planned new task orders under the BRICC IDIQ?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time regarding future opportunities under this IDIQ.

216. **Jordan:** Energy Sector Capacity Building Program

- a. Is USAID planning a follow-up to this program?
- b. If so, can USAID clarify the award/action type and category management contract vehicle?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID/Jordan is not planning an ESCB program follow-on.
- b. Not applicable.

217. **Kenya:** Is USAID still planning a devolution project in Kenya? If so, can USAID kindly add this opportunity to the business forecast and provide an update on scope, mechanism, value, and anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: USAID/KEA is planning the Kenya- Inclusive Governance, Accountability, Performance and Participation Activity. There will be six result areas under Kenya-IGAPP objectives: (1) Fraud, waste and abuse in key service delivery sectors decreased; (2) Accountability and transparency in electoral and democratic processes improved; (3) Devolved services are accountable and better financed to deepen devolution; (4) Civic and media space protected and citizen networks strengthened; (5) Women's rights and the rights and aspiration of the adolescent girls protected and advanced; and (6) Accelerated learning and adaptive management strengthened. An Annual Program Statement would be used to solicit applications from organizations and consortia, with a strong preference for local organizations to advance Kenya's Journey to Self-Reliance. Anticipated APS release date is January 2022. Kenya-IGAPP would be a five-year program implemented in multiple (up to 15) cooperative agreements with an anticipated collective ceiling of not more than \$63 million over 5 years.

218. **Kenya:** Kenya and East Africa Private Sector Opportunities to a Fully Private Care and Treatment

- a. An RFI was issued for this opportunity on August 20th. Can USAID add this opportunity to the

published business forecast and advise on an anticipated solicitation release date and budget range?

USAID Response: At this time, no additional information is available with regarding to timing of the solicitation release. It will be added to the Forecast once more information is available.

219. **Kenya:** Kenya HPQS

- a. Can USAID/Kenya provide an updated award date for the Kenya HPQS suite of activities?

USAID Response: Given the large number of potential awards and the resources required to process them, we are unable to predict an award date at this time.

220. **Kenya:** Early Grade Reading

- a. Could USAID provide information on the expected release date, award mechanism, and value of an anticipated early grade reading program in Kenya?

USAID Response: The follow on Early Grade Reading program is planned to be an Acquisition mechanism, either through a direct contract or task order under a yet to be released Mission issued Regional IDIQ. There is no timeline for the release as the SOAR is still under review.

221. **Kenya:** Crop and Dairy Market Systems Project

- a. Does the mission intend to release any solicitation for agriculture or economic growth projects in Q1 2021? A) When will the follow-on to Kenya Crop and Dairy Market Systems Project be released?
- b. Does USAID intend to add this opportunity to the Business Forecast?
- c. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or draft SOW for this opportunity?
- d. Could USAID clarify whether the program will be a contract or cooperation agreement, or if the procurement will be released under a mechanism with limited competition?
- e. Could USAID update us on the anticipated size of the procurement?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID Response: In line with the new Kenya East Africa CDCS, we anticipate solicitation Q3 or Q4 of FY22.
- b. USAID Response: Yes, in the future.
- c. USAID Response: The intent is to release an RFI as part of the design process.
- d. USAID Response: Not known at this time.
- e. USAID Response: Not at this time.

222. **Kenya:** Does the Kenya or East Africa Mission plan to release new agriculture-focused activity in FY21? If yes, what will be the focus?

USAID Response: Yes. We currently plan to issue two task orders under RISE that include agriculture. The focus of each task is described below. (in the other responses).

223. **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 provide an estimated timeline?

USAID Response: USAID has not extended the period of performance for K-YES. USAID released a NOFO/RFA 72061521RFA00002 on Grants.gov Monday, November 9 for a workforce development program, Kenya Empowered Youth (KEY).

224. **Kenya: STAWI**

- a. Is there any update on when the solicitation for the Kenya STAWI opportunity will be released?
- b. Are there any updates on the expected procurement mechanism?
- c. Does USAID envision using any co-creation processes for STAWI?

USAID Response:

- a. Estimating Q3 FY2.
- b. We anticipate STAWI being released as a contract, which will work in partnership with an APS addendum awardees targeting local partners.
- c. How best to utilize co-creation approaches is still being deliberated.

225. **Kenya: LPSDA/KHPQS Kenya Health Partnerships for Quality Services (KHPQS) - HIV, FP/RMNCAH, Nutrition and WASH**

- a. Does USAID have an updated anticipated award date for this opportunity?
- b. Given the current environment with COVID-19 and resulting challenges around in-person co-creation sessions, will USAID/K still develop this proposal as a BAA, or will it be released as an RFA?
- c. When does USAID expect to release this?
- d. USAID has updated the award date for the Kenya Health Partnerships for Quality Services (KHPQS) to January 29, 2021. Can USAID confirm that these awards will all be issued at the same time?

USAID Response:

- a. Estimating Q3 FY2.
- b. It was released as a Notice of Funding Opportunity.
- c. It was already released and closed.
- d. No, it depends on how quickly each evaluation process moves forward. It's possible some will be awarded sooner than others.

226. **Kenya: East Africa RISE IDIQ**

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing any task orders beyond Rwanda FIRST under the East Africa RISE IDIQ in FY 2021?
- b. Recently USAID communicated to holders of the RISE IDIQ that there were forthcoming task orders for regional programs on Trade & Capacity Development as well as Resilience topics. These opportunities are not on the forecast. Can USAID provide an update on the timing, size, and description of the scope of these activities, especially as they appear to potentially overlap with other ongoing or forecasted opportunities?

USAID Response:

- a. We expect to issue 2 Task Orders, described below.
- b. (1). Regional Cross-border Resilience Activity - This relation to a new regional task order under the RISE IDIQ. Timing is Q2 FY21. Size is estimated to be \$19.5M.
(2). East Africa Partnership and Trade Capacity Building Platform: Timing: By end of Fiscal Year. Range- \$15-25M This will facilitate grants with local and regional entities to advance food

security, resilience, trade, and investment in East Africa and Kenya.

227. Kenya: Human Resources for Health

- a. Does USAID/Kenya anticipate releasing a follow-on to the Human Resources for Health project? If so, can USAID/Kenya share anticipated release date, scope, and award value and mechanism?

USAID Response: We don't have information available at this time.

228. Kenya: East Africa Partnership and Trade Capacity Building Platform

- a. Per the COR designation letter for RISE IDIQ Contract No. 72062320D00011, USAID indicated release of the East Africa Partnership and Trade Capacity Building Platform. Can USAID provide an update on this anticipated RFTOP?
- b. Does USAID intend to release an RFI in advance of this solicitation?
- c. Does USAID intend to include more information on the Business Forecast?
- d. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated release for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. This is in design with and will facilitate grants with local and regional entities to advance food security, resilience, trade and investment in East Africa and Kenya. Estimated range \$15-25M
- b. To be determined.
- c. To be determined.
- d. By the end of the Fiscal Year

229. Kenya: CVE Activity in Kenya

- a. In answers to questions posted following the FY2020 3rd Quarter Business Forecast conference call, USAID states that "KEA still plans to issue a CVE solicitation or NOFO this year." Would USAID please provide an update on the anticipated solicitation release date?
- b. Will USAID please provide the 1) award length; 2) eligibility criteria; 3) award/action type; 4) estimated anticipated award date; 5) total estimated cost/amount range; and 6) summary description for the anticipated CVE Activity in Kenya?
- c. Will USAID issue a RFI for this activity prior to the full solicitation, and if so, can
- d. Does USAID intend to use a contract or cooperative agreement for this activity?
- e. What is the expected release date for the final RFP or RFA?
- f. In a previous Q&A, USAID/KEA responded that it was planning to issue a CVE award this fiscal year. This opportunity has not yet appeared on the USAID Business Forecast. Could USAID/KEA please clarify the anticipated release date, brief scope, and mechanism for this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID is in discussions with Kenyan stakeholders about the design and co-creation of this program. No further information is available at this time.

230. Kenya: Regional Crossborder Resilience Activity

- a. Per the COR designation letter for RISE IDIQ Contract No. 72062320D00011, USAID indicated release of the Regional Crossborder Resilience Activity. Can USAID provide an update on this anticipated RFTOP?
- b. Does USAID intend to release an RFI in advance of this solicitation?
- c. Does USAID intend to include more information on the Business Forecast?

- d. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated release for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. The Mission is in the design stage at this time with bilateral missions in the targeted IGAD clusters of Karamoja, Moyale and Mandera.
- b. Not at this time.
- c. No, not at this time.
- d. Q2 FY21.

231. **Kenya:** Western Kenya Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Activity

- a. Can USAID/KEA please provide an update on the anticipated release for the Western Kenya Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Activity opportunity?
- b. Is the procurement method still anticipated to be a BAA?
- c. Can the Mission provide the market any additional information on FY 21 governance programming (timing, scope, mechanism)?

USAID Response: Please refer to BAA-OAA-OEGI-WASH-2020 that was released on November 5, 2020.

232. **Kenya:** Private Sector Opportunities to a Fully Private Care and Treatment

- a. Following the release of RFI 72061520RFI000004 dated August 20, 2020, can USAID please update this opportunity on the USAID Business Forecast, including an update on the timing of this anticipated opportunity?
- b. Can USAID provide an update on the type of instrument to be used?

USAID Response: We do not have any update at this time. This procurement will be added to the Business Forecast once more information is available. It is still currently in design.

233. **Kenya:** Can USAID provide any update on whether they are still planning to release a new multi-year RFA/RFP for governance programming in Kenya? If so, can USAID provide more information on: (1) the timeline for solicitation release and award notification (2) number of awards (3) eligibility requirements (4) funding mechanism (5) total estimated amount of funding (6) regional focus?

USAID Response: USAID/KEA is planning the Kenya- Inclusive Governance, Accountability, Performance and Participation Activity. There will be six result areas under Kenya-IGAPP objectives: (1) Fraud, waste and abuse in key service delivery sectors decreased; (2) Accountability and transparency in electoral and democratic processes improved; (3) Devolved services are accountable and better financed to deepen devolution; (4) Civic and media space protected and citizen networks strengthened; (5) Women's rights and the rights and aspiration of the adolescent girls protected and advanced; and (6) Accelerated learning and adaptive management strengthened. An Annual Program Statement would be used to solicit applications from organizations and consortia, with a strong preference for local organizations to advance Kenya's Journey to Self-Reliance. Anticipated APS release date is January 2022. Kenya-IGAPP would be a five-year program implemented in multiple (up to 15) cooperative agreements with an anticipated collective ceiling of not more than \$63 million over 5 years.

234. **Kenya:** Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

- a. Would USAID please confirm if the procurement method for this opportunity remains a BAA?
- b. Can USAID provide a timeline for the solicitation?

USAID Response: Please refer to BAA-OAA-OEGI-WASH-2020 that was released on November 5, 2020.

235. **Kenya:** PEPFAR

- a. What is the anticipated geographic focus of this award within Kenya?

USAID Response: It's unclear which award you are referring to.

236. **Kenya:** Empowered Youth (KEY)

- a. When does USAID anticipate that this solicitation will be released?
- b. Are US Learning Institutions the only eligible Higher Education Institutions as stated on the business forecast or can any Higher Education Institution whether US or non-US be eligible?
- c. The business forecast notes there will be an "Inception Phase Draft RFA/RFP Pre-solicitation Notice". When does USAID anticipate this draft RFA/pre-solicitation notice to be released?
- d. The business forecast states, "Eligibility Criteria: U.S. Learning Institutions". Can USAID clarify the definition of "U.S. Learning Institutions" and clarify whether Kenyan learning institutions will also be eligible?
- e. Does USAID still anticipate that this opportunity will be restricted to Higher Education Institutions or local organizations?
- f. Is a co-creation or multi-phased proposal process envisioned for this opportunity?
- g. Could USAID please provide an updated anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response:

- a. The NOFO/RFA 72061521RFA00002 was released on Grants.gov Monday November 9th.
- b. Please see the NOFO/RFA for restrictions and definitions.
- c. The NOFO/RFA was released on Grants.gov Monday November 9th.
- d. Please see the NOFO/RFA for eligibility requirements.
- e. Please see the NOFO/RFA for eligibility requirements.
- f. The NOFO/RFA was released on Grants.gov Monday November 9th.

237. **Kenya:** Integrated Governance and Accountability Activity

- a. Will USAID issue a RFI for this activity prior to the full solicitation, and if so, can
- b. USAID provide an approximate date for release of the RFI?
- c. Does USAID intend to use a contract or cooperative agreement for this activity?
- d. What is the expected dollar value of this program?
- e. What is the expected release date for the final RFP or RFA?

USAID Response: USAID/KEA is planning the Kenya- Inclusive Governance, Accountability, Performance and Participation Activity. There will be six result areas under Kenya-IGAPP objectives: (1) Fraud, waste and abuse in key service delivery sectors decreased; (2) Accountability and transparency in electoral and democratic processes improved; (3) Devolved services are accountable and better financed to deepen devolution; (4) Civic and media space protected and citizen networks

strengthened; (5) Women's rights and the rights and aspiration of the adolescent girls protected and advanced; and (6) Accelerated learning and adaptive management strengthened. An Annual Program Statement would be used to solicit applications from organizations and consortia, with a strong preference for local organizations to advance Kenya's Journey to Self-Reliance. Anticipated APS release date is January 2022. Kenya-IGAPP would be a five-year program implemented in multiple (up to 15) cooperative agreements with an anticipated collective ceiling of not more than \$63 million over 5 years.

238. **Kenya & East Africa:** Private Sector Opportunities to a Fully Private Care and Treatment

- a. An RFI was issued for this opportunity on August 20th. Can USAID add this opportunity to the published business forecast and advise on an anticipated solicitation release date and budget range?

USAID Response: No additional information is available at this time. Once it is available, it will be added to the business forecast.

239. **Kosovo:** Kosovo Energy Sustainability Activity

- a. Could USAID provide the anticipated award date for this procurement?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date for Energy Sustainability Activity is January 31, 2021.

240. **Laos:** In the FY20 Quarter 2 Q&A, USAID/Laos mentioned that they are contemplating health-related activities in FY21. Can USAID provide an update on these activities, including anticipated project scope(s), release date(s), value(s), and award mechanism(s)?

USAID Response: USAID/Laos is designing the activity for the maternal and child health. More information will be provided in the Business Forecast when available. It is anticipated that this activity would be advertised during Q2 FY 21.

241. **Laos:** Laos Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a solicitation for a Laos Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship opportunity?
- b. Can USAID please confirm if the objectives for the USAID/Laos Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship opportunity will be changed prior to its release, as well as if there will be any other information on the opportunity available prior to release?
- c. Can USAID please provide an update on timing and release for the USAID/Laos Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship opportunity?
- d. Can USAID please confirm if the technical objectives outlined in the RFI released in 2018 will be updated for the Laos Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship Opportunity?

USAID Response: There's currently no plan to release a solicitation for a USAID/Laos Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship activity this fiscal year.

242. **Laos:** Parliamentary Assistance

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a solicitation for a Parliamentary Assistance opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Laos is still working on design for a new activity focused on local

governance/provincial assemblies and awaiting activity design approval. It is anticipated that this activity would be advertised during Q2 FY 21.

243. **Laos:** Laos Provincial Assembly Strengthening Activity

- a. When does USAID anticipate releasing a solicitation for Laos Provincial Assembly Strengthening Activity?

USAID Response: USAID/Laos is still working on design for a new activity focused on local governance/provincial assemblies and awaiting activity design approval. It is anticipated that this activity would be advertised during Q2 FY 21.

244. **Laos:** Does USAID intend to release any economic growth procurements for Laos in FY 2021?

USAID Response: At this time we do not expect any new EG procurements during FY21.

245. **Lebanon:** Performance Monitoring and Support

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the status of the current contract and/or when a follow-on contract is anticipated to be released?

USAID Response: USAID/Lebanon will utilize the recently-awarded USAID Evaluation, Monitoring and Learning Services - (EVAL-ME II) Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract for the new Monitoring and Evaluation contract.

246. **Lebanon:** Water, Sanitation and Conservation

- a. Can USAID please update the solicitation release date?
b. Does USAID/Lebanon plan to release a draft scope of work before the anticipated November 16, 2020 release date for the Lebanon Water, Sanitation, and Conservation solicitation?
c. Does USAID intend to publish a draft WSC Statement of Work in advance of the RFP?
d. Is USAID planning to postpone the anticipated release date currently listed as November 16, 2020?

USAID Response:

- a. The solicitation release date has been updated to November 30, 2020.
b. USAID does not intend at this time to release a draft scope of work in advance of the RFP.
c. Please see answer to point b above.
d. Please see answer to point a above.

247. **Lebanon:** Initiative to Deliver Essential Assistance and Services (IDEAS)

- a. The Award/Action type for IDEAS was updated to Stand Alone Contract. Can USAID confirm whether they intend to award a single or multiple contract(s) under this BAA?
b. Will USAID continue to consider Local Livelihoods interventions under Round 3?
c. Is the deadline for Round 3 submissions still January 3, 2021 (as advertised in May 2020)?
d. In the current version of the forecast, USAID notes the Lebanon IDEAS BAA will be awarded as a "standalone contract." Can USAID please confirm whether that instrument type has been finalized or if that might change based on the selected proposal?
e. Does USAID/Lebanon know which sectors will be the focus of Rounds 3 and 4?

- f. Would USAID consider extending the current December 1, 2020 due date for Round 2 – Renewable Energy?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID has corrected the error stating IDEAS will be a stand alone contract. At this time, the type of award is undetermined as it will depend on the concepts submitted under the BAA.
- b. At this time, local livelihoods interventions will not be considered under Round 3.
- c. The deadline for Round 3 submissions is February 1, 2021. the deadline for Round 4 is March 17, 2021.
- d. Please see answer to point a above.
- e. USAID will update the BAA solicitation once the sectors have been confirmed for Rounds 3 and 4.
- f. Yes, USAID will extend the deadline for Round 2 - Renewable energy from December 1, 2020 to January 11, 2021.

248. Lebanon: Lebanon Enterprise Development:

- a. Can USAID please confirm that a follow on to Lebanon Enterprise Development (LED) will be recompleted in 2021?
- b. Can USAID please clarify the mechanism and anticipated release date?

USAID Response: USAID does not at this time have an update on any potential follow-on for LED nor what type of mechanism or release date is anticipated.

249. Lesotho: Providing Universal Services for HIV/AIDS in Lesotho (PUSH)

- a. Does USAID/Lesotho anticipate releasing a follow-on to the Providing Universal Services for HIV/AIDS in Lesotho (PUSH) project? If so, can USAID/Lesotho share anticipated release date, scope, award value and mechanism?

USAID Response: A follow-on is not anticipated at this time.

250. Liberia: Liberia Civil Society Advocacy Activity

- a. Does USAID consider the Liberia Civil Society Advocacy Activity to be a follow-on or continuation of the LAVI program?
- b. Could USAID provide details regarding the anticipated action/award type for procurement?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID does not consider the activity to be a follow-on or continuation of LAVI, but it will incorporate and build on lessons learned from LAVI and other civil society strengthening programs.
- b. The information on the anticipated action type for the Civil Society Advocacy Activity is not available at this time since this activity is still in the planning stage. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates on this action as they become available.

251. Liberia: Liberia PEER Youth

- a. Could USAID please share any updates on the anticipated award date for the Liberia PEER Youth activity?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date for the PEER Youth activity is December 31, 2020.

252. **Liberia: ReCoVER**

- a. USAID removed the ReCoVER activity from the USAID Business Forecast. Does USAID still intend to release this funding opportunity for open competition?

USAID Response: USAID removed the ReCoVER activity from the Business Forecast when it appeared that the funding for the activity would not be forthcoming. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates as they become available.

253. **Liberia: Professionalizing Liberian Media Activity**

- a. Does USAID still expect to release the solicitation for the Professionalizing Liberian Media Activity on or around November 30th, 2020?
- b. Can USAID specify the anticipated contract vehicle and whether co-creation will be included as part of the solicitation?
- c. What is the anticipated award type for Professionalizing Liberian Media?

USAID Response:

- a. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates to this activity as they become available.
- b. We do not have details on your question at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates to this activity as they become available.
- c. The information on the anticipated action type for the Professionalizing Liberian Media is not available at this time since this activity is still in the planning stage. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates on this action as they become available.

254. **Liberia:** Can USAID provide additional information on potential upcoming solicitations in the Economic Growth and Agriculture sectors?

USAID Response: Activities Designs are in process. Please continue to monitor the Business forecast as more information becomes available.

255. **Liberia: DELTA**

- a. Could USAID please indicate whether the Liberia DELTA project is expected to be released as a SBSA, a full and open competition, or under an IDIQ? If the latter, then could you please indicate whether it will be released under EVAL ME II?
- b. Is USAID able to give an update on the estimated release date?
- c. Is there an incumbent contractor?
- d. Does USAID intend to release the DELTA opportunity under an IDIQ as previously stated in the forecast and if so, which vehicle?
- e. What is the set-aside status for this opportunity?
- f. Can USAID provide additional details on the anticipated SOW? Specifically, how it may differ from the current MEL platform?
- g. Will the Data, Evaluation, Learning and Technical Assistance (DELTA) Activity be released under full and open competition?
- h. When does USAID plan to release a RFI or sources sought?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID anticipates this opportunity will be released under the EVAL ME II IDIQ. Please

continue to monitor the USAID Business Forecast for further information as details become available.

- b. Anticipated solicitation released date is scheduled for February 01, 2021 per the Business Forecast. Please continue to monitor the USAID Business Forecast for any changes to this activity.
- c. The requested information is not available at this time. Please continue to monitor the USAID Business Forecast for further information as details become available.
- d. USAID anticipates that this opportunity will be released under the EVAL ME II IDIQ. Please continue to monitor the USAID Business Forecast for further information as details become available.
- e. The requested information is not available at this time. Please continue to monitor the USAID Business Forecast for further information as details become available.
- f. The requested information is not available at this time. Please continue to monitor the USAID Business Forecast for further information as details become available.
- g. USAID anticipates that this opportunity will be released under the EVAL ME II IDIQ. Please continue to monitor the USAID Business Forecast for further information as details become available.
- h. The requested information is not available at this time. Please continue to monitor the USAID Business Forecast for further information as details become available.

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

- a. An RFI for TESTS in Liberia was released last year. Is the content of that RFI still valid or has the scope
- b. Can USAID provide additional information on the co-creation process mentioned in this notice?

USAID Response:

- a. No, the scope for TESTS is still the same before and now. The anticipated release date for this opportunity was September 30, 2020.
- b. The co-creation process mentioned in this notice is a Multi-step Request for Proposal (RFP) which takes into consideration the posting of the solicitation on the US Government website (beta.SAM.gov), receipt of proposals, evaluation, and award to the apparent successful offeror.

257. **Liberia: Civil Society Advocacy Activity**

- a. What types of 'service delivery' is USAID referring to (e.g.health-related)?
- b. Does USAID still expect to release the solicitation for the Civil Society Advocacy Activity on or around November 30th, 2020?
- c. Can USAID specify the anticipated contract vehicle and whether co-creation will be included as part of the solicitation?
- d. Could USAID please specify the geographical area of focus for this activity?
- e. Civil Society Advocacy Activity - Does USAID have any additional information as to what type of Award and/or Contract Vehicle this opportunity will come under? If not, does USAID have an idea as to when it will be known?

USAID Response:

- a. We do not have details on your question at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates to this activity as they become available.
- b. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates to this activity as they become available.

- c. The information on the anticipated action type for the Civil Society Advocacy Activity is not available at this time since this activity is still in the planning stage. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates on this action as they become available.
- d. The Geographical area of this activity is Liberia (Nationwide). However, please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates to this activity as they become available.
- e. No, USAID does not have additional information at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates to this activity as they become available.

258. **Liberia:** Does USAID Liberia intend to release a Request for Information for future agricultural activities?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID Liberia intends to release a Request for Information for the agriculture sector.

259. **Liberia:** Municipal Water Project

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on to this activity?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate a continuation of this activity.

260. **Liberia:** Conservation Works Activity

- a. USAID released an RFI for the Liberia Conservation Works Activity in September; however, it is not yet on the USAID Business Forecast. When does USAID anticipate releasing a solicitation?
- b. Does USAID expect the program to be a contract or cooperative agreement?
- c. Could USAID please provide an update as to the timing of the RFP and estimated size of award to assist organizations in their planning and consortium development?
- d. How does USAID anticipate the Conservation Works Activity collaborating with the West Africa Biodiversity and Low Emissions Development Activity?
- e. Can USAID specify which geographical areas it anticipates the Conservation Works Activity to focus on?
- f. Does the Conservation Works Activity anticipate to focus on the national or landscape level?

USAID Response: The Conservation Works Activity is still early in its design. Please continue to monitor the USAID Business Forecast as more information becomes available.

261. **Liberia:** Data, Evaluation, Learning and Technical Assistance

- a. Will DELTA be released under EVAL ME II IDIQ?
- b. Can the Mission advise on when this procurement will be awarded?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID anticipates this opportunity will be released under the EVAL ME II IDIQ. Please continue to monitor the USAID Business Forecast for further information as details become available.
- b. Anticipated Award date is scheduled for June 25, 2021, per the Business Forecast. Please continue to monitor the USAID Business Forecast for any changes to this activity.

262. **Liberia:** Job Creation

- a. What is the anticipated release date and mechanism of the Liberia Job Creation solicitation?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation document before the solicitation is released?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia does not have a Liberia Job creation Solicitation at this time.

263. **Liberia:** Feed the Future

- a. In the Quarter 3 Forecast Update, USAID mentioned that the Feed the Future activities are still in design. Can USAID provide an update regarding timing for any upcoming procurements?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for the program?
- c. Could USAID clarify whether the programming will be in the form of a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?

USAID Response:

- a. Designs are ongoing. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast.
- b. Yes
- c. To be determined

264. **Liberia:** Water and Sanitation

- a. Will there be a Liberia WASH activity in FY21? Can we get an update on the timing of a RFI/RFA for a Liberia WASH project?

USAID Response: USAID is contemplating the design of two new WASH activities, a County-Wide Comprehensive Sanitation, and a Peri-Urban Water activity. These two activities are still early in their design. Please continue to monitor the USAID Business Forecast as more information becomes available.

265. **Liberia:** Customary Land Management (CLMA) Activity:

- a. Is USAID planning to release this Task Order under the STARR2 IDIQ?
- b. Given the size of this anticipated award, would USAID consider releasing this as a total set-aside?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, USAID is planning to release this Task Order under the STARR2 IDIQ.
- b. The answer to this question is not available at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates to this activity as they become available.

266. **Libya:** Stabilization Activity

- a. Could USAID please provide an update on the award/action type for this opportunity?
- b. Does USAID plan to release a draft scope of work or a request for information before the anticipated January 31, 2021 release date for the Libya Stabilization Activity?
- c. What award vehicle does USAID intend to use to award this contract?

USAID Response:

- a. The Stabilization Activity is still in the design phase but is on schedule to be awarded in Summer 2021 as per the Business Forecast. USAID intends to release a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for an Assistance award, likely a Cooperative Agreement.
- b. USAID/Libya does not plan on releasing a draft Scope of Work and does not plan on releasing a Request for Information (RFI) before the solicitation is released.
- c. USAID intends to release a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for an Assistance award, likely a Cooperative Agreement.

267. **Libya:** Libyan Economic Acceleration Program (LEAP)
- a. Can USAID provide an update on the timeline for this opportunity? Can it be added to the business forecast?

USAID Response:

- a. This opportunity was already included in the Business Forecast previously as the “Improving Economic Empowerment Opportunities for Vulnerable Libyans”. The title for this opportunity was recently updated in the Business Forecast to be “Libyan Economic Acceleration Program (LEAP)”.

268. **Libya:** Improving Economic Empowerment Opportunities for Vulnerable Libyans

- a. Is this still expected to be released on 12/4/20?
- b. Can USAID kindly confirm if there will be a pre-solicitation for the Libya Improving Economic Empowerment Opportunities for Vulnerable Libyans RFA?
- c. Kindly confirm this forecasted opportunity is the same as RFI: 72067020RFISS00001 Libya Economic Accelerator Project/Aqfuz
- d. Kindly confirm the contracting mechanism will be a cooperative agreement

USAID Response:

- a. This opportunity is expected to be released on December 22, 2020. The Business Forecast was updated to reflect this date.
- b. A Request for Information (RFI) No. 72067020RFISS00001 was released for this opportunity on September 28, 2020 under the name of “Libyan Economic Acceleration Project (LEAP)” and was closed on October 12, 2020. The title for this opportunity was also recently updated in the Business Forecast to reflect the new title for this opportunity.
- c. We confirm that this is the forecasted opportunity under RFI No. 72067020RFISS00001. The title for this opportunity was also recently updated in the Business Forecast to reflect the new title for this opportunity: “Libyan Economic Acceleration Program (LEAP)”.
- d. The planned mechanism is an Assistance award, most likely a Cooperative Agreement.

269. **Malawi:** Agricultural Activity

- a. Can USAID please add the upcoming Malawi agriculture activity to the Business Forecast?
- b. Could USAID kindly share additional information on the anticipated scope, release date, award mechanism, and value of the anticipated Malawi agriculture program?
- c. Would USAID confirm whether the anticipated activity is seen as a follow-on to the existing Agriculture Diversification (AgDiv) Activity?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, USAID can add the “Commercialization of Smallholder Agriculture through Growth Poles Development” activity to the Business Forecast.
- b. Additional Information:
 - i. Scope will be shared along with the Statement of Objectives at the time of solicitation
 - ii. Anticipated release date is June, 2021
 - iii. It is planned to be awarded through a contract but the confirmed choice of instrument will be determined at the time of solicitation
 - iv. At an anticipated total cost of \$35m
- c. The anticipated activity is not seen as a follow-on to AgDiv.

270. **Malawi:** Client-Oriented Response to HIV Epidemic Control

- a. Could USAID provide additional information to describe the project scope for the forecasted CORE Activity?
- b. How will this project interact with and complement the EMPOWER suite of project in Malawi?
- c. When does USAID anticipate releasing this solicitation?
- d. Does USAID anticipate one or multiple awards?
- e. Can USAID clarify if this award will be limited to local organizations as prime applicants?

USAID Response:

- a. This activity will provide intensive support to improve access to and uptake of quality HIV clinical services in multiple districts of Malawi in alignment with the GOM's NSP, the PEPFAR Malawi strategy as defined through the annual COP process, and the CDCS. The activity will ensure the availability of efficient and targeted HTS, linkage to treatment, back to care services, comprehensive retention in care and treatment services for PLHIV (including viral load monitoring; TB screening, referral for treatment, and TPT; cervical cancer screening and treatment; and nutrition assessment, counseling and support), and differentiated service delivery models to enhance patient-centered care. This activity will enhance services to effectively target populations that are highly affected by HIV and/or have high-unmet needs. Implementation efforts, in conjunction with those of the MOH, shall ensure PLHIV are retained in care and achieve durable viral load suppression through improving retention, adherence, and quality of care.
- b. This activity (CORE) will have responsibility for initiating and retaining PLHIV on ART across multiple districts and health facilities. Close coordination will be essential between EMPOWER and CORE, to ensure that PLHIV identified through community-based testing and other HIV case finding methods, VMMC and DREAMS programming are linked to and initiated on ART.
- c. Solicitation was released on Nov. 10, 2020.
- d. We anticipate two awards
- e. The award is limited to local and regional implementing partners (SADC region)

271. **Malawi:** Health Communications for Life

- a. Does USAID/Malawi anticipate releasing a follow-on to the Health Communications for Life opportunity? If so, can USAID/Malawi share anticipated release date, scope, and award value and mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID/Malawi is currently evaluating the achievements of the Health Communications for Life activity. Based on the findings, USAID/Malawi will determine whether it will design and release a follow-on opportunity.

272. **Malawi:** Learn to Perform

- a. Would USAID please provide an update on the expected release of the Malawi Learn to Perform opportunity?
- b. Can USAID please also clarify if this opportunity will be released as a Task Order under the EVAL ME II mechanism or if it will be a standalone contract
- c. Does USAID intend to issue a draft Scope of Work for this activity based on the RFI responses? If so, what is the expected timing of this draft SOW?
- d. Can USAID share any details regarding the scope?

- e. What type of mechanism (BPA, task order, contract, or cooperative agreement) does USAID intend to use for this activity?
- f. Can USAID provide further details regarding bidder eligibility, such as the likelihood of the activity being a set-aside or limited to local competition?
- g. What is the anticipated release date for the final RFA/P?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID is currently **not** planning to release L2P through full and open competition.
- b. USAID has no confirmed plans to share about the mechanism at this time as it is still at a premature stage.
- c. USAID is not planning to issue a draft Scope of Work based on RFI responses at this time.
- d. No additional detail is available at this time.
- e. No additional detail is available at this time.
- f. No additional detail is available at this time.
- g. No additional detail is available at this time.

273. **Malawi:** Malawi Expanding Degree Opportunities,

- a. This opportunity is no longer on the Business Forecast. Can the Malawi Mission please confirm whether they are still planning for this activity, and when it might go back on the forecast?

USAID Response: We are still planning for this activity. When we noticed that it had been removed from the Forecast, the Education Office contacted OAA and requested that the listing be reinstated. This will be announced under the HELIX APS.

274. **Malawi:** Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

- a. This opportunity is no longer on the Business Forecast. Can the Malawi Mission please confirm whether they are still planning for a STEM Activity, and when it might go back on the forecast?

USAID Response: We are still planning for this activity. When we noticed that it had been removed from the Forecast, the Education Office contacted OAA and requested that the listing be reinstated. This will be announced under the HELIX APS.

275. **Malawi:** Smallholder Commercialization Agriculture Development

- a. When does USAID plan to release the new smallholder commercialization agriculture development activity?
- b. Does USAID plan to release an RFI?

USAID Response:

- a. In June, 2021.
- b. Yes, USAID plans to release an RFI

276. **Malawi:** Organized Network of Services for Everyone's (ONSE) Health Activity Follow-On

- a. Has USAID completed the external key stakeholder consultations that will inform follow-on activities? If so, has USAID made any decisions on the follow-on activities?
- b. Will this be issued as one award or multiple awards? If multiple awards, how will it be divided (geographic, technical, other)?
- c. Could USAID provide information on anticipated scope(s)?

- d. Could USAID provide information on the timing of the solicitation(s)?
- e. Could USAID indicate the expected funding mechanism and anticipated value of the award(s)?
- f. Could USAID indicate whether this follow-on is expected to be a bilateral award?
- g. Could USAID indicate if the award(s) will be restricted?
- h. Will the geographical scope(s) include the same areas as the current project?
- i. Could USAID provide any updated information on the potential follow-on to the USAID Organized Network of Services for Everyone's (ONSE) Health Activity?
- j. Does USAID expect to issue a pre-solicitation or solicitation for a follow-on or a related activity? If so, what is the expected timing?
- k. What type of mechanism (BPA, task order, contract, or cooperative agreement) does USAID intend to use for this activity?
- l. Can USAID provide further details regarding bidder eligibility, such as the likelihood of the activity being a set-aside or limited to local competition?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes. USAID has completed the stakeholders analysis and has made a decision on follow-on activities
- b. USAID cannot release this information to the public at this stage.
- c. USAID cannot release this information to the public at this stage.
- d. USAID cannot release this information to the public at this stage
- e. USAID Response:USAID cannot release this information to the public at this stage
- f. USAID cannot release this information to the public at this stage
- g. USAID cannot release this information to the public at this stage.
- h. USAID has not made a decision yet.
- i. USAID cannot release this information to the public at this stage
- j. USAID has not made a decision yet.
- k. USAID cannot release this information to the public at this stage
- l. USAID cannot release this information to the public at this stage.

277. **Malawi: Early Grade Reading**

- a. Can USAID please add the upcoming Malawi early grade reading activity to the Business Forecast?
- b. Is USAID planning to release a draft scope of work for the anticipated Malawi early grade reading activity? If so, could USAID kindly share the anticipated release date?
- c. Could USAID kindly share additional information on the anticipated scope, release date, award mechanism, and value of the anticipated Malawi early grade reading program?
- d. Does USAID plan to include a numeracy component in the anticipated Malawi education program?
- e. Does USAID plan to expand inclusive education activities in the anticipated Malawi education program?
- f. Does USAID plan to include teacher pre-service training in the anticipated Malawi education program?
- g. Could USAID provide information on the expected release date, award mechanism, and value of an anticipated early grade reading program in Malawi?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. This is anticipated to be a national scale, approximately \$75 million early grade reading acquisition award with a sub-national pre-primary pilot. Approximate release date will be early 2021.

- d. No
- e. Yes
- f. Pre-service training is not an anticipated element to the planned early grade reading activity
- g. Information will be made available on business forecast once the design process is finalised.

278. **Malawi: Malaria Bilateral Program**

- a. Will this be released during FY21?
- b. Can USAID provide any additional details, such as targeted geographic area?

USAID Response: USAID/Malawi does not intend to have any such mechanism in FY 21 as of now.

279. **Malawi: Feed the Future**

- a. In the Quarter 3 Forecast Update, USAID stated “we would expect an RFI for a contract to be released in 2021” in reference to possible Malawi Feed the Future activities. Could USAID provide an update regarding timing for any upcoming procurements?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for the program?
- c. Could USAID clarify whether the programming will be in the form of a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?
- d. In the FY20, Q3 business forecast, USAID indicated that an early grade reading activity will be released in the fall of 2020. Could USAID please provide additional information on the size, scope, and the anticipated release date?
- e. Does the Mission intend to release any Feed the Future agriculture and economic growth opportunities as the Mission indicated in the previous Q&A?
- f. Does USAID intend to add this opportunity to the Business Forecast?
- g. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or draft SOW for this opportunity?
- h. Could USAID clarify whether the program will be a contract or cooperation agreement, or if the procurement will be released under a mechanism with limited competition?
- i. Could USAID update us on the anticipated size of the procurement?

USAID Response:

- a. An RFI for the new Feed the Future flagship activity is anticipated for June, 2021
- b. USAID intends to release a Request for Information for the program
- c. The program will be in form of a \$35m contract
- d. USAID will be releasing an RFI for the new Feed the Future flagship activity
- e. The opportunity will be added to the business forecast
- f. An RFI will be released in June, 2021
- g. The mechanism will be a contract and the procurement process will be a full and open competition
- h. The program will be a \$35m contract

280. **Malawi: Implementing Partners Assessment, Audit and Technical Assistance Activity:**

- a. Does USAID intend to issue a draft Scope of Work for this activity based on the RFI responses? If so, what is the expected timing of this draft SOW?
- b. Can USAID share any details regarding the scope?
- c. What type of mechanism (BPA, task order, contract, or cooperative agreement) does USAID intend to use for this activity?
- d. Can USAID provide further details regarding bidder eligibility, such as the likelihood of the activity being a set-aside or limited to local competition?

- f. What is the anticipated release date for the final RFA/P?

USAID Response: USAID/Malawi has no plans to have this activity released any time soon as it is still at a premature stage and a final determination on the way forward is yet to be made.

281. Malawi: Moving into the Future with the Youth:

- a. Could USAID please confirm when the current program will close?
- b. Does USAID expect to issue a pre-solicitation or solicitation for a follow-on or a related activity? If so, what is the expected timing?
- c. Can USAID share any details regarding the scope?
- d. What type of mechanism (BPA, task order, contract, or cooperative agreement) does USAID intend to use for this activity?
- e. Can USAID provide further details regarding bidder eligibility, such as the likelihood of the activity being a set-aside or limited to local competition?

USAID Response: USAID/Malawi does not have any such activity in plan as of now.

282. Malawi: Malawi Tiwalere II Project

- a. Could USAID please confirm when the current program will close?
- b. Does USAID expect to issue a pre-solicitation or solicitation for a follow-on or a related activity? If so, what is the expected timing?
- c. Can USAID share any details regarding the scope?
- d. What type of mechanism (BPA, task order, contract, or cooperative agreement) does USAID intend to use for this activity?
- e. Can USAID provide further details regarding bidder eligibility, such as the likelihood of the activity being a set-aside or limited to local competition?

USAID Response:

- a. The current program will end on July 18, 2021.
- b. USAID/Malawi will not issue a solicitation for a follow-on. Feed the Children, the implementing partner for Tiwalere II, has already responded to the Annual Global Development (GDA) Alliance Annual Program Statement (APS) and has submitted a concept to USAID/Malawi. The GDA APS is an invitation for the private sector to partner with USAID to achieve shared goals.
- c. Tiwalere II is a consortium of for-profit corporations, non-governmental organizations, and USAID. The consortium focuses on nutrition, WASH, and community capacity building. Feed the Children has partnered with U.S. based private sector organizations, Nu Skin and Proctor and Gamble, to leverage resources amounting to \$19,150,000 over a period of five years. This initiative utilizes cutting-edge, evidenced-based, behavior change methodology alongside of free market mechanisms to achieve substantial and sustainable improvement in the nutritional status of 426,259 children under five years of age, 120,529 pregnant and lactating women, 178,079 mothers of children under two, and 129,656 adolescent girls in ten districts within central and Northern Malawi by 2021. Eight priority districts receive the full set of Tiwalere II interventions. An additional four secondary districts receive support for community-based childcare centers (CBCCs) with the provision of VitaMeal®, a nutrient and protein-rich food supplement.
- d. Tiwalere II is a cooperative agreement and a public-private partnership award.
- e. Feed the Children is a U.S. based PVO. The two private companies are also U.S. based.

283. Malawi: Higher Education Activity

- a. Will this opportunity be added to the Forecast?
- b. Does USAID expect to release this as a contract or grant mechanism?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes. It is under the name: Strengthening Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics & Expanding Degree Opportunities (SSTEMEDO) Activity
- b. USAID/Malawi is planning to have an Assistance mechanism

284. Malawi: Learn to Perform

- a. Will this opportunity be added to the Business Forecast?
- b. Can USAID provide an update on the expected release date?
- c. Can USAID indicate whether this opportunity will be released as a small business set aside or full & open?

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

285. Malawi: Local Government Accountability and Performance:

- a. Could USAID please confirm when the current program will close?
- b. Does USAID expect to issue a pre-solicitation or solicitation for a follow-on or a related activity? If so, what is the expected timing?
- c. Can USAID share any details regarding the scope?
- d. What type of mechanism (BPA, task order, contract, or cooperative agreement) does USAID intend to use for this activity?
- e. Can USAID provide further details regarding bidder eligibility, such as the likelihood of the activity being a set-aside or limited to local competition?

USAID Response:

- a. The current program closes August 2021.
- b. Yes. The Mission anticipates issuing a solicitation for a new governance program in around April-May of 2021.
- c. The activity will continue to address governance issues that impact the delivery of public services, in line with the Mission CDCS.
- d. The selection of instrument is yet to be determined but will be included in the solicitation.
- e. No, determination of limited eligibility has been made at this point.

286. Mali: Governance Activity

- a. Could USAID please indicate whether a Mali Governance Activity will be featured in the forecast, and if yes, and the approximate date for the solicitation release? This opportunity had been featured in the forecast at one time, but has since dropped off of the forecast

USAID Response: There is no further information.

287. Mali: Improved Health Services and Systems in the North of Mali

- a. Can USAID provide information on the (1) timeline for the solicitation, (2) estimated budget range, (3) funding mechanism, and (4) co-creation process?
- b. Can USAID update on the anticipated release date?
- c. Has USAID completed the review of submitted RFI responses? What mechanism will it be?

- d. Could USAID please provide an estimated release date for this opportunity, as well as a potential budget ceiling? This opportunity is not currently in the Forecast but an RFI was released in July.

USAID Response: Due to operational decisions, this opportunity is no longer available AND will be deleted from the Business Forecast.

288. **Mali:** Mali Rural Water Infrastructure Governance

- a. Could USAID provide information regarding the timing of the solicitation?
- b. May USAID provide information regarding the size/value of the program?
- c. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation or request for information in advance of the solicitation?
- d. This opportunity was removed from the Business Forecast in September 2020. Is USAID still planning on releasing this opportunity?
- e. If so, will USAID please re-add this to the Live Business Forecast?
- f. When does USAID expect to release the solicitation?
- g. Does USAID still anticipate release of the Mali Rural Water Infrastructure Governance Activity that is no longer on the forecast?

USAID Response:

- a. The solicitation has indeed been delayed. USAID/Mali now intends to publish the Rural Water Infrastructure Governance (RWIG) program solicitation during the first quarter of the 2021 calendar year.
- b. The size of the program will be released with the published solicitation.
- c. USAID is discussing this possibility but has not yet made a final decision. Any Request for Information will be published to the Business Forecast.
- d. Yes.
- e. Yes.
- f. USAID/Mali now intends to publish the RWIG program solicitation during the first quarter of the 2021 calendar year.
- g. Yes, sometime during calendar year 2021.

289. **Mali:** Conflict Prevention

- a. The "Conflict Prevention in Mali" opportunity included in the FY2020 3rd quarter business forecast is not included in the Q1 FY 2021. Can USAID indicate whether this award will be released later in the FY 2021 year?

USAID Response: The RFI for this activity was posted on grants.gov on November 10, 2020.

290. **Mali:** Monitoring and Evaluation

- a. Can USAID provide an update on when the RFP will be released?

USAID Response: The new CDCS for USAID Mali is still in design. No further information is available for this activity.

291. **Mali:** Quality of Care

- a. Could USAID please specify if the Quality of Care opportunity in Mali is still going to be released? In the last Q&A USAID mentioned that it was cancelled, but it is still showing up in the forecast.

USAID Response: No further information is available for this activity.

292. **Mexico:** Transparency and Business Integrity activity

- a. Will follow-on work to the current Mexico Transparency Rapid Response Project be integrated into the upcoming Mexico Transparency and Business Integrity activity or there will be a different Transparency Rapid Response Project follow-on?
- b. Does USAID plan to release an RFI for the Mexico Transparency and Business Integrity activity?

USAID Response:

- a. No, follow-on work to the current Mexico Transparency Rapid Response Project will not be integrated into the upcoming Mexico Transparency and Business Integrity activity, nor will there be a different Transparency Rapid Response Project follow-on. \This is a new activity.
- b. No.

293. **Mexico:** Democracy and governance

- a. Is USAID/Mexico planning any new procurements in the democracy and governance space?

USAID Response: The three activities listed on the Business Forecast for USAID/Mexico are all DG activities: Transparency and Business Integrity, Journalist/Human Rights Defenders Protection, and Strategic Alliances for Mexico.

294. **Mexico:** Journalist/Human Rights Defenders Protection

- a. The forecast indicates Acquisition/Stand Alone Contract. However, USAID ADS304, specifically 304.3.4 Appropriate Use of Assistance Instruments reads in part "...if the principal purpose is to "assist" a recipient to provide its services or property to third parties, such as partner country government institutions, local organizations, or target civilian populations, a grant or cooperative agreement may be appropriate. ... Assistance differs from acquisition in that with assistance, the principal purpose of the relationship is to benefit the recipient through a transfer of a thing of value, not to procure property or services." Would USAID/Mexico please provide the justification utilized in selecting acquisition over assistance in this case and if necessary change the proposed project to an assistance instrument?
- b. Would USAID/Mexico provide a more specific estimated cost/budget?
- c. Would USAID/Mexico confirm the January 15, 2021 anticipated release date?
- d. The description states, "This activity will improve the accountability, effectiveness, and transparency of GOM institutions that protect human rights defenders and journalists in Mexico, support efforts to prosecute offenses against them, and facilitate collaborative civil society advocacy for effective state protection measures." Can USAID clarify the statement, "support efforts to prosecute offenses against them".
- e. Will USAID re-consider the award/action type based on the description of the project and the type of work intended, including the potential need to support civil society organizations and activists through grants and promote collaboration between them?
- f. Does USAID expect the prime applicant to be a local organization?
- g. To what extent would police and/or judicial reform be part of a compelling approach for this activity?

USAID Response:

- a. Thank you for the definition of assistance. As we are in the early stages of designing this activity we cannot provide more of a justification at this time nor can we understand the request to change the selection of instrument based on a one sentence description.
- b. No.
- c. No.
- d. The revised activity purpose is to improve the capacity and effectiveness of governmental and non-governmental actors whose charge it is to protect Mexican journalists and human rights defenders, supporting an enabling environment in which they can safely, without fear of harm or harassment, engage in informed citizenship and hold governmental authorities accountable. The full solicitation, when released, will contain additional details on interventions designed to address impunity for crimes against them.
- e. No.
- f. No, this is a full and open competition.
- g. Offerors should design their technical approach in response to the solicitation, scope of work, and evaluation criteria. USAID envisions that primarily project partners would include those law enforcement, judicial, or other government entities involved in the protection of journalists and human rights defenders, prevention of aggression against them, and addressing impunity for crimes committed against them.

295. **Moldova:** High-Value Agriculture Activity

- a. With ongoing competitiveness and high-value agriculture activities scheduled to close in 2021, would USAID please clarify anticipated releasing of follow-on or new opportunities in the economic growth sector?

USAID Response: USAID is currently in the early stages of designing the Future Technologies Activity, which is planned to support technology-driven sectors. This activity has been added to the Business Forecast.

296. **Moldova:**

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow on project to the Moldova Competitiveness Project?
- b. Will this RFP be released as a small business set aside?

USAID Response: USAID intends to follow the Moldova Competitiveness Project's successes in technology-driven sectors through the Future Technologies Activity. This activity is currently in early design stages, so the instrument selection is still to be determined. The Business Forecast will be updated with additional information as the design progresses.

297. **Moldova:**

- a. Does USAID expect to release an RFP for the Moldova Tourism project in FY 2021?
- b. Will this RFP be released as a small business set aside?

USAID Response: An activity focused solely on tourism is not anticipated.

298. **Mongolia:** Does USAID anticipate releasing a solicitation for Mongolia energy?

USAID Response: Yes.

299. **Mongolia:** Does USAID anticipate releasing a solicitation for other Mongolia-based contract-type solicitations this year?

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

300. **Mozambique:** Does USAID/Mozambique anticipate releasing any health opportunities in FY2021? If so, can USAID/Mozambique share anticipated release date(s), scope(s), and award value(s) and mechanism(s)?

USAID Response: Follow on procurements for Covida, PASSOS and IMAP will begin shortly and will be placed on the Business Forecast when more information is available.

301. **Mozambique:** DFSA RFA

- a. Is USAID planning to release a DFSA RFA in Mozambique during FY21? If so, what are the intended geographic target areas?

USAID Response: Information not available. USAID/Mozambique cannot offer any additional information at this time.

302. **Mozambique:** CHEGAR Activity

- a. Can USAID/Mozambique provide an updated award date for the CHEGAR activity?

USAID Response: USAID/Mozambique anticipates making an award for the CHEGAR activity by the end of this calendar year.

303. **Mozambique:** Coastal City Adaptation Program

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on to its coastal city adaptation program?
- b. If so, may USAID clarify the anticipated timing of a solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID does not intend to release a follow-on to the coastal city adaptation program.

304. **Mozambique:** Food for Peace DFSA

- a. Does USAID plan to issue solicitations for Food for Peace DFSA?
- b. Please provide details on the upcoming DFSA for Mozambique, including estimated solicitation release date.

USAID Response: Information not available. USAID/Mozambique cannot offer any additional information at this time.

305. **Mozambique:** MMEMS

- a. Could USAID please indicate whether the Mozambique MMEMS project is expected to be released as a SBSA, a full and open competition, or under an IDIQ? If the latter, then could you please indicate whether it will be released under EVAL ME II?
- b. Is USAID able to give an update on the estimated release date?
- c. What is the set-aside status for this opportunity?

- d. Can USAID provide additional details on the anticipated SOW? Specifically, how it may differ from the current MEL platform?

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

306. **Mozambique: Market Systems and Resilience Activity**
- a. Can USAID confirm if this opportunity will be added back to the forecast?
 - b. Does USAID intend to issue a follow-on to Agriculture Innovation Activity? If so, will this activity be separate from the Market Systems and Resilience Activity?
 - c. Does USAID plan to release an RFI in advance of the Market Systems and Resilience Activity and the Agriculture Innovation Activity if two are planned?
 - d. Can USAID confirm if the anticipated release date for the Market Systems and Resilience Activity is still January 2021?
 - e. Does USAID intend to add this opportunity to the Business Forecast?
 - f. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or draft SOW for this opportunity?
 - g. Could USAID clarify whether the program will be a contract or cooperation agreement, or if the procurement will be released under a mechanism with limited competition?
 - h. Could USAID update us on the anticipated size of the procurement?
 - i. Could USAID please confirm it still intends to release two separate procurements?

USAID Response:

- a. The Market Systems and Resilience Activity will remain on the forecast;
- b. Any follow-on activities for Agriculture Innovation will be integrated into the Market Systems and Resilience activities. There will not be a separate follow-on award for Agriculture Innovation;
- c. Yes, USAID plans for an RFI for the Market Systems and Resilience Activity, however this depends on any potential delays in the procurement timeline;
- d. The anticipated release date of the RFI will be between Feb and March 2021;
- e. There are not anticipated designs that are not already on the market forecast;
- f. Yes, USAID plans for an RFI for the Market Systems and Resilience Activity, however this depends on any potential delays in the procurement timeline;
- g. The procurement mechanisms and modality are still being explored. USAID would like to explore opportunities for underutilized and local partners;
- h. USAID anticipates two separate awards with an estimated total value of both awards not exceeding \$60M;
- i. USAID anticipates two separate procurements for the Market Systems and the Resilience Activity.

307. **Mozambique: SABER**
- a. The FY 20, Q3 USAID Business Forecast Q&A stated that the education tender is expected to be released between September to October 2020. Could USAID please update the forecast to reflect an anticipated release date?
 - b. Many Vamos Ler materials, including annual reports, data, training manuals and learning materials, have not been posted on the DEC. When does USAID anticipate that all materials for Vamos Ler will be posted on the DEC?
 - c. Can you give an update at the expected release date for this opportunity? What kind of mechanism will it fall under?

USAID Response:

- a. New anticipated solicitation release date is March 2021. USAID/Mozambique will update the business forecast to reflect the new anticipated solicitation release date.
- b. USAID/Mozambique will request the Contractor to post the documents on the DEC.
- c. The activity is still in the initial planning phase and no mechanism has been determined yet.

308. **Mozambique: Integrated Resilience Activity**

- a. There was a previous announcement regarding this Activity. Does the Mission have any updates on Integrated Resilience Activity?
- b. Does USAID intend to add this opportunity to the Business Forecast?
- c. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or draft SOW for this opportunity?
- d. Could USAID clarify whether the program will be a contract or cooperation agreement, or if the procurement will be released under a mechanism with limited competition?
- e. Could USAID update us on the anticipated size of the procurement?
- f. Could USAID provide a few sentences outlining the anticipated objectives for these activities?
- g. Are either of these activities considered as follow-ons to ongoing activities?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID still anticipates awards in Mid to late 2021;
- b. There are not anticipated designs that are not already on the market forecast;
- c. Yes, USAID plans for an RFI for the Market Systems and Resilience Activity, however this depends on any potential delays in the procurement timeline;
- d. The procurement mechanisms and modality are still being explored. USAID would like to explore opportunities for underutilized and local partners;
- e. USAID anticipates two separate awards with an estimated total value of both awards not exceeding \$60M;
- f. USAID plans for an RFI for the Market Systems and Resilience Activity that will outline objectives;
- g. Any follow-on agriculture activities will be integrated into the Market Systems and Resilience activities. There will not be separate follow-on awards for existing mechanisms.

309. **Mozambique: Transform WASH**

- a. The last update of 10/03/20 indicated an anticipated solicitation release date of 11/16/2020; is this date still valid
- b. Please provide the anticipated award type for Mozambique Transform WASH.
- c. Is Nov. 16 still the anticipated solicitation release date?
- d. Would you please provide details on the description, specifically the relative anticipated prioritization on water or sanitation?
- e. Does USAID/MZ anticipate that this will be released as a contract or a cooperative agreement?
- f. When does USAID expect to release this?
- g. What is the expected role of the private sector in this opportunity?
- h. What role does USAID anticipate for the Local CSOs?
- i. Will market based sanitation be included in this opportunity, and if so, will be a major part of intermediate results?
- j. Does USAID anticipate releasing a separate standalone sanitation award in Mozambique?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date has been adjusted to early March 2021. USAID Mozambique anticipates the use of an acquisition mechanism. In accordance with USAID mozambique requested for information posted on August 4, 2020, USAID intends to design a specific

activity that will support the increase of sustainable access to water and sanitation services in Mozambique, with focus on small towns, rural growth-centers, and peri-urban areas. This activity will seek to materialize the USAID Mozambique Mission's WASH strategic goal, which aims to support the achievement of Improved well-being of communities, especially women and girls in Mozambique by ensuring increased use and sustainable management of water and sanitation services.

This contract will include a component on private sector engagement and enabling environment. Market based sanitation will be included through access to finance, but not as a major part of intermediate results. The focus will be on improved access to water.

USAID Mozambique anticipates a release of a separate standalone sanitation award.

310. **Mozambique: Advancing Girls Education**

- a. When does USAID expect to release the Mozambique Girls Education opportunity?
- b. Will USAID release an updated program description prior to the solicitation?
- c. Will the opportunity be restricted to local primes only?
- d. Will the opportunity be restricted to small business primes only?
- e. Could USAID clarify the envisioned the award type for the Mozambique-AGE opportunity (contract or cooperative agreement)?
- f. Will it entail co-creation?
- g. Will it be released under an existing initiative or mechanism (e.g., NPI or YouthPower 2 APS)?

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

311. **Mozambique: Civil Society Strengthening Program**

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on to the civil society strengthening programming in Mozambique?
- b. Is the USAID Local Empowerment to Advance Development (USAID LEAD) the follow-on activity (open to local organizations to implement)?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID/Mozambique is currently considering various options, however under the new strategy wherein potential focus will be given to Economic Governance, efforts to strengthen the civil society will likely be combined with support provided to other stakeholders.
- b. No. LEAD is a new activity.

312. **Mozambique: Agricultural Activities**

- a. In the Quarter 3 Forecast Update, USAID stated that two activities were anticipated in 2021: an Integrated Resilience Activity and a Market System Activity in Nampula, Zambezia, and Sofala provinces that have an anticipated award date of mid-2021. Could USAID provide an update regarding timing for these procurements?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for the program?
- c. Could USAID clarify whether the programming will be in the form of a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID still anticipates awards in Mid to late 2021;
- b. Yes, USAID plans for an RFI for the Market Systems and Resilience Activity, however this depends on any potential delays in the procurement timeline;

- c. The procurement mechanisms and modality are still being explored. USAID would like to explore opportunities for underutilized and local partners. USAID anticipates two separate awards with an estimated total value of both awards not exceeding \$60M.

313. **Mozambique:** Support to Markets and Resilience Activity

- a. Is USAID still planning to release these two opportunities?
- b. If so, what is the estimated date of release?
- c. Are the geographical focus areas for these opportunities still Sofala, Zambezia and Nampula provinces?
- d. Will these awards coincide with the anticipated DFSA for Mozambique?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes;
- b. USAID still anticipates awards in Mid to late 2021;
- c. Yes;
- d. Information not available. USAID/Mozambique cannot offer any additional information at this time

314. **Mozambique:** Improved Learning Outcomes in Primary Education

- a. The USAID SABER Request for Information indicated a significant amount of planning has been done on a new Education program in Mozambique, but there has *not* been a post to the USAID Business Forecast to date. Could USAID provide any additional information related to the opportunity to assist organizations in their planning; specifically, mechanism, award length, eligibility criteria, anticipated solicitation release date, and the total estimated cost/amount range?

USAID Response: Anticipated release date is March 2021. Since the activity is in its initial design phase, no further information is available at this time.

315. **Mozambique:** Improved Family Planning Initiative

- a. Following the release of RFI- 720656-20IFPI dated September 9, 2020, can please update this opportunity on the USAID Business Forecast, with details including the timing of this anticipated opportunity?
- b. An RFI was issued for this opportunity on September 9th. Can USAID add this opportunity to the published business forecast and advise on an anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response:

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

- a. Will USAID be releasing a solicitation for a follow on to the Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism and Services project?
- b. Will USAID be utilizing full and open competition for this contract?

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

317. **Nepal:** Could USAID please confirm if they intend to release a Feed the Future activity for Nepal in FY21? This opportunity has dropped off of the forecast.

USAID Response: Yes, that is still our intention.

318. **Nepal:** What other contract-mechanism solicitations does USAID anticipate releasing the calendar year?

USAID Response: The Biodiversity and Natural Resource Governance activity (aquatic and terrestrial conservation) is currently expected to be released for solicitation by June, 2021. The mechanism is not yet finalized.

319. **Nepal:** Nepal Vulnerability Analysis

- a. Can the Mission advise on when this procurement will be awarded?
- b. Can the Mission advise when the new CDCS will be released?

USAID Response:

- a. This was a purchase order and awarded in August 2020.
- b. CDCS will be released tentatively at the end of the calendar year.

320. **Nepal:** Biodiversity and Natural Resource Governance Activity:

- a. Could USAID please confirm when they expect to release the Biodiversity and Natural Resource Governance Activity? This opportunity has dropped off of the forecast.

USAID Response: USAID currently anticipates releasing the solicitation for this activity by June, 2021.

321. **Nepal:** Feed the Future

- a. Can USAID please confirm whether there is an intention to release a Feed the Future activity in Nepal?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID intends to issue a solicitation for a Feed the Future activity focused on agricultural inputs in the second half of FY 2021

322. **Nepal:** Nepal Adolescent Reproductive Health/Family Planning

- a. Does USAID anticipate that the solicitation will be released on December 1 as currently forecasted (as there have been several delays)?
- b. Is co-creation still anticipated?
- c. Will there be more than one award?
- d. Does USAID plan to release any further details about the upcoming Adolescent RH/FP opportunity in Nepal prior to the forecasted December 1 release date? How many awards does USAID plan to make under this opportunity?
- e. Does USAID still intend to issue the full solicitation in the first quarter of FY21?
- f. Please can USAID provide updates to the forecast in terms of confirming the eligibility criteria, co-creation process (will the process include a concept note and full proposal, include an oral presentation phase, or consist of any other combination?), and confirm the solicitation release date?

- g. Please can USAID provide details on the geographical and technical scope of this opportunity?
 - i. Will this opportunity focus on extending ongoing work on adolescent health in Nepal or is it looking for new innovative approaches?
 - ii. In which regions of Nepal will USAID be supporting activities?
 - iii. What will be the technical focus of the Activity; will the focus be on the broader gender and social norms that influence access to and uptake of reproductive health and family planning outcomes, or on the provision of clinical services?
 - iv. Will research on adolescent health issues be an area of focus in this opportunity?
- h. Will USAID issue an RFI for this opportunity?
- i. Is the Activity to be awarded to only one organization/consortium or will there be multiple awards?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID still anticipates that the solicitation will be released in the first quarter of FY 21. However, we advise to check the business forecast regularly for updated information.
- b. USAID still anticipates the co-creation for the finalization of program description.
- c. No.
- d. The information is not available at this time.
- e. USAID still anticipates that the solicitation will be released in the first quarter of FY 21. However, we advise to check the business forecast regularly for updated information.
- f. The information is not available at this time.
- g. The information is not available at this time.
 - i. The information is not available at this time.
 - ii. The information is not available at this time.
 - iii. The information is not available at this time.
 - iv. The information is not available at this time.
- h. The information is not available at this time.
- i. The information is not available at this time.

323. **Nepal: Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Activity**

- a. Please confirm if the Nepal Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Activity is expected to be a women-owned small business set-aside?
- b. Will Nepal MEL be released under EVAL ME II IDIQ?
- c. Can USAID please also clarify if this is expected to be a stand alone contract or if it is expected to be released under an IDIQ?
- d. Can the Mission advise on when this procurement will be awarded?
- e. Can the Mission advise when the new CDCS will be released?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID still anticipates that the procurement will be released as a women-owned small business set-aside.
- b. The information is not available at this time.
- c. The information is not available at this time.
- d. The information is not available at this time.
- e. The information is not available at this time.

324. **Nepal: Nepal Early Grade Reading Program**

- a. When does USAID anticipate releasing the previously forecasted Nepal Early Grade Reading Program?

USAID Response: The timeline of the new solicitation is under revision. The solicitation and the subsequent award will support activities under the new School Sector Development Plan of the Government of Nepal (expected date July 2021). The expected solicitation and subsequent award dates will be contingent upon the finalization of new School Sector Development Plan by the Government of Nepal.

325. **Nepal:** Aquatic and Terrestrial Activity

- a. Can USAID provide updated information regarding the award mechanism and anticipated solicitation release date for the new aquatic and terrestrial activity in Nepal?
- b. In the last business forecast Q&A, USAID/Nepal said it intends to announce new activities in Q2 of FY 2021 focused on 1) agricultural inputs and 2) aquatic and terrestrial conservation, but no details have been provided on the business forecast. Are there any updates or additional information available regarding these procurements?

USAID Response:

- a. The award mechanism is not yet available. The anticipated release date is between March and June, 2021.
- b. The expected solicitation period for the Agricultural Inputs activity is now the first quarter of fiscal year 2022. The Biodiversity and Natural Resource Governance activity (aquatic and terrestrial conservation) is currently expected to be released for solicitation by June, 2021.

326. **Nepal:** Trade and Competitiveness Activity

- a. Can USAID confirm whether the forecast release date of 3/3/2021 is accurate?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation document before the solicitation is released?
- c. Can USAID please confirm if USAID is considering this opportunity as a small business set-aside?
- d. Would USAID please provide the anticipated scope of the activity?

USAID Response:

- a. This date is broadly accurate as an estimate; however, the exact release date is not yet available.
- b. Yes, Request for Information has already been posted for this solicitation.
- c. Considering the small business set-aside decided yet.
- d. The Scope of Objectives was posted with RFI on beta.sam.gov.

327. **Nepal:** Karnali Water Security Activity (KAWAS)

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

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

328. **Nepal:** Transforming Agriculture Inputs Activity

- a. Can USAID confirm whether it plans to release a Nepal Transforming Agriculture Inputs Activity, and if so, what is the expected release date?
- b. Could USAID confirm if the Transforming Agriculture Inputs activity will be released in FY21. Can USAID confirm the technical scope, award mechanism, and budget? This opportunity has dropped off of the forecast.
- c. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for the program?

- d. Could USAID clarify whether the programming will be in the form of a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, USAID intends to solicit an activity focused on agricultural inputs. The current estimated release date is June 2021.
- b. The anticipated solicitation release date for the Transforming Agriculture Input Systems activity is third quarter (early)FY21 and the award date, October 2021. This activity will be separate from a Trade and Competitiveness activity. The technical scope and estimated budget are consistent with the previous business forecast. The award mechanism is not yet determined.
- c. Yes, USAID intends to release a Request for Information.
- d. The design team is still working on this.

329. Nepal: Civil Society and Media

- a. Is the Nepal Civil Society and Media, expected to have come out October 23, 2020, still an opportunity USAID intends on releasing as a standalone contract in FY 2021?

USAID Response: Yes, the Nepal Civil Society and Media expected to have come out October 23, 2020, is still an opportunity USAID intends on releasing as a standalone contract in FY 2021.

330. Nepal: Can USAID please provide an update on the timing and award mechanism for potential follow-ons to the existing Hariyo Ban and Paani Projects?

USAID Response: The Biodiversity and Natural Resource Governance activity (aquatic and terrestrial conservation) is currently expected to be released for solicitation by June, 2021. The mechanism is not yet finalized.

331. Niger: Resilient Governance in Niger

- a. Could USAID please share any updates on the anticipated award date for the Resilient Governance in Niger activity?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date is December 2020.

332. Niger: Education

- a. When does USAID plan to release a solicitation for education programming in Niger?
- b. Will there be an RFI released prior to the solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID has two education based programs in the works. Presently the Niger Higher Education for Leadership, Innovation, and Exchange (HELIX) Award in the design stage. The second education program targeting basic education is also in the design stages. No RFIs are anticipated at this time.

333. Niger: Prevention of Early or Forced Marriage

- a. Can USAID confirm whether an RFA has issued following the concept note revision and

co-creation stages for the Prevention of Early and Forced Marriage Activity for Niger (72068519AP00001)? If not, what is the anticipated timeline for issuing the RFA?

USAID Response: An RFA has not been issued following the concept note revision. The USAID team is presently still considering the concept notes received.

334. **Niger:** Higher Education for Leadership, Innovation, and Exchange (HELIX)

- a. This opportunity is no longer on the Business Forecast. Can the Senegal Mission please confirm whether they are still planning for a STEM Activity, and when it might go back on the forecast?
- b. Does USAID anticipate developing one (at one university), or more than one (at multiple universities), Master's Degrees in Agribusiness?

USAID Response: The HELIX Award is currently in the design stage. No specific release date can be given at this time. The Forecast will be updated when additional information is available. No specifics can be given at this time regarding the targets of development (single or multiple).

335. **Niger:** Does USAID plan to issue any health procurements for Niger in the current FY? If so, could USAID provide information on the anticipated technical focus, mechanisms, and release dates?

USAID Response: At this time USAID does not have any health procurements specifically slated for Niger in FY2021.

336. **Nigeria:** NEI+ Activity

- a. There is no data available from the NEI+ activity available on the Development Data Library. Could USAID Please provide a timeline of when all data collected under NEI+ will be available on the Development Data Library?

USAID Response: The NEI+ award period of performance was extended to end by May 25, 2021. In reference to Section H.26 of the award special requirements and in accordance with ADS 302.3.5.22, the DDL will be submitted within 30 days after the close of the award.

337. **Nigeria:** Leveraging Education Assistance Resources in Nigeria (LEARN)

- a. Is it expected that the opportunity would be released at the end of this month?
- b. There are no geographic scope/locations stated, what States would the program be implemented?
- c. Is there a focus on inclusion outside of the program being pro-poor?
- d. Does USAID still expect to release the RFTOP for the Nigeria Leveraging Education Assistance Resources in Nigeria Activity on or around November 30th, 2020?
- e. Can USAID please confirm if the new value range of \$50-99.99 million is for a single activity (LEARN to Read) or if it includes funding for other activities? Can USAID please confirm if the range of \$50-99.99 million for Nigeria LEARN to Read anticipates the inclusion of options or performance-based funding?

USAID Response:

- a. No. The opportunity will be released in the early part of the 2nd quarter FY 2021.
- b. The program will be implemented in Bauchi, Sokoto and four other selected states to be determined at award.

- c. The program is targeted at reducing poverty by educating the populace in line with the Mission CDCS.
- d. The RFP for LEARN activity will be released at the beginning of second quarter 2021.
- e. Yes. The new value range of \$50m to \$99.99m is for a single activity with possible options.

338. Nigeria: Does USAID anticipate any task orders under the USAID/Nigeria SHARP IDIQ this fiscal year?

USAID Response: USAID/Nigeria does not anticipate any new task orders under the USAID/Nigeria SHARP IDIQ this fiscal year.

339. Pakistan: Currently there are 3 opportunities mentioned in the business forecast for Pakistan. Does USAID have any plans of procurement on health and education for Pakistan?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID/Pakistan does not anticipate any new direct procurement in the Health portfolio. USAID/Pakistan anticipates one procurement in the Education portfolio that is currently early in the design phase. The relevant information pertaining to any new procurement will be shared on the Business Forecast accordingly.

340. Pakistan: Agricultural Technology Transfer Activity

- a. Does USAID intend to fund a follow-on to this activity?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID/Pakistan is not planning to issue a follow-on to the Pakistan Agricultural Technology Transfer activity. Please continue to review the A&A Business Forecast for any future updates.

341. Pakistan: Power Sector Improvement

- a. When does USAID anticipate releasing the Power Sector Improvement solicitation
- b. Referenced in the Q3 July Business Forecast Q&A, this opportunity is noted as under design. The Q&A also notes that USAID intends to release this as a RFTOP solicitation under ENERGY II IDIQ sometime in FY21 Q1. This opportunity has not yet made its way onto the forecast. Could USAID provide an update on this opportunity?

USAID Response: a) A Request For Task Order Proposal (RFTOP) was sent out exercising fair opportunity among all Energy II IDIQ holders on November 9, 2020. b) The Power Sector Improvement Activity RFTOP was released to all Energy II IDIQ holders.

342. Pakistan: Citizen Engagement and Governance Program

- a. Is the design phase continuing?
- b. Can USAID provide an update on the timeline, scope of work, and award mechanism on this opportunity and add it to the business forecast?
- c. Citizen's Engagement Activity has been removed from USAID Forecast. Can USAID clarify if it still anticipates the release of this procurement?
- d. If so, can USAID clarify the release date, award type, and award amount for this opportunity?
- e. Does USAID still plan to re-forecast the opportunity? What are the timelines for release of the solicitation?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, this is in the design phase.
- b. USAID/Pakistan will update the A&A Business Forecast once it is determined this is a public procurement.
- c. USAID/Pakistan will update the A&A Business Forecast if it anticipates the public release of this procurement.
- d. At this time the anticipated procurement type, release date, and amount are not confirmed. If this is determined to be a public procurement USAID/Pakistan will update the A&A Business Forecast as soon as this information is available.
- e. USAID/Pakistan will update the A&A Business Forecast if it anticipates the public release of this procurement.

343. **Pakistan:** Punjab Enabling Environment Program

- a. Does USAID intend to fund a follow-on to this activity?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID/Pakistan is not planning to issue a follow-on to the Punjab Enabling Environment Program activity. Please continue to review the A&A Business Forecast for any future updates.

344. **Pakistan:** Investment Promotion Activity

- a. Does the Mission expect delays to the current release date of 12/10/2020?
- b. If so, what is the anticipated solicitation release date?
- c. Is the Mission planning to release an RFI or draft Scope of Work in advance of the release of the solicitation?
- d. Please advise when the Mission will decide whether or not this procurement will be set aside for US small businesses. It is difficult for interested bidders to determine whether or not to bid and how to team with other partners until we all know whether or not this will be a set aside.
- e. Please confirm that the RfP will be released on December 10, as currently indicated.

USAID Response:

- a. This is a tentative date and is subject to change. For updates, please continue to visit A&A Business Forecast.
- b. The current tentative solicitation release date is December 10, 2020.
- c. No.
- d. This procurement is expected to be a full and open competition with no set aside.
- e. The current tentative solicitation release date is December 10, 2020 which is subject to change. Please keep visiting A&A Business forecast for the latest updates.

345. **Pakistan:** Pakistan Reading

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a solicitation for Pakistan Reading?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID/Pakistan is not planning to issue a follow-on to the Pakistan Reading activity. Please continue to review the A&A Business Forecast for any future updates.

346. Pakistan: 3PSM IDIQ

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a solicitation for 3PSM IDIQ?

USAID Response: At this point, there is no plan to continue with 3PSM activity. Please continue to review the A&A Business Forecast for any future updates.

347. Pakistan: Education

- a. Does USAID/Pakistan intend to fund any education programming in FY21?
b. If so, could USAID provide information about the type of award, the technical scope, and the projected release date?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID/Pakistan has one new education procurement for the Higher Education System Strengthening activity which is early in the design stage.
b. Should this be determined to be a public procurement USAID/Pakistan will provide information on the Business Forecast.

348. Pakistan: Integrated Health Systems Strengthening and Service Delivery Activity

- a. Does USAID/Pakistan anticipate releasing a follow-on to the Integrated Health Systems Strengthening and Service Delivery Activity?
b. If so, can USAID/Pakistan share anticipated release date, scope, and award value and mechanism?

USAID Response:

- a. At this time, USAID/Pakistan does not anticipate issuing a follow-on to the Integrated Health Systems Strengthening and Service Delivery Activity.
b. None

349. Pakistan: Small and Medium Enterprise Activity

- a. Does USAID intend to fund a follow-on to this activity?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID/Pakistan is not planning to issue a follow-on to the Small and Medium Enterprise activity. Please continue to review the A&A Business Forecast for any future updates.

- 350. Pakistan:** Can USAID provide additional details of the anticipated health opportunities that might come from the recent NPI RFI for Pakistan? Can USAID confirm how many procurements are anticipated, anticipated award(s) description, anticipated solicitation date(s), award mechanism(s), and anticipated dollar amount range(s)?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID/Pakistan does not anticipate any new health-related or other procurement opportunities after issuance of the NPI RFI Pakistan. The RFI was issued seeking information on potential New and Underutilized Partners operating in different geographic locations of Pakistan and it would not lead issuing any new award(s) to potential partners.

- 351. Papua New Guinea:** In the FY20 Quarter 3 Q&A, USAID/PNG encouraged offerors to monitor the

forecast for health systems strengthening and HIV programming opportunities. Can USAID provide an update on these opportunities, including anticipated project scope(s), release date(s), value(s), and award mechanism(s)?

USAID Response: A new programming opportunity is not anticipated at this time.

352. **Papua New Guinea:** Sustainable Landscapes (SL)
- a. Can USAID please confirm the expected procurement mechanism (contract or cooperative agreement) to be used for the activity?
 - b. Could USAID please clarify whether it intends to issue a draft scope or objectives or an additional request for information for the Papua New Guinea Sustainable Landscapes Activity in advance of solicitation release?
 - c. Can USAID also clarify when the Award/Action Type will be determined?
 - d. Can USAID confirm the anticipated solicitation release date?
 - e. Can USAID clarify the Award/Action Type for this opportunity?
 - f. Can USAID confirm whether a new RFI is anticipated given the change in project scope?

USAID Response:

- a. The procurement mechanism is a Cooperative Agreement.
- b. USAID will not issue a draft scope, objectives and additional request for information for the Papua New Guinea Sustainable Landscapes Activity in advance of the solicitation release.
- c. The Award/Action Type has been determined to be a Cooperative Agreement.
- d. The revised anticipated solicitation release date is January 18, 2021.
- e. The Award/Action Type for this opportunity is Cooperative Agreement.
- f. Issuing a new RFI is not anticipated.

353. **Peru:** Award to help protect fisheries in Peru given increased Chinese activity in area
- a. Can USAID please provide a more detailed description of this activity? There is none included apart from the title.
 - b. Can USAID provide further information related to the project to prepare in advance?

USAID Response: This was included in error as it is not an active procurement, it is a Request for Information. USAID/Peru is currently gathering information for possible future intervention (s) in this area.

354. **Peru:** Transnational Conservation Crimes
- a. In January 2020, USAID/Peru released an RFI for an anticipated Transnational Conservation Crimes in the Amazon opportunity. This opportunity was posted on the business forecast in early 2020 but was then removed. In the Q3 Q&A USAID stated that USAID/Peru is continuing to review the requirements for funding opportunities resulting from the Amazon Environment Programming RFI. Could USAID/Peru please provide an update on the status of environment-related regional programming (related to the RFI or not)?
 - b. Could USAID provide information regarding the timing of the solicitation?

USAID Response:

- a. This is not an active procurement. USAID/Peru issued an RFI to gather information on this topic.
- b. USAID/Peru has not stated that a solicitation will result from the RFI. USAID/Peru is reviewing the information that was received to decide a future direction.

355. **Philippines:** Pacific Regional Initiative and Support for more Effective Counter-Trafficking in Persons (Pacific RISE CTIP)

- a. Has a determination been made as to the Award/Action Type for this opportunity?
- b. Does USAID anticipate restricting eligibility for this opportunity to New Partners, Underutilized Partners, Local Entities, or US Small Businesses?

USAID Response:

- a. The award/action type has not been determined yet.
- b. The information is not available at this time.

356. **Philippines:** Natural Resource Security and Management Project APS

- a. Would USAID please confirm what specific natural resource management sectors and locations are being considered for Addendum 2 and Addendum 3?
- b. Can USAID clarify the contracting mechanism for the Natural Resource Security and Governance -Addendum 2 solicitation? When does it anticipate making a mechanism decision for the addendum?
- c. Regarding the above opportunity in the Business Forecast, please advise if any information could be made available regarding the specific objectives and components of the programme, if an RFI will be issued in the near future, and if the award/action type has now been determined.
- d. Could USAID please provide additional details on the two remaining Natural Resource Security and Governance agenda, specifically regarding their technical scope and timing?

USAID Response:

- a. Addendum 2 covers forest, fisheries, wildlife and coastal/marine resources. The Mission will no longer issue Addendum 3.
- b. This activity will be a cooperative agreement.
- c. An RFI will not be released. The activity will be a cooperative agreement.
- d. Please monitor the business forecast and grants.gov for additional details.

357. **Philippines:** Better Access and Connectivity (BEACON)

- a. May USAID confirm whether the anticipated award date is still January 26, 2021?
- b. If not, could USAID provide the anticipated award date of this procurement?

USAID Response: Anticipated award is revised to April 15, 2021.

358. **Philippines:** Strengthening Private Enterprise for the Digital Economy (SPEED)

- a. Can USAID please clarify whether the program will be a contract or cooperative agreement?
- b. Can USAID please clarify the anticipated value of this project?
- c. Is USAID anticipating a small business set-aside for this opportunity?
- d. Does USAID anticipate an allocated grants pool? If so, what is the anticipated value?
- e. Can USAID please confirm that the anticipated award length is three years, with an additional two option years, as discussed at the Industry Day on September 14, 2020?
- f. Does USAID anticipate that the proposal will require a Performance Work Statement (PWS)?

- g. Can USAID please clarify SPEED's technical scope, specifically:
 - i. Will policy/regulatory reform be integrated into the program design?
 - ii. If policy/regulatory reform will be integrated into the design, will it be a standalone objective or integrated into the other objectives?
 - iii. Will consumer awareness/protection be integrated into the program design, as discussed at the Industry Day?
 - iv. Can USAID please confirm that this project will focus on small and medium enterprises – rather than micro-, small, and medium enterprises – as discussed at the Industry Day?
- h. Can USAID please provide an update on the expected release date of this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. The mission is in the final phase of planning. Once this is completed the determination on the type of instrument shall be updated in the business forecast.
- b. As stated in the business forecast the range for this activity is between \$10,000,000 - \$24,999,999.
- c. No, USAID is not anticipating a small business set aside for this opportunity, however the opportunity will be full and open including small businesses to participate.
- d. The mission is still in the final phase of planning. Any consideration for grants under contract shall be reflected in the solicitation.
- e. The initial design contemplates a five year period for this activity, however, no decision has been made on inclusion of option years.
- f. The mission is still in the final phase of planning. Any consideration for either a Statement of Work (SOW) or Statement of Objectives (SOO) shall be reflected in the solicitation.
- g. i. Yes.
ii. It will not be stand-alone but will be cross-cutting across objectives.
iii. Yes.
iv. The focus will remain on SMEs.
- h. The business forecast has been updated to reflect a November 30, 2020 solicitation release.

359. **Philippines: Papua New Guinea Sustainable Landscapes Activity, AA-311978**

- a. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation or draft scope of work in advance of the solicitation?
- b. Does USAID intend to procure this activity as a contract or cooperative agreement?
- c. Does USAID intend to use the STARR II IDIQ to procure this program?
- d. Could USAID please clarify if the total estimated cost/amount range of \$1- 3.999 million represents the cumulative amount of awards or if that value is for individual awards?
- e. USAID released a Sustainable Landscapes Broad Agency Announcement and has so far released one addendum that is global in scope. Is there any other information available regarding potential future addenda, especially with regard to focus countries or geographies?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID does not intend to release a pre-solicitation or draft scope of work in advance of the solicitation.
- b. The procurement mechanism is a Cooperative Agreement.
- c. No, USAID does not intend to use the STARR II IDIQ for this procurement.
- d. The total estimated amount of this award is \$16 million.
- e. The procurement for the Papua New Guinea Sustainable Landscapes Activity is outside of the Sustainable Landscapes Broad Agency Announcement. Any questions about the SL BAA should be addressed to OAA in Washington, DC.

360. **Philippines:** Sustainable Coastal Fisheries Management Activity in the Pacific Region

- a. Page 17 under substantial development includes co-development after award of the cooperative agreement. It states, following awarding of the Cooperative Agreement, USAID plans to collaborate closely with the Recipient on co-development of this activity. We are familiar with USAID's policy of co-design before award, but this does seem like a shift in when co-design is implemented with a significant burden on the awardee. Can USAID clarify?

USAID Response: USAID's principles for Collaborating, Learning and Adaptation (CLA) are applied throughout the program cycle thus, co-development after award allows the recipient to undertake a collaborative program description development process as part of the program startup. An in-person, online, or a blended approach to co-development will be acceptable and need not entail a huge cost.

361. **Philippines:** New Higher Education

- a. Does the mission anticipate restricting competition to Higher Education Institutions for this opportunity?
- b. Does the mission have an update on timing?
- c. Can USAID clarify the contracting mechanism for the Philippines New Higher Education Activity (formerly QUEST)? When does it anticipate making a mechanism decision for the activity?
- d. Is this limited to curriculum-based project activities or does it allow extension services of the higher education?
- e. What is the mode of award?

USAID Response:

- a. This activity is being redesigned. No decision on restricting competition has been made at this time.
- b. Yes, the business forecast has been updated to reflect the new release date. NOFO date is now estimated as June 2021.
- c. This is still to be determined. Once the activity redesign is complete, USAID/Philippines will update the business forecast.
- d. To be determined.
- e. To be determined.

362. **Philippines:** Quality Education and Skills Training - Philippine Qualifications Framework

- a. Is USAID anticipating releasing the Philippines Quality Education and Skills Training – Philippine Qualifications Framework solicitation on January 15, 2021, as indicated on the forecast?
- b. Can USAID please clarify the anticipated award/action type for this opportunity?
- c. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation document before the solicitation is released?

USAID Response:

- a. No, the NOFO release date is now estimated as June 2021.
- b. This is still to be determined. Once the activity redesign is complete, USAID/Philippines will update the business forecast.
- c. To be determined.

363. **RDMA:** Regional Sustainable Fish for Asia (SuFiA)

- a. Will USAID release an RFI and/or RFP for this activity in Q1 based on the capacity building work being implemented by RTI for the regional organization partners CTI-RS and SEAFDEC?

USAID Response: RDMA has begun initial design work for a new sustainable fisheries activity. An RFI may be posted during Q1 or Q2 of FY21 to gather information on regional needs.

364. **RDMA:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any regional economic growth programs in Asia during FY 2021?

USAID Response: At this time RDMA does not anticipate any new EG activities in FY21.

365. **RDMA:** Assistance to Ethnic Tibetans in China:

- a. Could USAID please provide an update on the status of the procurement process?

USAID Response: No award has been made under the NOFO released in FY20, 72048620RFA00001 “Assistance to Ethnic Tibetans in People’s Republic of China.”

366. **RDMA:** Southeast Asia EDGE Task Order

- a. This activity was first anticipated in 2018 and eventually fell off of the forecast. Given the shifting operating environment and use of bilateral EDGE task orders, does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation or draft scope of work to shape bidders’ understanding of the new program scope?
- b. Does USAID anticipate soliciting an EDGE IDIQ mechanism along with a task order?
- c. Can USAID provide an Award Description and confirm if a updated RFI will be released?

USAID Response:

- a. depending on the procurement timeline, RDMA may release a draft SOW or solicitation.
- b. No, a regional IDIQ is no longer being considered for Asia EDGE.
- c. An RFI is not anticipated. The work to be performed under RDMA’s EDGE activity is anticipated to be similar to the information previously shared on the Business Forecast and through the RFI. The role of RDMA in the region has been adjusted to reflect the role of bilateral EDGE activities.

367. **Rwanda:** Ingobyi Project

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on to the Ingobyi Project?
- b. If so, could USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipated release date of this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes.
- b. The anticipated release date of the opportunity is May 2022.

368. **Rwanda:** In the FY20 Quarter 2 and 3 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID/Rwanda mentioned that they recently initiated project and activity design for two potential health procurements. Can USAID provide an update on these potential projects, including anticipated project scope(s), release date(s), value(s), and award mechanisms?

USAID Response: USAID/Rwanda is in the design phase for a water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) activity and a nutrition and early childhood development activity. Release dates would only be available

once authorization to proceed with solicitation is received by the Mission.

369. **Rwanda:** Basic Education

- a. Could USAID indicate in which quarter for FY21 they intend to release a procurement for basic education, if any?
- b. Some Soma Umenye documents from 2018 and 2019 have not been posted on the DEC. When does USAID anticipate that all materials for Soma Umenye will be posted on the DEC?
- c. Can USAID provide a timeline of when all data collected under Soma Umenye will be uploaded to the Development Data Library?
- d. Is USAID planning any new early grade reading or early childhood education opportunities in Rwanda?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID expects a basic education solicitation supporting the Mission's new CDCS (2020-2025) to be released in Q2 FY21.
- b. As of November 12, 2020, Soma Umenye is working to ensure that all materials have been posted to the DEC.
- c. As of November 12, 2020, Soma Umenye has completed all uploads to the DDL.
- d. Under the Mission's new CDCS (2020-2025), USAID is planning new opportunities related to early grade reading and early childhood development.

370. **Rwanda:** Feed the Future Facilitate Investment Required for Sustainable Export

- a. Does USAID plan to update the forecast with a new release date for this opportunity?
- b. If so, when can we expect this change?

USAID Response: a & b. USAID/Rwanda has updated the forecast with an anticipated release date of 11/30/2020 for the *Feed the Future Facilitate Investment Required for Sustainable Export (FTF FIRST)* opportunity.

371. **Rwanda:** OVC program

- a. Will there be an OVC procurement this fiscal year? We have seen other Missions restrict OVC program eligibility to local partners, will this be the same for Rwanda?

USAID Response: USAID/Rwanda does not anticipate releasing an OVC procurement this fiscal year. The Business Forecast will be updated once USAID/Rwanda decides to publish competitive solicitations in Rwanda.

372. **Rwanda:** Facilitate Investment Required for Sustainable Export

- a. On the business forecast the release date is listed as 10/30/2020. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date of this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Rwanda has updated the business forecast with an anticipated release date of 11/30/2020 for the *Feed the Future Facilitate Investment Required for Sustainable Export (FTF FIRST)* opportunity.

373. **Rwanda:** Thrive Wash

- a. Can you provide an estimate on when the NOFO will be released?
- b. Can USAID/Rwanda provide an update on the procurement timeline for the THRIVE WASH

Activity? An RFI was released on August 31, 2020, but it has not been added to the business forecast.

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

374. Rwanda: Strengthening Civil Society to Support Vulnerable Population

- a. Does USAID expect to issue a pre-solicitation or solicitation for a follow-on or a related activity? If so, what is the expected timing?
- b. Can USAID share any details regarding the scope?
- c. What type of mechanism (BPA, task order, contract, or cooperative agreement) does USAID intend to use for these activities?
- d. Can USAID provide further details regarding bidder eligibility, such as the likelihood of the activity being a set-aside or limited to local competition?

USAID Response: The most recent Country Development Cooperation Strategy includes the Engage Development Objective (DO). This DO contains specific objectives to support civil society in Rwanda. The Business Forecast will be updated once USAID/Rwanda decides to publish competitive solicitations. The Business Forecast will be updated once USAID/Rwanda decides to publish competitive solicitations

375. Rwanda: USAID Ubaka Ejo (UUE)

- a. Can USAID confirm if this activity was extended and its new end date?
- b. Does USAID expect to issue a pre-solicitation or solicitation for a follow-on or a related activity? If so, what is the expected timing?
- c. Can USAID share any details regarding the scope of a follow-on?
- d. What type of mechanism (BPA, task order, contract, or cooperative agreement) does USAID intend to use for these activities?
- e. Can USAID provide further details regarding bidder eligibility, such as the likelihood of the activity being a set-aside or limited to local competition?

USAID Response: This activity was extended until 9/11/2022. The Business Forecast will be updated once USAID/Rwanda decides to publish competitive solicitations in Rwanda.

376. Rwanda: Turengere Abana (Let us protect the children)

- a. Can USAID confirm if this activity was extended and its new end date?
- b. Does USAID expect to issue a pre-solicitation or solicitation for a follow-on or a related activity? If so, what is the expected timing?
- c. Can USAID share any details regarding the scope of a follow-on?
- d. What type of mechanism (BPA, task order, contract, or cooperative agreement) does USAID intend to use for these activities?
- e. Can USAID provide further details regarding bidder eligibility, such as the likelihood of the activity being a set-aside or limited to local competition?

USAID Response: This activity was extended until 9/11/2022. The Business Forecast will be updated once USAID/Rwanda decides to publish competitive solicitations in Rwanda.

377. Senegal: Senegal Value Chain Services

- a. Could USAID please share any updates on the anticipated award date for the Senegal Value Chain

Services activity?

USAID Response: There are no updates at this time. The planned award date was revised last quarter and future updates will be reflected in the business forecast.

378. **Senegal: Senegal Entrepreneurship Promotion and Business Investment Activity (SEPBIA)**

- a. As the forecasted award date has now passed, can USAID/Senegal please provide a revised estimated award date for the Senegal Entrepreneurship Promotion and Business Investment Activity (SEPBIA)?

USAID Response: There are no updates at this time. The planned award date was revised last quarter and future updates will be reflected in the business forecast.

379. **Senegal: Basic Education**

- a. Could USAID indicate in which quarter for FY21 they intend to release a procurement for basic education, if any?

USAID Response: USAID will update the Business Forecast as information becomes available.

380. **Senegal: G2G Ops**

- a. Can USAID clarify which IDIQ will be used to issue this procurement?
- b. The forecast notes that this is expected as a task order under an IDIQ. Can USAID indicate which IDIQ they plan to use?

USAID Response: USAID/Senegal will not be issuing this opportunity under an IDIQ and anticipates a full and open solicitation. The A&A Plan will be updated accordingly.

381. **Senegal: GoTAP**

- a. When is the GoTAP follow-on procurement (G2G Operational Support Mechanism) expected to be released?
- b. Under which mechanism?
- c. Will it be limited to local partner applicants?

USAID Response:

382. **Senegal: Improving Health Status and Human Capital in Senegal**

- a. The release date is cited as 27th November 2020 however the call has already been released. Could USAID clarify the timeline for this project?
- b. To aid implementing partners in their proposal development efforts for the Improving Health Status and Human Capital in Senegal projects, would USAID please consider sharing the latest quarterly and annual reports for all Senegal health projects on the Development Experience Clearinghouse?

USAID Response:

- a. An APS for this opportunity was released on October 26, 2020; The closing date for the first round of Concept Papers is November 23, 2020; The date for submission of full applications for

the first round will be provided to those applicants that pass the concept paper phase. The Business Forecast will be updated accordingly.

- b. Yes, USAID will follow up with the IPs to ensure that the latest reports are posted.

383. **Senegal: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Activity**

- a. Would USAID please provide an update on the expected release of the Senegal MEL opportunity?
- b. Can USAID please also clarify if this opportunity will be released as a Task Order under the EVAL ME II mechanism or if it will be a standalone contract?
- c. Could USAID please indicate whether the Senegal MEL project is expected to be released as a SBSA, a full and open competition, or under an IDIQ? If the latter, then could you please indicate whether it will be released under EVAL ME II?
 - i. Is USAID able to give an update on the estimated release date?
- d. Will USAID please advise as to whether this opportunity will be released as a small business set aside?
- e. What is the total estimated cost/ amount range for this opportunity?
- f. Does USAID intend to re-compete the Senegal Monitoring and Evaluation Activity?
- g. When will USAID be including this Activity in the USAID forecast?

USAID Response:

- a. This opportunity will be solicited for both Senegal and the Sahel Regional Office (SRO) via two separate IDIQ Task Orders under the EVAL ME II IDIQ. The expected release date is likely to be early Q2.
- b. Please see response (a.) above.
- c. Please see response (a.) above.
- d. USAID does not anticipate this to be a Small Business set-aside at this time.
- e. The two separate planned task orders anticipated are Sahel Regional Office for \$10-15 Million and Senegal's for \$15-20 Million.
- f. USAID does not intend to re-compete the MEL activity as it presently exists.
- g. Please see response (a.) above.

384. **Senegal:** Could USAID please indicate whether a nutrition activity is planned for release in Senegal? In the event that a nutrition activity is planned for release, could USAID please specify the contract type and anticipated release date?

USAID Response: USAID/Senegal is not planning to release a solicitation for a nutrition activity in fiscal year 2021.

385. **Senegal: Niger Higher Education for Leadership, Innovation, and Exchange**

- a. Does USAID still anticipate Helix to be released?
- b. If so, can USAID please share an updated release date, award type, and award amount for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The HELIX opportunity is currently in the design. This opportunity is budgeted between \$6 and \$8 Million. No specific release date can be given although we expect it to likely be a cooperative agreement.

386. **Serbia: New Agribusiness Competitiveness Project**

- a. Can USAID share any updates on the status or timing of the Serbia New Agribusiness Competitiveness project procurement since the last business forecast call? Is this activity still being considered for FY2021?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation document before the solicitation is released?

USAID Response: USAID/Serbia has no updates to provide on the forecast at this time.

387. Sierra Leone:

- a. Does USAID anticipate any new democracy and governance programming in Sierra Leone in FY21?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate any new DG programming in Sierra Leone at this time. All opportunities will be added onto the business forecast when available.

388. Somalia: Resilience and Inclusive Economic Development (RIED)

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the status of this opportunity and add it to the business forecast?
- b. USAID/Somalia released an RFI for RIED on August 10, 2020. The Business Forecast as of November 2, 2020, does not include an entry for RIED or any economic growth activity for Somalia. Would the Mission please indicate whether it will release a procurement for RIED?
- c. If so, can USAID please confirm the new release date?
- d. Can USAID confirm if RIED's SOO will change?
- e. Can USAID confirm when the solicitation will be in beta.sam.gov?
- f. Can USAID confirm when bid documents will be issued?

USAID Response:

- a. This activity is in the final stages of design and should be released no later than January 2021. That activity was previously included on the Business Forecast as "GEEL Follow On" but has since been amended to read "RIED"
- b. Yes, the Mission will release a procurement for this activity. It is included on the Business Forecast as "RIED"
- c. An RFP for this is anticipated no later than January 2021
- d. While feedback from the RFI has been incorporated the SOO remains substantially the same.
- e. An RFP for this is anticipated no later than January 2021
- f. An RFP for this is anticipated no later than January 2021

389. Somalia: Somalia Locally Legitimate Stabilization Follow-on for Transition Initiatives for Stabilization Plus (TIS+)

- a. Could USAID kindly provide an updated release date and confirm the mechanism for Somalia Locally Legitimate Stabilization Follow-on for Transition Initiatives for Stabilization Plus (TIS+)?
- b. Can USAID please confirm the award type?

USAID Response:

- a. The anticipated release date for this solicitation is December/January
- b. This will be a contract

390. Somalia: We kindly request any update concerning new programming for economic growth opportunities from USAID/Somalia.

USAID Response: The follow on for the GEEL activity, entitled “Resilient and Inclusive Economic Development” or “RIED”, is anticipated to be released no later than January 2021

391. **Somalia:** Locally Legitimate Stabilization
- Would USAID please provide an update on the anticipated solicitation release date and anticipated award date?
 - The Award type still indicates “TBD” on the Forecast spreadsheet but an answer to a previous question (on the July quarterly Forecast Q&A) indicated likely Acquisition vehicle (RFP) rather than Assistance (RFA). So is USAID/Somalis still leaning towards this being an RFP?
 - The Business Forecast still says the anticipated solicitation release date is 8/31/2020.
 - Can USAID provide an update on whether LLS will be based in Kenya or Somalia?

USAID Response:

- The anticipated release date for this solicitation is December/January. The anticipated award date is August/September 2021.
- Yes.
- This has been updated to reflect the new anticipated release date.
- This activity will be based in Somalia and Key Personnel will be expected to spend no less than fifty percent of their work time there.

392. **South Africa:** There are currently no activities listed on the forecast for South Africa.

- Could USAID please confirm whether this is an omission?
- If so, would USAID please provide details on upcoming opportunities in South Africa?

USAID Response: That is correct, the Mission is not currently projecting any upcoming opportunities.

393. **South Africa:** Community HIV And Prevalence Program

- The Community HIV and Prevalence Program was added to the USAID forecast on July 15, 2020 and was then removed. Could USAID provide the status of this opportunity?
- Does USAID/South Africa plan to release similar HIV/AIDS opportunities in Q1 or Q2 2021?
- Does USAID still intend to for the award type to be a contract?
- Can USAID clarify if this award be limited to local organizations as prime applicants?

USAID Response: This opportunity has been removed from the business forecast. The Mission is currently in discussions with the host government to determine how to best address this technical area. If the Mission decides to release a solicitation, the business forecast will be updated to reflect the opportunity. The Mission does not plan to release similar HIV/AIDs opportunities in Q1 or Q2 2021.

394. **South Africa:** TB Follow-on

- When can we expect the solicitation?
- Will it be restricted?
- What mechanism will it be?
- Will the geographical scope be similar to the current one?
- Will there be one award?
- Will the geographical scope include the areas covered by the current TB LONs?

USAID Response: The Mission is in the very early stages of planning for a future TB activity. The Business Forecast will be updated once the Mission has made a determination on how to best address TB in South Africa.

395. Southern Africa Regional:

- a. Can USAID/Southern Africa provide any details about whether they intend to release the Support to the Kingdom of Eswatini Government Condom Program led by the Ministry of Health, for which an RFI was released in January? If so, can USAID share information related to the anticipated mechanism, value, and release date?

USAID Response: The Mission is currently in discussion with the host government to determine how to best address this technical area. If the Mission decides to release a solicitation, the business forecast will be updated to reflect the opportunity.

396. Southern Africa Regional: Eswatini ASPIRE

- a. Can USAID/Southern Africa provide an updated anticipated award date for the Eswatini ASPIRE Activity?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date for the ASPIRE activity is the 2nd quarter of FY 2021.

397. Southern Africa Regional: Does USAID/Southern Africa anticipate releasing any PEPFAR opportunities for Namibia in FY2021? If so, can USAID/Southern Africa share anticipated release date(s), scope(s), and award value(s) and mechanism(s)?

USAID Response: Currently there are no opportunities for new procurements listed in the Business Forecast for Namibia. Should the Mission anticipate a new funding opportunity, it will be added to the Business Forecast accordingly.

398. South Sudan: Quality Learning Outcomes for Youth in South Sudan (QLOSSY)

- a. Can USAID confirm if the QLOSSY activity is still anticipated in 2021, and if so, when it is expected to be released?
- b. Does USAID anticipate that QLOSSY will appear on the forecast before it is released?
- c. Does USAID still anticipate using the same instrument as the recently released EPRR activity?
- d. Could USAID please indicate whether it has been cancelled, is undergoing redesign, or has been delayed?
- e. Could USAID please indicate what the anticipated release date is?
- f. What the total estimated cost/amount range is?
- g. What the mechanism of QLOSSY will be?
- h. If a new RFI will be released? and;
- i. If a draft SOW will be shared?

USAID Response:

- a. It is no longer anticipated in FY 21.
- b. Yes.
- c. It depends what the requirement is and if any revisions will be made.
- d. Currently it's been delayed until after FY 21.
- e. We do not have an anticipated release date.
- f. We do not have this information.

- g. Please see answer c.
- h. We do not have an answer at this time.
- i. We do not have an answer at this time.

399. **South Sudan:** Support learning outcomes in South Sudan

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the status of this opportunity and add it to the business forecast?
- b. Can you share details of the scope of work?

USAID Response: We are no longer contemplating releasing this action in FY 21.

400. **South Sudan:** Can USAID provide an update on anticipated health procurements in FY21?

USAID Response: There is one anticipated local award for FY 21, that is all.

401. **South Sudan:** Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Support (MELS)

- a. Is the subject South Sudan MELS Small Business Set-aside?
- b. Previously, USAID had stated that the value of the project will be \$25M - \$50M. As per the latest forecast, it is anticipated in the range of \$50M-\$99.99M. Can USAID confirm the value range of this project?
- c. Do you expect to issue RFTOP under EVAL-ME-II IDIQ?
- d. Could USAID please indicate whether the South Sudan MEL project is expected to be released as a SBSA, a full and open competition, or under an IDIQ? If the latter, then could you please indicate whether it will be released under EVAL ME II?
 - i. Is USAID able to give an update on the estimated release date?
- e. Will USAID be releasing an RFI for the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Support (MELS) Activity?
- f. What mechanism does USAID intend to use for this contract?

USAID Response:

- a. This is not yet decided, though we are considering it.
- b. The current value range is correct.
- c. Not at this time.
- d. Please see the answers a and b. We expect to release in February 2021 or even sooner.
- e. No.
- f. Please answers a and b.

402. **South Sudan:** Increasing Community Resilience through Agriculture in South Sudan

- a. Could USAID provide information regarding the timing of the solicitation?
- b. The co-creation aspect is yet to be determined. Can USAID at least confirm if it is considering issuing an RFI, especially given the timeline for release?
- c. Will this activity overlap with the Partnership for Resilience and Recovery (PfRR), particularly the geographic areas covered by PfRR, or will it be considered complementary to PfRR interventions and cover new activities and locations?
- d. Is USAID considering making multiple awards under this activity?
- e. Can USAID please reconfirm that the expected funding mechanism for the Increasing Community Resilience through Agriculture in South Sudan will remain a Stand-Alone Contract?

- f. Please confirm that the award type for this opportunity has been reclassified from “cooperative agreement” to “contract” and that the previous “cooperative agreement” opportunity has been withdrawn.
- g. Will the RFI responses provided for the previous “cooperative agreement” opportunity inform the final solicitation for this “contract” opportunity?
- h. Will the provisions of the RFI attachment remain unchanged (objectives, illustrative activities and geographical coverage)?
- i. Does USAID envisage making an award to a consortium, or is there a preference for a single implementer?
- j. Will USAID please provide an update on the Agriculture Resilience Activity since receipt of responses to the RFI?

USAID Response:

- a. Please see the Business Forecast. We anticipate January 2021.
- b. An RFI was conducted. The Business Forecast has been updated for what cocreation approaches this opportunity will use.
- c. It is anticipated that the activity will primarily overlap with areas targeted by other existing activities.
- d. No.
- e. We confirm.
- f. We confirm.
- g. Yes.
- h. These elements may change.
- i. The solicitation will permit an offeror to subcontract based on the prime offeror’s specific approach.
- j. Please refer to the information on the Business Forecast.

403. **South Sudan:** Can USAID provide any update on whether they are still planning to release a new multi-year RFA/RFP for Resilience programming in South Sudan? If so, can USAID provide more information on: (1) the timeline for solicitation release and award notification (2) number of awards (3) eligibility requirements (4) funding mechanism (5) total estimated amount of funding (6) regional focus?

USAID Response: This has shifted to the new agriculture program. Please review that item on the forecast.

404. **South Sudan:** Advancing HIV/AIDS Epidemic Control
- a. Can USAID/South Sudan provide an updated award date for the Advancing HIV/AIDS Epidemic Control activity?

USAID Response: Before the end of the calendar year.

405. **South Sudan:** Gender Aware Sustainable Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (GASWASH)
- a. The anticipated solicitation release date is 1st of January 2020. Can USAID provide any further indication of how confident you are in keeping that timeline?
 - b. The Award/Action Type is listed as a Stand Alone Contract. Could USAID provide a bit more clarity on the decision to use an acquisition mechanism over an assistance mechanism? Would you consider revising it?
 - c. Given the widespread flooding, particularly in Jonglei state, does USAID envisage a re-prioritization of this opportunity to focus on restoring access to WASH in areas heavily impacted by flooding?

- d. Both South Sudan opportunities Gender Aware Sustainable WASH and Increasing Community Resilience through Agriculture have had their anticipated solicitation release date moved up to 1/1/2021. Is this an accurate estimation of the release dates?
- e. When will the USAID/South Sudan Country Development Cooperation Strategy be made publicly available?
- f. Is the USAID/South Sudan strategy available publicly, and if so, where can implementing partners find it?

USAID Response:

- a. January 2021 is still the anticipated release date.
- b. The principal purpose of the relationship made clear that this would be a contract given the activities envisioned, including construction. No, we won't consider revising it as the choice is clear.
- c. Not at this time.
- d. Yes.
- e. Within the next few months.
- f. Not yet.

406. **South Sudan:** Does USAID/South Sudan still anticipate soliciting a follow-on project to Towards Enduring Peace in Sudan?

USAID Response: We do not have any plans to do so at this time.

407. **Sri Lanka:** Sri Lanka Energy Opportunity

- a. When does USAID anticipate releasing a solicitation for the Sri Lanka energy opportunity?
- b. Will it be solicited under the Energy II IDIQ?

USAID Response:

- a. Mission anticipates releasing a solicitation in first quarter, FY21
- b. Yes

408. **Sri Lanka and Maldives:** Sri Lanka and Maldives Climate Change Adaptation

- a. Does USAID intend to procure this activity as a contract or cooperative agreement?
- b. Is USAID's anticipated solicitation release date of 12/31/2020 accurate for this activity?
- c. Is USAID/Sri Lanka and the Maldives planning to release an RFP or RFTOP for an energy project and if so, can you confirm the anticipated size and solicitation release date?
- d. The Sri Lanka and Maldives Climate Change Adaption project (AA-312573) has not been updated since October 14, 2020, is this forecast item still accurate and set to drop on December 31st, 2020?

USAID Response:

- a. As of today, Mission has not decided on the type of mechanism
- b. Mission anticipates releasing a solicitation in first quarter, FY21
- c. Award amount: approximately \$19M for Sri Lanka and Maldives.
- d. As of today, the information stated is accurate.

409. **Sri Lanka:** Adaptation

- a. On the Sri Lanka opportunity under the sector *Economic Growth and Trade*, the award title just says “Adaptation” and Award description just says “New Award”. Can we get more info. Also the forecast date is 2019? And this opportunity has been on and off the forecast last several months.
- b. Was there an RFI? If so please point us to that.

USAID Response:

- a. This opportunity was combined with Maldives and as a result, the activity was removed from the FY 21 A&A Plan.

410. **Sri Lanka: Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance - Preventing Violent Extremism**

- a. Is USAID developing a PVE program in Sri Lanka and does USAID anticipate issuing a procurement for this activity in FY21?

USAID Response:

- a. Mission does not anticipate any PVE programing for FY21

411. **Sri Lanka: Governance Activity**

- a. The Sri Lanka Governance Activity (n/a) is no longer present on the business forecast, does this opportunity still exist to be released as an opportunity in FY2021.

USAID Response:

- a. Mission does not anticipate any Governance programing for FY21

412. **Sri Lanka: Rule of Law**

- a. Does USAID/Sri Lanka intend to release funding for additional governance programming separate from the Rule of Law project?
- b. Will USAID release an RFI for the Sri Lanka Rule of Law activity ?
- c. The forecast states that the Sri Lanka Rule of Law activity will be an IDIQ task order. What IDIQ does USAID plan to release this activity under?
- d. The Sri Lanka Rule of Law project (AA-311823) has not been updated since October 14, 2020, is this forecast item still accurate and set to drop on December 31st, 2020?
- e. Can USAID please provide more info on this opportunity or provide an update on where the mission is in conceptualizing the project?
- f. The Business Forecast indicates that this will be released as a USAID IDIQ Task Order. Which IDIQ will this be released under?

USAID Response:

- a. Mission does not anticipate governance programing for FY21
- b. The Mission does not anticipate in issuing a RFI
- c. The Mission is still considering procurement options for this award
- d. As of today, the information stated is accurate.
- e. The mission has conducted comprehensive consultations in Sri Lanka and is preparing to release a procurement on schedule for this award.
- f. The Mission is still considering procurement options for this award

413. **Syria:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any new programs in Syria in FY21?

USAID Response: At this time, the Syria/START platform does not anticipate any new funding opportunities for development assistance programming in FY21.

414. **Syria:** Building Resilient and Inclusive Communities in Conflict Activity

- a. When will the Task Order 3 for Syria's Building Resilient and Inclusive Communities in Conflict Activity be released?
- b. Additionally, what sector(s) is USAID planning to focus on?

USAID Response: At this time, the SSAP does not anticipate releasing any new funding opportunities under the BRICC IDIQ in FY21. Should the funding situation change, USAID will provide advance notice to all IDIQ holders. Future opportunities under the BRICC IDIQ will focus on the health and education sectors.

415. **Sudan:** Can USAID provide an update on anticipated health procurements in FY21?

USAID Response: There is no information currently available.

416. **Tanzania:** Comprehensive Client-Centered Health Program For Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child And Adolescent Health (C3hp- RMNCAH)

- a. On August 12, USAID released an RFI for the C3HP-RMNCAH program. The project has since been removed from the USAID forecast. Could USAID provide the status of this solicitation?
- b. Can USAID please clarify the timeline for the RMNCAH and anticipated mechanism?
- c. If the solicitation is postponed and not canceled, can USAID kindly provide updated business forecast information such as eligibility criteria, anticipated solicitation release date and scope, anticipated award date, total estimated cost/amount range, and co-creation?
- d. The USAID Tanzania C3HP RMNCAH procurement (RFI-621-20-HO-001) is listed as "inactive" on beta.sams.gov since early September 2020; can USAID please clarify this opportunity is still forthcoming? The original release date was indicated as October 31, 2020. Additionally, the USAID forecast only lists the two HIV/AIDS opportunities, while the RMNCAH opportunity has not been updated/is missing from the forecast.
- e. The Tanzania C3HP RMNCAH opportunity was removed from the USAID Business Forecast. Can USAID confirm whether it still plans to release this opportunity?
- f. Can USAID please provide an expected release date for the RFP?

USAID Response: The C3HP RMNCAH opportunity was erroneously removed and the mission will update it asap. We still anticipate awarding this activity, however, recent discussions with agency leadership about the proposed design means that we cannot provide a reliable solicitation date at this time.

417. **Tanzania:** Comprehensive client centered health program (HIV/TB and FP) & TDB 2 Comprehensive client centered care (HIV/TB). (Name of this procurement has changed to Local Organization Client-Centered Health Program - (LOC- HIV/TB Activity).)

- a. Can USAID kindly clarify if there is an anticipated ceiling increase for the HIV/TB opportunities?
- b. Can USAID provide further details regarding bidder eligibility, such as the likelihood of the activity being a set-aside or limited to local competition?

USAID Response:

- a. There is no planned ceiling increase for either procurement
- b. Comprehensive client centered health program (HIV/TB and FP) & TDB 2 Comprehensive client centered care (HIV/TB) – Will be a full and Open procurement for all Offerors to submit proposals.

Name of this procurements has changed to Local Organization Client-Centered Health Program - (LOC- HIV/TB Activity). This procurement will be to a “local Partner” which meet the following PEPFAR definition of a local partner.

I. Definition of a Local Partner: Under PEPFAR, a “local partner” may be an individual, a sole proprietorship, or an entity. However, to be considered a local partner, the applicant must submit supporting documentation demonstrating their organization meets at least one of the three criteria listed below.

(1) an individual must be a citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of and have his/her principal place of business in the country served by the PEPFAR program with which the individual is or may become involved, and a sole proprietorship must be owned by such an individual; or

(2) an entity (e.g., a corporation or partnership):

- a) must be incorporated or legally organized under the laws of, and have its principal place of business in, the country served by the PEPFAR program with which the entity is or may become involved;
- b) must be at 75% for FY 2018 beneficially owned by individuals who are citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of that same country, per sub-paragraph (2)(a);
- c) at least 75% for FY 2018 of the entity’s staff (senior, mid-level, support) must be citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of that same country, per sub-paragraph (2)(a), and at least 75% for FY 2018 of the entity’s senior staff (i.e., managerial and professional personnel) must be citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of such country; and
- d) where an entity has a Board of Directors, at least 51% of the members of the Board must also be citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of such country;

418. **Tanzania: Public Financial Management**

- a. USAID previously indicated its plans for a public financial management activity in Tanzania, but this opportunity is not on the forecast. Could USAID please provide and update on this activity and if it is anticipated to be released under the PFM2 IDIQ?

USAID Response: Several months ago USAID/Tanzania determined and communicated that this is no longer a planned activity.

419. **Tanzania: Improve Conservation of Marine Biodiversity**

- a. Would USAID please provide an update on whether USAID is considering this opportunity as a small business set-aside?
- b. Could USAID please confirm if a new draft scope of work/draft program description will be released prior to the anticipated solicitation date of 1/18/2021?
- c. Could USAID please confirm the eligibility of this standalone contract and whether a small business set aside is still under consideration?
- d. Could USAID please provide an update on expected timing and award mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID is still considering a small business set-aside for this and anticipates issuing a Sources Sought Notice. This procurement will be delayed though and the business forecast will be updated accordingly. An RFP should not be expected before Q4 2021 at the earliest, although an updated SOW will be posted once available. The award mechanism will be acquisition, but the contract type is TBD.

420. **Tanzania:** Tusome Pamoja

- a. Can USAID please clarify the timeline and anticipated eligibility for the Tusome Pamoja follow on and anticipated mechanism?

USAID Response: This is currently in procurement under a GSA schedule.

421. **Tanzania:** Is USAID still designing a policy-focused education activity in Tanzania? If so, can USAID kindly share information on the anticipated scope, timing, award mechanism, and value?

USAID Response: This is no longer in design and not anticipated to be procured.

422. **Tanzania:** New WASH Activity

- a. The last update of 10/15/20 indicated an anticipated solicitation release date of 12/01/2020, is this date still valid?
- b. Is USAID able to provide more information concerning anticipated co-creation elements/stages in the bid process?
- c. The forecast mentions a “draft scope of work/draft project description.” When does USAID anticipate releasing the draft scope of work?
- d. Could USAID clarify the estimated cost range?
- e. Can USAID please indicate if the ten target districts for the Tanzania Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene activity have been determined? Does USAID intend to continue supporting a portion of the 20 WARIDI-supported districts, or to work in new districts?
- f. Can USAID confirm that this opportunity will be released on or around December 1, 2020?

USAID Response:

- a. Solicitation release date has been updated within the Business Forecast. At this time, USAID anticipates a release date in mid/late December.
- b. No information is available at this time.
- c. This was released within a pre-solicitation notice posted Nov 13 to beta.sam.gov
- d. No new information available at this time
- e. This has not been determined yet
- f. Solicitation release date has been updated within the Business Forecast

423. **Tanzania:** OVC Next Generation Activity

- a. It is clear that this opportunity has been set aside for local organizations. Will USAID consider allowing international organizations to sub to local organizations?
- b. Can USAID confirm that the 12/15 release date is for an RFI?
- c. Will this opportunity be released under the New Partnerships Initiative?

USAID Response: International organizations are not prohibited to sub to local organizations. An RFI will be issued in November and the solicitation likely in January 2021. The opportunity will be

released as a standalone RFA with limited eligibility for local organizations.

424. **Tanzania:** Tuhifadhi Maliasili
a. Could USAID provide an anticipated award date for the Tuhifadhi Maliasili Activity?

USAID Response: February 28, 2021

425. **Tanzania:** Tanzania Comprehensive Client Centered Health Program RMNCAH
a. Does USAID have an anticipated release date for the “Tanzania Comprehensive Client Centered Health Program RMNCAH” opportunity?

USAID Response: At this time, it is difficult to give a reliable target date. The acquisition team is in the process of engaging with Agency leadership to determine best next steps in terms of the design.

426. **Tanzania:** MEL
a. Could USAID please indicate whether the Tanzania MEL project is expected to be released as a SBSA, a full and open competition, or under an IDIQ? If the latter, then could you please indicate whether it will be released under EVAL ME II?
i. Is USAID able to give an update on the estimated release date?
b. What is the set-aside status for this opportunity?

USAID Response: At this time USAID/Tanzania has not completed its acquisition planning and we are unable to provide the requested information.

427. **Tanzania:** TBD Horticulture
a. Will the Tanzania Horticulture opportunity be added back to the forecast?
b. Would USAID please confirm that 10/29/2021 is still the expected release date? Can you share any further details on the description for this activity?
c. Would USAID please confirm whether an updated CDCS will be published prior to the release of this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. This has been updated on the FY22 Business Forecast.
b. This is still in Design and no additional details are available at this time.
c. The new CDCS will be completed prior to the release of this opportunity.

428. **Tanzania:** National Level Social Behavior Change Activity
a. The C3HP RFI noted there will be a follow on to the Tulong Afya program. Can USAID provide any additional details on the anticipated timing for the solicitation, as well as any expected eligibility restrictions?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate a standalone SBC activity will be competed as part of C3HP or any other procurement. SBC will be integrated in each activity and support from a field support mechanism will likely be obtained.

429. **Tanzania:** Education

- a. In previous forecasts, USAID indicated the potential for a policy-focused education activity. Can USAID confirm whether it intends to release such an activity?
- b. If yes, can USAID please provide any additional details on the scope and anticipated timing?

USAID Response: Such an activity is no longer being designed and will not be procured.

430. **Timor-Leste:** What is the status of the Timor-Leste CDCS?

USAID Response: The Timor-Leste's CDCS is scheduled to be completed by the end of the calendar year 2020.

431. **Timor-Leste:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any new economic growth or agriculture projects for Timor-Leste in FY 2021?

USAID Response: Yes. USAID/Timor-Leste is currently designing a new agriculture activity planned for award in FY 2021.

432. **Timor-Leste:** Avansa Agrikultura

- a. Does USAID intend to fund a follow-on to the Timor-Leste Avansa Agrikultura Activity?

USAID Response: USAID/Timor-Leste is currently designing a new agriculture activity planned for award in FY 2021.

433. **Tunisia:** Energy Tunisia

- a. Does USAID/Tunisia still plan to release a draft scope of work or a request for information before the anticipated January 31, 2021 release date for the Energy Tunisia solicitation as noted in a previous forecast answers to questions
- b. Does USAID anticipate awarding more than one contract to support Energy Tunisia?
- c. Would USAID consider releasing the small business set-aside under the ENERGY II IDIQ?

USAID Response:

- a. A Request for Information/Sources Sought was released for this opportunity on November 6, 2020 on beta.SAM.gov under the title of "Power Tunisia Project". The title for this opportunity was also recently updated in the Business Forecast to show "Power Tunisia Project".
- b. USAID/Tunisia is currently planning to award one contract.
- c. USAID/Tunisia is currently not contemplating small business set-asides.

434. **Tunisia:** Tunisia Legislative Strengthening Activity

- a. Does USAID/Tunisia plan to release a draft scope of work or a request for information before the anticipated January 25, 2021 release date for the Tunisia Legislative Strengthening Activity? Additionally, can USAID please provide any updates to the proposed mechanism for this activity, as it is currently listed as TBD on the USAID Business Forecast?
- b. Could USAID kindly confirm if this Activity will be a contract, cooperative agreement or other award type?

USAID Response:

- a. The Tunisia Legislative Strengthening Activity has experienced significant delays due to the changes

in the political situation in Tunisia in recent months. The anticipated solicitation release date and anticipated award date have been updated in the Business Forecast. The activity is in the early stages of program design and we are not yet able to determine whether there will be a draft scope of work or a request for information for this activity prior to the solicitation. Additionally, the mechanism has not yet been determined.

- b. This activity is in the early stages of program design and the mechanism has not yet been determined.

435. **Tunisia: Civil Society and Good Governance**

- a. Can you please confirm whether USAID envisions a co-creation process for this opportunity?
- b. The Business Forecast states that the total estimated cost for this opportunity is \$10-24.99 million. Can USAID provide a more precise total estimated cost for this opportunity?
- c. Does USAID/Tunisia plan to release a draft scope of work or a request for information before the anticipated December 1, 2020 release date for the Tunisia Civil Society and Good Governance solicitation?
- d. Could USAID kindly provide clarification on the current opportunity description? Is USAID's intention that potential bidders identify select CSOs that work on USAID priority areas mentioned in the forecast (e.g., elections, sub-national governance, CVE, security sector, economic growth), and build their capacity as watchdogs, in advocacy, still within those areas?
- e. Could USAID kindly confirm that this opportunity will have a grants under contract fund and clarify the potential amount of grants relative to the overall size of the contract?
- f. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated release for Tunisia/Civil Society and Good Governance is still December 2020?
- g. Would USAID consider extending the anticipated release date currently estimated as December 1, 2020?
- h. When does USAID anticipate releasing a Request for Information notice?
- i. Does USAID plan to conduct market research to determine whether this procurement should be set-aside for small businesses? If not, why not?
- j. Please confirm that the RFP will be released on December 1, as currently indicated.

USAID Response:

- a. USAID is currently in the design phase and anticipates that there will be co-creation for this opportunity.
- b. The current estimate is \$19-20M but is subject to change.
- c. USAID anticipates that there will be an RFI coming out in the next several months for this opportunity.
- d. USAID envisions issuing subgrants around priority areas of interest in the DRG areas (e.g. elections, sub-national governance, CVE, security sector, economic growth), and building capacity as watchdogs, in advocacy still within those areas, as well as in other interests to USG. Capacity Building is currently envisioned to be a separate objective/component of the mechanism.
- e. USAID anticipates that there will be a Grants component/fund. It is too early in the design process to clarify the amount of grants relative to the overall mechanism size.
- f. The anticipated solicitation release date and anticipated award date have been updated in the Business Forecast to be February 19, 2021 and July 30, 2021 respectively.
- g. The anticipated solicitation release date and anticipated award date have been updated in the Business Forecast to be February 19, 2021 and July 30, 2021 respectively.
- h. USAID anticipates that there will be an RFI coming out in the next several months for this opportunity.

- i. USAID currently anticipates that there will not be a small business set-aside.
- j. The anticipated solicitation release date and anticipated award date have been updated in the Business Forecast to be February 19, 2021 and July 30, 2021 respectively.

436. **Turkmenistan:** Turkmenistan New Generation Activity

- a. Can USAID provide information on the anticipated release date and value for the potential Turkmenistan New Generation Activity?
- b. Can USAID provide information on the anticipated and award/action type for the Turkmenistan New Generation Activity?
- c. Can USAID confirm the procurement release date, vehicle, and expected dollar value?

USAID Response: Information on this activity is likely to be on grants.gov within the next couple of months.

437. **Uganda:** PMI Malaria Control Activity

- a. Is USAID still planning to release this opportunity? It no longer appears on the forecast.
- b. Can USAID confirm the expected release date and intended mechanism?
- c. Will there be any updates to the scope and anticipated funding amount?
- d. Will an additional RFI or pre-solicitation be released?
- e. To aid implementing partners in their capture efforts for the PMI Malaria Control Activity, would USAID please consider requesting that the incumbent implementing partner of the current project add all of their quarterly and annual reports to the Development Experience Clearinghouse?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, USAID will release this Opportunity and it is listed on the Business Forecast. The Activity title has been changed to “PMI Malaria Control Activity.”
- b. The estimated date of release is December 31, 2020 and this will be implemented through a Contract.
- c. The total estimated funding amount is \$38,100,000, please refer to the Business forecast for more information. The details on the scope will be availed as part of the anticipated Request for Proposals.
- d. USAID will issue a Request for Proposals.
- e. There is no Incumbent Implementing Partner. This is a new Opportunity. USAID will however request the Partner implementing a related Activity to upload the quarterly and annual reports to Development Experience Clearinghouse.

438. **Uganda:** Uganda RHITES

- a. Can USAID/Uganda provide an update to the remaining Uganda RHITES activities that have not yet been transitioned to local awards?
- b. Does USAID/Uganda anticipate awarding follow-on activities for the remaining mechanisms or transitioning to local awards?

USAID Response:

- a. Transition awards under the other RHITES Activities are currently in the planning phase, USAID will provide an update on the Business Forecast once the planning is finalized. Please continue

- checking the Business Forecast for updates.
- b. This opportunity was awarded and has been removed from the Business Forecast.

439. **Uganda: Strengthening Systems and Public Accountability (SSPA)**

- a. The Uganda Strengthening Systems and Public Accountability (SSPA) activity has disappeared from the forecast. Does USAID still plan to release an RFP for this activity and, if so, what is the anticipated timing?
- b. Will USAID also release an RFI and, if so, what is the anticipated timing?
- c. Does USAID intend to issue a draft Scope of Work for this activity based on the RFI responses? If so, what is the expected timing of this draft SOW?
- d. Can USAID share any details regarding the scope of a follow-on?
- e. What type of mechanism (BPA, task order, contract, or cooperative agreement) does USAID intend to use for these activities?
- f. Can USAID provide further details regarding bidder eligibility, such as the likelihood of the activity being a set-aside or limited to local competition?

USAID Response:

- a. This Activity is still listed on the Business Forecast and the estimated Solicitation release date is December 14, 2020. Please refer to the Business Forecast for more information .
- b. USAID will not issue an RFI for this activity bur rather, a Request for Proposals.
- c. USAID will share the scope of work as part of the Request for Proposals/Solicitation that will be posted at <https://beta.sam.gov/>, please see estimated Solicitation release date in 4419(a) above.
- d. This is not a follow-on activity. USAID will share the scope as part of the Request for Proposals/Solicitation that will be posted at <https://beta.sam.gov/>, please see estimated Solicitation release date above.
- e. USAID intends to use a Contract mechanism for this activity.
- f. Please refer to the Business Forecast for more information regarding eligibility and more.

440. **Uganda: Strategic Investment for Inclusive Development**

- a. Can USAID confirm if the Mission intends to release a solicitation for this project?
- b. If so, what is the anticipated solicitation release date and anticipated Award/Action Type?
- c. Does the Mission intend to release an RFI or draft Scope of Work in advance of the solicitation?
- d. If so, what is the anticipated Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range?
- e. In the July 2020 Business Forecast Q&A document, USAID stated that for this effort “the estimated award value is \$10M.” Would USAID please clarify whether the expected award value remains \$10M?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, USAID plans to release a Solicitation for this Opportunity.
- b. The estimated Solicitation release date is on or about December 31, 2020. USAID intends to use a Contract mechanism for this activity.
- c. USAID already issued an RFI for this procurement and will not issue another RFI, neither will a draft scope of work be issued. Please note that there have been changes in the Activity title from Facilitating Investment for Development Objectives to Strategic Investment for Inclusive Development and now the title is “*Strategic Investments Activity.*”

- d. Anticipated Total Estimated Cost is \$19.5 million.
- e. Anticipated Total Estimated Cost is \$19.5 million.

441. Uganda: Rights and Justice Activity (RAJA):

- a. Is the entry in the forecast for the foundational leader award, or for an associate award of an LWA already in existence?

USAID Response: This Opportunity was awarded and has been removed from the Business forecast.

442. Ukraine: Does USAID anticipate releasing any new opportunities in Ukraine related to civil society in the next two fiscal years?

- a. If yes, can USAID provide further information on the number and type of opportunities?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate releasing any new opportunities in Ukraine related to civil society in FY21. Any future USAID/Ukraine opportunities will be placed on the business forecast and/or released at www.grants.gov or beta.sam.gov.

443. Ukraine: OH: Furthering Health System Reforms in Ukraine activity

- a. Can USAID/Ukraine provide an update on the OH: Furthering Health System Reforms in Ukraine activity; including award mechanism, eligibility criteria, and whether USAID is planning on releasing a draft scope of work prior to solicitation release?
- b. Can USAID provide any details on the expected project description and scope of work?
- c. Can USAID explain why the anticipated release date the Furthering Health System Reforms in Ukraine program has been pushed back by over a year?

USAID Response: There is no update on the Furthering Health System Reforms activity at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast and www.grants.gov and beta.sam.gov for more information.

444. Ukraine: Does USAID/Ukraine anticipate releasing any health opportunities other than the OH: Furthering Health System Reforms in Ukraine activity? If so, can USAID/Ukraine share anticipated release date(s), scope(s), and award value(s) and mechanism(s)?

USAID Response: USAID/Ukraine anticipates releasing the New Key Populations Activity in February 2021. Please continue to monitor the business forecast and www.grants.gov and beta.sam.gov for more information.

445. Ukraine: OEG: Bridging the Line: Building Confidence across the Line of Contact through Key Issue Collaboration

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the procurement vehicle for the Ukraine OEG: Bridging the Line: Building Confidence across the Line of Contact through Key Issue Collaboration solicitation?
- b. Is USAID planning to issue a pre-solicitation or request for information for the USAID/Ukraine Bridging the Line activity?

USAID Response:

- a. The business forecast will be updated once the selection of instrument has been determined.
- b. This is still to be determined.

446. **Uzbekistan: Agricultural Value Chains**
- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFP for the follow-on to the Uzbekistan Agricultural Value Chains project in FY2021? If yes, could USAID comment on the expected timing for the release of the RFP?

USAID Response: We have no information at this time.

447. **Uzbekistan: Uzbekistan Judicial System Strengthening Activity**
- a. USAID released an RFI for the Uzbekistan Judicial System Strengthening Activity. However, this activity is not in the forecast. What is the anticipated solicitation release date for this activity?
 - b. Will this be a contract or a cooperative agreement?

USAID Response: We have no information at this time.

448. **Uzbekistan: Education**
- a. Does USAID intend to fund any additional education opportunities in Uzbekistan this year?

USAID Response: We have no information at this time.

449. **Vietnam: Combating Wildlife Trafficking Activity**
- a. Can USAID clarify the contracting mechanism for the Vietnam Combating Wildlife Trafficking Activity?
 - b. When does it anticipate making a mechanism decision for the program?
 - c. Could USAID update the award type for this activity?
 - d. Does USAID anticipate releasing a request for information, or pre-solicitation, prior to releasing the Request for Proposals?
 - e. Will USAID post the full Country Development and Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) prior to RFP release?

USAID Response: This will be an assistance award and the information included in the business forecast is up to date and accurate. A draft program description has been issued. The CDCS will be released when available.

450. **Vietnam: Vietnam Collective Action Accelerated on Environmental Pollution**
- a. Can USAID clarify the contracting mechanism for the Vietnam Collective Action Accelerated on Environmental Pollution?
 - b. When does it anticipate making a mechanism decision for the program?
 - c. Is the referenced “umbrella organization” going to be engaged as the lead/program manager for this activity?
 - d. Is an IDIQ mechanism being contemplated for this activity, and if so, which IDIQ?
 - e. Can the Mission confirm the anticipated solicitation release date is 12/31/2020?
 - f. Can the Mission confirm the anticipated size of the opportunity and how much of it is expected to go toward sub-awards to local organizations?

USAID Response: The business forecast is current and will be updated in real time once decisions are made. The term “umbrella organization” will be removed from the description. The solicitation release date is the best estimate at the present time. No additional information is available at present.

451. **Vietnam:** Can USAID provide an update on when the full Vietnam CDCS will be released?

USAID Response: The CDCS will be released when available.

452. **West Africa Regional Mission:** West Africa Biodiversity and Low Emissions Development

- a. Is USAID still expecting to release the West Africa Biodiversity and Low Emissions Development Activity on or around December 3rd, 2020? Will USAID include co-creation as part of the solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates a release date of mid-December; the Business Forecast was updated accordingly. USAID does not anticipate including co-creation as a part of the solicitation at this time.

453. **West Africa:** Can USAID confirm for Niger, Burkina Faso and Cote d'Ivoire that there are separate strategic plans or is it being subsumed under the West Africa Regional RDCS?

USAID Response: USAID/West Africa and USAID/Senegal/SRO's new RDCS provides a Results Framework and strategic approach for regional activities that are funded and/or implemented by the regional platforms. The RDCS does not serve as a strategy for bilateral Operating Units in the region or their activities. Cote D'Ivoire currently has a Results Framework that serves as a strategic document. Niger and Burkina Faso are in the process of developing standalone strategic frameworks.

454. **West Africa:** Can you share some of USAID's current thinking on its CVE implementation strategy in West Africa, following the close out of Voices for Peace and Partnerships for Peace?

USAID Response: Currently, USAID/West Africa is coming to the end of the new RDCS (2021-2025) development process, and has launched the design phase for the next generation P/CVE programs. It is anticipated that the new P/CVE programs will be awarded by the end of 2021. The Business Forecast will be updated when procurement information is available.

455. **West Africa:** Building Effective, Reliable and Sustainable Private-Sector Associations

- a. Does USAID expect this to result in one award for a regional project or multiple awards that could be focused on individual countries?

USAID Response: USAID/WA anticipates making up to three awards under this addendum. This is subject to availability of US Government funds. Prior to issuing a Request for Application, USAID will engage in co-creation sessions with applicants whose concept papers best met the evaluation criteria as outlined in the APS Addendum for this opportunity. Consequently, awards resulting from this opportunity could be focused on either a regional project or in individual countries.

456. **West Africa Regional Mission:** Does USAID/West Africa anticipate releasing any health opportunities in FY2021? If so, could USAID/West Africa share anticipated release date(s), scope(s), and award value(s) and mechanism(s)?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID/West Africa does not intend to release any health opportunities in FY2021. The public will be notified when this changes.

457. **West Bank/Gaza:** Palestine Renewable Energy Project

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on to this activity?

USAID Response: Continue to monitor the Business Forecast for potential funding and partnership opportunities with USAID/WBG.

458. **Yemen:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any new programs in Yemen in FY21?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID/Yemen does not anticipate any new funding opportunities for development assistance programming in FY21.

459. **Zambia:** Earlier this year released three opportunities (MECH, ZAM Health and Zambia Health and Nutrition Activity). Can USAID provide any detailed information about each of these opportunities and when either next steps will be implemented or when awards will be made.

USAID Response: Updates for these activities have been provided below.

460. **Zambia:** Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene – Governance Institutions and Policy

- a. The last update of 10/28/20 indicated an anticipated solicitation release date of 12/104/2020; is this date still valid? Does USAID plan to release an RFI for this opportunity?
- b. USAID lists the category management contract vehicle as “Tier 3, Best-in-Class (BIC) Solutions” and the Eligibility Criteria as “full and open competition.” Could USAID please clarify which contract vehicle it intends to use?
- c. Can USAID please clarify whether Zambia WASH-GIP will be released free and open or under a GSA Schedule? The current forecast includes both.
- d. Will USAID be releasing a RFI as mentioned in previous Q/A?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date has been updated to 02/04/2021. An RFI has been released as of 11/16/2020. An update to the Business Forecast has been made on Category Management Contract Vehicle. USAID does not anticipate utilization of the GSA Schedules. The WASH-GIP activity is anticipated to be released as a full and open competition. Please check the Business Forecast for more information.

461. **Zambia:** Business Enabling Environment

- a. The expected timeline for an RFI, Statement of Objectives, or pre-solicitation or sources sought notice, and whether these will be released before the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date of Dec 30, 2020, as currently indicated in the forecast.
- b. The Business Forecast indicates that there will be a co-creation process for the USAID/Zambia Business Enabling Environment Activity, including an RFI/Sources Sought Notice and Statement of Objectives. To facilitate preparation, is there any additional information that USAID may be able to share at this time around their envisioned co-creation process?
- c. Is USAID anticipating a small business set-aside for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The anticipated Solicitation Release Date has been updated to 02/15/2021, and the RFI/Statement of Objective/pre-solicitation notice will be released before this date. There is no additional information to share on the co-creation process at the moment. USAID is still in the process of determining if this procurement will be a set aside, local or full and open.

462. **Zambia:** Revenue Mobilization for Equity and Growth

- a. An RFI was very recently released for this opportunity which is listed on the Business Forecast for release on 11/9/2020. Can USAID confirm that the Anticipated Release Date for this activity is accurate?

USAID Response: The USAID Revenue Mobilization for Equity and Growth Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 72061121R00002 was issued on 11/5/2020.

463. **Zambia:** Zambia Family Health and Nutrition
 - a. Can USAID/Zambia provide an updated award date for the Zambia Family Health and Nutrition activity?

USAID Response: The Family Health and Nutrition Activity is still under technical evaluation stage. The outcome of the evaluation will be announced to all offerors soon. The anticipated award date for the Family Health and Nutrition Activity is within the month of March - April 2021.

464. **Zambia:** Zambia Maintaining Epidemic Control for HIV
 - a. Can USAID/Zambia provide an updated award date for the Zambia Maintaining Epidemic Control for HIV activity?

USAID Response: The Maintained Epidemic Control for HIV Activity is still under technical evaluation stage. The outcome of the evaluation will be announced to all offerors soon. The anticipated award date for the Maintained Epidemic Control for HIV Activity is within the month of February - March 2021.

465. **Zambia:** HIV Prevention Activity
 - a. In the last Business Forecast Q&A, USAID indicated that it intends to release an RFI for this opportunity. Can USAID please confirm whether the current release date (11/24) on the forecast is for an RFI or RFA?
 - b. Will this opportunity be released under the New Partnerships Initiative?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date has been updated to 12/18/2020. USAID is considering a multi step request for application and plans to conduct a co-creation workshop/event to enhance design, therefore may not issue a separate RFI. Keep checking the business forecast and Grant.gov for updates. This opportunity will not be released under the New Partnership Initiative but as a stand alone RFA/NOFO with eligibility restricted to local organizations.

466. **Zambia:** Accessible Markets for Health
 - a. Will USAID provide an updated anticipated award date for the ZAM-Health project?

USAID Response: The ZAM-Health opportunity is still under technical evaluation stage. The outcome of the evaluation will be announced to all applicants soon. The anticipated award date for the ZAM-Health Activity is within the month of March - April 2021.

467. **Zambia:** Could USAID please clarify whether any biodiversity programs are currently under design?

USAID Response: None at the moment.

468. **Zimbabwe:** PEPFAR Dreams and PEPFAR Care and Treatment

- a. When does USAID expect to release the Zimbabwe health opportunities for local entities?
- b. Will there be RFIs released prior to the solicitations?
- c. The USAID forecast states that “Request for Information (RFI)/Sources Sought Notice” was issued for the two forecasted HIV opportunities. Can USAID please confirm if qualified local organizations will be able to apply for these eventual procurements even if they did not respond to the RFI?
- d. Can USAID provide additional information about whether and how INGOs will be eligible to participate in the two forecasted HIV opportunities?

USAID Response: As indicated on the Business Forecast, these opportunities are expected to be released on or about January 4, 2021. An RFI was released on October 6, 2020 on grants.gov and beta.sam.gov and closed on October 20, 2020. A response to the RFI was not required in order to be eligible to apply for these opportunities. While the opportunities are limited to local entities, INGOs could be included in sub partnering arrangements. Please continue to watch the Business Forecast for any updates to these opportunities.

469. **Zimbabwe: Building Locally Owned, Self-Reliant, and Effective Private Sector Associations:**
- a. Does USAID intend to issue a draft Scope of Work for this activity based on the RFI responses? If so, what is the expected timing of this draft SOW?
 - b. Can USAID share any details regarding the scope?
 - c. What type of mechanism (BPA, task order, contract, or cooperative agreement) does USAID intend to use for this activity?
 - d. Can you USAID provide further details regarding bidder eligibility, such as the likelihood of the activity being a set-aside or limited to local competition?
 - e. What is the anticipated release date for the final RFA/P?

USAID Response: USAID/Zimbabwe appreciates the responses we received from the RFI in February 2020. However, USAID/Zimbabwe has decided not to move forward with procurements related to this RFI. There is no anticipated RFA/P to be released.

470. **Zimbabwe: ZAPIM II Activity**
- a. Does USAID intend to issue an RFI or other pre-solicitation for this or a related activity?
 - b. If so, would USAID confirm the estimated release date of the RFI or SOW?
 - c. What is the anticipated release date for the final RFA/P?

USAID Response: USAID/Zimbabwe will not issue any pre-solicitation documents. The anticipated release date for ZAPIM II RFA is November 2020.

471. **Zimbabwe:** Does USAID/Zimbabwe intend to release any non-PMI health opportunities in FY2021?

USAID Response: Yes, please refer to the Business Forecast. We anticipate two PEPFAR funded activities to be announced and awarded in FY2021.

472. **Zimbabwe:** Is USAID planning any upcoming activities in the democracy and governance sector in FY21?

USAID Response: USAID/Zimbabwe is planning opportunities for two to four new activities covering local governance, civic engagement, etc in FY21. The business forecast will be updated to reflect these

opportunities as soon as we have information to share.

473. **Zimbabwe:** Does USAID/Zimbabwe anticipate any new activities related to youth or livelihoods during FY 2021?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast will be updated as opportunities are identified. At this time we do not anticipate new activities in these areas in FY2021.