

FY 2021, 2nd Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses
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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:** Advancing Higher Education for Afghanistan's Development (AHEAD)
 - a. Was the USAID/Afghanistan *Advancing Higher Education for Afghanistan's Development (AHEAD)* project from 2019 ever awarded?

USAID Response: Yes. AHEAD was awarded on August 04, 2020.

2. **Afghanistan:** Strengthening Afghanistan Local Administration and Municipalities (SALAM)
 - a. Please provide further information as to the timing, scope, and value of the anticipated procurement.

USAID Response: USAID/Afghanistan anticipates posting the solicitation during the 3rd quarter FY2021

3. **Afghanistan:** Power Sector Governance
 - a. Could USAID provide an update on the timing of the solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID/Afghanistan anticipates issuing a RFTOP under an existing IDIQ contract during the 2nd quarter.

4. **Afghanistan:** Subnational Governance & Economic Development
 - a. Can the mission provide additional clarity on the timing and mechanism of the Subnational Governance and Economic Development Project planned procurement?

USAID Response: USAID/Afghanistan does not have any planned procurement with this title.

5. **Afghanistan:** Civil Society Strengthening
 - a. Is USAID/Afghanistan considering a civil society strengthening opportunity in Afghanistan?

USAID Response: USAID/Afghanistan does not anticipate an opportunity on Civil Society Strengthening during FY2021.

6. **Afghanistan:** Community-based Jobs for Peace
 - a. Could USAID provide information regarding the timing of the solicitation?

- b. Does USAID anticipate that the technical objectives of this opportunity will remain the same as the RFI released in April 2019? If not, will USAID release a pre-solicitation notice to update potential Offerors of any changes?
- c. Is USAID planning to put back this opportunity on the USAID Business Forecast?
- d. Will this opportunity be released for open competition?
- e. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation document before the solicitation is released?
- f. Can USAID please clarify the anticipated award/action type for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. The Mission is expecting to post the solicitation 4th Quarter of FY2021.
- b. The objectives will remain the same and USAID will not issue any pre-solicitation notice.
- c. Yes, Business Forecast will be updated as well.
- d. Yes, this opportunity for full and open competition
- e. No
- f. Solicitation is likely to be posted in the 4th quarter and award is expected by the 2nd Quarter of FY2022.

7. 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, budget range) and add it to the USAID Business Forecast?
- b. Do you have an update on when it will be released?
- c. Could USAID provide any information such as anticipated project scope, award mechanism, or award date?
- d. Does USAID have any updated information on target locations for this opportunity?
- e. What is the anticipated budget envelope for this opportunity?
- f. Could USAID please provide an update on the status of this bid?
- g. When does USAID intend to re-post it on the forecast?
- h. Can USAID provide an update on the projected release date for this solicitation?

USAID Response: This action is still under design. Please monitor the Business Forecast for updates.

8. Afghanistan: Accountability Initiative

- a. USAID recently cancelled the award of the Afghanistan Accountability Initiative and cited a change in Mission priorities. Has there been a change in USAID/Afghanistan Mission priorities, and will this impact current forecast opportunities?

USAID Response: USAID/Afghanistan does not anticipate an impact to the current forecast opportunities.

9. Afghanistan: Women in Civil Society

- a. Does USAID anticipate that the SOW will change given the peace talks?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a draft statement of work in advance of the solicitation?
- c. Can USAID confirm that the timing in the current Business Forecast is accurate with an anticipated release date in April 2021?

USAID Response: The action is still under design. RFP may not be issued in April. Monitor the Business Forecast updates.

10. Afghanistan: Women's Economic Development

- a. Does USAID anticipate that the SOW will change given the peace talks?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a draft SOW?
- c. Can USAID confirm that the anticipated solicitation release date remains April 30, 2021?
- d. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation document before the solicitation is released?
- e. Can USAID provide a release date and additional information on this anticipated opportunity?
- f. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation document before the final solicitation is released?
- g. To what extent, if any, will the activity include the agricultural sector?

USAID Response: The action is still under design. RFP may not be issued in April. Monitor the Business Forecast for updates. The Mission do not plan on releasing a draft scope of work or any pre-solicitation.

11. Afghanistan: Air Export Program

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

USAID Response: USAID/Afghanistan anticipates an award in 2nd Quarter FY2021.

12. Afghanistan: Stool Test Enhancement and Evaluation in Pediatric Tuberculosis (STEEP TB):

- a. When does USAID anticipate issuing more calls for concept notes under the LON mechanism?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID does not anticipate to issue more calls for concept notes under the LON mechanism.

13. Afghanistan: How will the scheduled withdrawal of US military personnel from Afghanistan affect the issuance and awarding of new programs?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID/Afghanistan does not plan to change the issuance or awarding of new programs based on decisions related to U.S. military presence in Afghanistan.

14. Albania: Planning and Local Governance

- a. Does the mission anticipate a follow-on to the Planning and Local Governance Activity?
- b. If yes, what is the forecasted date?
- c. If not, does the mission anticipate funding a governance program this FY?
- d. Does the mission anticipate using co-creation or a multi-stage procurement of any type?

USAID Response: There is no follow up activity on Planning and Local Governance Activity.

15. **Algeria:** Is there any intent to open a USAID mission or to provide USAID funding for Algeria?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

16. **Angola:** Can you provide an update when the CDCS will be complete?

USAID Response: USAID/SA's RDCS covers countries in the Southern Africa region including Angola, and is available on the web here: <https://www.usaid.gov/southern-africa-regional/cdcs>

17. **Armenia:** Will USAID designate funding to support the integration of displaced persons from the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict into political and civic life in Armenia?

USAID Response: The Mission is taking the impact of the conflict into account across all our programming. We will update the business forecast when we have more information on any new programming.

18. **Armenia:** Civic Education

- a. The forecast does not specify whether the \$4M - \$9.99M will be awarded to a single winner or potentially to multiple winners. Can USAID provide more details on that at this time?
- b. Do local organizations and locally established partners have to demonstrate past experience in managing budgets from USG sources ranging \$4M - \$9.99M? If yes, can USAID specify whether such past experience will be an evaluation criterion for the proposals?

USAID Response: This will be a single award. Relevant experience in the respective program areas will be considered. However, prior experience managing projects funded by USG agencies will not be required. Please note that the solicitation release date is changed from 03/22/21 to 04/05/21.

19. **Armenia:** Financing Self-Reliance

- a. Will this be a small business set-aside?
- b. What is the anticipated release date? Does the 3/15/2021 date remain?
- c. Does USAID/Armenia anticipate any additional industry engagement around the Financing Self Reliance program, such as an RFI or pre-solicitation?
- d. Can USAID please provide more info on this opportunity and how mission is in conceptualizing the project?
- e. Has USAID selected an Award/Action Type for this procurement and if so, could it please indicate the mechanism choice?
- f. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or draft SOW for this opportunity?
- g. Can USAID indicate whether this opportunity will be released as a small business set aside or full & open?

USAID Response:

- a. The decision about whether to use set aside will be made in part based on the responses to an RFI (expected to be released in late March/early April) and the feedback received. The Mission encourages small businesses to submit responses to demonstrate their interest and capabilities.
- b. The anticipated release date was changed to April 30, 2021.
- c. The Mission expects to post an RFI to complete the activity design process.
- d. More information on the activity concept will be shared with the RFI.
- e. The procurement of this activity will be done through acquisition. The Mission has not yet made a decision about whether to issue this solicitation under an IDIQ or as a full and open RFP.
- f. Yes
- g. The decision to use a small business set aside or full and open will be made based on the responses to the RFI.

20. Armenia: Improved Water Management and Use Program

- a. Would USAID please confirm that the USAID/Armenia Improved Water Management and Use Program will be posted as a contract and a Small Business Set-Aside.
- b. Can USAID please confirm the expected procurement mechanism (contract or cooperative agreement) to be used for the activity?
- c. Can USAID update the timing in the current Business Forecast given that RFI responses are not due until late March, yet the anticipated release date is still February 26, 2021?
- d. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or draft SOW for this opportunity?
- e. To what extent, if any, will the activity include the agricultural sector?

USAID Response:

- a. The decision to use set aside will be made based in part on the feedback from the RFI 72011121RFI00001 that was posted on 02/19/2021.
- b. The procurement of this activity will be done through acquisition (contract). The mission has not yet made a decision about whether to issue this solicitation under an IDIQ or as a full and open RFP.
- c. The anticipated release date was changed to 04/16/2021
- d. The RFI 72011121RFI00001 was posted on 02/19/2021 with a response due date of 03/19/2021.
- e. This is a water management activity to increase the equality of access to water while maintaining water quality and environmental flow. For more details please see the RFI 72011121RFI00001.

21. Armenia: Rule of law

- a. With the project funding ceiling recently reduced to \$4-\$9.99M and designation as a small business set aside, does USAID anticipate any further updates or revisions to the proposed

- project description to reflect this reduced funding level prior to the RFP being issued?
- b. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation release Date for this project remains 03/30/2021?
 - c. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or draft SOW for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. The funding ceiling has not been changed and remains the same - up to \$9.99M. The \$4-\$9.99M range is the Estimated Cost/Amount Range format established by the Business Forecast system.
- b. The Mission's current plan is to issue the solicitation by 03/30/2021. If there are any changes for the solicitation date, we will make the updates in the Business Forecast accordingly.
- c. USAID/Armenia released RFI 72011120RFI00002 Rule of Law on 08/06/2020 with the closing date of 09/04/2020.

22. Azerbaijan: Social Engagement Support (SES) Activity

- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation release Date for this project remains **3/05/2021**?
- b. Can USAID please provide an estimated scope of work for this opportunity?
- c. Can USAID confirm whether the eligibility for this program will be unrestricted?
- d. Are applicants expected to have registration or a presence in the country?
- e. Are subgrants anticipated for this program?
- f. Does USAID plan to use a co-creation mechanism for this project?

USAID Response:

- a. The release date is changed to o/a March 29, 2021.
- b. On November 24, 2020 USAID posted a Request for Information (RFI) at grants.gov which provided some estimation for this opportunity. The posted RFI included intended objectives, draft outcomes, and development challenges.
- c. The eligibility for this program is unrestricted.
- d. Organizations wishing to establish themselves in Azerbaijan should engage with local legal counsel to determine what processes and regulations are necessary and applicable for presence in the country.
- e. The Mission would welcome applications that engage domestic non-governmental organizations and other Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). That said, the applicants should carefully study the relevant legislation, rules and regulations for issuing sub-grants in Azerbaijan.
- f. Co-creation is not planned prior to award. The Mission has a strong position for close cooperation and collaboration with the successful awardee on work plan development and general oversight as stipulated in the program description and subsequent agreement terms.

23. **Bangladesh:** Is USAID/Bangladesh planning to release an updated CDCS in 2021?

USAID Response: While a new CDCS has been approved, the public version to be released is going through clearances in Washington. Once approved, it will be released on the Mission's internet page.

24. **Bangladesh:** Adolescent Health Opportunity

- a. Does USAID have any plans to release any procurements for adolescent health in Bangladesh? If so, could USAID provide an award description, eligibility anticipated release date, or any other details?

USAID Response: All future Health-related opportunities will appear on the Business Forecast if and when applicable.

25. **Bangladesh:** Will USAID issue new Feed the Future or agricultural opportunities in FY21 or FY22? If so: Can you briefly outline the technical scope and other relevant details of the opportunity? Will the mechanism(s) be a Cooperative Agreement or Contract? When will the procurement(s) be released? Will USAID issue an RFI for this opportunity/ies? When?

USAID Response: All future FTF opportunities will appear on the Business Forecast if and when applicable.

26. **Bangladesh:** Rights for People Living with Disability (PLWD)

- a. Based on Addendum 8 of this opportunity, USAID has requested a local resource contribution. Can USAID provide more clarity about what they are looking for in the local resource contribution from the partner?
- b. We have seen USAID/Bangladesh use a locally-led approach for the Rights for Persons with Disabilities APS (A&A Plan ID AA-312500 and APS No 7200AA19APS00007). Does USAID plan to use this approach for future opportunities in Bangladesh? If so, can USAID explain the mechanisms through which it envisions a local Prime sub-awarding to a US-based Sub, given Bangladesh law about transferring funds between local and international partners?

USAID Response: This activity is under procurement. The due date to submit any questions was February 25, 2021. An amendment to the APS Addendum will be released with answers to the questions received by the February 15, 2021 date. USAID will make such a decision on a case-by-case basis for any future opportunities.

27. **Bangladesh:** Is USAID planning or designing any upcoming funding opportunities within the Economic Growth sector?

USAID Response: All future EG opportunities will appear on the Business Forecast if and when applicable.

28. **Bangladesh:** CW - Diversifying Partnerships in WASH (DiP-WASH) APS

- a. Does USAID Bangladesh anticipate issuing any DiP-WASH addenda in 2021?

USAID Response: All future Health-related opportunities will appear on the Business Forecast if and when applicable.

29. **Bangladesh:** Social and Behavior Change Communication

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on to the Bangladesh Social and Behavior Change Communication activity?

USAID Response: All future Education-related opportunities will appear on the Business Forecast if and when applicable.

30. **Bangladesh:** DRG Youth Activity

- a. Has this been released? If not, could USAID provide an updated anticipated release date?

USAID Response: An addendum to the existing YOUTH POWER APS titled Bangladeshi Youth Activity (BYA) (72038821APS00003) has been issued on January 26, 2021 with a due date to submit the concept on or before March 14, 2021.

31. **Bangladesh:** Bangladesh Protibesh Activity

- a. USAID Ecosystems/Protibesh Activity was a previously forecasted opportunity in FY 2020 and is no longer listed on the business forecast. The Phase One RFA noted the timeline between the Phase 1 deadline and the selection of Phase 2 applicants was approximately one to two months after the Phase 1 submission deadline (October 29, 2020). Could USAID please share an updated timeline for the release of USAID Ecosystems/Protibesh Phase 2?

USAID Response: Phase 2 applications are being accepted by invitation only from applicants whose applications were among the highest evaluated in Phase 1. All Phase 1 applicants have been notified of their Phase 1 results and whether or not they will proceed to Phase 2.

32. **Bangladesh:** USAID Shobai Miley Shikhi

- a. Does the Mission expect delays to the current release date of 2/19/2021? If so, what is the anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: The Shobai Miley Shikhi NOFO was released on March 8, 2021. Questions are due on March 20, 2021. Applications/concept papers are due on April 15, 2021.

33. **Bangladesh:** Agricultural Infrastructure Development activity

- a. Does this activity assume close coordination with Bangladesh Agricultural Infrastructure Development Program (BAIDP)?
- b. Does USAID/Bangladesh anticipate making a single award for this IDIQ?

USAID Response: All questions regarding this activity must be submitted in accordance with the instructions on the RFP or subsequent amendments as applicable.

34. **Bangladesh:** Nutrition Activity

- a. USAID’s FY21 Q1 Business Forecast Q&A indicated a nutrition activity was being planned for FY21. a. Does USAID still anticipate releasing this activity and if so, can USAID please consider adding relevant opportunity information to the forecast?
- b. b. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated timing for the planned solicitation?
- c. c. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated award mechanism and value?
- d. d. Can USAID identify the geographic targets opportunity?
- e. e. Does USAID anticipate a multi-stage application process including co-creation?
- f. f. Is USAID planning any other health investments in FY21?

USAID Response:

- a. Please monitor the business forecast site for any updates in this regard
- b. Please monitor the business forecast site for any updates in this regard.
- c. Please monitor the business forecast site for any updates in this regard.
- d. No geographic targets are identified at the moment; they will be set at a later date.
- e. Yes; the business forecast has been updated to reflect this information.
- f. Please monitor the business forecast site for any new opportunities
- g. In addition, a NOFO for Livestock and Nutrition was released on October 27, 2020. The deadline for applications has passed. All future EG opportunities will appear on the Business Forecast if and when applicable.

35. Bangladesh: Advancing Good Governance and National Integrity

- a. What mechanism type will this opportunity be released under?
- b. Does USAID intend to conduct a co-creation/consultation process for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. An Assistance instrument will be used for this procurement.
- b. While this activity is still in the design phase. The requested information is not available at this point of time. Business Forecast will be updated as and when the information is available.

36. Bangladesh: Feed the Future Livestock

- a. Would USAID please clarify the anticipated timeline for awarding the Bangladesh Feed the Future Livestock and Nutrition Activity?

USAID Response: We anticipate awarding in May.

37. Bangladesh: Quality Improvement for Health

- a. Does USAID intend to release the Bangladesh Quality Improvement for Health opportunity in 2021?

USAID Response: All future Health-related opportunities will appear on the Business Forecast if

and when applicable.

38. **Bangladesh:** Everyone Reads Together

- a. The anticipated release date is currently listed as 2/19/2021. Can USAID provide an updated anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The Shobai Miley Shikhi NOFO was released on March 8, 2021.

39. **Bangladesh:** Bangladesh Anti Trafficking in Persons Activity

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

USAID Response: NOFO number 72038821RFA00003 Fight Slavery and Trafficking-In-Persons (FS/TIP) Activity was issued on December 15, 2020 with a deadline to submit applications by January 21, 2021.

40. **Barbados:** Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Services

- a. Can USAID/Barbados confirm that this opportunity will be issued under the EVAL-ME II IDIQ?
- b. Can USAID confirm that the solicitation is expected in February 2021?
- c. If all countries within the ESC will be supported through this mechanism, or if it will be limited?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, the Mission plans to issue a Task Order against the EVAL-ME II IDIQ.
- b. The A&A plan was updated to reflect the new expected solicitation date (end of March 2021).
- c. All eleven (11) countries of the Eastern and Southern Caribbean region are anticipated to be supported. Specific countries will receive greater support due to the nature of the current and future activities.

41. **Barbados:** Can you provide an update when the RDCS for Eastern & Southern Caribbean Region will complete?

USAID Response: The RDCS has been approved, and the Mission is in the process of drafting the public version. The Mission does not have an anticipated date for publishing yet.

42. **Belarus:** In response to the current events in Belarus, does USAID anticipate releasing any opportunities related to civil society and civic engagement in FY22? If yes, can USAID provide further information on the number and type of opportunities?

USAID Response: Not at this time. Please continue to follow updates to the Business Forecast, www.grants.gov and beta.SAM.gov.

43. **Benin:** Benin Family Planning New Activity

- a. Can USAID please provide more details on the anticipated Benin Family Planning New Activity?
- b. Can USAID clarify whether this award will have an open competition?
- c. Can USAID clarify the anticipated eligibility criteria for this opportunity?
- d. Is the Benin Family Planning New Activity intended for local organizations?
- e. Does USAID plan to increase the funding amount range for the Benin Family Planning New Activity?
- f. Does USAID plan to release an RFI for the Benin Family Planning New Activity opportunity?

USAID Responses:

- a. This activity will support the Ministry of Health to achieve its family planning goals and objectives. This support may be at the central and/or peripheral levels, and will include system strengthening to more effectively plan, manage, and deliver family planning and reproductive health services.
- b. Competition is not anticipated since USAID intends to use a field support mechanism.
- c. A field support mechanism is anticipated. N/A
- d. No, if a field support mechanism is used.
- e. Not at this time
- f. Not at this time

44. Bosnia: Media Engagement Activity

- a. Can USAID provide the anticipated award/action type for this opportunity?

USAID Response: Please check the updates made to the business forecast. An associate award is anticipated for this opportunity.

45. 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?
- b. Does the USAID/Botswana Mission anticipate any other opportunities to be procured this year?

USAID Response: USAID/Botswana does not anticipate the release of any HIV-focused solicitations in this fiscal year.

46. Burma: Does USAID intend to proceed with competing currently forecasted opportunities for Burma?

USAID Response: Yes.

47. Burma: With the new OFAC Sanctions, what impact will they have on the business forecast and current awards?

USAID Response: USAID's award provisions state that implementing partners must comply with U.S. sanctions with respect to Burma enforced by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). Further, USAID's award provisions state that the IP must not provide funding or support to the Government of Burma, military, military controlled organizations or entities, including the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited or Myanmar Economic Corporation, police, or paramilitary groups without obtaining CO approval. These same provisions will apply to new awards in the business forecast.

48. **Burma:** With USAID's press announcement to redirect \$42.4 million away from the Government of Burma, what procurements are cancelled and what will be the new ones added to the forecast?

USAID Response: The Local Governance Strengthening Activity has been cancelled and removed from the FY 2021 Business Forecast.

49. **Burma:** When will the Burma CDCS be posted?

USAID Response: The Burma Strategy Framework is not yet available. Please refer to the USAID Burma webpage (<https://www.usaid.gov/burma>), which has a sector-level summary of the Mission's work in Burma.

50. **Burma:** TB and HIV integrated activity

- a. What impact will the coup in Burma have on open solicitations?
- b. 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?

USAID Response: The solicitation for this procurement was issued on www.grants.gov on January 15, 2021 and Concept Applications are due on March 12, 2021, 8:00 a.m. Burma Local Time.

51. **Burma:** Will USAID issue new Feed the Future or agricultural opportunities in FY21 or FY22? If so: Can you briefly outline the technical scope and other relevant details of the opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Burma does not anticipate releasing any agricultural or food security related procurements during FY21 or FY22. However, please continue to check the business forecast, beta.SAM.gov and grants.gov for updates.

52. **Burma:** Strengthening Basic Education for All (SBEA)

- a. Can USAID please confirm that the Burma Basic Education Activity is expected to be a cooperative agreement or a contract?
- b. Could USAID provide an anticipated release date for this activity?
- c. Could USAID clarify if eligibility will be restricted to certain entities?
- d. Could USAID provide an estimated budget ceiling for this award?
- e. Given the current political situation, can USAID confirm design and release of this opportunity will continue?
- f. Given the current coup and state of emergency, does USAID anticipate delaying the SBEA procurement?

- g. Is USAID considering engaging with non-government schools?
- h. Given the unpredictability of the Myanmar context, is it possible that the mechanism will be a cooperative agreement to allow for as much flexibility as possible in the final agreement?

USAID Response:

- a. The planned award type for this activity is anticipated to be assistance.
- b. By on or about quarter 3 of FY 2021.
- c. This has not been determined at this time. USAID is still determining development objectives and assessing the market and potential implementers.
- d. This information is not available at this time.
- e. Yes, design is ongoing and the plans for this activity are continuing.
- f. The funding opportunity for this activity will continue with an anticipated award by September 2021.
- g. As stated in the RFI, USAID is considering all types of education providers that may best reach the target populations.
- h. USAID is still in the design phase and considering different award options and approaches.

53. Burma: Agriculture Partnership Hub

- a. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for the program?
- b. Could USAID clarify whether the programming will be in the form of a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?

USAID Response: USAID/Burma does not anticipate releasing any agricultural or food security related procurements during FY21.

54. Burma: Higher Education Activity

- a. Could the Mission confirm that this activity is still planned?
- b. Could the Mission provide an update on anticipated timing?
- c. Could the Mission provide any information on anticipated scope?
- d. Could the Mission provide any information on anticipated award vehicle?

USAID Response: The Burma Higher Education Program has been postponed and also removed from the FY 2021 Business Forecast.

55. Burma: Presidential Malaria Initiative Eliminate Malaria

- a. Can USAID please provide an update considering recent political events in the country? Is it anticipated that this activity will continue?
- b. The purpose of this Activity is to contribute to the elimination of indigenous transmission of *Plasmodium falciparum* malaria by 2025 and put Burma on the path to eliminate all human malaria by 2030. The National Strategic Plan for Malaria Elimination (NSPME) 2021-**2025** however has been amended and Burma is now aiming to eliminate the

indigenous transmission of Plasmodium falciparum malaria by **2023**. By when would the Activity be expected to contribute to the elimination of indigenous transmission of Plasmodium falciparum malaria?

- c. What annexes should be submitted to support the Concept Application: Technical Part and Concept Application: Budget Part?

USAID Response: Amendment No.1 to the NOFO was posted on www.grants.gov which contains all information as it pertains to this award.

56. **Burma:** Burma's Local Governance Strengthening Activity

- a. Given the current political situation in Burma, could USAID confirm if it still intends to release an RFA/RFP for a Local Governance Strengthening Activity (LGSA), or any other new governance activity?
- b. If so, what is the anticipated solicitation release date?
- 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?

USAID Response: The Local Governance Strengthening Activity has been cancelled and removed from the FY 2021 Business Forecast.

57. **Burma:** Natural Resource Management

- a. This opportunity seems to have been removed from the USAID Forecast. Can USAID confirm if, and when, it intends to issue a procurement following the December 2020 Request for Information?

USAID Response: USAID/Burma does not anticipate releasing any natural resource management related procurement during FY21.

58. **Burundi:** Does the Burundi Mission plan to procure services from the USAID Kenya: Basic Education Activity IDIQ? (Reference: A&A Plan ID: AA-311649)

USAID Response: No. USAID/Burundi Office does not anticipate procuring any services from the USAID/Kenya Basic Education IDIQ.

59. **Burundi:** In the Q1 Q&A USAID noted that in FY21 "USAID/Burundi anticipates two new health transition awards to local partners." Could USAID provide the following information:

- a. Estimated RFA release date.
- b. Estimated amount of funding.
- c. Planned health areas.
- d. Confirm whether international organizations may sub to local partners under the anticipated mechanisms.

USAID Response: The Mission has not yet authorized an activity referenced in this question; as such, the Mission has no further information to provide. Please monitor the Business Forecast for new activities.

60. **Burundi:** Does USAID envision releasing any funding opportunities for implementation in Burundi over the coming 24 months?

USAID Response: The Mission has not yet authorized an activity referenced in this question; as such, the Mission has no further information to provide. Please monitor the Business Forecast for new activities.

61. **Cambodia:** When does USAID plan to release the new CDCS for Cambodia?

USAID Response: USAID/Cambodia's new CDCS is under internal review and will be released when approved.

62. **Cambodia:** Eastern Plains Natural Resource Management

- a. Can USAID/Cambodia provide any additional information on the technical scope, procurement timeline, and award mechanism?
- b. Does USAID plan any environment procurements in addition to the Eastern Plains Natural Resource Management opportunity?
- c. Does USAID/Cambodia intend to release an RFI or any additional information prior to the solicitation?
- d. Can USAID confirm that this opportunity is still expected? If so, can USAID please update the Business Forecast for this opportunity

USAID Response: The RFI for this activity was posted on beta.sam.gov and grants.gov on December 11, 2020 and closed on January, 13, 2021 at 4:00pm, Phnom Penh time. The mechanism for this activity will be acquisition -- this information has been updated in the business forecast accordingly. Given this activity is still under design, we anticipate to release additional information, including a pre-solicitation notice, on beta.sam.gov in the near future. The disappearance from the business forecast was likely due to an issue in the system, but the information is updated and available again on the business forecast.

USAID/Cambodia does not have any environment procurements in addition to the Eastern Plains Natural Resource Management. Please continue monitoring the business forecast for any updates and new prospective opportunities.

63. **Cambodia:** Cambodia Malaria Elimination Project 2

- a. This opportunity has been released by the Mission as a CPFF Term RFP. Is USAID able to provide some background on the justification of using this contract type? Should offerors expect this contract type to be used in Cambodia and/or wider in Asia in the future?

USAID Response: USAID determined the contract type after considering the requirements, and determined that a CPFF term form contract would most likely result in reasonable contractor risk and provide the contractor with the greatest incentive for efficient and economical performance. Offerors should expect any contract type appropriate to the circumstances of an acquisition.

64. **Cambodia:** Inclusive Primary Education Activity

- a. This opportunity has been released by the Mission as a CPFF Term RFP. Is USAID able to provide some background on the justification of using this contract type? Should offerors expect this contract type to be used in Cambodia and/or wider in Asia in the future?

USAID Response: USAID determined the contract type after considering the requirements, and determined that a CPFF term form contract would most likely result in reasonable contractor risk and provide the contractor with the greatest incentive for efficient and economical performance. Offerors should expect any contract type appropriate to the circumstances of an acquisition.

65. **Cambodia:** CW - Diversifying Partnerships in WASH (DiP-WASH) APS

- a. Does USAID Cambodia anticipate issuing any DiP-WASH addenda in 2021?

USAID Response: No. Please continue monitoring the business forecast for new prospective opportunities.

66. **Cambodia:** Agriculture Partnership Hub

- a. Can USAID/Cambodia please clarify the award type and intent to issue this as a full and open opportunity?
- b. Does USAID intend to release an RFI for this opportunity and if so when?
- c. Will this be a small business set aside?
- d. Is this considered a follow-on to Harvest II?
- e. Can USAID please clarify the anticipated award/action type for this opportunity?
- f. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or pre-solicitation document before the solicitation is released?
- g. Can more detail be given about how this project will support the Indo Pacific Strategy?
- h. We strongly encourage a cooperative agreement mechanism for this activity
- i. Could USAID share information on the targeted commodities for this activity?
- j. Would USAID please confirm that the intended release date of the solicitation still remains 10/31/2021?

USAID Response: As we are still in the early design stage, there is no information or update about this activity at this point. Please continue monitoring the business forecast for any updates.

67. **Cambodia:** Feed the Future Cambodia Horticulture

- a. Can USAID/Cambodia please confirm that a follow on to the FTF Cambodia Horticulture will be recompeted? If so, can Cambodia please clarify the mechanism and anticipated release date?
- b. Does USAID have a procurement mechanism preference for this?

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

68. **Cambodia:** Is USAID/Cambodia planning any child protection-focused activities at this time?

USAID Response: No. Please continue monitoring the business forecast for new prospective

opportunities.

69. **Cambodia:** Strengthening Civil Society and Community Resilience Program

- a. Can USAID provide a release date and additional information on this anticipated opportunity at this time?
- 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: USAID has no plans to add a Strengthening Civil Society and Community Resilience Program to the Business Forecast at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for any updates.

70. **Cameroon:** Health Bilateral

- a. Could USAID kindly confirm its intention to issue a health bilateral?
- b. Could USAID provide an anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: Currently, every activity on PMI is implemented under a field support mechanism. As most of these activities are coming to an end USAID/Cameroon is envisaging bilateral engagement/s in the future. There are no set dates at the moment to share.

71. **Cameroon** Project Design and CVE project

- a. Can USAID update us on the status of the design of upcoming projects in Cameroon?
- b. Can USAID confirm that there is a CVE project currently being designed for Cameroon?

USAID Response: The only program under design for Cameroon at this time is the Strengthening Civil Society and Community Resilience Program for Cameroon. At this time a CVE project is currently not being contemplated for Cameroon. USAID/West Africa's regional Voices for Peace (V4P) program implements CVE programming in Northern Cameroon.

72. **Cameroon:** Malaria Service Delivery

- a. Does USAID have an update on the expected timing for the upcoming Cameroon malaria service delivery opportunity?
- b. Does USAID have an update on the expected contracting mechanism for the upcoming Cameroon malaria service delivery opportunity?

USAID Response:

73. **Cameroon:** Is USAID planning any governance programming in Cameroon?

USAID Response: The only program under design for Cameroon at this time is the Strengthening Civil Society and Community Resilience Program for Cameroon.

74. **Cameroon:** Strengthening Civil Society and Community Resilience

- a. In the most recent business forecast Q&A, USAID/Cameroon indicated they are planning a "Strengthening Civil Society and Community Resilience Program." Does USAID have any

- additional information about this opportunity, specifically the Award/Action type?
- b. Can the mission provide additional clarity on the timing of the Strengthening Civil Society and Community Resilience Program planned procurement?
 - c. Does USAID plan to issue the Strengthening Civil Society and Community Resilience Program for Cameroon in FY21?

USAID Response: This action is still in the design approval stage. Once all the necessary approvals are granted, the Agency Procurement Action Lead Time for a competitive cooperative agreement is 150 days. USAID intends to issue the Notice of Funding Opportunity for this activity in FY21.

75. **Central African Republic:** Now that the elections are over, is USAID considering D&G funding for the country?

USAID Response:

76. **Chad:** Does the USAID/Chad Mission anticipate releasing any opportunities in the next 12 months?

USAID Response: The USAID Chad/Mission does not have any stand alone planned opportunities at this time.

77. **Central Asia:** Does USAID anticipate any upcoming opportunities for Central Asia from the Bureau for Global Health?

USAID Response: Not at this time.

78. **Central Asia:** Can you provide an update on the completion of the RDCS?

USAID Response: The RDCS has been completed and the approval of the public version is pending.

79. **Cote d'Ivoire:** Are there plans for Cote d'Ivoire to have a CDCS?

USAID Response: No. Cote d'Ivoire is considered as a Limited Presence Country (LPC) therefore not a full USAID Mission. As such, Cote d'Ivoire does not and will not have its own Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS).

80. **Cote d'Ivoire:** is there any other project that is currently being designed for Cote d'Ivoire, besides the Integrated Health Project.

USAID Response: No. Cote d'Ivoire does not have any other ongoing design for the time being, besides the Integrated Health Project.

81. **Cote d'Ivoire:** Can USAID advise if solicitations for Cote d'Ivoire will continue to be released from the regional operating unit, or if there are plans in the future for procurements to come from that office directly?

USAID Response: All solicitations for Cote d'Ivoire will originate from the West Africa's Regional Acquisition and Assistance Office (RAAO) which is a small contracting unit in Abidjan. Note that all procurement for Cote d'Ivoire is planned, solicited, negotiated, awarded and administered by RAAO.

82. **Cote d'Ivoire:** Does USAID plan to issue an OVC opportunity for Cote d'Ivoire in FY21?

USAID Response: USAID/Cote d'Ivoire does not plan on issuing any OVC opportunity for FY2021.

83. **Cote d'Ivoire** Integrated Health Project

- a. Can USAID update us on the status of the Integrated Health Project in Cote d'Ivoire?
- b. Is there any other project that is currently being designed for Cote d'Ivoire, besides the Integrated Health Project?
- c. Could USAID provide an update on the anticipated release date, funding mechanism, and desired outcomes of this activity that has not yet been forecasted?

USAID Response: (a) (c); The Cote d'Ivoire's Health team will initiate design phase of the Integrated Health project in FY21, Q3 (Business Forecast will be updated accordingly). As such, information related to this upcoming procurement (opportunity release date, funding mechanism, expected outcomes, etc.) is not available at this time. Please continue monitoring the Agency Business Forecast for update(s). (b) Cote d'Ivoire does not have any other ongoing design for the time being, besides the Integrated Health Project.

84. **Cote d'Ivoire:** MCH/FP/MIP

- a. USAID recently indicated plans to design an MCH/FP/MIP activity. Does USAID still anticipate releasing this activity and if so, can USAID please consider adding relevant opportunity information to the forecast?
- b. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated timing for the planned solicitation?
- c. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated award mechanism and value?
- d. Can USAID identify the geographic targets for this opportunity?
- e. Does USAID anticipate a multi-stage application process including co-creation?
- f. In the Q&A for the STOP DJEKOIDJO opportunity, USAID stated that it still plans to design and solicit an MCH/FP/MIP activity under a full and open competition solicitation. This opportunity does not yet appear in the forecast. Can USAID provide the following information about this opportunity?
 - Estimated RFA release date.
 - Estimated amount of funding.
 - Estimated number of awards.
- g. USAID previously identified an FP/MCH/MIP Côte d'Ivoire opportunity in the forecast, but the recently released Stop DJEKOIDJO RFA indicated that the scope of work would be implemented under a central mechanism and thus not released as an RFA.
- h. Could USAID kindly confirm if there will be a separate opportunity or procured under a

central mechanism?

- i. What geographies in CDI is USAID aiming to reach with the MCH activity?
- j. Will USAID prioritize one component of MNCH/RH/FP/Malaria with the others integrated throughout?
- k. What is the anticipated funding mechanism?
- l. What is the anticipated award ceiling?

USAID Response: USAID confirms that an activity related to FP/MCH/MIP will be procured initially through a central mechanism. However, Côte d'Ivoire reiterates that it plans to design a separate bi-lateral opportunity for a Maternal and Child Health/Family Planning/Malaria project in FY21,Q3. Information related to this upcoming procurement (opportunity release date, geographical zones, funding mechanism, award ceiling) is not available at this time. Please continue monitoring the Agency Business Forecast for update(s).

85. Colombia: Inclusive Justice

- a. To what extent does USAID anticipate this opportunity will focus on partnering with governmental entities for reform in Colombia?
- b. Can USAID provide further detail on the objectives and expected results for this Activity?
- c. Could USAID update the anticipated solicitation release date?
- d. Could USAID update the Award/Action Type?

USAID Response: This information will be available when the solicitation is released. The anticipated solicitation release date has been updated to April 1, 2021. The anticipated award type is accurate. USAID is planning to solicit for a standalone hybrid contract with a five year cost reimbursement completion portion and an IDIQ portion.

86. 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, and if so, can USAID say approximately when this RFI would be released?

USAID Response: USAID/Colombia has no information available to share at this time, as we continue to consider programming options. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for any updates.

87. Colombia: Venezuela Response and Integration Activity

- a. To what extent, if any, will the economic integration activities include the agricultural sector?

USAID Response: The agricultural sector is included to the extent that the Venezuelan Migrants are present in it, as this Activity intends to respond to the migration phenomena issues, in order to integrate these migrants into Colombia's economic landscape.

88. Colombia: Weaving Lives and Hope

- a. Has USAID selected a recipient for this award yet? If not, can USAID please provide an anticipated award date?

USAID Response: The outcome of the evaluation will be announced to all applicants soon. The anticipated award date for the WLH activity is March 2021.

89. Colombia: Indigenous Peoples and Afro-Colombian Activity

- a. The Anticipated Solicitation Release Date 3/31/2021, is still accurate?
- b. Can USAID confirm the target municipalities for this Activity?
- c. Can USAID provide further detail on the intermediate results for each objective of the Activity?
- d. Does USAID anticipate the focus of this activity to be in specific economic sectors?
- e. Can USAID provide more details on who are the “ethnic organizations” and “traditional governing bodies” it refers to in the first objective of the Activity (Improved self-governance and guaranteed rights for ethnic communities)?
- f. Can USAID provide further detail on whether the Activity will prioritize payment for environmental services mechanisms and initiatives that could potentially participate in carbon markets?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes
- b. Applicants will be asked to propose target municipalities as part of their application. Further guidance will be provided in the NOFO when released
- c. Further details will be made available through the NOFO when released
- d. Applicants will be expected to propose specific economic sectors in their applications, ensuring that they are market-driven and identified through engagement with target communities, the private sector, and relevant public sector stakeholders.
- e. "Ethnic organizations" can be understood to be non-governmental organizations (NGOs), partnerships and consortia composed of majority Afro-Colombian and indigenous persons, including “second-tier,” regional, and national Indigenous and Afro-Colombian organizations. "Traditional governing bodies" refers to Indigenous and Afro-Colombian traditional authorities like Indigenous cabildos and Afro-Colombian consejos comunitarios, among others. Further guidance will be provided in the NOFO when released
- f. More guidance will be found in the NOFO when released, but generally speaking, applicants are encouraged to propose innovative mechanisms and initiatives as part of their application.

90. Colombia: Rural Finance Initiative (RFI) follow-on

- a. Can USAID confirm that there will be a follow-on to the current RFI opportunity?
- 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?

USAID Response: USAID is currently in the process of holding internal discussions for the RFI follow-on opportunity. There is no specific projected solicitation date as of now but the follow-on solicitation is expected to be released in FY 2022. No decision has been made as to the mechanism/selection of instrument. No decision has been made for releasing a Scope of Work in advance of the solicitation.

91. **Colombia:** Local Capacity Building Activity “Strengthening Together Activity”

- a. Can USAID confirm the set-aside status of this opportunity?

USAID Response: This activity will not be or have a set aside.

92. **Colombia:** Colombia Strengthening Together Activity

- a. Does USAID plan to use a co creation process for this solicitation
- b. Will this Activity be released under the New Partnerships Initiative?
- c. Can USAID kindly confirm the 3/3 release date?
- d. Does USAID plan to use a multi-stage process for this solicitation?
- e. Will there be any eligibility restrictions?
- f. Will this solicitation be restricted to local partners, or released as a New Partnership Initiative project?

USAID Response: This NOFO was released on March 5, 2021. It will use oral presentations through a multi-phased approach and will not have eligibility or set aside restrictions. Please see the notice on grants.gov for more information.

93. **Colombia:** Female Empowerment

- a. Could USAID please confirm the anticipated award date of this activity?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date for the Female Empowerment Activity (FEMPOW) is within the month of April 2021.

94. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Can USAID clarify whether it anticipates additional funding opportunities for province-level D&G work in the DRC (e.g. anti-corruption, capacity-building for provincial/local elected officials, etc.)?

USAID Response: There is no update on province-level DRG work in DRC. Any new activity in this area will be posted to the business forecast.

95. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Does USAID plan to issue solicitations for a Food for Peace project in DRC in FY2021?

USAID Response: At this point USAID/DRC has no update on any new Food for Peace project in FY2021. Any new activity in this area will be posted to the business forecast.

96. **Democractic Republic of the Congo:** Does the Democratic Republic of Congo Mission plan to

procure services from the USAID Kenya: Basic Education Activity IDIQ (Reference: A&A Plan ID: AA-311649)?

USAID Response: At this point USAID/DRC has no decision on using the Kenya Basic Education IDIQ. Any new activity in this area will be posted to the business forecast.

97. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Enhancing Services and Linkages for Children Affected by HIV and AIDS (ELIKIA)

- a. Is USAID planning to issue a follow on to the ELIKIA project, currently implemented by EDC?
- b. If so, can USAID please provide information on the anticipated scope of work, geographic focus, timing of solicitation release, funding mechanism, and value of the award?
- c. If so, will USAID add this opportunity to the Business Forecast?
- d. If so, does USAID anticipate any eligibility restrictions to bid (i.e. restricting to local organizations only)?

USAID Response:

- a. There is no update to a new project as a follow on to the ELIKIA project.
- b. If, and once a determination has been made on whether to procure a follow on project additional information will be provided.
- c. Any new information will be posted to the business forecast.
- d. No further details on type of activity are available.

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

- a. Is there any update regarding the status of the P-DEC opportunity or timeline for responses to applications?

USAID Response: The Mission is working diligently to review the submitted applications. We are hopeful that we will be able to provide more information to applicants by the end of March.

99. **Democratic Republic of Congo:** Sanitation Activity in DRC

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

USAID Response: This activity is still in Design. No additional detail is available. Updates will be posted on the next business forecast.

100. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** DRC Peri-Urban and Rural Sanitation Activity

- a. Does USAID expect this activity to be allocated through one or multiple awards?
- b. Can USAID confirm please whether the anticipated DRC Peri-Urban and Rural Sanitation Activity will be released directly as an RFA/Full proposal (as USAID indicated in the July RFI Call with Participants), or if it will follow a co-creation process under the DiP WASH APS?
- c. Would USAID kindly share information regarding geographic areas?
- d. Is this opportunity still expected to be released on February 28, 2021?
- e. The current anticipated release date for the Peri-Urban and Rural Sanitation Activity is February 28, 2021. Could USAID please confirm if this anticipated release date is still valid?

- f. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated release date for the DRC Peri-Urban and Rural Sanitation Activity?

USAID Response: This activity is still in Design. No additional detail is available. Updates will be posted on the next business forecast.

- 101. **Democratic Republic of the Congo: Civil Society and Media Strengthening Global Award**
 - a. Is there an updated anticipated release date?
 - b. Will there be priority geographic regions for this award?
 - c. Is USAID considering multiple LWA holders?

USAID Response: This activity is still in Design. No additional detail is available. Updates will be posted on the next business forecast.

- 102. **Democratic Republic of the Congo: New Partnerships Initiative: Conflict-Prevention and Recovery Program, Advancing the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the Democratic Republic of the Congo Activity**
 - a. Is there any update regarding the status of this call for concept papers or a projected timeline for responses?

USAID Response: Responses to this procurement are under review with USAID. No further information is available at this time.

- 103. **Democractic Republic of the Congo: Malaria Service Delivery**
 - a. Does USAID have an update on the expected timing for the upcoming DRC malaria service delivery opportunity mentioned in the latest DRC MOP?
 - b. Does USAID have an update on the expected contracting mechanism for the upcoming DRC malaria service delivery opportunity mentioned in the latest DRC MOP?

USAID Response: The USAID Bednets contract has been awarded. Details are available on [Beta.Sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- 104. **Democractic Republic of the Congo: Feed the Future Strengthening Value Chains**
 - a. Could USAID comment on whether the DRC mission expects to release a procurement as a follow on to the current Feed the Future Strengthening Value Chains project?
 - 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: USAID/DRC recognizes that the current FTF SVC activity will end in the next fiscal year. In light of anticipated staff changes this summer and the focus on completing recent FTF-funded procurements, discussions are still underway about what approach the Mission will take in response to this activity's completion. No additional information is available on this potential procurement at this time.

105. **Democratic Republic of the Congo: Advancing the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**
- a. When does USAID plan to inform applicants of the status of their concept note submissions?
 - b. Are full applications anticipated or will USAID be making an award determination based on the concept notes?
 - c. What can bidders expect for full application requirements, such as the length of time to respond, key personnel recruitment, partnership agreements, etc.?

USAID Response: Submitted applications are under review by USAID. No further information is available at this time.

106. **Democratic Republic of the Congo: Solutions for Peace and Recovery**
- a. Can USAID please confirm if the current Solutions for Peace and Recovery (SPR) Activity is still scheduled to close in August 2021?
 - b. Does USAID/DRC intend to issue any new solicitations in the DRC in FY 2021 supporting conflict prevention, resolution, and recovery in eastern DRC?
 - c. Can USAID share any details regarding the new scope and budget?
 - d. Will USAID issue an RFI or other pre-solicitation or a related activity, and if so, what is the anticipated RFI release date?
 - e. What type of mechanism (contract, cooperative agreement, task order) does USAID intend to use for this activity?
 - f. What is the expected release date for the final RFA/P?
 - g. 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 current award is scheduled to end in August 2021. No additional information regarding follow on work is available at this time

107. **Democratic Republic of the Congo: Integrated Governance Activity**
- a. Can USAID please confirm when IGA is scheduled to close?
 - b. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on and will the scope (geography and technical areas) of the follow-on remain the same or are multiple awards anticipated? If multiple awards, how does USAID anticipate dividing the work (geographic, technical, other)?
 - c. Does USAID intend to issue any new governance-related solicitations in the DRC in FY2021?
 - d. Can USAID share any details regarding the scopes and budgets?
 - e. Will USAID issue RFIs or pre-solicitations, and if so, what are the anticipated RFI release dates?
 - f. What type of mechanisms (contract or cooperative agreement) does USAID intend to use related activities?
 - g. What is the expected release date for final RFA/Ps?
 - h. Can USAID provide further details regarding bidder eligibility, such as the likelihood of activities being a set-aside or limited to local competition?
 - i. Does the mission anticipate using co-creation or a multi-stage procurement of any type?

USAID Response:

- a. This activity currently ends in January, 2022
- b. A follow-on activity is anticipated but design has not yet begun.
- c. USAID/DRC will begin designing a few governance-related activities, but only a Rule of Law activity is expected, at this time, to have a solicitation in FY21.
- d. Not at this time.
- e. An RFI is anticipated for the Rule of Law activity in FY21 Q2 or Q3. The IGA follow-on is not yet in design, as a result knowledge about any potential RFI is premature
- f. Choice of instrument has not yet been considered because the IGA follow-on design has not yet begun
- g. Potentially FY22.
- h. No information available at this time
- i. No information available at this time

108. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** DRC Public Policy Activity

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing the DRC Public Policy Activity during FY2021?

USAID Response: USAID is no longer moving forward with this activity

109. **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** USAID Conservation through Economic Empowerment in Republic of Congo (CEERC)

- a. Could USAID kindly provide an update on the anticipated timing for an award of this opportunity?

USAID Response: Submitted proposals are still under review by USAID. No further information is available at this time.

110. **Djibouti:** Does the Djibouti Mission plan to procure services from the USAID Kenya: Basic Education Activity IDIQ?

USAID Response:

111. **Djibouti:** Civic Engagement Advocacy Project

- a. Can USAID please provide more info on the anticipated scope of this opportunity?
- b. Can USAID confirm that the timing in the current Business Forecast is accurate with an anticipated release date in February 2021?
- c. Could USAID please update the Award/Action Type and Small Business Set-Aside status as soon as possible?
- d. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

112. **Dominican Republic:** Civil Society and Accountable Justice

- a. If yes, what is the forecasted date?
- b. If not, does the mission anticipate funding a governance program this FY?

- c. Does the mission anticipate using co-creation or a multi-stage procurement of any type?

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

113. **Dominican Republic:** Criminal Justice System Strengthening Project

- a. Is USAID planning for a follow-on to the Criminal Justice System Strengthening Project in the Dominican Republic? If so, does USAID plan to release an RFI and what are the anticipated release dates for the RFI and the RFP?

USAID Response: The Mission continues its internal discussions on this topic. Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for updates and possible future opportunities.

114. **Dominican Republic:** Combating Wildlife Trafficking

- a. Would USAID consider making this solicitation a small business set aside?

USAID Response: Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for further updates and potential future opportunities. Also note that the planned mechanism is assistance for this requirement.

115. **Dominican Republic:** Dominican Republic Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Activity

- a. Does USAID/Dominican Republic intend to release a solicitation for the follow on the MEL platform?
b. Can USAID indicate what mechanism will be used for this solicitation?

USAID Response: The Mission continues its internal discussions on this topic. Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for updates and possible future opportunities.

116. **Dominican Republic:** Energy Sector Reform activity (ESRTA)

- a. What is the relationship between this award and the regional clean energy program out of the Dominican Republic referenced in the January 13, 2020 IEE Simplified Deferral Amendment which indicated the program was under design during 2020 and had an anticipated value of 25,000,000?
b. Is the award added to the USAID Business Forecast on February 10, 2021 the same program that has been under design during this period and referenced in the IEE Simplified Deferral Amendment?
c. Is the Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range (\$500,000 - \$999,999), correct?
d. If the recently added award is not the same as the previously mentioned program, when will new information regarding the larger regional energy modernization program be released?
e. Does USAID intend to issue additional energy procurements to complement the Regional Energy Sector Reform Activity?

USAID Response: The Mission continues its internal discussions on this topic. Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for further updates and potential future opportunities. Also note that the planned mechanism is acquisition for this requirement.

117. **Ecuador:** Will USAID be opening an Ecuador Mission in 2021?

USAID Response: The Ecuador Mission has reopened but has limited staffing until new staff can be hired.

118. **Ecuador:** Does the mission anticipate releasing economic growth opportunities in FY2021?

USAID Response: The Ecuador mission will provide updates on the Business Forecast as opportunities become available.

119. **Egypt: Business Egypt**

- a. In a request for information dated December 6, 2020, USAID/Egypt indicated it was considering changing the award type from a contract to a cooperative agreement. Has USAID made a determination on this?
- b. Is USAID/Egypt considering other restrictions on eligibility?
- c. Does USAID intend to procure this activity as a contract or cooperative agreement? The Mission released a RFI on grants.gov in December 2020 to understand the interest of potential offerors to bid on Business Egypt if it is requested as a Cooperative Agreement. However, the Forecast update on February 16, 2021 lists the Award/Action Type as TBD.
- d. We understand that USAID awarded an activity (72026320CA00005) with a two-year period of performance to serve as bridge program between SEED and Business Egypt. Could USAID please clarify how Business Egypt's scope of work will be different from the bridge activity's scope of work? Does USAID intend to overlap the bridge activity's period of performance with Business Egypt's period of performance?
- e. Can USAID confirm that the anticipated solicitation release date remains March 31, 2021?
- f. The latest entry on the business forecast states that the award type is "to be determined." However, in the RFI issued in December 2020, it appeared that a Cooperative Agreement was intended. Can USAID clarify if the award type has been selected or if it is still under consideration?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID/Egypt will utilize a Cooperative Agreement to implement a public program to implement the Business Egypt Activity
- b. There are no restrictions on eligibility.
- c. The Forecast has been updated to indicate that this will be a Cooperative Agreement.
- d. USAID/Egypt is utilizing a cooperative agreement to implement its "bridge" activity, so there is no statement of work. For information on the Business Egypt Program Description, please review the NOFO when it is released.
- e. March 31, 2021 is the current best estimate of the release date.
- f. A Cooperative Agreement has been selected and the Business Forecast has been updated.

120. **Egypt: Health Activities**

- a. Is it expected that there will be any health activities coming out from the Egypt mission in the 2021 fiscal year? If so, can USAID put them on the forecast?

USAID Response: It is likely, though not certain, that a NOFO or solicitation for a health activity will be issued in FY 2021. USAID/Egypt will add any such activity to the forecast when they are sufficiently defined to allow for the inclusion of meaningful information.

121. **Egypt:** When does the mission anticipate the CDCS?

USAID Response: USAID/Egypt expects the CDCS to be available for public release within two months.

122. **Egypt:** Does USAID/Egypt plan to release any additional solicitations in 2021 beyond those currently listed on the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: It is likely, though not certain, that additional solicitations will be released in 2021. As soon as they are designed and sufficient information is available, they will be added to the Business Forecast.

123. **Egypt:** Workforce Egypt

a. Could USAID please provide an update on the award timeline for Workforce Egypt?

USAID Response: We are currently evaluating proposals. A precise estimate at this time cannot be made due to internal review processes and uncertainty regarding NDAA 889 issues in Egypt.

124. **Egypt:** Agriculture program

a. Does USAID plan to release a new agriculture-focused program in 2021? If yes, when is it anticipated?

b. Does USAID plan to release an RFI for it?

USAID Response: a) It is possible that one or more new agriculture-focused activities will have a NOFO or solicitation released prior to October 1, 2022. b) No decision has been made whether a RFI will be used for any such NOFO/solicitation. Please check grants.gov and beta.sam.gov for any released RFI.

125. **Ethiopia:** In February, USAID added three opportunities to the forecast (Empowering Communities-Community Engagement, Private Health Sector, and Social Behavioral Change for Health). Can USAID please share if these opportunities represent the full suite of ECBH activities anticipated? If not, can USAID please provide more detail as to what other activities are anticipated.

USAID Response: The Empowered Communities for Better Health (ECBH) activities listed in the question are not the full portfolio of ECBH activities. (Note: Private Health Sector falls under our Health portfolio's other project--Strengthening Health Systems for Universal Health Care.) The ECBH suite of activities anticipated to be solicited in this FY include: Surveillance for Malaria Elimination; Social and Behavior Change for Health; Empowered Communities for Better Health.

126. **Ethiopia:** Are there any HSS opportunities that USAID plans on rolling out in Ethiopia in 2021?

USAID Response : Under our Health Office’s “Strengthening Health Systems for Universal Health Care” project, we anticipate soliciting two activities in this FY: Private Health Sector and Supply Chain Support.

127. **Ethiopia:** CW - Diversifying Partnerships in WASH (DiP-WASH)

- a. Does USAID Ethiopia anticipate issuing any DiP-WASH addenda in 2021?

USAID Response: No, not at this time.

128. **Ethiopia:** Achieving and Sustaining HIV Epidemic Control Activities

- a. When does USAID/Ethiopia anticipate posting opportunities under the USAID/Ethiopia Achieving and Sustaining HIV Epidemic Control Activities?

USAID Response: Pefar-funded activities have been awarded to local partners. We currently don’t have planned opportunities under the USAID/Ethiopia Achieving and Sustaining HIV Epidemic Control Activities for 2021.

129. **Ethiopia:** Private Sector Health

- a. Please confirm that USAID/Ethiopia plans to release this opportunity March 1, 2021.
b. Can USAID please provide more details of the scope of the Ethiopia Private Health Sector opportunity?
c. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated mechanism and the likelihood of co-creation for this opportunity?
d. Will there be requirements for funding to local organizations under this Activity?
e. Can you provide additional details about the eligibility for this Activity?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date for the Private Sector Health activity is June 2021. The Private Sector Health activity is still in design. As such, the scope, mechanism/instrument and other procurement details are not finalized. Generally, the activity’s goal is to strengthen private sector engagement in the health sector. The Mission is considering engaging in co-creation to better define the specific scope of the award.

130. **Ethiopia:** Pastoralist Education Activity

- a. Will this opportunity be added back to the Business Forecast?
b. If so, could USAID please update the anticipated release date for this program?

USAID Response: No, this opportunity will not be added to the Business Forecast as it has been dropped from the Mission’s plans.

131. **Ethiopia: Broad Agency Announcement**

- a. In the July 2020 forecast Q&A, USAID stated “USAID/Ethiopia anticipates several addenda to be released under the Mission-wide Broad Agency Announcement starting in July 2020.” However, it looks like USAID has added numerous opportunities to the business forecast. Does this mean that USAID does not intend to use the Ethiopia/Mission BAA for the anticipated programs?
- b. In the FY21 Q1 Q&A, USAID noted that several activities are under review that are considering the use of the Broad Mission Announcement in FY21.
- c. Has USAID made any determination on such activities?
- d. If yes, what are the priority areas?
- e. When might USAID provide an indication of when it will issue addenda?
- f. Does USAID intend to release any addenda under this BMA? If so, could USAID please add the anticipated addenda to the Business Forecast?
- g. USAID issued a broad mission agency announcement in March 2020. Can USAID please clarify: Is funding available for the BMA? Does the mission plan to issue addenda for the BMA in the next year? If not, will the validity of the BMA be extended beyond March 2023? Is any one sector in particular prioritized for programming under the BMA?
- h. Will the addenda be published in the USAID forecast?

USAID Response: As stated before, the Mission anticipates to release several addenda under the Mission-wide Broad Agency Announcement. (Note: It has already released one addendum--the Organizational Development Activity--in FY 20.) Depending on the nature of upcoming activities (USAID requirements, funding opportunities or problems requiring innovative solutions), the Mission may issue opportunities currently listed on the Business Forecast and/or upcoming ones as addenda under the Mission-wide Broad Agency Announcement. Note that the Announcement does not have any funding attached to it; it is the specific addenda that will define the specific problems and have associated funds for the proposed solutions.

132. **Ethiopia: Ethiopia Private Health Sector**

- a. Can USAID confirm what the award mechanism will be?
- b. Can USAID confirm eligibility for this award?
- c. Can USAID provide an anticipated award description for this opportunity?
- d. Can USAID confirm whether an RFI and/or co-creation is anticipated for this opportunity?
- e. Can USAID share additional information about the Ethiopia Private Health Sector opportunity (AA-314763) in advance of the March 1, 2021 anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date for the Private Sector Health activity is June 2021. The Private Sector Health activity is still in design. As such, the scope, mechanism/instrument, and other procurement details are not finalized. Generally, the activity’s goal is to strengthen private sector engagement in the health sector. The Mission is considering engaging in co-creation to better define the specific scope of the award.

133. **Ethiopia: Quality in Health**

- a. Will USAID please provide more information about the Quality in Health opportunity mentioned in the Q1FY2021 forecast Q&A, specifically anticipated release date, budget, geographic focus, and more detail on the activity's technical focus?

USAID Response: The program description, anticipated release date, budget, geographic focus, mechanism/award type has not yet been determined as the design is in early stages. The award is one of several activities that will contribute to the Empowered Communities for Better Health strategy (PAD) that was released through RFI in February 2020.

134. **Ethiopia: Surveillance for Malaria Elimination Activity (S4ME)**

- a. Will USAID/Ethiopia release a Request for Information, draft scope of work, or other pre-solicitation documents for the Surveillance for Malaria Elimination Activity?
- b. Does USAID intend to restrict this opportunity to local organizations?
- c. The current anticipated release date for the Ethiopia Malaria Surveillance Activity is March 15, 2021. Could USAID please confirm if this anticipated release date is still valid?

USAID Response: We do not plan to release a Request for Information or draft Program Description for this opportunity. (Note: Industry input was gathered via a draft PAD earlier in the process.) We anticipate releasing the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in late March/early April 2021. The NOFO will not be restricted to local organizations, though they will be encouraged to apply.

135. **Ethiopia: Food Security Planning**

- a. Does USAID have any plans to release agriculture, market systems, or food security programming for Ethiopia in FY2021 or 2022?

USAID Response: The activity that includes agriculture and food security programming is in the early stages of design. We will update the Business Forecast as soon as information becomes available.

136. **Ethiopia: Strengthening Accountable Governance and Civic Engagement in Ethiopia**

- a. Given the current sociopolitical situation in Ethiopia, can USAID confirm that this solicitation will be released on May 1st ?
- b. Does USAID intend to procure this activity as a contract or cooperative agreement?
- c. Can USAID provide an update on the intended mechanism for this activity?
- d. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated solicitation release date?
- e. Will the planned election in Ethiopia or other contextual factors affect the design or release date of the SAGCE opportunity?
- f. Would USAID kindly update the description in the forecast to indicate the direction of the

design based on input submitted from the RFI?

- g. Does USAID anticipate youth being a target population under this opportunity?
- h. In light of the dynamic situation in Ethiopia, what changes does USAID anticipate making in the SAGCE program description compared to the draft shared in the RFI released in September 2020?
- i. Does USAID intend to use co-creation for the SAGCE opportunity?

USAID Response: This activity is still in the design stage. The mechanism/instrument and solicitation dates have not yet been determined as the design is in early stages.

137. **Ethiopia:** Feed the Future Value Chain Activity

- a. Does the Mission plan to utilize the Broad Mission Announcement in FY21? If yes, what are the priority areas?
- b. 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?

USAID Response: The activity that includes Feed the Future Value Chain program is in the early stages of design and items a - b have not been determined yet.

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

- a. Can USAID/Ethiopia indicate which mechanism will be used for this solicitation?
- b. Would USAID confirm that this will be a BAA? Would this be a co-creation award type?
- c. Does the Mission anticipate holding a virtual co-creation workshop?
- d. Can USAID confirm that the solicitation is expected in March 2021?
- e. Is the Collaboration Learning and Adapting award a follow-on to the Ethiopia Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Service (EPMES) Activity currently held by Social Impact?
- f. The Ethiopia Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Service (EPMES) Activity currently held by Social Impact is anticipated to run until mid-2022. Would the Collaboration Learning and Adapting mechanism run currently with EPMES? If yes, for approximately how long would the CLA mechanism overlap with EPMES?
- g. 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?
- h. Is USAID considering issuing this to a local prime?
- i. What proportion of the scope of work will be CLA vs. M&E?
- j. How much of this scope of work will overlap with the recent Food for Peace solicitation?
- k. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date?
- l. We note the geographic code for this opportunity is currently 935 – Worldwide. Is this accurate?
- m. Will this opportunity be open to US companies or reserved for local organizations?
- n. Does USAID anticipate the implementing partner being excluded from further implementation of USAID/Ethiopia activities? Or, will the implementing partner have the

- opportunity to co-develop a conflict of interest mitigation plan, together with USAID?
- o. USAID has listed this as a Broad Agency Announcement, which is uncharacteristic for CLA opportunities. Could USAID/Ethiopia provide any details on what it hopes to accomplish by utilizing a BAA mechanism?

USAID Response: The CLA Platform activity is still under design. The Mission anticipates issuing an addendum under the Mission-wide Broad Agency Announcement to engage partners to solve the Mission's (and likely the donor/development community's and Government of Ethiopia's) problems re: CLA, M&E, data, information, analysis, etc. We anticipate engaging a wide-range of stakeholders and partners in (very likely in a virtual) Co-Creation to chart a path to solve these problems. This activity is being designed with the lessons learned under Ethiopia Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Service (EPMES) but is not considered a follow-on. Although we expect the CLA Platform activity to work closely with all USAID/Ethiopia awards, we do not see an "overlap" with any other awards. The anticipated Geographic Code remains unchanged at 935.

We anticipate issuing the addendum in late Spring 2021, but this is subject to change. It will not be restricted to local organizations or small businesses, though both will be encouraged to apply.

Conflict of interest issues and associated mitigation plans will be addressed with individual organizations depending on the unique circumstances at the appropriate time.

139. **Ethiopia:** Does the Ethiopia Mission plan to procure services from the USAID Kenya: Basic Education Activity IDIQ (Reference: A&A Plan ID: AA-311649)?

USAID Response: No.

140. **Ethiopia:** Does USAID plan to release any agriculture-focused programs in FY2021? If so, does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for the program? 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: The Mission's agriculture-focused programs are in the early stages of design. We will update the Business Forecast as soon as information becomes available.

141. **Ethiopia:** Private Health Sector

- a. Can USAID confirm the anticipated contracting mechanism for this opportunity (e.g. contract, BAA, grant)?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing a Request for Information, or other pre-solicitation to industry on this opportunity?
- c. The forecast currently reflects a March 1st release date for solicitation documents, can USAID confirm whether this is still the anticipated timeline?
- d. Can USAID share a program description and further information on the anticipated scope of this activity?
- e. Can USAID please clarify if this is a follow-on to an existing award?
- f. Can USAID clarify if this falls under either the ECBH or HSS PADs?

- g. Can USAID please clarify what is the anticipated eligibility criteria and award type for this opportunity?
- h. Can USAID please clarify if co-creation is anticipated for this opportunity?
- i. Can USAID provide information on geographic priorities for this award?

USAID Response: The Private Health Sector activity falls under our Health portfolio's "Strengthening Health Systems for Universal Health Care" project. The anticipated solicitation release date for the Private Sector Health activity is June 2021. The Private Sector Health activity is still in design. As such, the scope, mechanism/instrument, geographic priorities, and other procurement details are not finalized. Generally, the activity's goal is to strengthen private sector engagement in the health sector. The Mission is considering engaging in co-creation to better define the specific scope of the award.

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

- a. When will the Market Systems and Resilience Activity be added to the USAID Business Forecast?
- b. Could USAID provide information on the mechanism and timing of this program?
- 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?
- e. Could USAID please also elaborate on other planned agricultural programming?

USAID Response: The Mission does not have any current plans to procure a 'Market Systems and Resilience' activity.

143. **Ethiopia:** Stabilization-focused programming

- a. Can USAID/Ethiopia please provide any further information on its intent for additional stabilization-focused programming in Ethiopia? Does USAID/Ethiopia intend to pursue a follow-on to Strengthening Institutions for Peace and Development programming?

USAID Response: The Mission does not have any current plans to procure such an activity.

144. **Ethiopia:** Lowland WASH Follow-on

- a. Can USAID confirm there will be a follow-on to this program?
- 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?

USAID Response: The WASH program is under review as such, items a-c have not yet been yet determined.

145. **Ethiopia:** Ethiopia Growth Through Nutrition

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on procurement for the Ethiopia Growth Through

- Nutrition project? If yes, could USAID comment on the expected timing for its release?
- 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: The Growth through Nutrition program is under review and items a - c have not been determined yet.

146. **Ethiopia: Empowering Communities - Community Engagement**

- a. Can USAID provide an update on anticipated mechanism and the likelihood of co-creation for this opportunity?
- b. Can USAID please clarify if this opportunity is a follow-on to an existing award?
- c. Would USAID confirm the type of award for this opportunity?
- d. Will this opportunity be open to US companies or reserved for local organizations?
- e. Can USAID please provide information on the anticipated eligibility criteria for this opportunity?
- f. Can USAID please provide a program description for this activity?
- g. Can USAID provide information on geographic priorities for this award?
- h. Could USAID clarify whether it will include NPI requirements?
- i. Can USAID kindly confirm whether this opportunity is the same opportunity as Empowered Communities for Better Health (ECBH) or if this is a separate opportunity?
- j. Can USAID confirm whether an RFI and/or co-creation is anticipated for this opportunity?
- k. Does USAID have additional details on the description of this award? For example, geography and scope?
- l. On February 14, 2020 USAID Ethiopia issued an RFI entitled Empowered Communities for Better Health. Is Empowering Communities - Community Engagement a sub activity under this program?

USAID Response: The mechanism/instrument has not yet been determined as the design is in early stages, however co-creation or co-design will be likely elements of the solicitation process. This is not a follow-on to an existing activity. The activity will not be restricted to local organizations (but local organizations will be encouraged to apply), and the award will include NPI elements. The program description, geographic priorities are still in early stages. The award is one of several activities that will contribute to the Empowered Communities for Better Health (ECBH) project (PAD) that was released through RFI in February 2020.

147. **Ethiopia: Social Behavioral Change for Health**

- a. Is the Social Behavioral Change for Health activity for Ethiopia carved out of the ECBH PAD (Feb 2020), or is this a completely new, unrelated activity?
- b. Can USAID please confirm the expected procurement mechanism?
- c. Can USAID provide a program description?
- d. Does USAID intend to restrict this opportunity to local organizations?

- e. Will there be requirements for funding to local organizations under this Activity?
- f. Can you provide additional details about the eligibility for this Activity?

USAID Response: The Social Behavioral Change for Health has not yet been finalized as the design is in early stages. The program description, geographic selection, eligibility criteria and other such details are still being finalized. This opportunity will not be restricted to local organizations (though they will be encouraged to apply).

148. **Ethiopia: Empowered Communities for Better Health (ECBH)**

- a. 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?
- b. What is the anticipated timing for additional opportunities that will be released under ECBH?
- c. Does USAID/Ethiopia anticipate releasing any solicitations in FY2021 related to the Health Systems Strengthening RFI/PAD released in 2020, for which the total funding was estimated at \$310M?
- d. Can we expect additional procurements to come out under the ECBH PAD, for which the total funding was estimated at \$450M?
- e. Can USAID provide more information on the Timeline for solicitation release, Number of awards under this opportunity, Eligibility requirements, Funding mechanism, Total estimated amount of funding

USAID Response: The activities anticipated to be solicited in this FY include: Surveillance for Malaria Elimination, Social and Behavior Change for Health, Private Health Sector, and Supply Chain Support.

149. **Ethiopia: EiE Basic Education**

- a. Can USAID confirm if there will be another education opportunity besides the EiE Basic Education Opportunity?
- b. If there is, can USAID provide additional details and information including solicitation release, geographic focus, award mechanism, program description and budget range?
- c. The timeline for solicitation release and award notification
- d. number of awards
- e. eligibility requirements
- f. funding mechanism
- g. total estimated amount of funding
- h. regional focus?

USAID Response: USAID is not moving forward with the EiE Basic Education activity. We

anticipate two activities--Early Childhood Education and READ II Follow-On. Both these activities are in the early stages of design and details (including solicitation release date, geographic focus, mechanism/instrument, budget, eligibility requirements, etc.) have not been finalized.

150. **Ethiopia:** EIE Basic Education Opportunity

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the status of this opportunity (i.e. solicitation release date, award mechanism, scope of work, geographic focus, budget range)
- b. Can this opportunity be added to the USAID Business Forecast?

USAID Response: USAID is not moving forward with the EIE Basic Education activity.

151. **Ethiopia:** Highlands Resilience Platform for Adaptive Learning (R-PAL) Activity

- a. Can USAID confirm the release date is still March 16, 2021?
- b. Would USAID kindly confirm if this activity will be a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: This will be a full and open solicitation. The solicitation is slated for release April 2021.

152. **Ethiopia:** Integrated Youth Activity

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on when applicants will be notified about the next phase of process- Co Creation Process?
- b. Can USAID please clarify when an award is expected to be made for this opportunity?
- c. Has USAID selected the applicants who will be invited to proceed to the co-creation stage yet? If not, can USAID please provide an anticipated notification date for selected applicants?
- d. The Ethiopia Integrated Youth Activity is not listed on the USAID forecast. Has the opportunity been cancelled?
- e. If the opportunity has not been cancelled, has USAID notified applicants if they will move on to the next phase of the application process?

USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia is finalizing the evaluation process for this activity. As soon as the evaluation is finalized, applicants will be notified about the next step in the procurement process.

153. **Ethiopia:** TRANSFORM follow on

- a. Can USAID clarify if a follow on to the TRANSFORM PHCU program is being planned? If so, can USAID provide more information on scope of work and expected solicitation timing?
- b. Can USAID clarify if a follow on to the TRANSFORM DRS activity is being planned? If so, can USAID provide more information on scope of work and expected solicitation timing?
- c. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation or RFI for the opportunity?

USAID Response: There is no follow-on being planned for Transform PHCU. There is a follow-on under review for Transform DRS It is not yet determined whether USAID will release an RFI or other pre-solicitation documents.

154. **Ethiopia:** Urban WASH

- a. Does USAID intend to procure this activity as a contract or cooperative agreement?
- b. Can USAID confirm the anticipated solicitation release date?
- c. Can USAID provide an update on the technical scope, anticipated mechanism, and the likelihood of co-creation for this opportunity?
- d. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation or a request for information in advancement of the solicitation?
- e. Is this considered a follow-on to either the Transform WASH or Lowlands WASH activities?
- f. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated scope for this activity?
- g. Can any additional information about this activity be shared such as: Size of targeted urban areas (e.g. large cities, small towns, peri-urban areas)? Key areas of focus such as water utilities, piped sewage systems, non-networked sanitation, waste disposal, market-based sanitation, PPPs for water service delivery, etc.?
- h. Has USAID selected an Award/Action Type for this procurement and if so, could it please indicate the mechanism choice?
- i. Does USAID intend to restrict this opportunity to local organizations?
- j. Does USAID plan to release additional information about the Ethiopia Urban WASH opportunity (AA-314775) in advance of the June 30, 2021 anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The entire WASH program is under review thus items a-j have not yet been yet determined.

155. **Ethiopia:** Livelihoods for Resilience Activity

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a follow-on procurement for the Ethiopia Feed the Future Livelihoods for Resilience Activity in FY 2021?
- b. If so, could USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipated solicitation release date?
- c. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation or RFI for the opportunity?

USAID Response: This activity is in the early stages of design and items a to c have not yet been determined.

156. **Ethiopia:** Ethiopia Health System Strengthening (HSS)

- a. 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?
- b. What is the anticipated release date of the Ethiopia HSS Opportunity?

- c. Are there other expected forthcoming Health activities for Ethiopia, based on the initial \$450m USD that was estimated for ECBH (PAD, Feb 2020)?
- d. Can USAID provide more information on: Timeline for solicitation release, Number of awards under this opportunity, Eligibility requirement, Funding mechanism, Total estimated amount of funding

USAID Response: The activities anticipated to be solicited in this FY include: Surveillance for Malaria Elimination, Social and Behavior Change for Health, Private Health Sector, and Supply Chain Support.

157. **Ethiopia:** Resilience Platform for Adaptive Management

- a. Ethiopia released Request for Information, draft scope of work, or other pre-solicitation documents for the Resilience Platform and Adaptive Management opportunity?
- b. Can USAID confirm, will it be released as a small business set aside or free and open competition?
- c. USAID has listed the “Category Management Contract Vehicle” as 541611. Does USAID intend to utilize GSA MAS for this procurement?
- d. Any update on eligibility criteria?

USAID Response: We do not currently have any plans to release an opportunity/activity titled as such. We believe this question may be related to the “Highlands Resilience Platform for Adaptive Learning (R-PAL) Activity”. If so, the anticipated solicitation release date is o/a March 2021. This activity will not be restricted to small business set-aside; however, USAID anticipates a small business participation to be specified in the RFP. Note that the mechanism/instrument, as well as eligibility criteria, are still being developed.

158. **Ethiopia:** ECBH/HSS Suite

- a. In the FY21 Quarter 1 Q&A, USAID/Ethiopia mentioned that there will be multiple health opportunities in FY21. Can USAID provide an update on this suite of programs, including anticipated project scope(s), release date(s), value(s), and award mechanism(s)?
- b. Can USAID update the business forecast for the related programming, including the Malaria Surveillance, Quality Improvement for Health, and Nutrition programming mentioned in USAID Q&A FY21 Quarter 1?

USAID Response: The activities anticipated to be solicited in this FY include: Surveillance for Malaria Elimination, Social and Behavior Change for Health, Private Health Sector, and Supply Chain Support.

159. **Ethiopia:** Social Behavioral Change for Health

- a. Can USAID please clarify if this is a follow-on to an existing award?
- b. Can USAID clarify if this falls under either the ECBH or HSS PADs?
- c. Can USAID please clarify what is the anticipated eligibility criteria for this opportunity?
- d. Can USAID please clarify if co-creation is anticipated for this opportunity?
- e. Can USAID provide information on geographic priorities for this award?

- f. Could USAID provide additional description of the overall goals and objectives of this activity (specifically what health outcomes will be targeted), and how it is intended to relate to the Empowering Communities activity?

USAID Response: The Social Behavioral Change for Health activity has not yet been finalized as the design is in early stages. The program description, geographic selection, eligibility criteria and other such details are still being finalized. This opportunity will not be restricted to local organizations (though they will be encouraged to apply). This activity will leverage lessons learned from previous SBC investments, most recently the Communications for Health Cooperative agreement (2015 - 2020).

160. **El Salvador:** Youth Workforce Development Activity

- a. Does USAID anticipate that a youth workforce development activity for El Salvador will be released in FY21, and if so, in which FY Quarter?
- b. If yes, what is the anticipated award mechanism?
- c. Will there be an RFI issued?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID/El Salvador plans to release a solicitation in the near term.

161. **El Salvador:** Country Development Cooperation Strategy

- a. Is it available?
 - If No, where we can get a glance about
 - 1. Improving security in Salvadoran communities for people likely to migrate
 - 2. Increasing jobs and incomes for likely migrants and
 - 3. Improving government responsiveness, accountability, and transparency
- b. Noting the CDCs released last November, can USAID advise on any upcoming education programs and what their expected release date will be and what their focus will be?
- c. Can the Mission please share updates on the business forecast on planned procurements for El Salvador now that the Country Development Cooperation Strategy has been released?

USAID Response: Yes, public versions of the strategy are available in English and Spanish here: <https://www.usaid.gov/el-salvador/cdcs>. Yes, USAID/El Salvador plans to release a solicitation in the near term. Numerous activities are currently in the design phase. We will update the Business Forecast once the designs are approved internally and reach the pre-solicitation phase.

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

- a. Does USAID/El Salvador intend to release a solicitation for the follow on for the El Salvador MEL platform?
- b. Can USAID indicate what mechanism will be used for this solicitation?
- c. What is the anticipated solicitation date?
- d. Can USAID provide clarification around whether this will be released as full and open or through an IDIQ or other mechanism?

USAID Response: This project is in the design phase, further decisions will be made and the

Business Forecast will be updated.

163. **El Salvador:** Citizen Security project

- 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? Does USAID intend to use a contract or cooperative agreement mechanism for upcoming citizen security activities?

USAID Response: This project is in the design phase, further decisions will be made and the Business Forecast will be updated.

164. **El Salvador:** Does the Mission anticipate funding a youth program this FY?

USAID Response: Yes.

165. **El Salvador:** Does the Mission anticipate funding a crime and prevention project this FY?

USAID Response: Yes.

166. **El Salvador:** Economic growth and agriculture programming

- a. Can USAID/El Salvador please clarify its intent for economic growth and agriculture programming in El Salvador in FY 2021 and associated size, scope, mechanism, and release date?

USAID Response: USAID/El Salvador does not have any agriculture programming planned at this time.

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

- a. What is the anticipated solicitation release date and anticipated Award/Action Type for the upcoming EG/Workforce Development-focused opportunity?
- b. Does the Mission intend to release an RFI or draft Scope of Work in advance of the solicitation?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID/El Salvador plans to release a solicitation in the near term.

168. **El Salvador:** Justice programs

- a. Does USAID plan to release any justice sector-related RFPs in El Salvador over the next several months? If so, what is the anticipated timeline?
- b. Can USAID please confirm if a Justice project in El Salvador will be added back to the Business Forecast and if so, provide additional information about this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/ El Salvador is designing an activity that addresses the justice sector. As this project is in the design phase, further decisions will be made and the Business Forecast will be updated.

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

- a. When does USAID expect to release the El Salvador EGR opportunity?
- b. Will there be an RFI/draft SOW released prior to the solicitation?
- c. Will USAID restrict participation to local firms only?
- d. Will co-creation or oral presentations be a part of the procurement process, and if so, at which stage?
- e. Can USAID provide the likely project value, that is more accurate than a wide dollar value range usually chosen from the menu?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID/El Salvador plans to release a solicitation in the near term. The activity is in the design stage, so we are unable to answer your specific questions. However, yes, we are considering b and c. We will likely strongly encourage participation but not restrict the activity to solely local organizations.

170. **El Salvador:** Industria Joven

- a. Can USAID please clarify if they anticipate releasing a follow-on to Industria Joven in the coming months?

USAID Response: USAID/El Salvador plans to release a solicitation on youth workforce in the near term; it will not be a follow-on to Industria Joven.

171. **El Salvador:** El Salvador Education

- a. The Q1 Forecast Q&A stated that the El Salvador education opportunity would be coming soon because the new CDCS is out, but there is nothing in the forecast; can USAID estimate when it will be coming out?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID/El Salvador plans to release a solicitation in the near term.

172. **El Salvador:** A number of opportunities focused on crime and violence prevention, good governance and access to justice were previously listed on the Business Forecast before being removed over uncertainty in the Mission's funding streams and priorities. Could USAID kindly provide an update regarding plans for future programming in El Salvador?

USAID Response: USAID/El Salvador is designing several new activities. The projects are in the design phase, once further decisions are made, the Business Forecast will be updated.

173. **Gambia:** Is USAID anticipating the release of any new development funding opportunities for Gambia?

USAID Response: A Democracy and Governance Activity is currently in design for Gambia. The Business Forecast will be updated as soon as additional information is provided.

174. **Georgia:** Considering USAID's increased focus on advancing Georgia's Journey to Self-reliance and empowering local actors to take the lead in addressing development changes, does the mission intend to issue any contracts restricted to local competition?

USAID Response: The Mission is contemplating at least one locally competed assistance award. No contracts are expected to be restricted to local partners.

175. **Georgia:** Does the mission plan to issue any contracts set aside to small businesses?

USAID Response: Not at this time. We will update the forecast if that changes.

176. **Georgia:** Does the mission plan to issue any MEL contracts in Georgia?

USAID Response: Not at this time. We will update the forecast if that changes.

177. **Georgia:** Industry-led Skills Development

a. Is the Industry-led skills Development activity still anticipated to happen?

USAID Response: Yes, the award is planned for Spring 2021.

178. **Georgia:** Civic Education/Digital Learning Program

a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation release Date for this project remains **5/17/2021**?

b. What is the procurement mechanism that USAID intends to use for this opportunity?

c. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or draft SOW for this opportunity?

d. Does USAID intend to use co-creation mechanism?

e. Is additional information available?

USAID Response:

a. Yes. USAID/Georgia plans to issue a NOFO on/about May 17, 2021.

b. The anticipated procurement mechanism is assistance, a Cooperative Agreement award is contemplated.

c. USAID intends to issue a draft Program Description for this opportunity.

d. USAID intends to solicit comments on a draft Program Description and will incorporate those comments into the PD, as appropriate.

e. No additional information is available at this time. Any new information will be added to the Business Forecast record.

179. **Georgia:** Civil Society Program

a. Can USAID provide the updated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: The NOFO 72011421RFA00003 was issued on grants.gov on February 24, 2021, with a deadline for question on March 5, 2021 and closing date of March 31, 2021.

180. **Georgia:** Financial Innovation Program

a. Can USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation release Date for this project remains **7/12/2021**?

- b. Can USAID confirm that this project will be a task order under an existing BPA? If yes, can USAID clarify under which BPA this project will come out?
- c. Does USAID anticipate issuing a request for information or pre-solicitation for this anticipated procurement?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation date is planned for August 2021. This is not confirmed yet. We will update the business forecast when the Mission has made a decision. Yes, we intend to issue an RFI.

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

- a. Could USAID confirm the anticipated solicitation release date of 3/29/2021?
- b. Can USAID confirm that this will be a free and open opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. The solicitation release date is expected to be delayed by 3-4 weeks.
- b. USAID/Georgia confirms that this will be a full and open competitive solicitation.

182. **Georgia:** Rural Resilience Activity

- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation release Date for this project remains 10/01/2021?
- b. Can USAID confirm that this project is a follow on to the USAID Zrda activity?
- 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?
- e. To what extent, if any, will the activity include the agricultural sector?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, the anticipated solicitation date for this procurement is October 2021.
- b. While this activity is expected to work primarily in the ABL communities, the scope is wider, with a more significant focus on private sector engagement, and increased linkages between ABL communities and the wider TAT.
- c. Yes, USAID intends to issue an RFI for Rural Resilience Activity.
- d. The anticipated award instrument is acquisition. The anticipated size of procurement is \$24,000,000.
- e. Prospective Offerors are expected to do their own analysis and identify the extent to which engagement in the agricultural sector (or other sectors) will meet the overall goals of the Rural Resilience program.

183. **Georgia:** New Integration Program

- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation release Date for this project remains

4/26/2021?

- b. Does USAID plan to use co-creation mechanism?
- c. Can you confirm when the award type will be decided for this opportunity, and what factors will contribute to this decision?
- d. Can USAID please provide an estimated scope of work for this opportunity?
- e. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated award/action type for this opportunity?
- f. Can USAID confirm whether eligibility for this program will be unrestricted?
- g. Does USAID plan to release a pre-solicitation or request for information for the Georgia New Integration Program? If yes, could USAID please specify the release date for the pre-solicitation/request for information?

USAID Response:

- a. At this stage the current solicitation release date remains the same. The Mission will update the Business Forecast with any changes.
- b. The Mission has not yet made a final decision about whether to use a co-creation mechanism.
- c. The activity is at the design stage and a type of award is TBD.
- d. The SOW is not available at this stage.
- e. It is TBD.
- f. The eligibility criteria are not determined yet. Most likely it will be unrestricted.
- g. Not determined yet.

184. **Georgia: New Rule of Law Activity**

- a. Can USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation release Date for this project remains **4/26/2021?**
- b. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or draft SOW for this opportunity?
- c. Does USAID plan to use co-creation mechanism for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. The anticipated date of NOFO release date remains unchanged.
- b. The Grants Notice with Synopsis 72011421RFA00005 and the draft Program Description was posted on www.grants.gov on February 18, 2021.
- c. The final Program Description will incorporate feedback that USAID received from the draft Program Description posted on grants.gov

185. **Georgia:** Beyond the anticipated New Integration Program, what other opportunities does USAID envision to build civic engagement in underserved areas, particularly for women, youth and persons with disabilities?

USAID Response: No other opportunities are anticipated at this point.

186. **Georgia: New Governance Program**
- a. Does USAID anticipate issuing a pre-solicitation or request for information for the New Governance Program?
 - b. Does USAID have any updates on the anticipated Award/Action Type for the New Governance Program?
 - c. To aid implementing partners in their capture efforts for the upcoming Georgia New Governance program, would USAID please consider sharing the latest quarterly and annual reports for the Good Governance Initiative (GGI) on the Development Experience Clearinghouse? Currently, the most recent available annual report was written in October 2019.
 - d. Can USAID please specify the proposed award type?
 - e. Can USAID please confirm the anticipated release date of June 28, 2021?
 - f. Can USAID please provide an estimated scope of work for this opportunity?
 - g. Can USAID confirm whether eligibility for this program will be unrestricted?
 - h. Does USAID plan to release a pre-solicitation or request for information for the Georgia New Governance Program? If yes, could USAID please specify the anticipated release date for the pre-solicitation/request for information?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes. USAID anticipates issuing a pre-solicitation notice or request for information for the New Governance Program.
- b. No. The program is at the early design stage. The determination about selection of instrument has not been finalized.
- c. Please check the DEC often as new documents are uploaded frequently.
- d. See answer b. above.
- e. The anticipated release date of June 28, 2021 is correct.
- f. The program is at the early design stage. No additional information is available at this time. Any new information will be added to the Business Forecast record.
- g. USAID/Georgia has not yet made a decision about whether this might be a small business set aside, or unrestricted.
- h. See answers a. and e. above.

187. **Georgia: Civil Society Program**
- a. The anticipated release date is currently listed as 2/18/2021. Can USAID provide an updated anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The NOFO 72011421RFA00003 was issued on grants.gov on February 24, 2021, with a deadline for question on March 5, 2021 and closing date of March 31, 2021.

188. **Georgia: Civic Education/Digital Learning Program**
- a. Can USAID indicate the expected type of award for this opportunity?
 - b. Does USAID intend to issue a draft program description or consider other mechanisms for co-creation? And if yes, what is the timeline for this process before the final solicitation is released?
 - c. Can you confirm when the award type will be decided for this opportunity, and what

factors will contribute to this decision? This information is critical for potential applicants to know their eligibility, and thus affects ahead planning which is essential to give USAID the best possible design.

- d. Will USAID release an RFI prior to the solicitation?
- e. Could USAID please update or confirm the anticipated release date for this program?
- f. Does USAID have any updates on the release date or set-aside status for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. The anticipated procurement mechanism is assistance, a Cooperative Agreement award is contemplated. USAID/Georgia plans to issue a NOFO on/about May 17, 2021.
- b. USAID intends to issue a draft Program Description for this opportunity. Tentative date of issue is on/about May 17, 2021.
- c. See answer a. Above.
- d. USAID intends to issue a draft Program Description for this opportunity, to solicit comments on a draft Program Description and will incorporate those comments into the PD, as appropriate.
- e. USAID/Georgia plans to issue a NOFO on/about May 17, 2021.
- f. No additional information is available at this time. Any new information will be added to the Business Forecast record.

189. **Ghana:** Partnership for Education Learning

- a. Will USAID release the partnership for education learning in Ghana in Q3?

USAID Response: No.

190. **Ghana:** Resilience in Northern Ghana Enhanced - Systems Strengthening

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing the Resilience in Northern Ghana Enhanced – Systems Strengthening activity on or around February 26, 2021?

USAID Response: No. The new anticipated date is April/May 2021.

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

- a. Does USAID plan to release an RFI or pre-solicitation notice before releasing the RFTOP for Quality Integrated Health Systems?
- b. Could USAID please provide a more detailed description in the Business Forecast for Quality Integrated Health Systems?
- c. Could USAID please provide an update on the target districts and/or regions for the Quality Integrated Health Systems opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. No. USAID will release a RFTOP.
- b. In line with USAID/Ghana's new Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS), 2020-2025, the activity will adopt a behavior-led approach, which identifies key actors responsible for bringing about change, factors that inhibit or promote this change, and

concrete strategies/approaches to operationalize long-term behavior change. There are three key areas: 1) leadership and governance; 2) quality management capacity; and 3) social accountability. The activity will address underlying contributing factors which may inhibit the provision of quality services by engaging relevant actors and implementing effective strategies. By addressing these specific factors and behaviors, the activity will strengthen leadership and governance of quality management structures and processes at all levels. There will be greater emphasis on coordination and harmonization among quality management units and institutions within the Ministry of Health (MOH), such as the Health Facility Regulatory Authority (HeFRA), the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA), and the Ghana Health Service (GHS) Quality Management Units at the national, regional, and district levels as well as other relevant stakeholders.

- c. The activity will be implemented in the zone of influence (ZOI), a geographic area of USAID Feed the Future programs which comprises 17 target districts in northern Ghana. The activity will also focus on target districts in Volta, Oti and Western Regions in alignment with other USAID/Ghana health activities.

192. **Ghana:** USAID Accelerating Social and Behaviour Change activity (ASBC)

- a. The description in the business forecast mentioned several health areas. Will Neglected Tropical Diseases also be included in the full RfP?
- b. To what extent will interventions be considerate of the inclusion of persons with disabilities? Especially regarding inclusion in programmes and target population.
- c. Can USAID confirm that this opportunity is anticipated for Cote d'Ivoire?
- d. And can USAID confirm the targeted geographic areas for this opportunity?
- e. Which sectors, if any, will be priority sectors, i.e. will RH/FP and malaria be integrated throughout and MCNH be the priority sector?
- f. Can USAID please confirm the expected award date?

USAID Response:

- a. No
- b. SBC interventions are expected to include and target persons with disability
- c. No. This is USAID/Ghana Activity
- d. This is a program to meet Ghana's SBC needs. The geographic scope aligns with the USAID/Ghana Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) 2020-2024.
- e. All technical areas under USAID/Ghana's Health, Population, and Nutrition portfolio will be prioritized, apart from HIV. This includes maternal, newborn and child health; water, sanitation, and hygiene; malaria; and nutrition.
- f. Anticipated award date is November 2021

193. **Ghana:** CW - Diversifying Partnerships in WASH (DiP-WASH) APS

- a. Does USAID Ghana anticipate issuing any DiP-WASH addenda in 2021?

USAID Response: No, USAID does not anticipate issuing any DiP -WASH Addenda in 2021. Instead,

USAID anticipates soliciting for an Enhancing WASH and dates are yet to be determined.

194. **Ghana:** When does USAID anticipate releasing a new Regional Development Cooperation Strategy?

USAID Response:

195. **Ghana:** Resiliency in Northern Ghana (RING) II - Systems Strengthening
- Could USAID please specify to what extent the upcoming call will consider people with disabilities?
 - Can USAID confirm that the timing in the current Business Forecast is accurate with an anticipated release date in February 2021?
 - Can USAID please confirm the expected award date?

USAID Response:

- The purpose of the Resilience in Northern Ghana (RING) II - Systems Strengthening activity is to strengthen service delivery systems to attain measurable improvements in the nutrition and resilience of vulnerable populations in northern Ghana, particularly reproductive-aged women and children under five years old
- Release date is revised to April/May 2021
- Anticipated award date is November/December 2021

196. **Ghana:** SERVIR West Africa 2
- Is the March 20, 2021 date still an accurate forecast for the solicitation release date for the SERVIR West Africa 2 opportunity?
 - What is the name of the vendor company currently providing these services?

USAID Response:

- Yes
- Tetra Tech, ARD

197. **Ghana:** USAID has provided extensive support to communities, governments, and regional bodies in West Africa to counter violent extremism, build CT partnership, amplify moderate voices, and strengthen early warning. With some of those efforts ending in the next year, does USAID have plans for new or follow-on projects, and if so when can partners expect to see more information on the business forecast?

USAID Response: Currently, we do not have any information to share regarding new or follow-on activities to these P/CVE activities.

198. **Ghana:** Ghana Market Systems and Resilience Activity, A&A Plan
- Would USAID please confirm whether the anticipated release date still remains

03/07/2021?

- b. To what extent will interventions be considerate of disability inclusion? Especially regarding inclusion of persons with disabilities in the design, implementation and monitoring or interventions and the target population.
- c. Can USAID please confirm the expected award date?

USAID Response:

- a. See revised Business Forecast.
- b. This activity features inclusivity; MSR aims to engage and benefit all actors looking to participate in the marketplace, including the poor, women, youth, ethnic minorities, the disabled, or other marginalized groups who are often excluded or exploited by traditional markets. The activity will pursue investments that intentionally and progressively seek to have the benefits of a functional market reach all beneficiaries/participants. Marginalized market actors can acquire access to the opportunities, the skills and resources to participate in the market, and the capabilities to profit from it. USAID/Ghana is employing a performance based acquisition approach, so it will be up to Offerors to propose the best technical approach that addresses this point. You are encouraged to review the SOO published with the RFI posted on beta.sam.gov to learn more about the requirement prior to the posting of the RFP.
- c. See revised Business Forecast.

199. **Ghana:** Basic Education Activity

- a. When does the Ghana Mission plan to release information regarding an upcoming education opportunity?
- b. When will the Ghana LEARN baseline and midterm data be made available on the Data Development Library?
- c. Will there be an RFI/draft SOW released prior to the solicitation?

USAID Response:

- a. Activity is still in design. Check the business forecast for updates.
- b. The current LEARNING activity will post data in compliance with the DDL provision of their agreement.
- c. See a above.

200. **Ghana:** Trade and Investment Activity

- a. Can USAID please confirm that the anticipated award date remains September 30, 2021?

USAID Response: Yes

201. **Ghana:** Education programming In the FY21 Q1 Q&A, USAID noted that additional information

about education programming is anticipated in early 2021.

- a. Could USAID please provide any updates or information on the status of any planned procurement for education programming, including information about an anticipated release date?
- b. Will USAID release a request for information leading up to any planned procurement?

USAID Response: Activity is still in design. Check the business forecast for updates.

202. **Ghana:** Malaria Surveillance Activity

- a. Does USAID have an update on the expected timing for the upcoming Ghana malaria surveillance opportunity mentioned in the latest Ghana MOP?
- b. Does USAID have an update on the expected contracting mechanism for the upcoming Ghana malaria surveillance opportunity mentioned in the latest Ghana MOP?

USAID Response: There are no updates on malaria surveillance activities planned in the latest MOP (FY21 - Oct 2021 to Sept 2022 implementation). Mission anticipates that it may procure through a Mission wide M&E mechanism and/or other mechanism but a final determination will be made after completion of the design.

203. **Ghana:** Ghana Learning II

- a. Can USAID please confirm the expected award date?

USAID Response: No additional information at this time. Please check the Business Forecast for updates.

204. **Guinea:** Can we please have a status update on the Mission's CDCS and if the new one is available, where we can find the 2021 CDCS?

USAID Response: The Guinea CDCS was recently approved. The document will be available to the public soon.

205. **Guinea:** HSD

- a. Could USAID kindly confirm the anticipated release date for Guinea HSD (A&A Plan ID: AA-312599) and provide any details on the co-creation process, if still applicable?
- b. Can USAID kindly provide additional information on additional scope and mechanism for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The anticipated release has yet to be determined as the activity is currently in the design phase. Co-creation is envisioned although additional details cannot be provided at this time. The Business Forecast will be updated as information becomes available.

206. **Guinea:** Can USAID provide insight into their priorities and resourcing allocations for enhancing surveillance and diagnostic systems, especially in light of the recent Ebola outbreak in Guinea?

USAID Response: Interested firms are encouraged to review available Ebola resources from the

GHSA activity.

207. **Guinea: Malaria Bilateral Activity**

- a. The PMI Malaria Operational Plans indicate that a malaria bilateral award will be bid this fiscal year. Could USAID provide any additional information about the timing and scope of the award?
- b. Is the award likely to be a cooperative agreement or a contract?
- c. Does USAID anticipate that this will be a malaria specific award or an integrated health activity?

USAID Response: There is no information for this opportunity at this time. More information will be made available on the business forecast, when available. The type of instrument has not been determined at this time. USAID anticipates that this activity will be an Integrated Health activity.

208. **Guinea: Integrated Service Delivery**

- a. Will USAID provide additional details on the multi-step RFP or RFA process?
- b. Will there be an RFI or pre-solicitation document released to provide information?

USAID Response: The Integrated Service Delivery is still in the design phase, information will be publicized on the business forecast, when available. The Mission is considering issuing an RFI or a pre-solicitation document to complete the activity design process.

209. **Guinea: Forest Region People-to-People Reconciliation Fund (FY19)**

- a. Can USAID please provide an update if an agreement was issued for the P2P APS 7200AA19APS00015 for the Forest Region of Guinea?
- b. If not, are pending concept notes still being considered?

USAID Response: At the moment, no agreement has been signed under the P2P APS. The mission is considering all available design options; however, more information will be publicized, when available.

210. **Guinea: Guineas Health Services Delivery**

- a. The most recent notice in the forecast moved this procurement up by six months. Please confirm the expected release date of March 31 2021.
- b. Can USAID please provide more details on the program description and scope of the Guinea Health Service Delivery opportunity?
- c. The Q1 Q&A noted that the release date for this opportunity has been moved to October 2021; however, the forecast release date is still 3/31. Can USAID please confirm the correct estimated release date?
- d. The Q1 Q&A noted that more information on the SOW of this opportunity would be shared in the Q2 Q&A. Can USAID please provide more information, including the anticipated health areas of focus for the project?
- e. Can USAID please clarify what is the anticipated eligibility criteria and award type for this opportunity?

- f. Can USAID please provide an estimated amount of funding and estimated number of awards?
- g. Can you please confirm the anticipated procurement mechanism?
- h. The current anticipated release date for the Guinea Health Service Delivery Activity on the forecast is March 31, 2021; however, in the Q1 2020 forecast Q&A, USAID informed that the release date for this opportunity would be pushed back to October 2021. Could USAID please confirm whether the anticipated release date for this opportunity is March or October 2021?
- i. The Q1 Q&A said that the USAID Guinea Health Services Delivery opportunity was coming out in October 2021, but the current Forecast says it is being released 3/31/2021. Could USAID please clarify the anticipated timeline? Could USAID provide a description of the anticipated project, contract vehicle, and confirm the estimated award range?

USAID Response: The Health Services Delivery activity is currently in the design phase. However, the anticipated solicitation release date is Q4 FY21. The Business Forecast will be updated with the anticipated release date and additional information will be provided, when available. In addition, the mission has not yet determined the procurement instrument although the mission may consider a single award under the solicitation.

211. **Guinea: Guinea SBC Bilateral Activity**

- a. Does USAID intend to have an SBC bilateral activity in Guinea?
- b. If yes, can USAID provide details on when this is expected to be added to the forecast?
- c. If no, does USAID intend to have an SBC component under the Guinea Health Services Delivery activity?

USAID Response: USAID/Guinea does not anticipate having a separate SBC bilateral activity. SBC will be integrated into the Guinea Health Services Delivery activity.

212. **Guyana: Youth and Local Governance Activity**

- a. Can USAID provide an update to the intended mechanism for this activity?
- b. Will this be routed through the YouthPower2 APS?
- c. Could USAID please clarify the anticipated start date of the Youth and Local Governance project? The local government elections may be held in 2021, and the anticipated award date is currently forecasted for May 2022. Can USAID please provide more info on the anticipated scope of this opportunity?
- d. Can USAID confirm that the timing in the current Business Forecast is accurate with an anticipated release date in March 2021?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID plans to issue an Assistance Agreement. The Active Communities - Effective States (ACES) APS defines the types of award instruments available for potential awardees. Potential dates have been updated. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for

any changes to the anticipated start date.

213. **Guatemala:** Can USAID advise on anticipated education programs and what their focus will be?

USAID Response: USAID intends to post a funding opportunity for the Basic Education Quality and Transitions from Primary to Lower Secondary Education Activity. This activity will improve foundational reading, writing, math, and social and emotional skills acquisition for children and youth, increase retention and transition rates from primary to lower secondary in rural Guatemala. Please also see the responses to the related question below.

214. **Guatemala:** Is USAID planning a child protection-focused project for Guatemala? If so, what is its scope, mechanism, and anticipated release date?

USAID Response: We are currently designing new projects that may have child protection components. Once we have more information to share with the partner community we will upload the information in the USAID Business Forecast.

215. **Guatemala:** Economic Growth

- a. Does the mission anticipate releasing economic growth opportunities in FY2021?

USAID Response: USAID intends to post two funding opportunities under the Environment Portfolio of the Economic Growth Office during the FY2021. The new Biodiversity Activity and the Sustainable Landscape Activity. USAID does not have current plans to release an opportunity in FY2021 under the Agriculture and the Economic Growth Portfolios, however this is always subject to change should funding become available and programming needs evolve.

216. **Guatemala** National Institution Strengthening Project

- a. Could USAID identify the IDIQ under which this opportunity is to be released?
b. Can USAID provide further detail on the objectives and expected results for this Activity?
c. Given the long lapse in time since this opportunity last appeared on the Business Forecast, does USAID intend to release a draft statement of work in advance of the solicitation?
d. Can USAID confirm that the timing in the current Business Forecast is accurate with an anticipated release date in March 2021?

USAID Response:

- a. This opportunity will be released under the Public Final Management II (PFM II) IDIQ
b. Here are the main objectives:
i. Improved GOG budget planning and preparation.
ii. Improved GOG public expenditure management.
iii. Increased GOG domestic revenue mobilization capacity.
iv. Increased oversight, fiscal transparency, accountability, and public-private dialogue of GOG PFM
c. No, but we can give offerors extra time to review

- d. Yes, we intend to release the RFTOP in March 2021

217. **Guatemala: Basic Education Quality and Transitions from Primary to Lower Secondary Education Activity**

- a. Can USAID please provide additional information on the scope of work including geographic focus?
- b. Will USAID issue an RFI for this opportunity?
- c. Can USAID provide further detail on the objectives and expected results for this Activity?
- d. Does USAID still expect to release the solicitation on June 30, 2021?
- e. Will there be an RFI released prior to the solicitation?
- f. Will USAID restrict participation to local firms only?
- g. Will co-creation be a part of the procurement process, and if so, at which stage?
- h. Can USAID confirm the likely project value that is more accurate than a wide dollar value range usually chosen from the menu?

USAID Response:

- a. This activity will improve foundational reading, writing, math, and social and emotional skills acquisition for children and youth, increase retention and transition rates from primary to lower secondary in rural Guatemala. This activity will also strengthen local capacity to become a USAID implementing partner and transition the award to their leadership. Interventions will take place at the national and sub-national level. At the sub-national level, USAID has identified Baja Verapaz, Huehuetenango, El Quiché, and San Marcos as departments where there is a combination of higher migration in women as well as higher dropout rates, and this activity should target interventions in these departments.
- b. Yes
- c. Here are the main objectives:
 - i. Reading, writing, math, Social and Emotional Learning outcomes improve
 - ii. Rate of student transition to lower secondary increase
 - iii. Local Capacity Sustainability
- d. USAID expects to post the business opportunity by April 30, 2021. The business forecast has been updated to reflect the new date.
- e. Yes
- f. No
- g. Yes, we are working to determine how co-creation can be incorporated into this process
- h. No, please refer to the range included in the business forecast

218. **Guatemala: Feed the Future**

- a. Will Feed the Future (FtF) Guatemala be released before the end of the calendar year?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on procurement for the Guatemala Feed the Future

Partnering for Innovation (Ag Commercialization and Innovation)? If yes, could USAID comment on the expected timing for its release?

- 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. USAID intends to release a solicitation for FtF by the end of the calendar year.
- b. The FtF Partnering for Innovation Activity is managed directly by USAID/Washington. As of today, USAID/Guatemala has not discussed any buy-ins for this activity during this Fiscal Year.
- c. USAID is actively planning for follow on activities for its current Feed the Future (FtF) activities. Requests for Information, consultations, co-creation processes, etc... are all strategies considered during a USAID planning and design process.
- d. Selection of Instrument and size of the procurement are unclear now. These decisions will be made as part of the design process of this action and the final decision will be announced accordingly.

219. **Haiti: Strategic Framework**

- a. Can USAID provide an update on when the Haiti Mission will release the Strategic Framework (SF) for December 2020 through December 2022?

USAID Response: USAID/Haiti's Strategic Framework 2020-2022 was approved in late December 2020. The external version is in final clearance and will be posted to USAID's website in the coming weeks.

220. **Haiti: Civil Society Strengthening Program (CSSP)**

- a. Does USAID anticipate one or multiple awards?
- b. Will this project be acquisition or assistance?
- c. Can USAID confirm if eligibility to prime for this solicitation will be restricted to local organizations only?
- d. Does USAID plan to release an RFI or organize any pre-release consultations on this opportunity?
- e. Could USAID confirm the anticipated action/award type for this opportunity?
- f. Could USAID please update the Award/Action Type As soon as possible?

USAID Response:

- a. For the time being, USAID is anticipating one award. Should there be any change in the number of award(s) anticipated, this will be reflected in the Business Forecast and future publications.
- b. The CSSP procurement is currently in pre-design phase. Discussions are being held about

the most appropriate mechanism for this activity. Updates will be provided in due course, at the design phase completion. USAID encourages interested parties to monitor the Business Forecast and the Government websites ([grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and beta.SAM.gov) for future publications on this procurement.

- c. USAID is likely to target local organizations. Should there be any change in the eligibility restrictions, this will be reflected in the Business Forecast and future publications.
- d. USAID is completing market research and consulting stakeholders during the pre-design phase. As the pre-design phase progresses, USAID will provide updates on the way forward.
- e. The CSSP procurement is currently in pre-design phase. The action/award type is unknown for the time being. Updates will be provided in due course, at the design phase completion.
- f. The CSSP procurement is currently in pre-design phase. The action/award type is unknown for the time being. Updates will be provided in due course, at the design phase completion.

221. **Haiti: Social Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) Activity**

- a. Can USAID provide a program description?
- b. Can USAID please confirm the expected procurement mechanism to be used?
- c. In the FY20 Q3 business forecast, USAID indicated that the Haiti SBCC Activity would be restricted to local organizations only. Can USAID confirm if this is still the case?

USAID Response:

- a. The technical team is finalizing the Program Description for the Social Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) Activity. USAID/Haiti encourages interested parties to continue to monitor the Business Forecast and [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).
- b. The Social Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) Activity is expected to be implemented through an assistance mechanism.
- c. The Social Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) Activity is expected to be restricted to local organizations.

222. **Haiti: Haiti Improved Health Service Delivery**

- a. Will USAID please clarify an anticipated release date and approximate value for the Haiti Improved Health Service Delivery award?
- b. USAID released an RFI for the Haiti Improved Health Service Delivery Activity. Can USAID confirm if this is still anticipated and if it will be added to the forecast?
- c. Can USAID please confirm when the Haiti IHSD Activity will be released and what mechanism will be used?
- d. Is USAID planning on releasing an updated draft program description or scope of work in advance of the release?
- e. Could USAID provide an update on the anticipated release date, funding mechanism, and desired outcomes of this activity that has not yet been forecasted?

- f. Can USAID please confirm when the Haiti Improved Health Service Delivery Program will be added to the USAID forecast and specify the Award/Action type?
- g. Can USAID please provide a program description?
- h. Does USAID still plan to release this opportunity? It does not appear on the forecast.
- i. Can USAID confirm the expected release date, anticipated funding amount, and intended mechanism?
- j. Will water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) be included under the scope of this project?
- k. Can USAID please advise on next steps for this solicitation? Could USAID please consider sharing the latest quarterly and annual reports for all Haiti health projects on the Development Experience Clearinghouse?

USAID Response:

- a. The Mission is completing market research and consulting stakeholders. Expected value of the award is \$80 million. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for further updates.
- b. Yes, this procurement is still anticipated. The team is progressing with the design. This procurement has been added to the Business Forecast
- c. The IHSD procurement is in the design phase, the award release date and mechanism are unknown at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast and the Government websites (grants.gov and beta.SAM.gov) for future updates on this procurement.
- d. Given the critical nature of this activity, USAID desires an expanded approach that includes inputs from the industry and the broader community. Any future communication about this activity will be shared through the Government websites (grants.gov and beta.SAM.gov)
- e. IHSD procurement is currently in the design phase. The design team is discussing the most appropriate mechanism, and the number of award(s) for this activity. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast and the Government websites (grants.gov and beta.SAM.gov) for future updates on this procurement.
- f. This activity has been included in the Business Forecast.
- g. The RFI posted in September outlined initial considerations for main program objectives, please feel free to refer to that RFI for further details. IHSD will focus on combating HIV/AIDS, preventing maternal and child (MCH) deaths, family planning/reproductive health (FP/RH), Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), combating HIV/AIDS and perform health systems strengthening and other cross-cutting health issues. These main program objectives are subject to change, please continue to monitor the Business Forecast and the Government websites (grants.gov and beta.SAM.gov) for future updates on this procurement.
- h. Yes, the activity is still planned and is included in the Forecast.
- i. IHSD procurement is currently in the design phase. The design team is discussing the most appropriate mechanism, and the number of award(s) for this activity. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast and the Government websites (grants.gov and

beta.SAM.gov) for future updates on this procurement.

- j. Yes, USAID/Haiti intends to include water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) as a component of this activity.
- k. IHSD procurement is currently in the design phase. The design team is discussing the most appropriate mechanism, and the number of award(s) for this activity. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast and the Government websites (grants.gov and beta.SAM.gov) for future updates on this procurement.

223. **Haiti: Haiti Watsan Activity**

- a. Does USAID/Haiti have any plans to release solicitations in WASH during 2021?

USAID Response: No, not in 2021, but in early 2022.

224. **Haiti: Continuity of Learning/Education and Resilience Activity**

- a. Can USAID please provide additional including geographic focus and award mechanism?
- b. Can USAID provide further detail on the objectives and expected results for this Activity?
- c. Is USAID requesting a RFI or is it a RFP opportunity?
- d. Could USAID please update or confirm the anticipated release date for this program?
- e. Does USAID plan to release a draft SOW for the Haiti Education and Resilience Activity ahead of the solicitation release? Will co-creation be a part of the solicitation process, and if so, at which stage?
- f. Will USAID coordinate geographic locations with other donors, if yes, where will USAID prioritize its interventions?
- g. Does USAID have an agreement with MENFP on the intended project?

USAID Response:

- a. The geographic focus will be the Mission Resilience Focus Zones (stated below) but is not limited to those zones as reaching the most vulnerable and marginalized children and youth is a focus of the activity. The award mechanism is not yet defined. But USAID is exploring which between acquisition and assistance to advance the award process and respond better to the activity results and the Mission's needs. Mission Resilience Focus Zones are:
 - i. Zone of Influence 1: North East Department (Mont Organize, Carice, Vaillier, Capotille, Sainte Suzanne); North Department (Ranquite, La Victoire, Pignon)
 - ii. Zone of Influence 2: Central Plateau communes (Hinche, Cerca La Source, Cerca-Carrvajal)
 - iii. Zone of Influence 3: South Department (Chardonnières, Port-a-Piment, Coteaux, Roches à Bateaux, Arniquet, Port-Salut, St. Jean du Sud, Chantal, Torbeck, Camp Perrin, Les Cayes)
- b. The activity aims to build the capacity of diverse stakeholders to deliver and use distance learning that is flexible and multi-modal and provides educational continuity, whether

schools are open or closed; support schools, when they are able to open, in recruiting, retaining students into safe environments that deliver high-quality face-to-face instruction; build community assets and capacities to participate in and promote high-quality learning opportunities that strengthen essential skills, and; strengthen the technical and managerial capacity of both the Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training (MENFP) and non-state education system actors to plan, develop, deliver, and monitor both distance-based and face-to-face instruction in foundational skills. Ultimately, the activity opts that Haitian learners, families, schools, and communities benefit from an education system that is increasingly resilient, responsive, and adaptive in strengthening students' foundational skills.

- c. Request for Information (RFI) No. 72052121R00009 was posted on grants.gov and beta.SAM.gov to complement USAID data as part of the pre-design process. The deadline to submit responses was February 22, 2021. The pre-design phase is still in progress. Interested parties are invited to monitor the Government websites (grants.gov or beta.SAM.gov) for future publications related to this activity.
- d. This Procurement is currently in the pre-design phase. USAID/Haiti will communicate any information to the public via beta.SAM.gov or Grants.gov (depending on the instrument) as the procurement progresses.
- e. Co-creation has been integrated by means of the RFI, and other co-creation approach ideas are being explored. Updates will be provided in due course, at the design phase completion.
- h. USAID partners with IADB, World Bank and Kellogg Foundation that have interventions in the same geographic locations identified in resilience focus zones above. USAID will prioritize collaboration and coordination for its interventions in the resilience focus zones and other regions.
- i. USAID is having discussions with the MENFP to establish an MOU to align priorities between the intended project and MENFP 10-year education sector plan. This agreement with MENFP is thus in process.

225. **Haiti:** When will the CDCS be completed?

USAID Response: USAID/Haiti completed a Strategic Framework instead of a CDCS. The Strategic Framework was approved in December 2020, and lasts for two years.

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

- a. Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date for the Integrated Health Service Delivery activity in Haiti?

USAID Response: This Procurement is currently in the design phase. USAID/Haiti will communicate any information to the public via beta.sam.gov and Grants.gov as the procurement progresses.

227. **Haiti:** Domestic Resource Mobilization

- a. Does USAID/Haiti anticipate new programming in the area of Domestic Resource

Mobilization? If so, would USAID please provide information on projected RFP release, dollar value, assistance or procurement, a brief program description, and if USAID/Haiti anticipates any industry engagement prior to RFP release.

- b. Can USAID provide a release date and additional information on this anticipated opportunity at this time?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, USAID/Haiti anticipates new programming in the area of Domestic Resource Mobilization. This activity will improve tax collection and seek to link tax collection with service delivery through improved mechanisms that support public and private financing of public services. This activity is currently in the design phase. Information on the projected dollar value and type of instrument will be provided at a later date.
- b. The anticipated release date is August 2021. Additional information will be provided at a later date.

228. **Honduras:** CW - Diversifying Partnerships in WASH (DiP-WASH) APS

- a. Does USAID Honduras anticipate issuing any DiP-WASH addenda in 2021?

USAID Response: It is not within our Economic Growth (EG) activities plan to issue addenda under this mechanism.

229. **Honduras:** Does USAID/Honduras anticipate new programming in transparency, accountability, integrity, and/or anti-corruption? If so, would USAID please provide information on projected RFP release, dollar value, assistance or procurement, a brief program description, and if USAID/Honduras anticipates any industry engagement prior to RFP release.

USAID Response: Yes, new programming is anticipated and is currently in design phase. An RFI is planned to be published. More information will be provided when it can be shared.

230. **Honduras:** Local Governance Activity

- a. Does the Mission anticipate a follow-on to the Local Governance Activity?
- b. If yes, what is the forecasted date?
- c. If not, does the mission anticipate funding a governance program this FY?
- d. Does the mission anticipate using co-creation or a multi-stage procurement of any type?

USAID Response: Not at this time. This will be determined in the pre-planning phase, if USAID/Honduras determines a need for a governance activity.

231. **Honduras:** New MEL and CLA Activity

- a. Does USAID/Honduras anticipate making a single award for this IDIQ?
- b. Is this opportunity expected to review the hypothesis, assumptions, and DOs under the current CDCS?
- c. Does USAID plan to share a draft SOW prior to the anticipated task order release on March 31?

- d. Please confirm that the USAID IDIQ referenced is the USAID EVAL ME II IDIQ?

USAID Response:

- a. The Government anticipates awarding one Cost-Plus-Fixed Fee (CPFF) completion task order under the EVAL – ME II IDIQ contract.
- b. Yes, this activity would be expected to review the hypothesis, DOs, and assumptions during the mid-course stocktaking exercise, which we envision this activity to support.
- c. A draft SOW will not be shared.
- d. Yes, USAID/Honduras plans to acquire management and technical services under IDIQ Evaluation and Performance Monitoring Services II (EVAL-ME II).

232. **Honduras: Youth Employment for Migration Prevention Activity**

- a. It looks like YEMP is no longer on the forecast. Can USAID please confirm that it anticipates making an award for the USAID/Honduras Youth Employment and Migration Prevention Activity by May 2021?

USAID Response: This solicitation closed on November 20, 2020. Thus, it was consequently removed from the business forecast. Subject to availability of funds, USAID/Honduras continues to anticipate making an award in June 2021.

233. **Honduras: Integrated Violence Prevention Activity (Sembrando Esperanza)**

- a. USAID recently added this to the forecast and noted that it will be an IDIQ. Can USAID clarify if this will be a single award or multiple award IDIQ?
- b. Will the first RFTOP be issued with the IDIQ solicitation?
- c. Can USAID provide further detail on the objectives and expected results for this Activity?
- d. Can USAID confirm if this Activity is related to the Youth Employment for Migration Prevention Activity in Honduras?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, it will be an Single Award IDIQ
- b. The first task order will be awarded along with the IDIQ
- c. USAID/Honduras seeks to achieve a sustainable and measurable impact in the prevention of crime, violence, and illegal immigration. This Activity aims to: 1) improve the evidence-driven collective action of communities and other stakeholders in targeted high-violence and high-out-migration hotspots benefitting one million Hondurans; 2) expand sustainable, prevention family and youth-centered services for a minimum of 10,000 youth and 5,000 families to lower their risk of either becoming either victims or perpetrators of violence and/or at risk of illegally migrating to the United States; and 3) build and establish strategic advisory boards, at the national and local level, to recommend evidence-informed policies, processes, and interventions related to illegal immigration and violence

- d. The Sembrando Esperanza activity will seek to complement and coordinate its approach with other USAID-funded and international donor-funded activities, as appropriate.

234. **Honduras:** Strengthening Democratic Foundations

- a. During the 1st Quarter Business Forecast Q&A USAID/Honduras indicated that the design of this program was still in the pre-planning stage. Can USAID provide any more information regarding this procurement at this time?

USAID Response: This activity is now called Strengthening Democratic Governance, it is still in the pre-planning phase.

235. **Honduras:** Violence Prevention Activity

- a. Could USAID please confirm that it intends to release this procurement as a single-award IDIQ mechanism?
- b. Could USAID please clarify the use of the geographical code 110-New independent States?

USAID Response: This is the same as the Sembrando Esperanza activity, which would be awarded as a single award IDIQ. The geographic code 110 was included by mistake in A&A Plan, and has been corrected. The applicable geographic code is 935.

236. **Honduras:** CDCS

- a. Previously, USAID indicated that an updated CDCS for Honduras would be released in early 2021. Could USAID please provide an update about the release of a current CDCS for Honduras?
- b. How does USAID/Honduras anticipate its country strategy shifting under the new Administration?

USAID Response: USAID is currently in the process of amending its internal CDCS to better reflect the priorities of the Biden Administration. Following approval of the amended version, USAID/Honduras will release a public version. USAID/Honduras' strategy remains centered on addressing the underlying drivers of irregular migration and motivating Hondurans, especially Honduran youth, to stay and invest in their future in Honduras. More specifically, the CDCS is focused on improving socio-economic opportunities, democratic governance, and justice and security.

237. **Honduras:** FARMS activity Funding

- a. Would USAID please clarify the anticipated timeline for awarding the Honduras Food Security, Agriculture, and Resilient Market Systems (FARMS) Activity?
- b. What is the expected release date?

USAID Response: The FARMS Solicitation was posted on 12/11/2020. An amendment to the RFP was released on 01/22/2021. The proposal's due date was 02/19/2021. The anticipated award date is in August 2021.

238. **India:** Does USAID intend to release additional opportunities for Tibet?

USAID Response: To further its development assistance work for Tibetan communities, USAID may plan additional opportunities in the future which will be posted at the same platform.

239. **India:** Will USAID issue new Feed the Future or agricultural opportunities in FY21 or FY22? If so: Can you briefly outline the technical scope and other relevant details of the opportunity? Will the mechanism(s) be a Cooperative Agreement or Contract? When will the procurement(s) be released? Will USAID issue an RFI for this opportunity/ies? When?

USAID Response: No, USAID/India will not be issuing any new opportunities supporting Feed the Future.

240. **India:** Support for Tibet Resilience

- a. This opportunity was supposed to be released in February. Is there an updated timeline?
- b. Is there any additional information on geographic scope or number of awards?
- c. Can USAID please clarify if this program is intended to serve as a follow on to the “Tibetan Self-Reliance and Resilience” program implemented by the Tibet Fund?
- d. Can USAID please clarify its intent for a potential co-creation phase, and provide a timeline for such a process?

USAID Response:

- a. The plan to update to release of this opportunity is underway and will be reflected on the Business forecast soon.
- b. Geographic Scope is India and Nepal; Only one award is anticipated.
- c. No
- d. All of such details are provided in the Funding Opportunity.

241. **India:** Education Program

- a. Is USAID able to provide a description of this opportunity and whether it will be focused on basic or higher education?
- b. Could USAID provide an update and a description for this activity?
- c. Could USAID please update or confirm the anticipated release date for this program?
- d. Does USAID clarify if it will be intended for local organizations?
- e. Is the focus on primary, secondary, or tertiary education?
- f. To what extent will this focus on national and subnational capacity building?
- g. Which regions of India will be targeted?

USAID Response: USAID’s plan to release this opportunity is underway and will be reflected on the Business forecast soon. All of such details will be provided in the Funding Opportunity.

242. **India:** Strengthening Landscape Management and Conservation

- a. The USAID/India opportunity *Strengthening Landscape Management and Conservation*

anticipated to be released in June 2021 has been removed from the forecast. Is this program no longer under consideration or does USAID/India anticipate revising and reforecasting this opportunity?

- b. Has USAID selected an Award/Action Type for this procurement and if so, could it please indicate the mechanism choice?

USAID Response: This Action as of now has the same solicitation release date and is available under the business forecast. This procurement is under design phase hence, at this point the mechanism is not known. Please continue to follow Business Forecast for regular updates.

243. **India:** Air Pollution

- a. Can USAID provide any information on the eligibility criteria of this opportunity?
- b. Also about project details?
- c. When does USAID anticipate releasing the solicitation for Air Pollution - Local Works?
- d. Does USAID have a preferred procurement mechanism for the activity?

USAID Response: This procurement is under pre-design phase. Hence, at this point we can't provide any of the requested details. Please continue to follow Business Forecast for regular updates.

244. **India:** Clear air and better life

- a. Will there be a local partner requirement for this award?
- b. Will international organizations be eligible to apply as primes and/or subs?
- c. Could USAID please share information on program description?
- d. Is this activity expected to engage directly with farmers and farmer groups?
- e. Does USAID expect the RFA release date to shift to Q3 or Q4?

USAID Response:

- a. Participation of local partners would depend on the proposed approach.
- b. This procurement will be a full and open procurement hence, local as well as international organizations would be eligible to participate.
- c. Program Description will be shared in the upcoming funding opportunity.
- d. Engaging farmers would depend on the proposed approach.
- e. The expected release date of the funding opportunity is Q2 of FY 2021. Please continue to follow Business Forecast for regular updates.

245. **India:** Improving the cascade of TB care support services among Tribal Populations in India

- a. Any update on procurement type?
- b. Any update about the solicitation release date?

USAID Response:

- a. This funding opportunity was announced as an Addendum No. 2 to the existing 'TB LOCAL

ORGANIZATIONS NETWORK (LON) ANNUAL PROGRAM STATEMENT (LON)-APS No. 7200AA19APS00001'.

- b. The Addendum No. 2 was launched at Grants.gov on December 16, 2020 with the concept paper submissions deadline of January 20, 2021. Currently, USAID is not accepting any concept paper under this TB LON-APS Addendum.

246. **India:** DRR Activity/Climate Change

- a. Any update on procurement type Solicitation Release date ?
- b. Can USAID provide any additional information on the anticipated timing and eligibility criteria of this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. Notice for Funding Opportunity#72038621RFA00003 has been released on February 12, 2021 on Grants.gov.
- b. For any information and details please refer to the abovementioned NOFO.

247. **Indonesia:** Higher Education Partnership Initiative

- a. Could the Mission clarify whether it still plans to release a solicitation for this project?
- b. If so, could the Mission provide an update on anticipated timing?
- c. Could the Mission provide an update on anticipated award vehicle?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID/Indonesia anticipates releasing an Addendum to the Helix APS on or about March 8, 2021.

248. **Indonesia:** Collaboration for Sustainable Fisheries in Indonesia (Operating Unit:)

- a. When is the expected solicitation release date?
- b. Please provide any additional information that may be available concerning the scope of work (e.g. priority fisheries, priority geographic regions, etc).
- c. Is USAID's anticipated solicitation release date of 4/30/2021 accurate for this activity?
- d. What is the anticipated Award/Action Type for this solicitation?
- e. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or statement of objectives (SOO) for comment before an RFP/RFA is released?
- f. If a draft SOW for SOO is planned for release, would USAID please confirm the anticipated timing of the draft SOW or SOO?

USAID Response: USAID/Indonesia anticipates using an acquisition award for this activity, and intends to publish a draft Statement of Objectives as a Request for Information in mid-March 2021 before publishing a complete Request for Proposal in mid-late April 2021.

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

- a. Can USAID please confirm that the recent information on mission forecast is correct regarding the Indonesia Papua Governance Collaborative Initiative in terms of size and procurement vehicle?
- b. The RFI that was released on September 18, 2020 listed the anticipated funding as between \$8-10M; however, the USAID Business Forecast still lists a total estimated cost

- range of \$10M - \$24.99M. Can USAID please clarify the estimated cost range for PGCI?
- c. What mechanism is the mission anticipating for the Papua Governance Collaborative Initiative?
 - d. Does the mission anticipate using co-creation or a multi-stage procurement of any type?
 - e. Does USAID anticipate restricting eligibility for this project?

USAID Response: USAID/Indonesia anticipates the release of a Notice of Funding Opportunity for a cooperative agreement on or about March 5, 2021. There is no restriction to eligibility. The Mission does anticipate utilizing a multi-stage procurement approach that includes co-creation with the Apparent Successful Applicant. The total estimated cost is not anticipated to exceed \$10 million.

250. **Indonesia:** Urban Water, Sanitation, Solid Waste and Hygiene

- a. Can USAID provide information regarding the timing of the solicitation?
- b. Could USAID confirm the value of the procurement?
- c. Can USAID/Indonesia provide any additional information on the procurement timeline and award mechanism? An RFI was released on Feb 2, 2021, but it has not yet been added to the business forecast.
- d. Could USAID clarify what contracting mechanism it will use under this procurement?
- e. In the previous 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, as it is no longer listed on the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: USAID/Indonesia anticipates using an acquisition award for this activity, with an estimated release of solicitation around Quarter 3 of FY 2021. The total estimate cost is between \$40-45 Million. Please continue to follow Business Forecast for regular updates.

251. **Indonesia:** Indonesia Terrestrial Program

- a. When does USAID anticipated making the award announcement for the USAID Indonesia Terrestrial Program?

USAID Response: USAID/Indonesia anticipates making an award announcement in March 2021.

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

- a. Can USAID provide any updates to the anticipated award type for the Collaboration for Sustainable Fisheries in Indonesia?

USAID Response: USAID/Indonesia anticipates making an acquisition award.

253. **Indonesia:** Technical and Management Assistance to LPDP

- a. Could the Mission confirm that the anticipated release date of 3/31/2021 is still accurate?
- b. Could the Mission specify whether a decision has been made regarding restricting the solicitation to local organizations following review of RFI responses?

- c. Is the program limited to local organizations only?

USAID Response: USAID/Indonesia still anticipates release of a Request for Proposal in late March to early April 2021. A final determination regarding restricting the solicitation to local organizations is still pending, however, based on market research it is likely that the activity will be limited to local organizations as the prime contractor.

254. **Indonesia:** HCP-PARTnerships for ProDUctive Workforce (PADU)

- a. Can USAID clarify what it means by “Tier 1” in the Category Management Contract Vehicle field? See for example the HCP-PARTnerships for ProDUctive Workforce – PADU
b. Is the program limited to local organizations only?

USAID Response: This activity remains in the early phase of design and no decisions have been finalized regarding selection of instrument or limiting competition/restricting eligibility to local organizations.

255. **Indonesia:** Integrity Initiative

- a. Does USAID anticipate restricting eligibility for this project?

USAID Response: USAID/Indonesia does not anticipate restricting eligibility for this activity.

256. **Indonesia:** ENV - Marine II Conservation

- a. Can USAID confirm that the timing in the current Business Forecast is accurate with anticipated release dates of April 2021 and July 2021 respectively?
b. Has USAID selected an Award/Action Type for either of these procurements and if so, could it please indicate the mechanism choice?
c. Please clarify if this opportunity will be set aside for small businesses.
d. Does USAID anticipate restricting eligibility for this project?

USAID Response: USAID/Indonesia anticipates publishing this award solicitation/opportunity in July 2021. The award/action type and if USAID/Indonesia will restrict eligibility has not been determined.

257. **Iraq:** Election support activity

- a. We understand that USAID/Iraq is in the process of procuring an elections support activity in advance of projected Iraqi parliamentary elections in 2021. Could USAID please provide any information about this procurement, e.g. if it is limited competition, under what mechanism it is being released, if it will be free and open, and when USAID will release it?

USAID Response: USAID/Iraq is implementing election support through UNDP/UNAMI and the CEPPS program. We do not intend to procure any additional election support work.

258. **Iraq:** Does USAID expect to add to the Forecast any new education opportunities for Iraq in the coming quarter?

USAID Response: No, we do not expect to add any education opportunities this fiscal year.

259. **Iraq:** Are there any business requirements?

USAID Response: No, we do not expect to add any business requirements this fiscal year.

260. **Iraq:** When will the CDCS be completed?

USAID Response: USAID/Iraq is not currently in the process of developing a CDCS. USAID/Iraq is continually examining its programming to ensure it aligns with various strategic priorities. All USG investments in Iraq, including USAID, are broadly guided by the [Integrated Country Strategy](#).

261. **Jamaica:** Are there any business requirements for 2021?

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

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

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

USAID Response: No, USAID is not planning on a follow-on program

263. **Jordan:** Advancing Women's Agency in Leadership

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI or other pre-solicitation document for this opportunity?
- b. Could USAID clarify if eligibility will be restricted to certain entities?
- c. Could USAID provide an estimated budget ceiling for this award?
- d. How does USAID foresee the Women's Economic and Social Empowerment Activity, Advancing Women's Agency and Leadership, and Sawt initiatives working together and reinforcing each other for gender equitable outcomes?
- e. How does USAID see the role of research activities within this activity?
- f. Can USAID provide more information about how this project's scope is anticipated to coordinate with the pending WEELA award?

USAID Response:

- a. This activity is in the planning phase. Interested organizations are encouraged to monitor the Business Forecast and www.grants.gov and beta.sam.gov for updates.
- b. USAID does not anticipate issuing any pre-solicitation documents for this activity.
- c. It is not anticipated that eligibility will be restricted under this activity. However, please continue to monitor updates on this activity on the Business Forecast.
- d. The estimated amount ranges from \$10M to \$24.99M
- e. It is anticipated that the Women's Economic Empowerment and Leadership, Advancing Women's Agency and Leadership, and SAWT activities will have to collaborate together in conceptualizing interventions and coordinating closely to plan annual work around

interventions leading to the common results related to gender equality and women's empowerment and leadership.

- f. This activity is in the planning phase. Research-related interventions might be contemplated.

264. **Jordan:** Women's Economic Empowerment and Leadership Activity

- a. Can USAID please confirm that it anticipates making an award by April 2021?
- b. Would USAID please provide an update on when the Jordan WEELA opportunity is expected to be awarded?

USAID Response: The award date for this activity will be delayed and the new estimated award date will be August 14, 2021.

265. **Jordan:** Community Engagement?

- a. Can USAID confirm if there will be a Jordan Community Engagement follow-on activity?

USAID Response: USAID is not planning a Jordan Community Engagement follow-on activity

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

- a. In the FY21 Q1 Q&A, USAID noted that SSAP did not anticipate releasing any new funding opportunities under the IDIQ in FY21. Could USAID please provide any updates, if the funding situation has changed?
- b. Can USAID provide an update on the Building Resilient and Inclusive Communities in Conflict (BRICC) Task Order (TO)3. Specifically is USAID still not planning on making an award for TO3 in 2021?

USAID Response: SSAP has no definitive update to the FY 21 funding for the BRICC IDIQ.

267. **Jordan:** Economic Reform Activity (ERA) IDIQ task order

- a. The anticipated TO release date included in the Forecast is 1/28/21, which is now past. Can USAID please provide an updated release date?
- b. The RFI for ERA, which included a SOO for task order one, was released by USAID nearly two years ago on 3/17/19. Many elements of that SOO are now outdated. Will a revised SOO be released? If so, when?
- c. Following on question b. above, will the scope of the first task order be changed significantly? If so, what information can be shared with bidders?
- d. Could USAID please provide a draft scope of work for this first task order?
- e. Will the Request for Task Order Proposals for this task order be issued at the same time as the awards for the IDIQ contract?
- f. In the FY2021 Q1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID indicated that the anticipated award date for this opportunity is February 26, 2021. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated award date for this opportunity?
- g. When is the first task order under this IDIQ anticipated to be released?

- h. Will the forecasted Jordan Economic Development and Energy-Economic Reform Activity be a task order under this IDIQ? Can USAID provide an updated release date on this task order (currently listed as January 28, 2021 on the forecast)?

USAID Response: a-h. IDIQ Award(s) are expected to be made approximately March 31, 2021. The Business Forecast has been updated. Task Order 1 has been updated and will now be a Statement of Work. The Request for Task Order Proposals (RFTOP) will be released to the IDIQ Holders within 30 days of the award of the IDIQ contract(s). A Task Order 1 draft SOW will not be released prior to the issuance of the RFTOP.

268. **Jordan: Sawt: A Voice for Civic Engagement**

- a. Is USAID planning to release a request for proposals for Jordan SAWT: A voice for Civic Engagement?
- b. If so, what's the expected timeline for release?
- c. What will be the ultimate funding type for this opportunity?
- d. USAID gave an award amount range of \$25 M to \$49.99 Million. Could USAID clarify the anticipated award amount or provide a closer estimate?
- e. Does USAID intend to conduct a co-creation/consultation process for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID Jordan is planning to release a Request for Applications (RFA) for Sawt
- b. USAID Jordan anticipates the release of the RFA around mid of April 2021. Any changes to this anticipated date will be reflected in the Business Forecast. Please keep monitoring the business forecast
- c. USAID anticipates that the mechanism will be an assistance award
- d. The estimated range for this activity is between \$25 - \$49 millions. Please keep monitoring the business forecast.
- e. USAID Jordan is still in the design phase and no final decision has been made yet. Please keep monitoring the Business Forecast.

269. **Jordan: WRE – Water Efficiency & Conservation Activity**

- a. Has USAID considered using an assistance mechanism, such as a cooperative agreement, for this activity, given the nature of the activities described in the business forecast? As described in ADS 304.3.4, assistance mechanisms are generally appropriate when the purpose of the program is to provide services or property to third parties, such as partner country government institutions, local organizations, or target civilian populations. Use of an assistance mechanism for this program would be well aligned with USAID and the Jordan mission's Journey to Self Reliance and focus on localization goals. Assistance mechanisms also allow for the flexibility that is well suited for the adaptive management approaches required for work on market systems focused work and programs focused on water governance.
- b. Is USAID planning to release a pre-solicitation for this opportunity?
- c. If so, can USAID confirm the award/action type and category management contract vehicle?

USAID Response:

- a. The award is still in the pre-planning phase and the choice of instrument is not finalized yet. The Business Forecast will be updated accordingly.
- b. Yes
- c. At this stage USAID is unable to provide this information, please keep monitoring the business forecast for updates.

270. **Jordan:** Business Growth Activity (BGA)

- a. What is the anticipated award date?
- b. In the FY2021 Q1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID indicated that the anticipated award date for this opportunity is February 28, 2021. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated award date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date for BGA is July 25, 2021.

271. **Jordan:** Technical Assistance Program

- a. Could USAID please provide an update on the source selection and/or award timeline for this procurement?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date for this procurement is May 2021 as per the information provided earlier on the Business Forecast.

272. **Jordan:** Public Accountability and Justice Strengthening Project

- a. Can USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation release Date for this project remains **3/31/2021**?

USAID Response: USAID Jordan anticipates to release the solicitation around 03/31/2021. However, any changes to this date will be communicated through the Business Forecast. This opportunity is still active, and it will be a full and open competition.

273. **Jordan:** EDE – Tourism Support Activity

- a. Given that the release date for this solicitation has shifted to May 10, 2020, does USAID Jordan intend to release a Request for Information or Pre-Solicitation prior to this date?
- b. What will be the award type?
- c. Will this be a small business set aside?
- d. Will this be a task order under the yet-to-be awarded Economic Reform Activity (ERA)?
- e. Does USAID still anticipate releasing a request for information for the EDE – Tourism Support Activity?
- f. Can USAID provide additional project description information?
- g. Can you please confirm whether USAID envisions a co-creation process for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. Please monitor the business forecast.

- b. Contract
- c. No
- d. No
- e. Please monitor the business forecast.
- f. Please monitor the business forecast.
- g. No

274. **Kenya:** Could USAID please provide an update on when the new CDCS for Kenya will be available?

USAID Response: We anticipate it will be publicly available soon. It is undergoing final clearances in Washington D.C.

275. **Kenya:** Does USAID plan to support COVID vaccinations in FY 2021 in Kenya?

USAID Response: We have no information about any potential support for COVID vaccines.

276. **Kenya:** East Africa Cross Border Resilience

- a. Will USAID be releasing a pre-solicitation, draft SOW, or holding an industry day regarding this procurement and its scope of work?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates release of a RFTOP for the Cross-border Communities Resilience Activity in Quarter 3 FY21.

277. **Kenya:** East Africa Partnership and Trade Capacity Building Platform

- a. Will USAID be releasing a pre-solicitation, draft SOW, or holding an industry day regarding this procurement and its scope of work?

USAID Response: USAID no longer anticipates releasing a RFTOP for the East Africa Partnership and Trade Capacity Building Platform.

278. **Kenya:** STAWI

- a. Could USAID kindly provide an update on the anticipated scope, budget, mechanism and timing for the Kenya STAWI proposal?
- b. Does USAID intend to issue a pre-solicitation for the Kenya STAWI proposal?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates issuing a SOO and APS Addendum during FY21 3rd quarter. No additional pre-solicitation is expected as RFI was issued in January/February 2020.

279. **Kenya:** Tsavo Ecosystems

- a. Does USAID intend to release a full solicitation for a project resulting from this RFI?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID is still gathering information, but intends to release a solicitation TBD.

280. **Kenya: Scaling Up Community Led Conservation in Amboseli**
a. Does USAID intend to release a full solicitation for a project resulting from this RFI?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID is still gathering information, but intends to release a solicitation TBD.

281. **Kenya: Crop and Dairy Systems**
a. Does USAID plan to release a follow-on to the current Crop and Dairy Systems project?
b. If so, will this be a contract or cooperative agreement?
c. When will the procurement be released?
d. Will USAID issue an RFI for this opportunity? When?

USAID Response:

- a. There will be future USAID-funded projects under Feed the Future. However, the project will not be a Kenya Crops and Dairy Market Systems follow-on in the form that it is currently.
b. Whether it will be a contract or a cooperative agreement will be determined after the design, which has not begun yet.
c. The date for the procurement will be determined after the design is completed.
d. It is not determined whether an RFI will be sent out and when it might be out.

282. **Kenya: Private Sector Opportunities to a Fully Private Care and Treatment in Kenya**
a. Can USAID provide an updated timeline for release of this opportunity?
b. Can USAID confirm what the award mechanism will be?
c. Can USAID confirm the eligibility for this award?

USAID Response: We do not have any additional information at this time. Once information becomes available, it will be included in the Forecast.

283. **Kenya: Feed the Future Activity**
a. Will USAID issue new Feed the Future or agricultural opportunities in FY21 or FY22
b. If so: Can you briefly outline the technical scope and other relevant details of the opportunity?
c. Will the mechanism(s) be a Cooperative Agreement or Contract?
d. When will the procurement(s) be released?
e. Will USAID issue an RFI for this opportunity/ies? When?

USAID Response: Should new FTF activities become present, it would be in FY 2022. Current analytics are on-going that will inform the initial design. An RFI may be released in the last Quarter of FY 2021 or first Quarter of FY 2022.

284. **Kenya: Sustainable, Transformational and Accessible WASH Intervention**
a. Can you provide any updates to the procurement timeline?
b. Is there any update to the anticipated release date for a solicitation?

- c. Are there any updates to the Award/Action type?
- d. Has USAID determined which counties will be part of this activity?
- e. Does USAID anticipate any co-creation process for this activity?
- f. Can USAID suggest what the anticipated turnaround time will be to develop a proposal for this activity?
- g. 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?
- h. Could USAID please confirm that it is still planning on issuing a standalone contract for this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates issuing a SOO and APS Addendum during FY21, 3rd quarter. The focus counties will be in arid and semi arid counties of Kenya. USAID will include co-creation requirement. We anticipate a 30-45 day turnaround period for the proposal.

285. **Kenya: Basic Education Activity**

- a. Could USAID clarify the type of IDIQ that will be used for this activity? Will it be a single-holder or multiple-holder IDIQ?
- b. Can USAID please provide an update on the Senior Obligation Alignment Review (SOAR)?
- c. Can USAID please provide information on who the incumbents are?
- d. Could USAID kindly provide any additional details regarding the scope and geographic focus?
- e. Can USAID clarify whether this opportunity is specific to Kenya or regional in focus? While the operating unit implies a single country focus, the description references “host-country governments” in the plural. If this is regional, can USAID clarify what countries are included?
- f. Does USAID anticipate a single award or multiple awards?
- g. Will this opportunity fall under USAID’s New Partner Initiative?
- h. What is the geographic coverage of the IDIQ?
- i. Is the IDIQ intended to be the sole or major procurement mechanism for education activities in Africa?
- j. Will USAID please confirm that the estimated award range is \$300M - \$499.99M?
- k. Will USAID please confirm that this award is a new IDIQ and not a task order under an existing IDIQ?
- l. Could USAID provide additional guidance on potential locations for this activity?
- m. Could USAID let us know how many potential Task Orders are anticipated through this IDIQ?
- n. Does USAID anticipate additional IDIQs to come out for basic education or will this be the only one?
- o. Could USAID provide additional details about what components of basic education will be prioritized by this award?
- p. Can USAID provide a more specific definition of the vulnerable populations that will be prioritized for this (such as conflict affected)?

- q. Can USAID please clarify if there will be both large and small business components to this IDIQ?
- r. If this will be a multi-award IDIQ, can USAID please clarify whether organizations can be (i) both a prime and a sub on different consortia (as was the case under ABE-ACR) and/or (ii) a sub on multiple consortia?
- s. Can USAID please clarify whether or not USAID plans to prohibit or discourage local organizations from exclusive agreements?
- t. Would USAID consider changing the principal geographic code from 937 to 935 so as to maximize the available technical resources available to the Missions?
- u. Under ABE-ACR, in the case where the proposal ceiling was under a certain value, only small businesses were allowed to prime. Will there be a similar mechanism for the forecasted east Africa regional IDIQ entitled the Basic Education Activity?

USAID Response:

- a. It will be a multiple-holder IDIQ.
- b. The SOAR has been approved.
- c. The current Basic Education program, Tusome, is implemented by Research Triangle Institute.
- d. The scope will focus on basic education and task orders may be issued by USAID bilateral Missions in East Africa. We have no further information on which Missions may choose to use the instrument.
- e. The geographic focus is anticipated to be USAID bilateral Missions, should they decided to use the mechanism, in countries in the East Africa region, possibly including, the Democratic Republic of Congo; the Republics of Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, and Uganda; the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; the United Republic of Tanzania; and the Federal Republic of Somalia.
- f. Multiple.
- g. No
- h. The geographic focus is anticipated to be USAID bilateral Missions, should they decided to use the mechanism, in countries in the East Africa region, possibly including, the Democratic Republic of Congo; the Republics of Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, and Uganda; the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; the United Republic of Tanzania; and the Federal Republic of Somalia.
- i. This is for the use of bilateral USAID Missions in the East Africa region. We are not aware of any other future procurements for education in Africa.
- j. The overall ceiling approved in the SOAR is \$300 million.
- k. These will be new IDIQs.
- l. The geographic focus is anticipated to be USAID bilateral Missions, should they decided to use the mechanism, in countries in the East Africa region, possibly including, the Democratic Republic of Congo; the Republics of Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, and

Uganda; the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; the United Republic of Tanzania; and the Federal Republic of Somalia.

- m. Unknown at this time.
- n. This will be a USAID Kenya Mission issued IDIQ, please check the business forecast for any additional opportunities.
- o. Components of learning, reading, and access will be prioritized.
- p. Please see USAID's [Education Policy](#) for more information.
- q. Both
- r. We are unable to answer as we are not familiar with the referenced IDIQ.
- s. USAID Kenya/East Africa standard practice is to discourage "exclusive" agreements.
- t. This has been updated.
- u. This is being considered.

286. **Kenya:** NiWajibu Wetu

- a. Can USAID/Kenya please clarify whether or not a follow on project for the NiWajibu Wetu (CVE) is forthcoming, and if so what the time frame and mechanism for the release of that solicitation may be? For a time there was a CVE project listed on the Forecast but it is no longer there.

USAID Response: Planning for a new CVE activity is still in the early stages. Neither the mechanism nor time frame have been established. USAID will update the forecast as soon as more concrete information is available.

287. **Kenya:** Health Systems Strengthening Activity

- a. Would USAID please clarify if eligibility to apply as a prime applicant for the awards under the Kenya Health Systems Strengthening Activity will be restricted to local partners who are Kenyan entities?
- b. Will the six potential activities under the Kenya Health Systems Strengthening Activity all be released at the same time?
- c. Will USAID use a multi-phase process with the first step being a concept note?
- d. Can USAID please provide a program description?
- e. Can USAID please confirm the expected procurement mechanism?
- f. Can USAID please provide more information about the following: technical areas, the timeline for solicitation release, number of awards, eligibility requirements, funding mechanism, total estimated amount of funding

USAID Response: These activities are still in design. None of the above questions can be answered at this time.

288. **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: HRH is one of the activities contemplated under the HSS program. It is still in design. We do not have additional information available at this time.

289. **Kenya:** Kenya Private Sector Opportunities to a Fully Private Care and Treatment
- a. Will USAID/KEA please clarify an anticipated release date and approximate value for the Kenya Private Sector RFI?
 - b. Can USAID provide an update as to the next stage of the procurement process?

USAID Response: The activity is still in the design process. No additional information is available at this time.

290. **Kenya:** Regional Crossborder Resilience Activity
- a. In the Quarter 1 Forecast Update, USAID indicated that the Regional Crossborder Resilience Activity RFTOP (under the RISE IDIQ) would be released in Q2 FY21. Could USAID comment on whether this planned timing is still accurate?
 - b. Could USAID clarify if you intend to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for the program?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates release of a RFTOP for the Cross-border Communities Resilience Activity in Quarter 3 FY21. USAID anticipates release of a RFTOP

291. **Kenya:** East Africa RISE IDIQ
- a. Does USAID have any updates to share on the anticipated release date and scope of work description for: East Africa Partnership and Trade Capacity Building Platform and Regional Crossborder Resilience Activity?
 - b. Can USAID provide an update on whether any additional activities under RISE are intended to be a small business set-aside?
 - c. Does USAID Kenya/East Africa intend to release additional task orders under the RISE IDIQ prior to June 2021?
 - d. Can USAID please clarify if they still intend to issue a RISE Task Order for food security, resilience, trade and investment in East Africa in Q2? If so, will Kenya be included in the geographic scope?
 - e. Will an RFI be released in advance of the RFTOP?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID anticipates release of a RFTOP for the Cross-border Communities Resilience Activity in Quarter 3 FY21 but no longer anticipates releasing a task order for the East Africa Partnership and Trade Capacity Building Platform.
- b. Not known at this time.
- c. USAID anticipates release of a RFTOP for the Cross-border Communities Resilience Activity in FY21 Q3 May 2021. USAID does not anticipate releasing additional RFTOPs in FY 2021.
- d. For the anticipated Crossborder Community Resilience Activity RFTOP the geographic scope includes the cross border cluster areas of Karamoja, Moyale, and Mandera.
- e. No

292. **Kenya: Kenya Health Partnerships for Quality Services (KHPQS)**
- a. Can USAID please update the solicitation release dates for the Kenya LPSDA/KHPQS Kenya Health Partnership for Quality Services (KHPQS) HIV and OVC opportunities?
 - b. USAID/Kenya released a series of related NOFOs in August 2020 linked to these forecasted USAID opportunities. The NOFOs split the forecasted activities into 11 Clusters across the four procurement documents for which applicants could apply: 72061520RFA00007 Cluster 3, 72061520RFA00006 Cluster 7-11. 72061520RFA00005 Cluster 5 & 6, 72061520RFA00004 Cluster 1, 2, and 4. The forecasted award date for all awards is currently listed as March 31, 2021. We understand that some of the NOFO applicants have been awarded cooperative agreements. Would USAID please provide a list of which Clusters have been awarded to date, and to which prime recipients? Provide a list and timeline for award for the remaining Clusters?

USAID Response: Clusters 6 and 7 have been awarded. We are striving to award all the other clusters before the end of March 2021. The timeline may shift depending on requirements for pre award surveys.

293. **Kenya: Bilateral Vector Control activity**
- a. Does USAID plan to release a Bilateral Vector Control activity?
 - b. If yes, will an RFI be released in advance of the solicitation?
 - c. What is the anticipated timing and value?
 - d. What mechanism will be used for this activity (i.e., will this be issued as a Task Order or be full and open)?

USAID Response: This activity is in the approval process. Additional information will be provided once available.

294. **Kenya: Local Works Program**
- a. Are there updates to the announced three-year Local Works program that will provide up to \$7 million to support local communities in the Mara landscape and Northern and Coastal Kenya

USAID Response: USAID/Kenya and East Africa recently completed three co-creation workshops with both national and landscape stakeholders across the country. USAID plans to issue three local works grants to local Kenyan organizations and 1st time USAID direct grantees only two of which will support the Mara and Northern landscapes, respectively.

295. **Kenya: Self-Reliance Development Coalition (KSDC)**
- a. Does USAID plan to release an RFI or organize any pre-release consultations on this opportunity?
 - b. Would USAID please share when this opportunity will be released?

USAID Response: USAID already had pre-release consultations on this opportunity. However, the

opportunity is at this time on hold. There is no timeline for when the opportunity will be released.

296. **Kenya:** Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Activity in Kenya

- a. Will USAID please provide information on the anticipated CVE activity, including whether this activity will be limited to local implementers, the award/action type; estimated anticipated solicitation date; total estimated cost/amount range; and a summary description and target geographic areas for the anticipated CVE project?

USAID Response: Planning for a new CVE activity is still in the early stages. Neither the mechanism, nor the estimated release date have been established. USAID will update the forecast, including whether there will be an RFI, as soon as more concrete information is available.

297. **Kenya:** East Africa Partnership and Trade Capacity Building Platform

- a. In the Quarter 1 Forecast Update, USAID indicated that the East Africa Partnership and Trade Capacity Building Platform RFTOP (under the RISE IDIQ) would be released by the end of the fiscal year. Does USAID have any additional information on the planned timing for this RFTOP?
- b. Could USAID clarify if you intend to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for the program?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID no longer anticipates releasing a RFTOP for the East Africa Partnership and Trade Capacity Building Platform.
- b. USAID no longer anticipates releasing a RFTOP, a draft scope of work or Request for Information for the East Africa Partnership and Trade Capacity Building Platform.

298. **Kosovo:** New Private Sector Competitiveness

- a. Can USAID provide any more detail regarding the anticipated technical scope of this new Activity?
- b. How is this Activity expected to complement Kosovo's Export-Led Growth (ELG) Activity?
- c. Has USAID selected an Award/Action Type for this procurement and if so, could it please indicate the mechanism choice, including whether or not this solicitation is intended as a Small Business Set-Aside or full & open?
- d. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation release Date for this project is **9/06/2021**?
- e. Can USAID share more information regarding the scope?
- f. To what extent, if any, will the activity include the agricultural sector?
- g. Can USAID confirm that this will be a free and open opportunity?
- h. Does USAID/Kosovo anticipate releasing a pre-solicitation or request for information for this solicitation?

USAID Response: The New Private Sector Competitiveness is in the early design stage. More

details will be provided as soon as it is available.

299. **Kosovo: Citizen Engagement Activity**

- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation release Date for this project remains **5/27/2021**?
- b. Does usaid anticipates to use co-creation mechanism for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. This activity was set aside for local organizations and the RFA was released on May 27, 2020. The procurement process is in the pre-award stage.
- b. Yes, USAID has used a co-creation mechanism for this opportunity.

300. **Kosovo: Higher Education System Transformation**

- a. What is the anticipated release date?
- b. What is the anticipated award amount?
- c. What is the anticipated award length?
- d. What is the anticipated award type?
- e. Is USAID planning to issue this under the HELIX APS?
- f. Is USAID planning to issue this under the YouthPower 2 APS?
- g. Will this be a New Partnership Initiative (NPI) Activity?
- h. Will eligibility be restricted to higher education institutions?
- i. Will eligibility be restricted to local organizations?
- j. Is this a follow-on to the Transformational Leadership Program?
- k. Can USAID provide an anticipated award value?

USAID Response: This is the University Partnership activity which is posted on Business Forecast. There is no activity posted on business forecast with Higher Education title - this might have been a result of the RFI Mission posted. No it will not - collaboration among variant entities is foreseen, therefore restrictions to such institutions are not anticipated as of currently. It will not be restricted to local organizations. This is not a follow-on to the Transformation Leadership Program.

301. **Kosovo: University Partnership**

- a. Can USAID clarify whether the University Partnership opportunity on the Business Forecast is the same opportunity as the previously discussed Kosovo Higher Education Systems Transformation Activity (RFI #7201672RFI00001)?
- b. If these are separate opportunities, can USAID kindly provide an estimated cost range for the Kosovo Higher Education Systems Transformation opportunity, as well as provide an updated description, and add it to the Business Forecast?
- c. Could the Mission confirm the anticipated release date for this opportunity is still 5/31?
- d. Could the Mission provide an update on anticipated award vehicle?
- e. Can USAID please give some information into the scope of work for this opportunity?
- f. Can the Mission please provide more details in the Forecast description?
- g. Will the opportunity be restricted to local primes only?

- h. Will USAID please confirm if the Higher Education System Transformation Request for Information (RFA#72016721RFI00001) refers to the University Partnership Activity, or if the RFI refers to a separate Activity?
- i. Is USAID planning to issue this under the HELIX APS?
- j. Is USAID planning to issue this under the YouthPower 2 APS?
- k. Will this be a New Partnership Initiative (NPI) Activity?
- l. Will eligibility be restricted to higher education institutions?
- m. Will eligibility be restricted to local organizations?
- n. What is the anticipated award length?
- o. What is the anticipated award type?
- p. Is this a follow-on to the Transformational Leadership Program?

USAID Response:

- a. The Request for Information was an effort to secure information to inform the Mission's understanding. It was not intended to be specific to a single future mechanism. The RFI's made no reference to any specific activity. The RFI is not connected with a single instrument or a particular planned procurement. Indeed, the RFI will support USAID's research and thinking across program areas. The RFI is nonetheless informative for the University Partnerships opportunity currently on the Business Forecast among other Mission efforts.
- b. Kosovo Higher Education Systems Transformation was the name given to a Request for Information. It is not the name of any activity at this time, though it is connected with the Mission's information-gathering pursuant to various program areas. At this time, the Business Forecast is being updated to reflect a Modernizing Kosovo's Workforce Activity in addition to the existing University Partnership Activity that is currently on the Business Forecast. The Business Forecast will continue to be updated as appropriate.
- c. The anticipated release date for the University Partnerships activity is not 5/31. Currently the activity is in the design phase and release date is yet to be determined.
- d. There is no update at this time for the anticipated award vehicle for the University Partnerships activity.
- e. The University Partnerships activity will support collaboration among U.S. universities and higher education institution(s) in Kosovo to improve university management and the quality of teaching methodology and curriculum; strengthen scientific research with an emphasis on science and technology; encourage community service; strengthen university collaboration with the public and private sectors; and build the capacity of Kosovo's higher education faculties. The focus of these improvements will be to make higher education more relevant to the needs of a growing economy and developing democratic country.
- f. Yes, we will update the forecast accordingly with respect to the listed University Partnerships activity.

302. **Kosovo: Property Governance Activity**

- a. Given that the anticipated release date on the Business Forecast of February 15, 2021 is now past due, could USAID please kindly provide an update on the anticipated timing of the solicitation?

- b. Can USAID share more information regarding the scope?
- c. Can USAID confirm that this will be a free and open opportunity?
- d. Does USAID/Kosovo anticipate releasing a pre-solicitation or request for information for this solicitation?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast is updated; the RFP was released on February 24, 2021. RFP is live now, check in beta.SAM.gov for more information. This is a full and open competition.

303. **Kyrgyz Republic:** When does the mission anticipate completion of the CDCS?

USAID Response: The 2020-2025 Kyrgyz Republic CDCS was approved by agency leadership in autumn 2020. We anticipate that the new CDCS will be posted publicly within the next 30 days

304. **Laos:** Does USAID intend to release any economic growth opportunities for Laos this year?

USAID Response: There are no new economic growth opportunities for Laos expected this FY.

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

- a. When does USAID anticipate releasing a solicitation for Laos Provincial Assembly Strengthening Activity: Does USAID have a preferred procurement mechanism for this?

USAID Response: USAID/Laos is still developing its strategy for working in this area, and has not made a determination on the future issuance of a solicitation for this activity yet.

306. **Laos:** Maternal Child Health Nutrition

- a. Can this Activity be added to the Business Forecast?
- b. When is the estimated Solicitation and Award date for this activity?
- c. What does the mission expect the Principal Geographic Code for this Activity to be?
- d. On December 3, 2020 USAID released a Request for Information for the Laos Maternal Child Health Nutrition Activity. Does USAID still anticipate releasing this activity and if so, can USAID please consider adding relevant opportunity information to the forecast?
- e. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated award mechanism and value?
- f. Can USAID identify the provinces and districts that will be targeted for this opportunity?
- g. Does USAID anticipate a multi-stage application process including co-creation?
- h. Is USAID planning any other health investments in FY21?
- i. Does USAID anticipate releasing a new open solicitation and a new phase for this opportunity?
- j. Can USAID please clarify if the USAID Lao PDR plans to release a new country development strategy for the years beyond 2020 and when?
- k. How will civil societies that are not yet implementing partner of USAID in country contribute to this strategy?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID/Laos was waiting for this activity to be approved through the Senior Obligation Alignment Review process. Now that the threshold has been raised and approval for this activity is no longer required, this action has been added to the Business Forecast.
- b. We anticipate advertising this activity in March 2021
- c. 937
- d. USAID has taken responses received into account in the design process
- e. A cooperative agreement is anticipated to be awarded
- f. The provinces the activity works in will be identified in collaboration with the Government of Laos.
- g. No.
- h. No.
- i. USAID anticipates a new NOFO for a cooperative agreement
- j. Laos recently became a Country Representative Office, but USAID has no timeline for a Laos CDCS at this time.
- k. USAID will work with implementing partners to work with CSOs in Laos.

307. **Laos: CTIP Award**

- a. Is USAID planning to issue a rebid of the standalone CTIP award for Laos? If so, when is its anticipated release date and funding mechanism?

USAID Response: There is no anticipated release date for a new Laos CTIP mechanism at this time.

308. **Laos: Strengthening Capacity and Effectiveness of the People's Assemblies System**

- a. An RFI (72048621RFI00002) was released for the Strengthening Capacity and Effectiveness of the People's Assemblies System in Laos Activity on December 18, 2020, could USAID please provide an update about the timing of the anticipated solicitation release date?
- b. Could USAID please clarify the anticipated award mechanism?
- c. Does USAID intend to conduct a co-creation/consultation process for this opportunity?
- d. Could USAID please clarify the anticipated principal geographic code?

USAID Response: USAID/Laos is still developing its strategy for working in this area, and has not made a determination on the future issuance of a solicitation for this activity yet.

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

- a. As noted in the Q3 FY2020 Business Forecast Q&A, this opportunity is anticipated for release no earlier than Q2 of 2021. Could USAID provide updates on the status of this procurement?
- 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?

USAID Response: USAID/Laos recently became a Country Representative Post, and the new in-country leadership is evaluating how to best proceed on new economic growth activities.

310. **Laos:** Local Governance/Provincial Assemblies:

- a. Can USAID provide a release date and additional information on this anticipated opportunity at this time?
- 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 and mechanism choice for the anticipated procurement?

USAID Response: USAID/Laos is still developing its strategy for working in this area, and has not made a determination on the future issuance of a solicitation for this activity yet.

311. **Lebanon:** Does USAID/Lebanon plan to release any additional funding opportunities in 2021?

USAID Response: USAID/Lebanon does not have any plans at this time to release additional funding opportunities in 2021, however, please continue to check the Business Forecast in the event this changes.

312. **Lebanon:** Lebanon Enterprise Development

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

USAID Response: USAID/Lebanon does not have a planned procurement for enterprise support in FY2021.

313. **Lebanon:** In addition to the one opportunity on the forecast, does USAID envision any increased upcoming support for Lebanon? The multiple crises facing the country – the financial crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic, the Beirut explosion – have thrust the country into deep uncertainty and needs across sectors remain very high.

USAID Response: USAID/Lebanon does not have any information at this time regarding increased support.

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

- a. This opportunity was removed from the forecast. When does USAID anticipate responding to entities that responded to Round 2?

USAID Response: USAID has responded to entities that applied to Round 2 on February 26, 2021.

315. **Lebanon:** The CDCS has expired? When does the mission anticipate a new CDCS?

USAID Response: USAID/Lebanon anticipates having a new CDCS in the summer of 2021.

316. **Liberia: Recover**
- a. Will this be a small business set-aside?
 - b. What is the anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: Please monitor the Business Forecast for updated information on this activity.

317. **Liberia: Revenue Generation for Governance and Growth Activity (RG3)**
- a. Can USAID confirm that there will be a standalone follow-on for this project?
 - b. Can USAID give an update on the timing for a follow-on procurement?
 - c. Does the mission anticipate a follow-on to the Revenue Generation for Governance and Growth Program?
 - d. If yes, what is the forecasted date?
 - e. If not, does the mission anticipate funding a governance program this FY?
 - f. Does the mission anticipate using co-creation or a multi-stage procurement of any type?

USAID Response: USAID does not have this information available at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for any updates.

318. **Liberia: Country-wide Comprehensive Sanitation**
- 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. Could USAID confirm the value of this program?
 - d. Does USAID intend to procure this activity as a contract or cooperative agreement?
 - e. Specifically for the Country Wide Sanitation, will this be aligned with the approach outlined in USAID "Technical Brief 2 on Rural Sanitation supporting Governance, Financing, Behaviour and Markets"
https://www.globalwaters.org/sites/default/files/usaids_rural_sanitation_tech_brief_2_508_2.pdf?
 - f. Could USAID kindly indicate whether these opportunities will be added to the Mission forecast and, additionally, provide further information as to the timing, scope, mechanism choice and value of these anticipated procurements?

USAID Response:

- a. The Mission is working on the design phase for this action. Please continue monitoring the business forecast for any updates.
- b. Yes, the Mission plans to release a request for information in advance of the solicitation.
- c. USAID expects this Activity to be approximately \$25-30 million.
- d. The Mission is working on the design phase for this action. Please continue monitoring the business forecast.
- e. Yes.
- f. Yes. Timing, scope, mechanism are still to be determined. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for additional information.

319. **Liberia: Peri-Urban Water Activity**

- 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. Could USAID confirm the value of this program?
- d. Does USAID intend to procure this activity as a contract or cooperative agreement?
- e. Previously USAID reported that they were "*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.*" Has the design of the activities advanced? Can you clarify where USAID is in this process?
- f. For the Peri-urban water activity: is this likely to cover large infrastructure water works in Monrovia or the other significant large towns water supplies? For example building on the proposed 2018 Liberia Municipal Water Project II, the Watermain Expansion Project in Sanniquellie & Voinjama or the Large Town water supply call?
- g. Could USAID kindly indicate whether these opportunities will be added to the Mission forecast and, additionally, provide further information as to the timing, scope, mechanism choice and value of these anticipated procurements?

USAID Response:

- a. The Mission is working on the design phase for this action. Please continue to monitor the business forecast.
- b. Yes, the Mission plans to release a request for information in advance of the solicitation.
- c. USAID/Liberia anticipates this Activity to be between \$12 - \$15 million
- d. The Mission is working on the design phase for this action. Please continue to monitor the business forecast.
- e. please refer to responses to parts a and d above. The Mission is still in the design phase for these activities.
- f. The design is still in process. However, USAID/Liberia does not anticipate this activity to cover the same type of large infrastructure.
- g. Timing, scope, mechanism are still to be determined. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for additional information.

320. **Liberia: Positive, Educated, Employed, and Resilient (PEER) Youth**

- a. Can USAID provide an updated timeline for when offerors will be invited to the second phase of the Positive, Educated, Employed, and Resilient (PEER) Youth activity procurement?

USAID Response: The procurement is at Stage 1 technical evaluation.

321. **Liberia: Transforming the Education System for Teachers and Students in Liberia (TEST)**

- a. Can USAID provide an estimated timeline for when offerors will be invited to the second phase of the Liberia Transforming the Education System for Teachers and Students in

Liberia (TEST) activity procurement?

USAID Response: The procurement is at Stage 1 technical evaluation.

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

- a. Is the Liberia Civil Society Advocacy Activity still scheduled to come out on March 31, 2021?
- b. Can USAID please provide an update on the type of instrument (contract or cooperative agreement) planned for this activity?
- c. USAID Liberia's CDCS particularly refers to persons with disabilities, particularly under IR 3.5 – foundational rights and access to public services for all Liberians increased and IR 3.4 - Equitable access to learning increased. The Civil Society Advocacy Activity aims to strengthen CSOs in their ability to communicate with their constituents and serve as a conduit for citizens to advocate their concerns to the government is improvement. To what extent will the upcoming Civil Society Advocacy Activity specifically target women and men with disabilities and their representative Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs)?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID/Liberia now anticipates this solicitation to be released on April 30, 2021.
- b. This activity is expected to be implemented via an acquisition instrument.
- c. USAID/Liberia is still finalizing the design of this Activity. Please monitor BetaSAM.gov for the solicitation which will reflect the IRs for this Activity.

323. **Liberia:** Data, Evaluation, Learning and Technical Assistance (DELTA) Activity

- a. The Liberia Data, Evaluation, Learning and Technical Assistance (DELTA) activity is listed as TBD under Award/Action Type. However, this opportunity has been listed in the forecast under the EVAL-ME IDIQ. Could USAID clarify if DELTA will be procured outside of the EVAL ME IDIQ mechanism?
- b. Is this opportunity still scheduled to be released on 2/19/21, or do you expect a delay in the procurement release?
- c. Will it come out under the EVAL MEII IDIQ?
- d. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date?
- e. Does USAID still anticipate this opportunity to be released under the EVAL-ME IDIQ?
- f. Will USAID share a draft scope of work?
- g. Any update on procurement type? And Solicitation Release date?

USAID Response: USAID Liberia expects to release the DELTA solicitation sometime this month through the EVAL-ME II IDIQ. USAID does not anticipate sharing a draft SOW for this requirement. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for any updates.

324. **Liberia:** Local Empowerment for Government Inclusion and Transparency Activity (LEGIT)
- Can USAID confirm that there will be a standalone follow-on for this project?
 - Can USAID give an update on the timing for a follow-on procurement?

USAID Response: USAID does not have this information available at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for any information on this.

325. **Liberia:** Media Activity
- Does USAID anticipate releasing the Liberian Media Activity on or around March 15, 2021?
 - Does USAID anticipate using a multi-phased procurement process for this opportunity?
 - Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated award/action type?

USAID Response:

- USAID/Liberia anticipates that this solicitation will be released in the third quarter of the fiscal year 2021.
- No, USAID does not anticipate using a phased procurement approach for this Activity.
- USAID anticipates issuing a cooperative agreement for this Activity.

326. **Liberia:** WASH
- Is there any timeline available regarding the release of these WASH calls? Or the release of an RFI?
 - Can USAID advise on any water and sanitation and hygiene anticipated opportunities?

USAID Response:

- Please see Peri-Urban Water Activity and Country-wide Comprehensive Sanitation activities above.
- USAID/Liberia is still in the process of developing these activities. Please continue to monitor betaSAM.gov and Grants.gov.

327. **Liberia:** Feed the Future agriculture and economic growth opportunities
- Can USAID provide an update regarding any upcoming Feed the Future procurements anticipated for Liberia, including status of the procurement, anticipated award/action type, and likely timeframe for release? Per the Q2 Business Forecast Q&A, new procurements were expected in late 2020.
 - Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or RFI?
 - In the Quarter 1 business forecast Q&A, USAID mentioned that the Liberia Feed the Future activities are in design. Could USAID please provide an update regarding timing for any upcoming procurements? Could USAID clarify whether the programming will be in the form of a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement? Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for the program?
 - Does USAID still intend to release a RFI for a new agricultural sector opportunity?
 - 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: USAID Liberia is currently planning for a new agriculture program beginning in

early (Q1 or Q2) FY22. As the program is currently under design, USAID has not determined the number and type of mechanisms under the program. Where applicable, USAID Liberia intends to issue draft statements of work, project descriptions, Requests for Information, and other pre-solicitation publications. USAID Liberia will add future activities to the business forecast as they come further along in design.

328. **Liberia:** Conservation Works Activity

- a. Please provide the anticipated award action type.
- b. Will USAID issue an RFI for this activity prior to the full solicitation, and if so, can USAID say approximately when this RFI would be released?
- c. USAID anticipate releasing the Liberia Conservation Works Activity on or around March 31, 2021?

USAID Response: The Conservation Works Activity is still under design: please monitor the USAID Business Forecast for updates.

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

- a. Given that the anticipated release date on the Business Forecast has shifted several times over the last year, could USAID kindly confirm the anticipated release date for the solicitation is March 19, 2021 as currently listed on the Business Forecast?
- b. Will the Mission be setting this procurement aside for small business holders of the STARR II IDIQ?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID/Liberia will issue the solicitation through the STARR II IDIQ. However, no set aside is contemplated. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updated information on this activity
- b. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for the revised solicitation release date for this proposed Activity.

330. **Libya:** Economic Acceleration Program

- a. Is there an upcoming new expected release date?
- b. What are the chances of the bid being cancelled?
- c. The current forecast has Libya LEAP estimated from 4-9.99M USD. Considering the ambitious scope of work at a national level and the security costs alone of implementing in Libya, will this amount be increased?
- d. Can USAID please provide an updated timeline on the USAID LEAP procurement and confirm this activity is still budgeted for this fiscal year?
- e. Can the mission also please clarify if this opportunity will undergo the co-creation process?

USAID Response:

- a. March 2021 is the expected release date of Libya Economic Acceleration Program (LEAP).

- b. At this time there is no expectation that this procurement action will be cancelled.
- c. At this time the range as provided in the forecast is correct.
- d. LEAP is planned for this fiscal year.
- e. The Mission anticipates that co-creation will be a part of the application process.

331. **Libya: Stabilization Activity**

- a. Is there indication of what the award type will be?
- b. What are the chances of the bid being cancelled?
- c. Can USAID confirm the expected dollar value of this opportunity?
- d. Can USAID confirm the anticipated release and award dates for this solicitation?
- e. Can USAID confirm whether cost share will be a required or recommended component of this award? If so, is USAID able to provide a target percentage or total dollar value of expected cost share?
- f. Can USAID share any updates on the anticipated scope of work for this opportunity?
- g. Does USAID still intend to award this activity as a cooperative agreement as indicated in the last Q&A file on the Mission forecast?
- h. Does USAID plan a co-creation action of any kind for this activity?
- i. Could USAID please provide information on any eligibility criteria for this activity?
- j. Could USAID please provide information on any small-business utilization requirements for this activity?
- k. While USAID indicated in the business forecast Q&A that this opportunity would be a cooperative agreement, the award/action type is currently listed as "To Be Determined." Could USAID confirm that the award/action type will be a cooperative agreement?

USAID Response:

- a. Cooperative Agreement
- b. As of this date the Mission is determining whether it will be released. If the decision is made to cancel the procurement action, it will be removed from the forecast.
- c. Range of \$10-24.99M.
- d. TBD release date; award before EOFY.
- e. Cost share is not required, however, USAID always welcomes cost share.
- f. This activity is anticipated to provide flexible stabilization support, responding to emerging needs and complementing the existing USAID-Libya program portfolio.
- g. Yes, USAID intends to award a cooperative agreement.
- h. The Mission anticipates co-creation as part of the application process.
- i. No further detail on eligibility criteria is available at this time.
- j. Small business utilization requirements will not be a part of the eligibility criteria for this award, however, USAID always encourages utilization of small businesses and local partners to the extent possible.
- k. USAID intends this to be a cooperative agreement.

332. **Libya: When will the CDCS be completed?**

USAID Response: USAID/Libya is in the process of finalizing a new three-year country strategic framework. As Libya is a non-presence operating unit, it is exempt from developing a CDCS.

333. **Madagascar: RINDRA program**
- a. Besides the current RINDRA solicitation, does USAID anticipate any new programming in Madagascar in FY 2021?
 - b. Can USAID share any details regarding the scope and budget?
 - 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, such as the likelihood of the activity being a set-aside or limited to local competition?

USAID Response: As reflected in the Business Forecast, there are currently no new funding opportunities for USAID/Madagascar other than the RINDRA program. Any new funding opportunities will be added to the Business Forecast.

334. **Madagascar:** Are there any new agricultural programs currently under design? If yes, what will be the focus?

USAID Response: Currently, USAID/Madagascar is not planning any funding opportunities for agricultural programs.

335. **Madagascar:** Is there any planning to replicate projects such as RANO WASH that ended in 2018?

USAID Response: There is an existing program for 'Rural Access to New Opportunities in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene'. See: <https://www.usaid.gov/madagascar/press-releases/02-23-2018-new-usaid-program-rano-wash-improve-access-water>

336. **Macedonia (North):** Are there any business requirements for 2021?

USAID Response: Current opportunities are limited to local partners therefore are not posted on the business forecast. Please check often for updates.

337. **Malawi:** Does USAID anticipate any new democracy and governance programming in Malawi in FY21?

USAID Response: Yes. The tentative award date for activity supporting Parliament is the end of first quarter FY2022.

338. **Malawi: AgDiv**
- a. Does USAID/Malawi plan to release a follow-on to the current AgDiv project?
 - b. Will this be a contract or cooperative agreement?
 - c. Will USAID issue an RFI for this opportunity? When?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes.
- b. USAID/Malawi has not chosen the procurement mechanism for this activity.
- c. Yes. USAID plans to release an RFI later in the fourth quarter of FY2021.

339. **Malawi: Malawi Basic Education / Early Grade Reading (EGR)**

- a. In the FY21, Q1 business forecast question and answer period, USAID indicated that this activity will be released in early 2021. Could USAID please update the business forecast to include the timing and value of the new basic education activity?
- b. Can USAID please elaborate on the scope of the pre-primary pilot mentioned in the USAID Business Forecast QA from the First Quarter of FY2021?
- c. Will there be a specific regional emphasis?
- d. Will USAID consider including additional languages of instruction outside of Chichewa and English in the pre-primary program?
- e. Can USAID provide an update on the expected release date for the EGR program in Malawi?
- f. What will be the award mechanism for the anticipated EGR program in Malawi?
- g. Does USAID expect the new EGR program to adopt training approaches and teaching and learning material developed under previous EGR programs?
- h. Will the program continue to be implemented only in Standards 1-4, with the inclusion of the aforementioned pre-primary pilot?
- i. Can USAID please provide information on the anticipated scope of work, geographic focus, timing of solicitation release, funding mechanism, and value of the award?
- j. Will there be an RFI/draft SOW released prior to the solicitation?
- k. Will co-creation or oral presentations be a part of the procurement process, and if so, at which stage?

USAID Response:

- a. It is planned that activity will be released within the 3rd quarter of FY2021 and the value is approximately \$75M.
- b. USAID expects the early grade reading activity to pilot evidence-based pre-primary interventions that would enhance children's oral expression and readiness to transition to grade 1 and put them in a path to reading success.
- c. Chichewa and English are primary language of instruction but it is important to take into account regions and local language dynamics in Malawi.
- d. It is important to consider local language dynamics in Malawi.
- e. It is planned that activity will be released within the 3rd quarter of FY2021 and the value is approximately \$75M.
- f. USAID/Malawi is considering the appropriate procurement mechanism for this activity.
- g. The new EGR builds upon previous EGR work in Malawi but also anticipates innovative ways to advance to advance EGR achievements sustainably
- h. The program will be implemented in all Standards 1 - 2 and a pre-primary pilot.
- i. The activity will be implemented in all standards 1 - 2 classes in Malawi.
- j. No.
- k. No.

340. **Malawi:** Smallholder Agriculture

- a. When does USAID plan to release the new commercialization of smallholder agriculture development activity?
- b. Does USAID plan to release an RFI? If so, when?
- c. USAID indicated this activity would be added to the forecast at the last Q&A. Does USAID still plan to add it to the forecast?
- d. In the Quarter 1 business forecast Q&A, it was noted that USAID/Malawi intends to release the “Commercialization of Smallholder Agriculture through Growth Poles Development” in June 2021. Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated scope, release date, award mechanism, and value of this Malawi agriculture program? Does USAID/Malawi anticipate sharing a Request for Information prior to the release of the procurement?

USAID Response:

- a. It is planned to release this activity within the first quarter of FY2022.
- b. Yes. USAID plans to release RFI within the third quarter of FY2021.
- c. Yes
- d. USAID/Malawi is still considering the scope, value, procurement mechanism for this \$35M (approximate) program and the release for the solicitation is planned for the first quarter of FY 2022. It is planned to issue an RFI.

341. **Malawi:** Malawi Tiwalere Activity

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on procurement for the Malawi Tiwalere II activity? If yes, could USAID comment on the expected timing for its release?
- b. 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. The Global Development Alliance Annual Program Statement has already been released for Tiwalere III.
- b. The Tiwalere III activity is a cooperative agreement under the Global Development Alliance (GDA) with the total size of the procurement \$46M (\$23M USAID funding and \$23M Feed the Children funding).

342. **Malawi:** Strengthening Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics & Expanding Degree Opportunities (SSTEMEDO) Activity

- a. Would USAID please estimate when the NOFO for this project will appear?
- b. The sector for the opportunity recently changed from Education to Global Health. Will that affect the goals and objectives of the opportunity?
- c. Does USAID anticipate that the desired expansion of degree opportunities will be in STEM fields?
- d. Does USAID anticipate that this opportunity will include activities to expand degree opportunities for potential primary and/or secondary school teachers

- e. Could the Mission provide an update on anticipated timing?
- f. Could the Mission provide an update on anticipated award vehicle?
- g. The anticipated release date is currently listed as 1/15/2021. Can USAID provide an updated anticipated release date?

USAID Response:

- a. The NOFO for this activity will appear after a co-creation workshop, tentatively at the end of third quarter of FY2021.
- b. The sector for the opportunity remains Education but the activity will support development of degree programs in a variety of sectors relevant for Malawi's growth trajectory. The goals and objectives of the activity remain the same.
- c. Yes. The expansion of degree opportunities will be both in STEM and other market relevant fields and programs.
- d. This will be identified during the co-creation workshops.
- e. USAID/Malawi plans to release the solicitation for this opportunity within the third quarter of FY2021.
- f. Cooperative Agreement/s are anticipated as award procurement mechanisms.
- g. USAID/Malawi plans to release the solicitation for this opportunity within the third quarter of FY2021.

343. **Malawi Commercialization of Smallholder Agriculture through Growth Poles Development**

- a. Can USAID/Malawi please confirm the timeline for RFP release and its intent to issue a contract for this opportunity?
- b. Can USAID please provide a description of the activity?
- c. Does USAID still expect to release an RFI in June 2021?
- d. What is the anticipated release date?
- e. Does USAID still intend to release a RFI in advance of the solicitation?

USAID Response:

- a. The solicitation anticipated release date is within the first quarter of FY2022. USAID has not yet made a determination of the mechanism.
- b. No. The scope of this new flagship program will be published within the RFI.
- c. The third quarter of FY2021 is the target for RFI.
- d. The solicitation anticipated release date is within the first quarter of FY2022.
- e. Yes.

344. **Malawi Agricultural Commercialization Activity**

- a. This Activity was included in the FY2021 Q1 Forecast Q&A but was never included in the Forecast. Would USAID please add the planned Malawi Agricultural Commercialization Activity or other agriculture activity for Malawi to the Forecast along with pertinent information, so implementing partners can track and plan accordingly?
- b. Would USAID confirm if the anticipated release date is still expected in June as stated in the most recent Forecast Q&A?

- c. Would USAID confirm whether a draft SOW or RFI will be released in advance of the solicitation.

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, USAID will do that.
- b. The current anticipated release date is within the first quarter of FY2022.
- c. RFI will be published and draft scope will accompany the RFI.

345. **Malawi: Malawi Organized Network of Services for Everyone (ONSE)**

- a. Will USAID please clarify if / when there will be a follow-on to ONSE or health programming from the Malawi Mission on the forecast?
- b. Is USAID expecting to release this opportunity next quarter (Apr-Jun 2021)?
- c. Will USAID release a pre-solicitation prior to the RFA or RFP?
- d. Will this be issued as one award or multiple awards? If multiple awards, how will it be divided (geographic, technical, other?)?
- e. Could USAID provide information on anticipated scope(s)?
- f. Could USAID provide information on the timing of the solicitation(s)?
- g. Could USAID indicate the expected funding mechanism and anticipated value of the award(s)?
- h. Could USAID indicate whether this follow-on is expected to be a bilateral award?
- i. Could USAID indicate if the award(s) will be restricted?
- j. Will the geographical scope(s) include the same areas as the current project?
- k. If yes, will an RFI be released in advance?
- l. What is the anticipated timing for release of this procurement?

USAID Response:

- a. We are considering a follow-on to the ONSE activity. USAID is currently conducting an internal learning exercise using various data sources to determine the nature of the follow-on activities (e.g. geographic coverage, technical areas, single or multiple awards, and date of award.
- b. Yes.
- c. USAID does not plan to release a pre-solicitation SOW or Program Description.
- d. Is it expected to issue two awards divided both in geographic and technical coverage.
- e. The anticipated description covers accelerated reductions in maternal, newborn, and child mortality and morbidity by increasing the capacity of the Government of Malawi institutions and local organizations to introduce, deliver, scale up, and sustain the use of evidence-based, quality maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH) services, voluntary family planning, (FP) and reproductive health (RH) care.
- f. USAID plans to release the solicitation within Q3 of FY 2021.
- g. The expected funding mechanism is MOMENTUM Umbrella APS Round 4. The total expected funding for two awards will be between \$80-85M.

- h. Yes, it will be a bilateral award.
- i. No restrictions are planned.
- j. That has not been determined yet.
- k. No.
- l. USAID plans to release the solicitation within the tried quarter of FY 2021.

346. **Malawi: Health Communication for Life (HC4L)**

- a. Does USAID Malawi intend to release a rebid to The Health Communication for Life (HC4L) project? If yes, can USAID provide details on when this is expected to be added to the forecast?
- b. Can USAID please confirm when HC4L is scheduled to close?
- c. Does USAID plan toCan USAID share any details regarding the scopes and budgets?
- d. Will USAID issue RFIs or pre-solicitations, and if so, what are the anticipated RFI release dates?
- e. What is the expected release date for final RFA/Ps?
- f. Can USAID provide further details regarding bidder eligibility, such as the likelihood of activities being a set-aside or limited to local competition?

USAID Response:

- a. No. USAID does not intend to release a rebid/follow on to HC4L.
- b. Malawi's HC4L activity is scheduled to close 9/3/2021
- c. No information is available at this time.
- d. No information is available at this time.
- e. No information is available at this time.
- f. No. USAID/Malawi does not plan the follow-on of this activity.

347. **Malawi: Client-Oriented Response for HIV Epidemic Control (CORE)**

- a. Would USAID/Malawi kindly provide an update on the anticipated award and project start date for this program?

USAID Response: This activity is currently in the evaluation phase. We do not have a project start date to share.

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

- a. USAID's FY21 Q1 Business Forecast Q&A indicated a stakeholder analysis is complete and USAID has made a decision on follow-on activities. Does USAID still anticipate releasing multiple activities and if so, can USAID please consider adding relevant opportunity information to the forecast?
- b. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated timing for the planned solicitations?
- c. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated award mechanisms and values?

- d. Can USAID identify the geographic targets for upcoming opportunities?
- e. Does USAID anticipate a multi-stage application process including co-creation?
- f. Can USAID please provide information on the anticipated scope of work of the award?
- g. Does USAID expect to issue an RFI or pre-solicitation? If so, what is the expected timing?
- h. Will USAID add this opportunity to the Business Forecast?
- i. Does USAID anticipate any eligibility restrictions to bid (i.e. restricting to local organizations only)?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes. Two separate awards under one mechanism are expected. Business forecast will be adjusted.
- b. The anticipated solicitation period is within the third quarter of FY2021.
- c. Two separate awards (cooperative agreements) are anticipated under one mechanism, which is MOMENTUM Umbrella APS Round 4. The total expected funding for both awards will be between \$80-85 million over five years.
- d. Not yet determined.
- e. Yes. It is anticipated to follow the MOMENTUM Umbrella APS process.
- f. Two separate awards under one mechanism are expected and they both are expected to accelerate reductions in maternal, newborn, and child mortality and morbidity by increasing the capacity of the Government of Malawi institutions and local organizations to introduce, deliver, scale up, and sustain the use of evidence-based, quality maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH) services, voluntary family planning, (FP) and reproductive health (RH) care.
- g. No.
- h. Yes.
- i. No.

349. **Malawi: Feed the Future Agriculture Diversification Activity**

- a. Can USAID confirm that there will be a follow-on for this project?
- b. Can USAID give an update on the timing for a follow-on procurement?
- c. Will an RFI be released in advance of the solicitation?
- d. What is the intended mechanism and value for this procurement?
- e. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on procurement for the Malawi Feed the Future Agriculture Diversification for Incomes and Nutrition activity? If yes, could USAID comment on the expected timing for its release?
- f. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for the program?
- g. 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. We confirm a follow on is planned.
- b. Anticipated release of the solicitation in the first quarter of FY2022.
- c. Yes.

- d. USAID/Malawi has not made a determination at this time.
- e. Yes. The anticipated release of the solicitation RFP in the first quarter of FY2022.
- f. Yes.
- g. USAID/Malawi has not made a determination at this time.

350. **Malawi: Local Government Accountability and Performance Activity (LGAP)**

- a. Can USAID confirm that there will be a follow-on for this project?
- b. If yes, can USAID give an update on the timing for a follow-on procurement?
- c. Does the mission anticipate using co-creation or a multi-stage procurement of any type?
- d. If not, is the Mission planning for any governance this FY?
- e. Is USAID planning to issue a follow-on to the current LGAP project, currently implemented by DAI?
- f. If so, can USAID please provide information on the anticipated scope of work/program description, geographic focus, timing of solicitation release, funding mechanism, and value of the award?
- g. If so, will USAID add this opportunity to the Business Forecast?
- h. Does USAID have an update on the previously forecasted Malawi Local Government Accountability and Performance (LGAP) follow-on activity? Will this be released as a full & open competition or will this be funneled through another vehicle , such as EVAL ME II?
- i. Does USAID still anticipate that a new governance program solicitation will be released on or about April-May 2021?
- j. Can USAID share details regarding the scope and budget?
- 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, such as the likelihood of the activity being a set-aside or limited to local competition?

USAID Response:

- a. Confirmed.
- b. USAID/Malawi anticipates award in the first quarter of FY2022.
- c. No.
- d. Yes. The tentative award date for activity supporting Parliament is the end of first quarter FY2022.
- e. Yes.
- f. The new activity will focus on governance-related challenges to service delivery in select districts. USAID is currently conducting internal discussions to determine all factors.
- g. Yes.
- h. USAID/Malawi is planning a follow-on of this activity. Full and open competition is considered for this follow-on activity.
- i. It is planned to issue the solicitation within the third quarter of FY2021.
- j. USAID/Malawi is still considering the funding level for this activity.
- k. USAID is developing the design for this mechanism. So not sure of the mechanism at this time.

I. Full and open competition is planned for this activity.

351. **Malawi:** Learn to Perform

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the expected release date of this opportunity?
- b. Can USAID share any details regarding the scope of work and how that may have changed based on responses to the RFI?
- c. The USAID Q1 Business Forecast Q&A indicated that USAID was not planning to release L2P through a full and open competition. Is this still accurate? If so, can USAID share which mechanism will be used to procure this opportunity?
- d. 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?
- e. Can USAID indicate whether this opportunity will be released as a small business set aside or full & open?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID/Malawi has ongoing internal discussion.
- b. USAID/Malawi has ongoing internal discussion.
- c. USAID/Malawi is discussing, internally, the procurement mechanism to be used.
- d. USAID/Malawi has ongoing internal discussion.
- e. USAID/Malawi has ongoing internal discussion.

352. **Mali:** What's the status of the CDCS for Mali?

USAID Response: The CDCS has not yet been approved.

353. **Mali:** Can USAID advise on any upcoming democracy & governance programs and what their focus will be?

USAID Response: USAID Mali anticipates issuing new awards this year in response to the New Partnership Initiative's (NPI) Annual Program Statement for conflict prevention (RFA No. 72068821RFA00002 NPI: Conflict-Prevention and Recovery Program). Additionally, USAID is in the process of using existing Leader with Associate mechanisms to issue an associate award for next year's elections.

354. **Mali:** Is there any upcoming health solicitation that is going to focus on the Northern Regions?

USAID Response: No, we have bought into a central field support mechanism to implement programs in Northern Mali.

355. **Mali:** Does USAID intend to release an education opportunity in Mali in 2021? If yes, we would appreciate any information available about the solicitation timing and regions to be included.

USAID Response: USAID/Mali's Education Office does not foresee releasing any solicitations in fiscal year 2021. However, if the decision changes it will be informed through subsequent business forecast updates.

356. **Mali:** Civil Society or Conflict Peace Building programs

- a. Is USAID/Mali planning any civil society or conflict/peacebuilding activities?

USAID Response: Apart from USAID/Mali's flagship five-year Peacebuilding, Stabilization, and Reconciliation program, USAID is planning to issue new awards this year in response to the New Partnership Initiative's (NPI) Annual Program Statement for conflict prevention (RFA No. 72068821RFA00002 NPI: Conflict-Prevention and Recovery Program).

357. **Mali:** Civic Engagement Program (CEP)

- a. Is USAID planning on a follow-on to the Civic Engagement Program (CEP) that is closing out soon

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

358. **Mali:** Sub-National Governance Project

- a. Does the Mission anticipate a follow-on to the Sub-National Governance Project?
b. If yes, what is the forecasted date?
c. Does the mission anticipate using co-creation or a multi-stage procurement of any type?
d. If not, is the Mission planning for any governance this FY?

USAID Response: The Mission is currently undergoing its Country Development Cooperation Strategy for 2021-2026. Once this process is complete and resources are identified, the Mission will announce plans on the Business Forecast.

359. **Mali:** Mali Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Project

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

USAID Response:

- a. Yes
b. No
c. October 1, 2021

360. **Mali: agriculture and food security opportunity**

- a. Can USAID please clarify whether the Mali Mission is anticipating an agriculture and food security opportunity to be released on featured on the forecast in FY21?

USAID Response: USAID Response: USAID/Mali does not anticipate an agriculture and food security opportunity in FY21 because the Mali GFSS components b) - Agricultural Production Activities were awarded in January 2021.

361. **Mali: Mali Rural Water Infrastructure and Governance Activity**

- a. Does USAID plan to release an RFI for this opportunity?
- b. Can USAID please clarify whether a Mali Governance opportunity (RFA/RFP) will be added to the forecast for FY21 or FY22? And if yes, can USAID provide additional information regarding the geographic scope, timing of the release, and the anticipated mechanism?
- c. Does USAID plan to issue a RFI or draft statement of work in advance of the RFP release?
- d. Does USAID anticipate releasing the Mali Rural Water Governance Infrastructure activity on or around August 31, 2021?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID is considering the possibility of a RFI but has not yet made a final decision. Any Request for Information will be published on the Government Point of Entry and status update will be provided through business forecast.
- b. The solicitation has indeed been delayed. USAID/Mali now intends to publish the Rural Water Infrastructure Governance (RWIG) program solicitation during the second or third quarter of the 2021 calendar year. The geographic scope, size of the program and anticipated mechanism will be released with the published solicitation or discussed during any RFI process that USAID/Mali might choose to undertake
- c. USAID is considering the possibility of a RFI but has not yet made a final decision. Any Request for Information will be published on Government Point of Entry and status update will be provided through business forecast.t
- d. USAID/Mali now intends to publish the Rural Water Infrastructure Governance (RWIG) program solicitation during the second or third quarter of the 2021 calendar year.

362. **Mexico: New Sustainable Landscapes Activity in Mexico**

- a. Can USAID please confirm that this is a new opportunity for which the BAA process is not yet underway and that this Business Forecast listing is not the same opportunity as the Blended Finance Approaches to Promote Sustainable Landscapes and Reduce Deforestation in Mexico BAA released in June 2020?
- b. Can USAID confirm that the anticipated release date on the Business Forecast of April 12, 2021 is for the initial phase of co-creation of this new opportunity?
- c. Could USAID please clarify whether the New Sustainable Landscapes Activity in Mexico

will be released as part of the “Blended Finance Approaches to Promote Sustainable Landscapes and Reduce Deforestation in Mexico” BAA posted February 2020 (and subsequent Request for Expressions of Interest posted March 2020)?

USAID Response:

- a. This is a new opportunity.
- b. It is anticipated that it will be released in early March.
- c. This is a new opportunity not previously advertised.

363. **Moldova:** Does USAID/Moldova envision any opportunities other than the Future Technologies Activity? If so, please share the anticipated opportunity titles, descriptions, solicitation dates, and award/action types?

USAID Response: USAID/Moldova recently added the Rural Competitiveness Activity to the forecast and will continue to update the forecast as new opportunities are planned.

364. **Moldova:** Future Technologies

- a. Could USAID please confirm whether the anticipated award date is still March 18, 2021?
- b. Could USAID please confirm that this procurement will be conducted under full and open competition procedures?
- c. Is USAID anticipating releasing the Moldova Future Technologies solicitation on March 18, 2021, as indicated on the forecast?
- d. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation document / RFI / Draft SOW before the solicitation is released?

USAID Response:

- a. Per the business forecast, the anticipated award date is August 27, 2021.
- b. Confirmed.
- c. The Business Forecast is up to date and will continue to be updated should the situation change.
- d. USAID released RFI-117-21-000001 with the draft Statement of Objectives on February 9, 2021.
- e.

365. **Moldova** High-Value Agriculture Activity

- a. USAID/Moldova was assessing future needs as part of its new CDCS development per the FY2020 Q3 Q&A. With ongoing competitiveness and high-value agriculture activities scheduled to close in 2022, would USAID please clarify whether there is anticipation of a follow-on or new opportunity in the agriculture sector?

USAID Response: USAID/Moldova recently added the Rural Competitiveness Activity to the

forecast and will continue to update the forecast as new opportunities are planned.

366. **Mongolia:** Mongolia Energy

- 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. Does USAID intend to procure this program as a task order under the Energy II IDIQ?
- d. Could USAID confirm the value of this program?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID/Philippines decided to issue this requirement through the Energy II IDIQ.
- b. No
- c. Yes.
- d. The total estimated cost ranges from \$11.5million to \$12million.

367. **Mongolia:** Are there any business requirements for 2021?

USAID Response: The business forecast will be updated for any new opportunities.

368. **Montenegro:** Are there any business requirements for 2021?

USAID Response:

369. **Morocco:** Inclusive Socio-Economic Development Program (ISED)

- a. Can USAID provide an update regarding the Morocco Inclusive Socio-economic Development Program (ISED) in Marrakech Safi, following the submission of concepts in December?

USAID Response: The Concept Notes received in response to the Morocco Inclusive Socio-economic Development Program (ISED) in Marrakech Safi are in the final stage of review.

370. **Morocco:** The Morocco CDCS has expired? When will the new CDCS be complete?

USAID Response: The new Morocco CDCS (2020-2025) has been completed. USAID/Morocco is preparing a public version to be posted on USAID's public website soon.

371. **Morocco:** Trade and Investment Hub

- a. Can USAID share more information on the expected mandate of the recently announced

trade and investment regional hub in Morocco? Are there anticipated solicitations to provide support to the hub?

USAID Response: Indeed, as mentioned on the Morocco external website, Morocco has been designated as Regional Hub for a New Program in Trade and Investment Under Prosper Africa. USAID/Morocco has no additional information to share for the time being. Please refer to the solicitation published on January 4, 2021 on beta.SAM.gov under Prosper Africa Trade and Investment (PATI) Notice ID 7200AA21R00012.

372. **Mozambique: Food Security and/or Resilience Activities**

- a. Does USAID plan to release any food security and/or resilience opportunities for Mozambique in FY2021? If so, please provide anticipated release dates and add them to the Business Forecast.

USAID Response: USAID anticipates a Resilient Coastal Communities activity focused on agricultural livelihoods activity that it anticipated RFI release in June 2021, solicitation in September 2021.

373. **Mozambique: Malaria Service Delivery Opportunity**

- a. Does USAID have an update on the expected timing for the upcoming Mozambique malaria service delivery opportunity mentioned in the latest Mozambique MOP?
- b. Does USAID have an update on the expected contracting mechanism for the upcoming Mozambique malaria service delivery opportunity mentioned in the latest Mozambique MOP?

USAID Response:

- a. No.
- b. No.

374. **Mozambique: Market Systems and Resilience Activity**

- a. Is USAID considering releasing a solicitation for a Market Systems and Resilience Activity in Mozambique? If so, what is the anticipated release date, award type, and award amount?
- b. Will USAID be releasing an RFI? If so, when?
- c. Assuming USAID is moving ahead with the Market Systems and Resilience activity, is USAID still planning to issue an RFI for it? If so, what is the tentative timetable for the release of the RFI and the final solicitations?
- d. Has USAID defined the geographic area that the two activities will cover?
- e. Is the anticipated value of each activity still \$30M as mentioned in the last Q&A?
- f. Has USAID decided on the procurement mechanism for each of these activities?
- g. Is USAID planning to issue two separate solicitations that will address both market systems and resilience in different geographic regions? If not, how does USAID propose to divide

Mozambique Market Systems and Resilience into two Activities?

- h. Is USAID planning to issue two separate solicitations that will address both market systems and resilience in different geographic regions? If not, how does USAID propose to divide Mozambique Market Systems and Resilience into two Activities?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID plans on releasing a solicitation for the Market System Development and Integrated Resilient Agriculture of/a April 2021. The estimated value of each award is between \$20-\$30M.
- b. USAID plans to release an RFI for both the Market System Development and Integrated Resilient Agriculture o/a March 2021.
- c. The estimated release date for the solicitation will be April 2021.
- d. Integrated Resilient Agriculture with anticipated RFI release o/a March, solicitation o/a April 2021; Zambezia and Nampula; estimated value between \$20-30M;
- e. Market System Development with anticipated RFI release o/a March, solicitation o/a April 2021; Nacala Corridor; Estimated value is between \$20-\$30M
- f. Resilient Coastal Communities focused on agricultural livelihoods anticipated RFI release o/a June 2021, solicitation o/a September 2021. Location TBD, Value TBD.
- g. The Integrated Resilient Agriculture Activity will likely target Nampula and Zambezia; the Market Systems Development activity will likely target the Nacala Corridor. Resilient Coastal Communities Location TBD, but anticipated to be a selected coastal zone in one of the northern provinces.
- h. The estimated value of each award is between \$20-\$30M.
- i. The Integrated Resilient Agriculture activity will be a cooperative agreement; the Market Systems Development activity will be a contract.
- j. The two activities (two separate solicitations) will both include market systems approaches; however, the scope will target different segments of the market in similar geographic locations.
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375. **Mozambique:** Adapting and Modifying Optimized Sample Transport Routes for Achieving Impact (AMOSTRA)

- a. Would USAID/Mozambique kindly provide an update on the anticipated award and project start date for this program?

USAID Response: USAID is currently in the process of reviewing submitted proposals for the AMOSTRA RFP. There is no proposed start date for this program at this time.

376. **Mozambique:** Transform WASH and Small Town Sanitation activities

- a. Other than Transform WASH and the Small Town Sanitation activities, are additional WASH procurements expected in Mozambique in 2021?

- b. Would USAID confirm whether the Mozambique Transform WASH and the USAID Mozambique Small City Sanitation opportunities will be released as one solicitation or if these are two separate activities? In addition, can USAID confirm whether either of these will be released as a small business set-aside?
- c. Will the Transform WASH opportunity be released full and open or as a task order under the WADI IDIQ (the current IDIQ or WADI II)?
- d. Can USAID confirm that the timing in the current Business Forecast is accurate with anticipated release date of March 12, 2021?
- e. Could USAID kindly indicate whether this opportunity will be added to the Mission forecast and, additionally, provide further information as to the timing, scope, mechanism choice and value of the anticipated procurement?
- f. Could USAID please confirm that this opportunity will be separate from the anticipated Transform WASH activity?
- g. Does USAID intend to conduct a co-creation/consultation process for this opportunity?
- h. Could USAID please clarify the anticipated principal geographic code?

USAID Response:

- a. No, USAID does not anticipate any additional planned procurements.
- b. Small Town Sanitation and Transform WASH will be two separate activities. USAID does not anticipate either of them to be a small business set aside.
- c. USAID anticipates this will be a full and open competition procurement.
- d. This date has been updated in the business forecast.
- e. Small Town Sanitation has been added to the business forecast.
- f. If this question is related to the difference between Transform WASH and Small Town Sanitation, they are two separate procurements.
- g. USAID does not anticipate that there will be co-creation/consultation activities apart from the RFIs that were issued.
- h. The anticipated principal geographic code is 935.

377. **Mozambique:** Key Populations

- a. Is the Mozambique Key Populations activity expected in this fiscal year? If so, can USAID put the expected timing on the forecast?

USAID Response: Currently USAID/Mozambique does not have information regarding this procurement. As soon as we have information we will post it on the Business Forecast.

378. **Mozambique:** Improved Learning Outcomes in Primary Education (SABER)

- a. Does USAID still expect a March 2021 release date? Will USAID be adding this opportunity to the USAID Business Forecast?
- b. Can USAID please provide additional information including funding mechanism, geographic focus, and funding range?
- c. Given the current Vamos Ler! Program's extension to February 2022, if appropriate, can USAID please update the forecast to indicate when this procurement will be released?
- d. There is no data available from the Vamos Ler! activity on the Development Data Library. Could USAID please provide a timeline of when all data collected Vamos Ler! will be

available on the Development Data Library?

USAID Response:

- a. No. USAID does not expect to release the solicitation in March 2021. Yes.
- b. The funding mechanism, geographic focus and funding range is not yet determined.
- c. USAID will include the information as soon as it becomes available.
- d. USAID will work with the Contractor to release data collected through Vamos Ler!

379. **Mozambique: Small Towns Sanitation**

- a. Will this Activity be put into the business forecast?
- b. When is the foreseen solicitation date and Award date for this Activity
- c. Does the mission expect this Activity to be a Contract or a Grant/Cooperative Agreement
- d. What is the expected funding envelope for this Activity
- e. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated award mechanism, length, and value?
- f. Can USAID identify the provinces and districts that will be targeted for this opportunity?
- g. Does USAID anticipate a multi-stage application process including co-creation?
- h. Does USAID anticipate restricting pursuit eligibility?

USAID Response:

- a. This activity has been included in the business forecast.
- b. USAID anticipates the solicitation to be released at the end of June 2021 and the award in March 2022.
- c. This information is yet to be determined.
- d. Please see the information provided in the business forecast.
- e. Please see the updates on the business forecast.
- f. USAID anticipates the targeted provinces to be Zambezia, Nampula, and Cabo Delgado
- g. USAID does not anticipate neither a multi-stage application process nor any co-creation.
- h. USAID anticipates this procurement to be full and open competition.

380. **Mozambique:** Does USAID plan to issue solicitations for two separate agricultural programs in FY2021 that would be separate from a planned Food for Peace RFSA: 1) Integrated Resilience, 2) Market Systems Development? Will USAID update the Business Forecast with these planned solicitations? When does USAID plan to release RFIs for the above programs?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates three separate agricultural programs in FY2021 that would be separate from the planned Food for Peace RFSA:

- Integrated Resilient Agriculture with anticipated RFI release o/a March, solicitation o/a April 2021; Zambezia and Nampula; estimated value between \$20-30M
- Market System Development with anticipated RFI release o/a March, solicitation o/a April 2021; Nacala Corridor; Estimated value is between \$20-\$30M.
- Resilient Coastal Communities focused on agricultural livelihoods anticipated RFI release o/a June 2021, solicitation o/a September 2021; anticipated to be a selected coastal zone in one of the northern provinces; Value TBD.

381. **Mozambique: Advancing Girls Education**

- a. Can USAID please provide an approximate release date for this activity?
- b. Can USAID confirm the award/action type for this opportunity?
- c. Will USAID release an updated program description prior to the solicitation?
- d. Will the opportunity be restricted to local primes only?
- e. Will the opportunity be restricted to small business primes only?
- f. Could USAID clarify the envisioned the award type for the Mozambique-AGE opportunity (contract or cooperative agreement)?
- g. Will it entail co-creation?
- h. Will it be released under an existing initiative or mechanism (e.g., NPI or YouthPower 2 APS)?
- i. If international organizations can be primes, will there be a component of transitioning to local partners at some point during the project?
- j. Are the target provinces the same as the RFI or will they change?
- k. Does the Mission intend to release a gender analysis prior to the solicitation release?
- l. Does the Mission intend to release a youth analysis prior to the solicitation release?
- m. Can USAID provide any updates on the estimated amounts and award length?
- n. Can USAID please provide any updates to the funding mechanism type?
- o. Can USAID please provide any updates on the anticipated solicitation release date?
- p. Will it entail co-creation?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID does not have an approximate release date for this activity.
- b. USAID expects to issue an assistance instrument.
- c. No. USAID will not release an updated program description prior to the solicitation.
- d. Yes. This opportunity will be restricted to local entities.
- e. No. This opportunity will not be restricted to small business.
- f. USAID expects to issue an assistance instrument.
- g. The activity is still in the design phase and USAID does not know yet if co-creation will be considered.
- h. No. It will not be released under an existing initiative or mechanism.
- i. This opportunity will be restricted to local entities.
- j. The activity is still under design and final geographic focus is not yet determined
- k. At the moment, USAID does not intend to release a gender analysis prior to the solicitation release.
- l. At the moment, USAID does not intend to release a youth analysis prior to the solicitation release.
- m. USAID does not have an approximate release date for this activity.
- n. USAID expects to issue an assistance instrument.
- o. USAID does not have an approximate release date for this activity.
- p. The activity is still in the design phase and USAID does not know yet if co-creation will be considered.

382. **Mozambique: Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism and Services**
- a. Will USAID/Mozambique be releasing a solicitation for a follow on to the Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism and Services project?
 - b. Can USAID indicate which mechanism will be used for this solicitation?
 - c. What is the anticipated solicitation date for this opportunity?
 - d. Can USAID provide clarification around whether this will be released as full and open or through an IDIQ or other mechanism?
 - e. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date?
 - f. Can USAID confirm the set-aside status of this opportunity?
 - g. Will USAID be utilizing full and open competition for this contract?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes. USAID expects to release a solicitation for a follow on to the Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism and Services project.
- b. An instrument hasn't been selected yet.
- c. USAID does not have an approximate release date for this activity.
- d. The solicitation expected to release a full and open solicitation. An instrument hasn't been selected yet.
- e. USAID does not have an approximate release date for this activity.
- f. USAID does expect to set-aside this opportunity.
- g. The solicitation expected to release a full and open solicitation. An instrument hasn't been selected yet.

383. **Mozambique: COVida (OVC)**
- a. Does USAID/Mozambique anticipate releasing the COVida (OVC) follow on activity this fiscal year?

USAID Response: Currently USAID/Mozambique does not have information regarding this procurement. As soon as we have information we will post it on the Business Forecast.

384. **Mozambique: SABER**
- a. Could USAID provide any additional information related to the opportunity to assist organizations in their planning; specifically, the mechanism, award length, eligibility criteria, anticipated solicitation release date, total estimated cost/amount range?

USAID Response: The activity is under planning phase and USAID/Mozambique will provide requested information in the Business Forecast as soon as available.

385. **Mozambique: Mozambique IMAP**
- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on to Mozambique IMAP in 2021?

USAID Response: Currently USAID/Mozambique does not have information regarding this

procurement. As soon as we have information we will post it on the Business Forecast.

386. **Mozambique: Mozambique PASSOS**

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on to Mozambique PASSOS in 2021?
- b. Can USAID provide an update on this activity, including anticipated project scope(s), release date(s), value(s), and award mechanism(s)?

USAID Response: Currently USAID/Mozambique does not have information regarding this procurement. As soon as we have information we will post it on the Business Forecast.

387. **Mozambique: Integrated Resilience Activity and Market Systems Activity**

- a. These Activities were mentioned in the 2021 Q1 Forecast Q&A but never included in the Forecast. Would USAID please add the planned Activities for Mozambique to the Forecast along with pertinent information, so implementing partners can track and plan accordingly?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI ahead of the full solicitations?
- c. Could USAID provide a few sentences outlining the anticipated objectives, purpose, or technical focus for these activities?
- d. Are either of these activities considered as follow-ons to ongoing activities?
- e. In the previous Forecast Q&A, USAID noted that this would be two separate awards. Can USAID please clarify how these activities will be split (i.e., one market systems and one resilience, or some other combination) and what type of mechanism each will be (i.e., contract vs. cooperative agreement)?
- f. Does USAID still intend to release an RFI for these two opportunities?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID anticipates releasing an RFI for the Integrated Agriculture Resilience and Market Systems Development Activities o/a March. No, none of the new activities will be considered follow-ons to the ongoing activities. USAID plans on releasing a solicitation for the Market System Development and Integrated Resilient Agriculture of/a April 2021. The estimated value of each award is between \$20-\$30M.

USAID anticipates releasing solicitations for three new activities in FY21

Integrated Resilient Agriculture with anticipated RFI release o/a March, solicitation o/a April 2021; Zambezia and Nampula; estimated value between \$20-30M

Market System Development with anticipated RFI release o/a March, solicitation o/a April 2021; Nacala Corridor; Estimated value is between \$20-\$30M.

Resilient Coastal Communities focused on agricultural livelihoods anticipated RFI release o/a June 2021, solicitation o/a September 2021; anticipated to be a selected coastal zone in one of the northern provinces; Value TBD.

388. **Namibia:** Are there any business requirements for 2021?

USAID Response: As reflected in the Business Forecast, there are currently no new funding opportunities for USAID/Namibia. Any new funding opportunities will be added to the Business Forecast.

389. **Nepal:** Jal Jangal (Freshwater and Forests):

- a. When do they expect to release the RFP for Jal Jangal (Freshwater and Forests) Activity in Nepal and do they expect it to be tendered as a full and open bid?
- b. Given that several other USAID/Nepal procurements have been delayed and are still pending award or solicitation release, can USAID confirm that the timing in the current Business Forecast is accurate with anticipated release date of March 30, 2021?
- c. Has USAID selected an Award/Action Type for this procurement and if so, could it please indicate the mechanism choice?
- d. Could USAID please clarify the anticipated principal geographic code?
- e. Any update on procurement type

USAID Response:

- a. The release date of the Jal Jangal (Freshwater and Forests) solicitation is May 2021.
- b. The release date of the Jal Jangal (Freshwater and Forests) solicitation is May 2021.
- c. TBD
- d. The Geographic Code 937.
- e. TBD

390. **Nepal:** Nepal Trade and Competitiveness

- a. Does USAID intend to substantially revise the draft SOW from the RFI and if so, does that have any implications on the release date of the RFP?
- b. Could USAID please confirm the timing of the solicitation?
- c. For the Nepal Trade and Competitiveness Activity, can USAID please confirm if USAID is considering this opportunity as a small business set-aside?
- d. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation document before the solicitation is released?
- e. Because the USAID/Nepal *Trade and Competitiveness Activity* references global value chains but is listed under the Economic Growth and Trade sector rather than the Agriculture and Food Security sector, will any of these global value chains be agricultural and, if so, which specific value chains?
- f. Any update on procurement type?

USAID Response:

- a. No information is available at this time.
- b. 2nd quarter of FY 2021
- c. No information is available at this time.

- d. RFI was released for this activity on May 8, 2020.
- e. No information is available at this time.
- f. No information is available at this time.

391. **Nepal: Nepal Transforming Agriculture Input Systems**

- a. This activity has dropped off the forecast. Can USAID please provide an update and a description of the activity?
- b. Is the estimated release date still June 2021?
- c. Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI and if so when?
- d. Could USAID kindly indicate whether this opportunity will be added to the Mission forecast and, additionally, provide further information as to the timing, scope, mechanism choice and value of the anticipated procurement?
- e. Does USAID still intend to release a RFI for this opportunity in advance of the solicitation?
- f. 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: The primary objective of this activity is to improve productivity, competitiveness, resilience and inclusivity in Nepalese agriculture. The activity will be focused on strengthening a market system of four critical production inputs- seed, fertilizer, irrigation and agricultural equipment. It will facilitate and build capacity of national level private companies and other value chain actors to innovate new product lines, systematize distribution systems and improve access and use of critical production inputs. The release date is June 2021

Tentative Award Date: December 2021

Scope: Strengthening Agricultural Input Market Systems for Seed, Fertilizer, Irrigation and Agricultural Equipment

Mechanism: Contract

Value: Tentatively \$ 19-25 million

392. **Nepal: Early Grade Reading Program**

- a. Can USAID please provide any further information on the new release date, scope of work, geographic focus, budget range, and funding mechanism?

USAID Response: The information is not available at this time. The Business Forecast will be updated as more information becomes available. We advise to check the business forecast regularly for updated information.

393. **Nepal: USAID Civil Society and Media Activity**

- a. Does the Mission expect delays to the current release date of 2/22/2021?
- b. If so, what is the anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response:

394. **Nepal:** Feed the Future Activity

- a. Could USAID please confirm if they intend to release a Feed the Future activity for Nepal?
- b. If so, could USAID please provide an update about the timing of the anticipated solicitation release date?
- c. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or pre-solicitation for this opportunity?

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

395. **Nepal:** Nepal Seed and Fertilizer Project (NSAF)

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on to the Nepal Seed and Fertilizer Project (NSAF)?
- b. Will the mechanism(s) be a Cooperative Agreement or Contract?
- c. When will the procurement(s) be released?
- d. Will USAID issue an RFI for this opportunity/ies? When?

USAID Response: USAID does not intend to release a follow-on activity to the Nepal Seed and Fertilizer (NSAF). The new Strengthening Agricultural Input Market Systems activity will encompass aspects of NSAF, but will have a broader scope.

396. **Nepal:** Public Financial Management program

- a. Does USAID/Nepal anticipate a follow-on to its Public Financial Management program?
- b. If not a direct follow-on, does USAID project any procurements addressing national or subnational fiscal reform? If so, would USAID please provide information on projected RFP release, dollar value, assistance or procurement, a brief program description, and if USAID/Nepal anticipates any industry engagement prior to RFP release?

USAID Response:

397. **Nepal:** Adolescent Reproductive Health/Family Planning (RH/FP)

- a. Does USAID anticipate any further delays to the procurement given the upcoming election cycle?
- b. Can USAID provide a program description?
- c. Would USAID provide any additional information on the anticipated scope or sub-national geography from the current forecasted description of "Adolescent FP/RH" to assist with preparations and partnership formation?
- d. Does USAID anticipate co-creation for this opportunity and, if so, what type or format?
- e. Does USAID plan to release any further details about the upcoming Adolescent RH/FP opportunity in Nepal prior to the forecasted May 17 release date?
- f. Can USAID provide additional information about the award description?
- g. How many awards does USAID plan to make under this opportunity?
- h. Does USAID plan to release an RFI in advance of the RFA's release?
- i. Please can USAID share the goal or key objectives of Adolescent Reproductive Health/Family Planning (RH/FP)?
- j. Given the long and repeated delays in the release of this opportunity, does USAID expect there to be further delays to the solicitation release?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID anticipates that the solicitation will be released by the estimated date as in the business forecast. However, we advise to check the business forecast regularly for updated information.
- b. The information is not available at this time.
- c. The information is not available at this time.
- d. Yes, USAID anticipates a co-creation for the finalization of program description. Considering the current situation, USAID may opt for virtual co-creation but it is yet to be confirmed.
- e. The information is not available at this time. However, we advise to check the business forecast regularly for updates.
- f. The information is not available at this time.
- g. Only One.
- h. The information is not available at this time.
- i. The information is not available at this time.
- j. No, USAID anticipates to release the solicitation timely on date estimated on Business Forecast.

398. **Nepal:** Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Activity

- a. Please confirm that this is a SB set aside, and for a Woman-owned business.
- b. Can you confirm the anticipated release date?
- c. Can USAID confirm if this procurement will be released under an IDIQ or similar mechanism?

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. However, we advise to check the business forecast regularly for updated information.
- c. The information is not available at this time.

399. **Nepal:** Can you provide an update on the CDCS?

USAID Response:

400. **Nepal:** Karnali Water Security Activity (KAWAS)

- a. Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated award date for the Karnali Water Security Activity (KAWAS) (RFP no. 72036719R00009)?

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

401. **Nicaragua: Municipal Governance Program**
- a. Does the Mission anticipate a follow-on to the Municipal Governance Program?
 - b. If yes, what is the forecasted date?
 - c. Does the mission anticipate using co-creation or a multi-stage procurement of any type?
 - d. If not, does the mission anticipate funding a governance program this FY?
 - e. Does the Mission anticipate a follow-on to the Municipal Governance Program?
 - f. If yes, what is the forecasted date?
 - g. Does the mission anticipate using co-creation or a multi-stage procurement of any type?
 - h. If not, does the mission anticipate funding a governance program this FY?

USAID Response: The Mission does not anticipate a follow-on to the MGP program during the Strategy Framework period (2020 - 2022)

402. **Nicaragua:** When will the CDCS be complete?

USAID Response: Nicaragua's two- year Strategy Framework (2020 - 2022) was approved in December 2020. This is a transitional strategy which expires on December 30, 2022.

403. **Niger:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any health opportunities in Niger in FY21?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate releasing any stand alone health opportunities at this time.

404. **Niger: Basic Education Activity**
- a. Can USAID please confirm if it is planning to release a basic education activity this year?
 - b. Could USAID kindly provide a release date for any future basic education opportunities?
 - c. Does USAID plan to release an RFI or other pre-solicitation notice prior to the solicitation?
 - d. Can USAID please provide information on the anticipated scope of work, geographic focus, timing of solicitation release, funding mechanism, and value of the award?
 - e. Will USAID add this opportunity to the Business Forecast?
 - f. Does USAID plan to issue an basic Education opportunity for Niger in FY21 as indicated in the previous forecast update?

USAID Response: USAID plans to release a basic education activity in the future. However, the activity is still in the design phase. The Business Forecast will be updated as more information becomes available. A release date is not known at this time, nor have plans to release an RFI or pre-solicitation notice been finalized.

405. **Niger:** Higher Education for Leadership, Innovation, and Exchange (HELIX)
- a. Can the Senegal Mission please update the Forecast with this opportunity?
 - b. Does USAID anticipate developing one (at one university), or more than one (at multiple universities), Master's Degrees in Agribusiness?
 - c. Does USAID still intend to release this award? Can USAID provide an updated release date, award type, and award amount for this solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID plans to release a NOFO under an addendum to the HELIX APS in the future. However, the activity is still in the design phase. The Business Forecast will be updated as more information becomes available. A release date is not known at this time.

406. **Niger:** Prevention of Child Early and Forced Marriage Activity
- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the award process and timeline for this activity?
 - b. Can USAID confirm whether an agreement has been 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 an agreement?

USAID Response: USAID/Niger anticipates that an award will be made in Q3 and confirms that an agreement has not been issued as this activity is still in the procurement process.

407. **Niger:** Education and BRIDGE strategy
- a. Can USAID confirm the design of an education project?
 - b. Can USAID update us on the design of additional projects under the BRIDGE strategy?

USAID Response: The activity is still in the design phase. The Business forecast will be updated when additional information is available.

408. **Niger:** Planning
- a. Are there any business requirements?
 - b. Can you provide an update when the CDCS will be completed?

USAID Response: Niger business requirements have been listed under the Sahel Regional Office (SRO). The Regional A&A Office does not have any information regarding the completion of the CDCS at this time.

409. **Nigeria:** Nigeria E-WASH
- a. Does USAID have any plans to release solicitations in WASH in Nigeria during 2021?

USAID Response: USAID/Nigeria does not have any current plans to release solicitations in WASH.

410. **Nigeria: Monitoring, Learning, and Evaluation Activity**

- a. In January, USAID issued a sole source bridge contract award to the incumbent with a period of performance from March to September. Would USAID be able to clarify if this adjusts the award date of this activity and, if so, provide the new intended award date?

USAID Response: The Monitoring, Learning, and Evaluation Bridge Contract is exclusive of the Monitoring, Learning and Evaluation Activity and does not adjust the intended award date.

411. **Nigeria: SHARP**

- a. The holders of Nigeria/SHARP expended significant resources to pursue becoming prime and sub- holders of this \$600 IDIQ. As USAID is aware, the award of the IDIQ took much longer than originally anticipated. And, since its award in early 2019, only a few RFTOPs have been released under the IDIQ. The delays and limited opportunities to bid on and potentially win awards under this IDIQ can have a negative impact on the financial health of the prime and sub IDIQ holders, which rely on information about the procurement release to award timeline and ceiling of the IDIQ to forecast revenue and financial growth prospects. We laud USAID for the transparency and breadth of information included in the business forecast and its efforts to continually improve the data on the business forecast, of great concern to USAID implementing partners is the continual improvement of accuracy around the anticipated release and award dates.
- b. Does USAID plan to release any RFTOPs under the Nigeria SHARP IDIQ this fiscal year?
- c. We see multiple justifications and awards have been processed to increase the ceiling/expand the operating area of task orders awarded under the SHARP IDIQ. Should additional services be required under Nigeria SHARP, might USAID please consider releasing additional RFTOPs rather than justifying issuing large-value modifications and changes of the scope without competition?
- d. Could USAID comment on the future use of this IDIQ mechanism?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID/Nigeria appreciates the significant effort that applicants/offerors expend to bid on USAID solicitations and is committed to continuing to provide up-to-date information through the business forecast.
- b. USAID/Nigeria is not currently planning to release additional RFTOPs under the SHARP IDIQ in this fiscal year. USAID reserves the right to do so should the need arise based on the outcomes of the PEPFAR Country Operational Plan (COP) 21 planning process, which has been paused based on guidance from the State Department.
- c. USAID/Nigeria always considers procurement of Task Orders under the SHARP activity via the fair opportunity process in FAR 16.505 – Ordering. However, there are instances in which exceptions are warranted pursuant to FAR 16.505(b)(2).
- d. The current end date for ordering services via SHARP is March 3, 2024. Should USAID/Nigeria require additional services, these services will be procured consistent with the ordering procedures until the aforementioned end date.

412. **Nigeria:** Is USAID planning for a new PMI activity in Niger in FY2021?

USAID Response: USAID/Nigeria is not planning a new PMI activity in FY2021.

413. **Pakistan:** Does USAID anticipate soliciting a Pakistan Reading procurement?

USAID Response: No. USAID Pakistan does not intend to solicit a separate reading procurement. For education activities please refer to the recently released solicitation “Higher Education System Strengthening Activity (HESSA)” posted on www.grants.gov.

414. **Pakistan:** Economic Recovery and Development Activity (ERDA)

- a. Can USAID please provide the anticipated procurement mechanism (contract or cooperative agreement) for the Pakistan Economic Recovery and Development Activity?

USAID Response: The anticipated procurement mechanism will be a Cooperative Agreement.

415. **Pakistan:** Power System Improvement Activity

- a. When does USAID anticipate awarding the Pakistan Power System Improvement Activity?

USAID Response: USAID/Pakistan anticipates the award of the Power System Improvement Activity (PSIA) RFTOP in the month of April 2021.

416. **Pakistan:** Land Registration in Merged Areas (LRMA) Activity

- a. When does USAID anticipate awarding the Pakistan LRMA Activity?

USAID Response: USAID/Pakistan anticipates award of the Land Registration in Merged Areas Activity (LRMA) RFTOP within the month of March 2021.

417. **Pakistan:** Investment Promotion Activity (IPA)

- a. Does the Mission expect delays to the current release date of 3/31/2021?
- b. If so, what is the anticipated solicitation release date?
- c. Is the Mission planning to release an RFI or draft SOO in advance of the release of the solicitation?

USAID Response:

- a. No.
- b. The intended release date is expected to remain the same as 3/31/2021
- c. No

418. **Pakistan: Economic Recovery and Development Activity**

- a. Would USAID please confirm that the intended release date of the solicitation still remains 04/12/2021?
- b. Would USAID please confirm the intended award/action type (procurement mechanism) for the solicitation?
- c. Is USAID anticipating releasing the Pakistan Economic Recovery and Development Activity (ERDA) solicitation on April 12, 2021, as indicated on the forecast?
- d. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation document / RFI / draft SOW before the solicitation is released?
- e. To what extent, if any, will the economic recovery activities include the agricultural sector?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID/Pakistan intends to issue the Request For Applications in the first week of April.
- b. Cooperative Agreement
- c. USAID/Pakistan intends to issue the Request For Applications in the first week of April.
- d. A Request for Information (RFI) was posted by USAID/Pakistan at Grants.gov on Feb 4, 2021 with a closing date of Feb 19, 2021.
- e. The Economic Recovery and Development Activity (ERDA) will have significant Agriculture Sector Interventions.

419. **Pakistan: Investment Promotion Activity**

- a. Would USAID please confirm that intended release date of the solicitation still remains 03/31/2021?
- b. Would USAID confirm whether a draft SOW or RFI will be released in advance of the solicitation?
- c. Would USAID please clarify if the agriculture sector will be a major focus of this solicitation?
- d. The program description is heavily focused on the enabling environment and policy. Would USAID please confirm that this Activity will include other technical areas outside of policy?
- e. Will this be a small business set aside?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, the intended release date is expected to remain the same.
- b. No.
- c. The solicitation will focus on any sector that can attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), including the agricultural sector.

- d. Yes, the capacity building and Foreign Direct Investment mobilization will also be part of the activity.
- e. No.

420. **Pakistan: Citizen's Engagement Program**

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date?
- b. Can USAID confirm the set-aside status of this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. An Addendum to Washington based NPI-APS was posted to www.grants.gov on January 15, 2021. The last date for receipt of concept notes is March 15, 2021.
- b. There is no set-aside for this opportunity.

421. **Pakistan: When will the CDCS be completed?**

USAID Response: USAID/Pakistan CDCS covers a period of 5 years (FY 2018-2023). It was approved on August 24, 2018 with a completion date of August 24, 2023. USAID/Pakistan CDCS is available on the USAID [website](#).

422. **Peru: Are there any business requirements?**

USAID Response: USAID/Peru will provide notifications through the USAID/Business Forecast as opportunities come up.

423. **Peru: Economic Growth Opportunities**

- a. Does USAID intend to release any economic growth opportunities for Peru this year?

USAID Response: There are no planned economic growth opportunities at the moment. USAID/Peru will provide notifications through the USAID/Business Forecast should an opportunity arise.

424. **Peru: Unsustainable and illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in marine environments along the coasts of Peru, Ecuador, and Colombia**

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a full solicitation corresponding to the November 2020 RFI "Unsustainable and illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in marine environments along the coasts of Peru, Ecuador, and Colombia" (RFI# 72052721RFI00001)?
- b. If so, when? As of this writing, no post on the Business Forecast corresponds to this

potential project.

USAID Response: USAID/Peru is evaluating the responses from the RFI to determine next steps. USAID/Peru will provide notifications through the USAID/Business Forecast as opportunities come up.

425. **Peru:** Transnational Conservation Crimes Activity

- a. Could USAID kindly indicate whether this is an opportunity that will be added to the Mission forecast?
- b. If so, could USAID provide further information as to the timing, scope, mechanism choice and value of the anticipated procurement?

USAID Response: Solicitation No. 72052719RFA00001 entitled Regional Community Response to Conservation Crimes was issued on December 1, 2020 and closed on February 1, 2021. Applications are currently being evaluated. No transnational conservation crimes activity is being contemplated at the moment.

426. **Philippines:** Pacific Regional Initiative and Support for more Effective Counter-Trafficking in Persons

- a. Is there an upcoming new expected release date?
- b. Is there indication of what the award type will be?
- c. What are the chances of the bid being cancelled?
- d. The funding range for Pacific RISE CTIP is \$10-25M; however, the business forecast summary says that the “The activity will be implemented for five years with funding not to exceed \$10 million”. Could USAID please confirm that the ceiling is \$10M?
- e. Is USAID anticipating that Pacific RISE CTIP will involve a co-creation process?
- f. Does USAID anticipate restricting eligibility for this project?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID intends to issue the solicitation during the 2nd quarter of the FY 21
- b. ‘The business forecast will be updated as soon as the information is available. At this time USAID intends to move forward with this activity.
- c. Yes, the ceiling amount is \$10M.
- d. This is yet to be determined as the design is underway.
- e. This is yet to be determined as the design is underway.

427. **Philippines:** Philippines “QUEST” (Skills Training Program)

- a. The forecast previously included a workforce development and skills training program in the Philippines, titled “QUEST”. Can USAID clarify whether this procurement, or another workforce development procurement opportunity is still planned for 2021 action in The Philippines?

USAID Response: USAID/Philippines is in the initial re-design phase for the workforce development opportunity. The goal is to post an opportunity during the 3rd or 4th quarter.

428. **Philippines:** Papua New Guinea Sustainable Landscapes Activity
- Could USAID provide information regarding the timing of the solicitation?
 - USAID recently awarded the Solomon Islands Forest Governance Activity using an LWA. Is there potential that the USAID PNG Sustainable Landscapes Activity will also fall under an LWA mechanism?
 - Could USAID please update the timeline, procurement mechanism, scope, and anticipated value of this activity?

USAID Response:

- USAID intends to issue the solicitation during the 2nd or 3rd quarter of FY 21
- This is yet to be determined as the design is underway.
- This is yet to be determined as the design is underway.

429. **Philippines:** PROJECT Governance
- Can USAID provide an award date for this solicitation?

USAID Response: This activity is under procurement. The Business Forecast and other Government websites will be updated with the latest information.

430. **Philippines:** Better Access and Connectivity Activity
- Could USAID please confirm whether the anticipated award date is still April 15, 2021, per the Q1 Business Forecast Q&A?
 - If not, could USAID please provide the anticipated award date of this procurement?

USAID Response: No, This activity is still under procurement, The Mission anticipates making an award no later than the 3rd quarter.

431. **Philippines:** New Higher Education Activity (Formerly QUEST)
- This opportunity was removed from the business forecast, is USAID anticipating releasing the New Higher Education Activity in June 2021, as indicated in the FY2021Q1 Business Forecast Q&A?
 - Can USAID please clarify the anticipated award/action type for this opportunity?
 - Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation document before the solicitation is released?
 - Does the Mission anticipate using co-creation or a multi-stage procurement of any type?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID/Philippines is in the initial re-design phase for the workforce development opportunity. The goal is to post an opportunity during the 3rd or 4th quarter
- b. This is yet to be determined as the design is underway.
- c. This is yet to be determined as the design is underway.
- d. Possibly a multi-stage procurement but not pre-award co-creation.

432. **Philippines:** Cities for Enhanced Engagement and Governance (CHANGE)

- a. Can USAID provide an updated anticipated award date for the Cities for Enhanced Engagement and Governance (CHANGE) activity?

USAID Response: The Mission anticipates making an award no later than the 3rd quarter.

433. **Philippines:** Strengthening Private Enterprise for The Digital Economy (SPEED)

- a. Can USAID please confirm that the anticipated award date remains September 24, 2021?

USAID Response: It is the Mission's intent to keep September 24, 2021 as an anticipated award date for the time being.

434. **Regional Development Mission Asia:** Thailand Standalone CTIP

- a. Is USAID planning to issue a re-bid of the standalone CTIP award for Thailand? If so, when is its anticipated release date and funding mechanism?

USAID Response: No plans have been made for a new Thailand CTIP mechanism at this time.

435. **Regional Development Mission Asia:** Is there any update on how the information obtained from RFIs relating to the Regional Development Cooperation Strategy Technical Feedback (ref 720486RFI20RDSCS) will be utilized? Are any solicitations relating to this planned?

USAID Response: USAID/RDMA's new RDSCS has been approved and will be posted publicly soon. USAID/RDMA appreciates the responses it received regarding the RDSCS, and took them into consideration as the Mission developed its Regional Development Objectives and strategy for the next five years.

436. **RDMA:** Asia Program Cycle Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Support IDIQ:

- a. Can USAID/RDMA please clarify when it plans to make an award for the Asia Program

Cycle Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Support IDIQ

USAID Response: Late Q2 or early Q3.

437. **RDMA:** Southeast Asia Smart Power Program

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

USAID Response: Late March.

438. **RDMA:** Asia Regional CTIP

- a. Is USAID planning to issue a re-bid of the Asia Regional CTIP LWA? If so, when is its anticipated release date and funding mechanism?

USAID Response: No plans have been made for a new regional CTIP mechanism at this time

439. **RDMA:** Regional Sustainable Fish for Asia (SuFiA).

- a. Could USAID kindly indicate whether this is an opportunity that will be added to the Mission forecast?
b. Does USAID still intend to release a RFI for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. There are no new Sustainable Fisheries activities anticipated to be added to the Business Forecast for this FY
c. A RFI may be forthcoming for a new competed fisheries activity, but please monitor the Business Forecast and beta.sam.gov.

440. **RDMA:** When will the RDCS be completed?

USAID Response: The RDCS has been approved, and RDMA hopes to have the public version cleared for release soon.

441. **Rwanda:** Employment and Entrepreneurship Activity

- a. Can USAID provide additional information on the program description?
b. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation
c. Has USAID decided on if this opportunity will have Small Business- Set Aside?
d. Can USAID confirm the RFP release date is still anticipated to be 05/31/2021
e. Would USAID please provide an indication of the expected award type?
f. To what extent, if any, will the activity include the agricultural sector?
g. Has USAID determined the budget for this activity ?
h. Would this activity focus on in-school youth, out-of-school youth, or both?

- i. Is this Activity a follow-on to any current or past USAID activities?
- j. Could USAID clarify if eligibility will be restricted to certain entities?
- k. Does USAID envision releasing this opportunity under the New Partnerships Initiative (NPI)?
- l. Does USAID envision including co-creation in the procurement of this opportunity?
- m. Can USAID please provide the anticipated release date, and funding mechanism of this procurement?
- n. Will USAID be adding this opportunity to the USAID Business Forecast?
- o. Could USAID kindly confirm if the Employment and Entrepreneurship Activity is related to the 72069621RFI00002 RFI Schools and Systems Activity?
- p. If they are separate, could USAID kindly provide any additional details on the Schools and Systems Activity?
- q. Could USAID share information on the focus sectors of this activity?

USAID Response: The Mission has not yet authorized an activity referenced in this question; as such, the Mission has no further information to provide. Please monitor the Business Forecast for new activities.

442. **Rwanda:** Feed the Future Facilitate Investment Required For Sustainable Export (FIRST) Activity

- a. Would USAID please clarify the anticipated timeline for awarding the Rwanda Feed the Future Facilitate Investment Required For Sustainable Export (FIRST) Activity?

USAID Response: April 30, 2021

443. **Rwanda:** School and Systems Activity

- a. Does USAID still expect a basic education solicitation supporting the Mission's new CDCS (2020-2025) to be released in Q2 FY21?
- b. If so, could USAID please update the forecast to provide a timeline and dollar value?
- c. An RFI was issued for this activity in December 2020, but it is not in the forecast; can USAID estimate when this solicitation will be released?
- d. Could USAID clarify the envisioned the award type (contract or cooperative agreement)?
- e. Under LEARN, there is a sole focus on increasing children's literacy skills in Kinyarwanda. However, with the recent change in English becoming the language of instruction starting in P1, what will the role of the Schools and Systems Activity be in supporting this bilingual reading instructional approach?
- f. Can USAID please provide information around scope of work and mechanism for this opportunity?
- g. Does the Rwanda Mission plan to procure services from the USAID Kenya: Basic Education Activity IDIQ (Reference: A&A Plan ID: AA-311649), including specifically the Rwanda

Schools and Systems Activity?

USAID Response: The Mission has not yet authorized an activity referenced in this question; as such, the Mission has no further information to provide. Please monitor the Business Forecast for new activities.

444. **Rwanda:** Inclusive Nutrition and Early Childhood Development (INECD) activity
- a. Can USAID provide an update on the timing of notification and execution of Phase 2: Virtual Oral Presentation for the Inclusive Nutrition and Early Childhood Development Activity?
 - b. Could USAID please comment on whether or not a procurement for an external impact evaluation of this activity is still planned, and if so the timing and potential mechanism, especially whether or not it would be a small-business set-aside?

USAID Response:

- a. Please note that only selected applicants who submitted Concept Papers will be invited to individual oral presentations. The notifications will be sent out next week. Oral presentations are expected in the end of March/beginning of April.
- b. The Mission has not yet authorized an activity referenced in this question; as such, the Mission has no further information to provide. Please monitor the Business Forecast for new activities.

445. **Rwanda:** Home and Communities Activity
- a. Can USAID please provide an approximate release date for Rwanda Home and Communities Activity?
 - b. Can USAID please provide the anticipated release date, and funding mechanism of this procurement?
 - c. Will USAID be adding this opportunity to the USAID Business Forecast?

USAID Response: The Mission has not yet authorized an activity referenced in this question; as such, the Mission has no further information to provide. Please monitor the Business Forecast for new activities.

446. **Rwanda:** Feed the Future Hinga Weze Activity
- a. Will there be a follow on to the current Rwanda Hinga Weze Activity?
 - b. If yes, will an RFI be released in advance?
 - c. What is the anticipated release date for this activity?
 - d. What is the anticipated mechanism and value?

USAID Response: The Mission has not yet authorized an activity referenced in this question; as such, the Mission has no further information to provide. Please monitor the Business Forecast for

new activities.

447. **Rwanda:** Urumuli"light"
- a. Has USAID already released this funding opportunity?
 - b. If not, can USAID share any updates to the anticipated release date?
 - c. Will this activity be a continuation phase of a current activity?

USAID Response: The procurement process is still ongoing; as such, the Mission has no further information to provide.

448. **Rwanda:** Rwanda Ingobyi Project
- a. Can USAID provide an updated release date for the Rwanda Ingobyi Project?
 - b. Does USAID still anticipate a follow-on to the Ingobyi Project with a release date of May 2022?

USAID Response: The Mission has not yet authorized an activity referenced in this question; as such, the Mission has no further information to provide. Please monitor the Business Forecast for new activities.

449. **Rwanda:** Does USAID Rwanda intend to release any additional health solicitations in FY2021 or FY2022? If so, we kindly request it be added to the Business Forecast.

USAID Response: The Business forecast will be updated once the Mission authorizes such activities.

450. **Sahel:** Does USAID anticipate new opportunities in the coming months in the Sahel countries (Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger), either on democracy and governance, or on economic growth?

USAID Response: Presently there are possible D&G/economic initiatives in design for the Gambia & Niger. These opportunities will be added to the forecast by Q4.

451. **Sahel:** Monitoring, Reporting, and Capacity Strengthening Contract: In the previous forecast, USAID stated its intention to release a MEL opportunity through the Sahel Regional Office in early Q2. Could USAID kindly:
- a. Provide an update to the release date of this opportunity
 - b. Clarify which countries will be included
 - c. Confirm that it is expected through the EVAL ME II IDIQ
 - d. Confirm the anticipated budget is between \$10-15M

USAID Response:

- a. This initiative is undergoing changes to its base statement of work and therefore the release date of this opportunity is not known. However, it will likely be released in Q3/Q4 of FY2021. The forecast has been updated accordingly.
- b. The included countries in this opportunity will primarily be Niger and Burkina Faso, although other SRO countries may be included in the SOW.
- c. USAID confirms that it expects to release a RFTOP through the EVAL ME II IDIQ.
- d. The anticipated budget remains between \$10-15M, however changes to the base statement of work may impact the range.

452. **Sahel: Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning (MEL)**

- a. Does USAID intend to add this opportunity to the business forecast?
- b. Could USAID provide an anticipated release date?

USAID Response: This initiative is undergoing changes to its base statement of work and therefore the release date of this opportunity is not known. However, it will likely be released in Q3/Q4 of FY2021. The forecast has been updated accordingly.

453. **Senegal: Sahel Region Monitoring, Reporting, and Capacity Strengthening Contract (MRCS)**

- a. Can USAID/Senegal provide an updated solicitation date for this opportunity?
- b. Can USAID/Senegal confirm that this opportunity will be issued under the EVAL-ME II IDIQ?
- c. Will this opportunity be added to the USAID Business Forecast?

USAID Response: This initiative is undergoing changes to its base statement of work and therefore the release date of this opportunity is not known. However, it will likely be released in Q3/Q4 of FY2021. The forecast has been updated accordingly. USAID confirms that it expects to release a RFTOP through the EVAL ME II IDIQ. The opportunity is listed in the Business Forecast.

454. **Senegal: NAFOORE**

- a. Could USAID kindly provide additional details on the envisioned scope and anticipated solicitation release date?
- b. Is the focus on primary, secondary, or tertiary education?
- c. To what extent will this focus on national and subnational capacity building? Which regions of Senegal will be targeted?
- d. Does the reference to youth in addition to education in the description imply this program will include informal or non-formal training for youth?

USAID Response:

- a. The anticipated release date for Nafore is FY21 Q3. The Business Forecast has been updated accordingly.

- b. The focus is informal education targeting youth who may not have completed (or have had access to) the secondary formal education system.
- c. Nafore is an activity under the Sahel region and is targeting Mauritania and not Senegal.
- d. The activity will develop market driven vocational education and softskills /personal development training.

455. **Senegal:** Improving Health and Human Capital APS

- a. Can USAID provide an updated anticipated award date for the components?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date for the APS components is early July 2021.

456. **Senegal:** Can USAID comment on upcoming development opportunities for Senegal? Could USAID please advise if there are any environment projects in design?

USAID Response: Any upcoming environmental project designs will be added to the Business Forecast as soon as the information becomes available.

457. **Senegal:** Senegal Value Chain Service Activity

- a. Would USAID please clarify the anticipated timeline for awarding the Senegal Value Chain Service Activity?
- b. Could USAID please share an update on the anticipated award date for the Senegal Value Chain Services activity? In the last Q&A (FY2021 Q1), USAID indicated that the updated award date would be reflected in the Business Forecast. However, this opportunity no longer appears on the Business Forecast.

USAID Response: USAID/Senegal anticipates awarding this activity by end August 2021.

458. **Senegal:** Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning in Senegal

- a. Does USAID anticipate providing MEL capacity support to the Governments of Senegal under this mechanism?
- b. Does USAID anticipate a large role for local MEL service providers under this mechanism?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID anticipates providing MEL capacity support to the Government of Senegal under this mechanism.
- b. USAID anticipates a role for local service providers (individuals or organizations) under this mechanism.

459. **Senegal:** Renforcement de la Littératie au Senegal (RELIS) activity

- a. Could USAID confirm this award will be a cooperative agreement?
- b. Could USAID provide further information on the potential geographic coverage under this

activity?

- c. Could USAID provide an update and a description for this activity?
- d. In preparation for the USAID/Renforcement de la Littérature au Sénégal (RELIS) activity, could USAID kindly ensure that program reports/deliverables for USAID's Lecture Pour Tous are made public and/or uploaded onto the DEC?

USAID Response:

- a. RELIS has been proposed as a cooperative agreement awarded through full and open competition.
- b. The RELIS activity seeks to improve students' reading outcomes in kindergarten through second grades in nine regions across Senegal.
- c. This activity is currently in design and the Business Forecast will be updated as additional information becomes available.
- d. The technical office will be informed to ensure that reports and deliverables from its previous project are made available.

460. **Senegal:** Prevention of Early and Forced Marriage Activity for Niger

- a. Can USAID confirm the anticipated award date for the USAID/Senegal Prevention of Early and Forced Marriage Activity for Niger (72068519APS00001)?

USAID Response: USAID's anticipated award date is Q3 FY21.

461. **Senegal:** Burkina Faso Governance Activity

- a. Could USAID kindly confirm when the latest anticipated award date for the Burkina Faso Governance Activity? The USAID forecast indicates a January 15th, 2021 anticipated award date.

USAID Response: USAID's anticipated award date is Q3 FY21.

462. **Senegal:** Burkina Faso Integrated Health Services Activity

- a. Can USAID please provide an update regarding the anticipated award date for the Burkina Faso Integrated Health Services (IHS) activity?

USAID Response: USAID's anticipated award date is Q3 FY21.

463. **Senegal:** Can USAID advise if solicitations for Burkina Faso and Niger will continue to be released from Senegal, or if there are plans in the future for procurements to come from those

offices directly? Are there plans for those countries to have their own CDCS?

USAID Response: Presently and in the near future USAID Senegal's Office of Acquisition and Assistance Office (RAAO) will continue to release solicitations for Burkina Faso and Niger. They currently fall under the Sahel Regional Office's CDCS, however, this is subject to change.

464. **Senegal:** Entrepreneurship Promotion and Business Investment Activity
- a. Proposals for the Senegal Entrepreneurship Promotion and Business Investment Activity were submitted more than a year ago. Can USAID kindly provide an updated estimated award date for the Activity?
 - b. Could USAID please share any updates on the estimated award date for this activity? In the last Business Forecast Q&A for FY2021 Q1, USAID indicated that an updated award date would be reflected in the Business Forecast. However, this opportunity no longer appears on the Business Forecast. Has an award already been made?

USAID Response: The anticipated award date for this activity is Q3 FY21.

465. **Senegal:** Education program
- a. Is USAID considering releasing a solicitation for an education program (a potential follow-on to Lecture Pour Tous) in Senegal? If so, what is the anticipated release date, award type, and award amount?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates a new education program, the activity is currently under design. The Business Forecast will be updated as soon as information becomes available.

466. **Senegal:** ACCESS follow-on/New WASH Activity
- a. Does USAID intend to procure a follow on to the ACCESS activity, or any other new programming to address WASH?

USAID Response: USAID/Senegal intends to procure a new WASH-type activity and information will be provided in the business forecast when available.

467. **Serbia:** When does USAID intend to release the 2020-2025 Serbia CDCS?

USAID Response: By the end of March 2021.

468. **Serbia:** New Agribusiness Competitiveness Project

- a. Would USAID please confirm if it is still intending to release this opportunity, and if so, when is the anticipated solicitation release date?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI or SOW in advance of release of the solicitation?
- c. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation document before the solicitation is released?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, this activity has been renamed “New SME Development Activity” and is published on the forecast;
- b. Not yet determined;
- c. Not yet determined.

469. **Serbia: Media Activity**

- a. Can USAID/Serbia please provide an estimate for the release of the Serbia Media Activity RFP?
- b. When does USAID intend to release the RFP or RFA for the Media Activity?
- c. What will be the award type for the Media Activity

USAID Response:

- a. Serbia Media Activity solicitation is expected to be released by the end of March 2021;
- b. USAID intends to release an RFP;
- c. It will be a contract.

470. **Sierra Leone: Sierra Leone Entrepreneurial Agriculture for Improved Nutrition Project**

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on procurement for the Sierra Leone Entrepreneurial Agriculture for Improved Nutrition Project? If yes, could USAID comment on the expected timing for its release?
- 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: The Sierra Leone Office does not intend to release a follow-on procurement for the Entrepreneurial Agriculture Project.

471. **Sierra Leone: Malaria Bilateral Activity**

- a. The PMI Malaria Operational Plans indicate that a malaria bilateral award will be bid this fiscal year. Could USAID provide any additional information about the timing and scope of

- the award?
- b. Is the award likely to be a cooperative agreement or a contract?
 - c. Does USAID anticipate that this will be a malaria specific award or an integrated health activity?

USAID Response:

- a. The Integrated Health Activity is currently in the design phase. At this time, we do not have any information on timing or scope of the activity. The Business Forecast will be updated as information becomes available.
- b. At the moment, we are not certain which type of instrument will be selected under the activity.
- c. Presently, USAID is designing an integrated health activity.

472. **Sierra Leone:** Are there any business requirements?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast will be updated as information becomes available on business requirements.

473. **Somalia:** Youth Projects

- a. Does the Mission anticipate funding a youth program this FY?
- b. If so, does the Mission anticipate using co-creation or a multi-stage procurement of any type?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, the Mission plans to fund a youth program this FY.
- b. No co-creation is envisioned; the Mission will use a Delegated Cooperation Agreement with the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO), contributing to its Accelerated Girls' Education Somalia (AGES) program that has very similar objectives and geographic focus.

474. **Somalia:** Bridging Unity

- a. Does the Mission anticipate a follow-on to the Bridging Unity, Integrity and Legitimacy to Democracy program?
- b. If not, does the Mission anticipate funding a governance program this FY?

USAID Response:

- a. At this time, the Mission does not anticipate a direct follow-on to the Bridging Unity, Integrity and Legitimacy to Democracy program.

- c. The Mission is currently in the preliminary design phase, developing possible program concepts for Mission Management review. The Mission is focused on what are USAID's best opportunities to support increased political inclusion under the new CDCS.

475. **Somalia:** Locally Legitimate Solutions

- a. Is the release of the Somalia LLS procurement tied to a new comprehensive agreement and timetable for the conduct of election/selection of President and Parliament or is the procurement release tied to the implementation of these delayed elections?
- b. Could USAID provide updated information on the expected release date?

USAID Response:

- a. The release of the Somalia LLS procurement is not tied to the 2020/2021 election process.
- b. This solicitation was released on February 25, 2021

476. **Somalia:** Evaluation, Learning, and Monitoring Initiative

- a. Can USAID/Somalia please clarify when it plans to make an award for the Somalia Evaluation, Learning, and Monitoring Initiative (ELMI)? Would USAID confirm that the stated award date of 4/30/2021 is still accurate?

USAID Response: The 4/30/2021 award date was an error. The date should have been 5/30/2021. We confirm that this remains the intended award date.

477. **Somalia:** Democracy and Governance

- a. Is USAID planning to release any Democracy & Governance related funding for Somalia in FY2021? If so, will more information be added to the forecast in the future about this opportunity?

USAID Response: The Mission is currently in the preliminary design phase for new Democracy and Governance related programming, developing possible program concepts for Mission Management review. The Mission is focused on what are USAID's best opportunities to support increased political inclusion under the new CDCS. The Mission anticipates that new information will be added some time in the fourth quarter of FY 2021.

478. **Somalia:** Kayd for Resilient and Inclusive Economic Development (RIED)

- a. The revised release date for Somalia LLS is now 2/28/21, which is 3 days after Kayd's release date of 2/25/21. Can bidders now expect Kayd to be issued before LLS? Or does USAID expect to release them simultaneously?
- b. To what extent, if any, will the activity include the agricultural sector?

- c. In addition the RFI released, does USAID plan to release a pre-solicitation for the Somalia Kayd opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. LLS was released on February 25, 2021. Kayd's release date is unclear but will be updated as soon as more information is available.
- b. The agricultural sector will be included. Please refer to the RFI for more information.
- c. No.

479. **Somalia:** When will the CDCS be complete?

USAID Response: USAID/Somalia anticipates releasing the CDCS by May 2021. The CDCS will be uploaded to the USAID/Somalia website and also disseminated via the Mission's social media platforms.

480. **South Africa:** Eswatini Attain & Sustain 95-95-95, Prevent New Infections and Reach All Populations for Epidemic Control (ASPIRE)

- a. Would USAID/Southern Africa kindly provide an update on the anticipated award and project start date for this program?

USAID Response: USAID/Southern Africa anticipates award of the contract by the end of the 3rd Quarter of 2021 with performance projected to start in the 4th quarter of 2021.

481. **South Africa:** When will the CDCS be complete?

USAID Response: The USAID/Southern Africa Regional Development Cooperation Strategy (RDCCS 2020-2025) covers both the bilateral program in South Africa and the region and is available on the web here: <https://www.usaid.gov/southern-africa-regional/cdcs>.

482. **South Africa:** Power Africa

- a. Does USAID anticipate issuing additional RFTOPs under the Power Africa Expansion IDIQ?
- b. Does USAID anticipate making awards up to the ceiling within the performance period of the IDIQ?
- c. Does USAID plan to issue a follow-on, or a successor solicitation to the USAID Power Africa IDIQ? Under the Power Africa IDIQ, what task orders does USAID plan to release? What is the projected timing of the task orders release?

USAID Response: USAID will post on the Business Forecast information on new awards as it

becomes available.

483. **South Sudan:** Quality Learned Outcomes - youth

- a. Can USAID please confirm whether this opportunity is still planned or cancelled?
- b. If it is delayed, is there an update on the revised release date? And will an RFI be released?
- c. Can USAID please provide any additional information including revised scope of work, geographic focus, funding mechanism?

USAID Response: Offerors should consider this cancelled at this time.

484. **South Sudan:** Does the South Sudan Mission plan to procure services from the USAID Kenya: Basic Education Activity (Reference: A&A Plan ID: AA-311649)?

USAID Response: No.

485. **South Sudan:** Can USAID provide an update on anticipated health procurements in FY21?

USAID Response: All anticipated health procurements for FY 21 are in process.

486. **South Sudan:** New Biodiversity Activity

- a. Could USAID kindly indicate whether this opportunity will be added to the Mission forecast and, additionally, provide further information as to the timing, scope, mechanism choice and value of the anticipated procurement

USAID Response: It will be added to the forecast soon. We are very early in the design process so can't provide any other information.

487. **Sri Lanka:** Does USAID anticipate any Economic Growth procurements in Sri Lanka in FY21?

USAID Response:

- a. There are currently two planned procurements under Economic Growth during FY21:
 - i. Climate Change Adaptation activity for Sri Lanka and Maldives: The RFP for the award was released and on Beta SAM with a closing date of March 23, 2020
 - ii. Sri Lanka Energy Activity: This will be procured under Energy II IDIQ. The RFTOP was released to all IDIQ holders.

488. **Sri Lanka:** Does USAID/Sri Lanka intend to release funding for a local governance or civil society program in FY21?

USAID Response: Yes. USAID/Sri Lanka will be awarding a new civil society activity under an assistance mechanism with eligibility restricted exclusively for local organizations.

489. **Sri Lanka:** Is USAID still planning to procure the Sri Lanka Energy Program under the Energy II IDIQ?

USAID Response: Yes. The RFTOP and amendment 01 have been released to IDIQ holders.

490. **Sri Lanka:** When will the CDCS be complete?

USAID Response: USAID/Sri Lanka CDCS was approved recently and we are waiting for approval of a public version for release.

491. **Sri Lanka:** Governance and Service Delivery

- a. Could USAID please clarify whether there will be a follow-on to the Strengthening Democratic Governance and Accountability Project (SDGAP) or another governance and service delivery activity procured in FY2021?

USAID Response: USAID/ Sri Lanka does not anticipate to include Strengthening Democratic Governance and Accountability Project (SDGAP) or another governance and service delivery activity procured in FY2021 on the Business Forecast at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for any updates.

492. **Sri Lanka:** Sri Lanka and Maldives Climate Change Adaptation Project

- a. Can USAID please confirm that the anticipated award date remains September 1, 2021?

USAID Response: As of March 1, 2021, anticipated award date of this activity is September 1, 2021

493. **South Africa:** South Africa Community HIV and Violence Prevention Program

- a. Does USAID intend to release the South Africa Community HIV and Violence Prevention Program in 2021?

USAID Response: No.

494. **South Africa:** TB Follow-on

- a. Does USAID intend to release a tuberculosis activity in South Africa in 2021?
- b. When can we expect the solicitation?
- c. Will it be restricted?
- d. What mechanism will it be?
- e. Will the geographical scope be similar to the current one?
- f. Will there be one award?
- g. Will the geographical scope include the areas covered by the current TB LONs?

USAID Response: USAID/Southern Africa is still in the early stages of planning a TB Follow-on activity. Once the Mission is further along in the design process, we will post the opportunity on the business forecast. This opportunity is not expected to be released during FY 21.

495. **Sudan:**

- a. Can USAID confirm there will be a health opportunity in Sudan? If yes, can USAID please provide any information on the scopes of work and geographic location?
- b. Can USAID please provide any updates on the total estimated amount, award length, and funding mechanism type?
- c. Can USAID please provide any updates on the anticipated solicitation release date?
- d. Are there any business requirements?

USAID Response: USAID will have a Health Program but for at least the first 2 years it will be done through the GH Field Support Mechanism.

496. **Sudan:** Does the Sudan Mission plan to procure services from the USAID Kenya: Basic Education Activity IDIQ (Reference: A&A Plan ID: AA-311649)?

USAID Response: Not at this time.

497. **Sudan:** Given the recent announcement of increased U.S. foreign aid to Sudan, does USAID anticipate procuring any new activities? If so, can USAID describe their sector and objectives?

USAID Response: USAID Will use Washington-based field mechanisms and entering into a 632(b).

498. **Sudan:** Is USAID planning any new activities in Sudan? If so, could they please be added to the business forecast?

USAID Response: No other new activities are planned at this time.

499. **Tajikistan:** USAID Agribusiness Competitiveness Activity in Tajikistan (ACAT)
- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation release Date for this project remains **2/23/2021?**
 - b. Can USAID clarify under which IDIQ this Task order will be issued?

USAID Response:

500. **Tajikistan:** When will the CDCS be complete?

USAID Response:

501. **Tajikistan:** Health and Nutrition Activity
- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on procurement for the Tajikistan Health and Nutrition Activity? If yes, could USAID comment on the expected timing for its release?
 - 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:

502. **Tajikistan:** Civil Society and Rule of Law Program
- a. Does USAID intend to conduct a co-creation/consultation process for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

503. **Tanzania:** TBD Horticulture Activity
- a. Could USAID please provide more information regarding the technical and geographic scope of the Activity?
 - b. Will USAID issue and RFI for this opportunity?
 - c. Could USAID please confirm the Award/Action Type for this Activity?
 - d. Will this activity be aligned with FTF/GFSS?

USAID Response:

- a. This activity is still in design and USAID will provide updates via the Business Forecast or through the issuance of a new RFI or draft SOW.
- b. USAID issued an RFI for this activity in March 2020. The Mission may choose to release another one or a draft SOW, but that decision is still pending.
- c. The activity is still being designed and will be updated accordingly through the Business Forecast
- d. Yes, it will be aligned with FTF/GFSS.

504. **Tanzania:** Comprehensive client centered Health program RMNCAH

- a. Could USAID confirm that March 19, 2021 is the anticipated release date for C3HP-RMNCAH, not June 2021 as previously communicated?
- b. Does USAID anticipate the scope (geographic and technical) to be more or less in line with what was in the RFI?
- c. Does USAID anticipate expanding the SBCC scope of C3HP-RMNCAH since there will now be no follow on to Tulonga Afya?
- d. Organizations that submitted an RFI received an email notification that USAID is revising its acquisition strategy for this opportunity. Could USAID please provide additional detail on what is being revised? Is USAID considering using an assistance mechanism instead of an acquisition mechanism for this opportunity?
- e. The release date for this opportunity is listed in the forecast as 2/15/21. Can USAID please update the timeframe for release?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, the new solicitation date is now sooner than June 2021.
- b. Yes, the RFP will reflect essentially the same information provided in the RFI.
- c. The SBCC element was described in the draft PWS released on beta.sam.gov.
- d. At the time the email was submitted, USAID/Tanzania was revisiting the strategy based on feedback provided at the Washington senior leadership level. On January 20, 2021, however, USAID received approval to move forward with the initial acquisition strategy. There are no plans to change this to assistance.
- e. We will update the forecast and anticipate an end of the March release date.

505. **Tanzania:** Tuhifadhi Bari Yetu

- a. Are there any changes to the planned release and characteristics of the Tanzania “Tuhifadhi Bari Yetu” contract opportunity for marine biodiversity conservation?
- b. Could USAID please confirm if this Activity will be a small business set aside?
- c. Could USAID please confirm if the technical scope of the Activity will remain the same?
- d. Could USAID please confirm if co- creation will be expected as part of the Award process?
- e. Could USAID please confirm if the estimated range of the Activity is still \$4 – \$9.99 million?

- f. Could USAID kindly indicate whether it is any closer to making this important decision on mechanism choice?

USAID Response:

- a. A SB set-aside is still being considered. A Sources Sought Notice will be issued to SB GSA MAS holders, OASIS pool 1 SB, and beta.sam.gov. US SBs only may also request the Sources Sought Notice directly from the listed A&A POC (rselemani@usaid.gov) and it will be shared once released. Other characteristics of the procurement either remain the same or have been updated in the Business Forecast.
- b. USAID will issue a Sources sought Notice and determine whether there are sufficient Small Businesses with the necessary qualifications, capability, and capacity to allow a set-aside.
- c. The SOW is still being finalized, but an updated version will be used for the Sources Sought Notice, which will then also be used to update the Business Forecast.
- d. Co-creation at USAID takes many forms (please review the A&A Strategy). It is not expected that USAID/Tanzania will conduct a co-creation workshop.
- e. The estimated range will be \$4-9.99 million.
- f. It has been determined that this will be acquisition. Whether it will be a SB set-aside using a GSA schedule (e.g. MAS, OASIS, or other) or an open SB set-aside or whether it will be a full and open competition remains to be determined.

506. **Tanzania:** Jifunze Uelewe

- a. Could USAID please give an update on the timing of award for this procurement?
(removed from forecast)

USAID Response: The award is expected to be awarded in the near future.

507. **Tanzania:** Tuhifadhi Maliasili:

- a. Could USAID please give an update on the timing of award for this procurement?
(removed from forecast)

USAID Response: April 2021

508. **Tanzania:** Comprehensive Client Centered Health Program (C3HP)

- a. Could USAID please provide an updated anticipated solicitation release date for this opportunity?
- b. Does USAID expect this project to also address/support the COVID-19 response in Tanzania?
- c. On February 12 USAID changed the anticipated solicitation release from June 1 to March 19. Is this accurate? If not, can USAID share further information on the anticipated timing for the planned solicitation?
- d. Can USAID please confirm if they are planning a follow-on for the Tulonge Afya program? If so, can USAID share the anticipated timing of the follow-on, and if they intend to release a

- Request for Information or pre-solicitation?
- e. What is the anticipated release date for the USAID/Tanzania C3HP HIV/TB opportunity?
 - f. Can USAID please provide an update on this procurement including: Priority areas of the redesign, Anticipated timeline for issuing the solicitation, Confirm if this activity is still budgeted for this FY
 - g. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated release date and value for this Program?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID/Tanzania plans to release a pre-solicitation/synopsis o/a March 9, 2021. Then anticipates releasing the full solicitation for this opportunity o/a March 24, 2021
- b. No, this project is not planned to also address/support the COVID-19 response in Tanzania
- c. The priority areas are as stated in RFI-621-20-HO-C3HP HIV/TB when it was released on beta.sam.gov.
- d. USAID Tanzania is still working actively on this procurement this FY
- e. At this time there is no planned follow on for Tulonge Afya

509. **Tanzania:** OVC Next Generation Activity

- a. Can USAID confirm if the 3/15 release date will be a request for concept notes (vs. full proposals?)

USAID Response: The release date has been revised to 3/22/2021. USAID is planning a multi-stage procurement, consisting of concept papers that will result in a shortlist of applicants, which will be followed by oral presentation of the technical approach that will again result in a shorter list of applicants that will then be asked to submit full applications.

510. **Tanzania:** TBD Tanzania Hort

- a. Does USAID still anticipate releasing this RFP 10/29/2021 With an anticipated award date of 4/29/2022 since Mboga na Mtunda has been extended through June 2022?

USAID Response: RFP release dates and expected award dates are accurate within the Business Forecast.

511. **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. Would USAID please confirm if they still intend USAID to release a draft scope of work or statement of objectives (SOO) for comment before an RFP/RFA is released?
- c. If a draft SOW for SOO is planned for release, would USAID please confirm the anticipated timing of the draft SOW or SOO?
- d. Would USAID please confirm the prioritized target geographies of the project or if the

project will be national in geographic scope?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID will issue a Sources Sought Notice to small businesses to determine whether a SB set aside is feasible.
- b. A decision will be made after responses from the Sources Sought Notice have been reviewed, but sharing a draft SOW for comment is likely.
- c. This would not occur until May at the earliest.
- d. This activity will not be national in geographic scope. While there is a policy component, the activity will include an inception phase during which geographic target areas will be determined in consultation with the COR.

512. **Tanzania:** MEL Platform Follow-On

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date?
- b. Can USAID confirm the set-aside status of this opportunity?

USAID Response: At this time, we are at the data-gathering stage to determine requirements for the mission. We have not created an acquisition strategy to date.

513. **Tanzania:** New WASH Activity, AA-311953

- a. Can USAID provide further detail on the targeted regions of Tanzania under this procurement?

USAID Response: Morogoro, Njombe, Iringa, and Rukwa.

514. **Tanzania:** Does the Tanzania Mission plan to procure services from the USAID Kenya: Basic Education Activity IDIQ (Reference: A&A Plan ID: AA-311649)?

USAID Response: USAID/Tanzania does not have plans to procure services from USAID/Kenya's BEA IDIQ at this time.

515. **Tanzania:** Tusome pamoja

- a. Can USAID please confirm: Is this activity is still budgeted for this fiscal year? Will this activity be a follow on or standalone activity? Which geographies will be targeted?

USAID Response: Tusome Pamoja is a current contract that ends in July 2021. If these questions refer to Jifunze Uelewe, the follow-on to Tusome Pamoja, the contract is being procured under GSA's MAS.

516. **Timor-Leste:** Would USAID please provide an estimated release date of the new Timor-Leste CDCS?

USAID Response: CDCS was approved and we anticipate it will be publicly available soon.

517. **Timor-Leste:** Agriculture Programming Overall

- a. Can USAID provide an update on anticipated agriculture programming in Timor Leste?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for anticipated agriculture programming, and if so, in which FY quarter?

USAID Response: USAID plans to release a Request for Information around Quarter 2 of FY2021.

518. **Timor Leste:** Avansa Agrikultura

- a. Can USAID/Timor-Leste provide an update on the timing and scope of the new agriculture activity following the end of Avansa Agrikultura?
- b. When does USAID intend to release the solicitation for the new agriculture activity in Timor-Leste?
- c. Will USAID Timor-Leste release an RFI for the agriculture activity?
- d. Will USAID Timor-Leste use a co-creation process for the agriculture activity?

USAID Response: USAID plans to release a Request for Information around the end of Quarter 2 of FY2021 and solicitation around Quarter 3.

519. **Tunisia:** Power Tunisia Project

- a. Can USAID confirm the anticipated solicitation release date?
- b. What is the anticipated next step for the Power Tunisia Project (AA-312131)? Given that an RFI was already issued last year, will an RFP be issued next?

USAID Response:

- a. The anticipated solicitation release date is o/a May 30, 2021.
- b. An RFP is anticipated to be issued o/a May 30, 2021.

520. **Tunisia:** Visit Tunisia

- a. Does USAID anticipate that the solicitation for this forecasted opportunity will indeed be released in 2021?

USAID Response: The Visit Tunisia solicitation was issued on November 3, 2020 and closed on January 8, 2021.

521. **Tunisia: Civil Society and Good Governance**

- a. Can USAID confirm if there will be a RFI released for this opportunity? And if yes, is there an anticipated release date for the RFI planned at this time?
- b. Is USAID considering other mechanisms of co-creation for this activity?
- c. The draft scope of work indicates that the project will work nation-wide, does USAID have specific geographies it will prioritize or exclude?
- d. The draft scope of work indicates that the project will facilitate the productive relationship between civil society and government with a grants pools intended for CSOs, does USAID anticipated a component that allows for supporting local or national Government of Tunisia entities that coordinate and interact with civil society?
- e. To what extent will the awarded contractor be expected to engage with the Government of Tunisia? Will the contractor be expected to provide capacity development services directly to the Government of Tunisia?
- f. Can USAID confirm the set-aside status of this opportunity?
- g. Can USAID provide any additional information on the anticipated co-creation process for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID does not plan to issue an RFI for this activity.
- b. USAID is considering co-creation for this activity.
- c. USAID does not currently have specific geographic areas that it will prioritize or exclude.
- d. USAID anticipates supporting government of Tunisia entities that coordinate and interact with civil society, either through a component or otherwise.
- e. This particular project will be focused on providing capacity building services to Civil Society. However, Government of Tunisia entities that coordinate and interact with civil society may be included in trainings, and tools may be provided that help Government of Tunisia entities coordinate better with civil activities.
- f. USAID can not confirm set-aside status of this opportunity at this time.
- g. USAID does not have any additional information on co-creation at this time.

522. **Tunisia: Legislative Strengthening Activity**

- a. Could USAID please confirm the anticipated action/award type for this opportunity?
- b. Would USAID prefer an approach which emphasises material assistance, technical assistance, or a combination both when engaging with beneficiaries?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID has not determined the award type yet.
- b. For the answer to this question interested parties should refer to the solicitation when it is issued.

523. **Turkmenistan: New Generation Activity**

- a. Can USAID please confirm if the Turkmenistan New Generation Activity (RFI released on beta.sam.gov 9/29/20) and the USAID Youth Development Activity in Turkmenistan under the YouthPower 2 APS (Released on grants.gov 2/4/21) are the same opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Turkmenistan clarifies that the RFI was not a funding opportunity, because it was an RFI. The USAID Youth Development Activity is an funding opportunity.

524. **Uganda:** Does the Uganda Mission plan to procure services from the USAID Kenya: Basic Education Activity IDIQ (Reference: A&A Plan ID: AA-311649)?

USAID Response: USAID/Uganda does not plan to procure services from USAID/Kenya under the Basic Education Activity IDIQ.

525. **Uganda:** Uganda Local Transition

- a. Can USAID provide a program description for the Uganda Local Transition award under the Defeat TB mechanism Activity?

USAID Response: As indicated on the Business Forecast, the transition under the Defeat TB award is a non-competitive procurement and as thus, the Program description will not be publicized.

526. **Uganda:** Feed the Future

- a. Could USAID please clarify whether the Uganda Mission is anticipating any Feed the Future programs to be released on the forecast? If yes, could USAID provide more information on timing or scope?

USAID Response: Apart from the Strategic Investment Activity which is already on the Business Forecast, USAID/Uganda does not anticipate any other Feed the Future programs.

527. **Uganda:** Strategic Investment Activity

- a. On the business forecast the release date is listed as 2/17/2021. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date of this opportunity?
- b. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or draft SOW for this opportunity?
- c. Has this activity been determined use a contract mechanism as indicated in the description?
- d. Does USAID expect this opportunity to be released in Q2?

USAID Response:

- a. The Request for Proposal Number: 72061721R00001 was posted to beta.sam.gov on 2/19/2021. The forecast was updated to reflect this date.

- b. A draft solicitation including the Statement of Objectives, Section L and M were released for comments on 11/24/2020 with a deadline of 12/4/2020.
- c. As mentioned on the forecast, this Activity is a contract mechanism.
- d. Yes. The Request for Proposal Number: 72061721R00001 was posted to beta.sam.gov on 2/19/2021.

528. **Uganda:** Uganda Malaria Activity

- a. The current anticipated release date for the Uganda Malaria Activity is March 5, 2021. Could USAID please confirm if this anticipated release date is still valid?

USAID Response: To allow for completion of the mandatory internal approvals, the anticipated Solicitation release date has been changed to March 19, 2021.

529. **Uganda:** Tuberculosis (T)B project

- a. Does USAID/Uganda plan to announce a new TB bilateral project in Uganda this year? If so, can USAID provide a timeline for when we may anticipate a solicitation release?

USAID Response: USAID/Uganda does not anticipate any new TB bilateral project in Uganda.

530. **Ukraine:** How does USAID envision meeting the evolving needs and opportunities for democracy and governance assistance in Ukraine over the remainder of FY21 and into FY22?

USAID Response: Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future opportunities that meets these needs.

531. **Ukraine:** New Financial Sector Activity

- a. Is the Ukraine New Financial Sector Activity (A&A Plan ID: AA-312106) still scheduled to be released on March 1, 2021?
- b. Will it be a small business set-aside?
- c. What is the procurement mechanism that USAID intends to use for this opportunity?
- d. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or draft SOW for this opportunity? When does USAID anticipate releasing the RFI for this activity?

USAID Response:

- a. The anticipated solicitation release date has been updated in the business forecast to April 15, 2021.
- b. The selection of instrument is still TBD.
- c. The selection of instrument is still TBD.
- d. USAID/Ukraine released a Sources Sought for this Activity on November 16, 2020 but does

not anticipate releasing any further requests for information at this time.

532. **Ukraine:** OEG: Bridging the Line: Building Confidence across the Line of Contact through Key Issue Collaboration
- a. Does USAID intend to substantially revise the draft SOW from the RFI and if so, does that have any implications on the release date of the RFP?
 - b. Given the large number of procurements slated for release by USAID/Ukraine in February and March, can USAID confirm that the anticipated solicitation of release date of March 1, 2021 on the Business Forecast is accurate?
 - c. Does USAID intend to release a draft statement of work that incorporates feedback received during the RFI stage in advance of the solicitation?
 - d. Could USAID update the anticipated solicitation release date?
 - e. Could you please provide us with more information about the scope?
 - f. What is the procurement mechanism that USAID intends to use for this opportunity?
 - g. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or draft SOW for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID has received feedback on the draft SOW, and per the RFI, these comments are being taken into consideration in the design of a final activity.
- b. The anticipated solicitation release date has been updated to April 1, 2020.
- c. USAID/Ukraine does not anticipate releasing another RFI for this activity.
- d. The anticipated solicitation release date has been updated to April 1, 2020.
- e. More information can be found in the draft SOW, which was posted in RFI-121-21-000002 on January 6, 2021 on beta.SAM.gov.
- f. Acquisition.
- g. RFI-121-21-000002 was on January 6, 2021 on beta.SAM.gov.

533. **Ukraine:** Ukraine New Key Populations Activity
- a. The Ukraine New Key Populations Activity was recently removed from the forecast. Does USAID still intend to procure this opportunity?
 - b. If so, what is the anticipated timeline for the release of the solicitation?
 - c. What is the expected Award/Action Type?
 - d. Will USAID issue an RFI for this activity prior to the full solicitation? If so, can USAID say approximately when this RFI would be released?
 - e. Can USAID provide further details regarding bidder eligibility, such as the likelihood of the activity being limited to local competition?

USAID Response: The procurement was not removed. The procurement was renamed and released under the new name as stated in the update to the forecast. The new opportunity is titled Community Action for HIV Control and has been released on www.grants.gov as

534. **Ukraine:** State Owned Enterprise Reform Activity:
- a. Could USAID provide an update regarding the anticipated award date for State Owned Enterprise Reform Activity?

USAID Response: The only information USAID can share is that the procurement is in the evaluation stage.

535. **Ukraine:** Furthering Health Systems Reform
- a. Is USAID planning to release the USAID Furthering Health Systems Reform as expected in the business forecast following the release of an extension and COVID-19 expansion of the existing program health system program in Ukraine?
 - b. Given the recently announced extension of the current health systems strengthening project in Ukraine, is the OH: Furthering Health System Reforms in Ukraine solicitation release date still 11/1/21, or will this opportunity be delayed or cancelled?
 - c. Can USAID/Ukraine provide an update on the OH: Furthering Health System Reforms in Ukraine activity (including award mechanism, eligibility criteria, and size)?
 - d. Can USAID please provide an update regarding the anticipated mechanism (contract or cooperative agreement)? The award/action type is still listed as TBD.

USAID Response: At this point in time, there are no changes to the Furthering Health Systems Reform procurement plan. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for any updates

536. **Ukraine:** ODG: Parliamentary Strengthening Project (PSP)/RADA Next Generation (RANG)
- a. Given the large number of procurements slated for release by USAID/Ukraine in February and March, can USAID confirm that the anticipated solicitation of release date of February 26, 2021 on the Business Forecast is accurate?
 - b. Has USAID selected an Award/Action Type for this procurement and if so, could it please indicate the mechanism choice?
 - c. Can USAID clarify whether this project is a follow-on to an existing contract?
 - d. Can USAID provide a description of the expected scope of work for this opportunity?
 - e. Could USAID update the Small Business Set-Aside status?
 - f. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or draft SOW for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. The anticipated solicitation date remains unchanged. Please continue to monitor the business forecast, www.grants.gov and beta.SAM.gov for further announcements.
- b. Please see the updated forecast.
- c. This is a new Activity, but based on the achievements from previous program-related activities.

- d. Not at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast, www.grants.gov and beta.SAM.gov for further announcements.
- e. Please see the updated forecast.
- f. Not at this time.

537. **Ukraine: Justice for All (J4A)**

- a. Can USAID provide updated solicitation release date for this project?
- b. Can USAID please provide a description of the expected scope of work for this opportunity?
- c. What is the procurement mechanism that USAID intends to use for this opportunity?
- d. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or draft SOW for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. The anticipated solicitation date remains unchanged. Please continue to monitor the business forecast and beta.SAM.gov for further announcements.
- b. Not at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast and beta.SAM.gov for further information.
- c. Please refer to the pre-solicitation notice 72012121R00001 posted at beta.sam.gov on January 27, 2021.
- d. Not at this time. USAID intends to post the RFP by the anticipated date.

538. **Uzbekistan: 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: USAID/Uzbekistan has no information on this at this time.

539. **Uzbekistan: Youth Work Readiness and Entrepreneurship Activity**

- a. An RFI (RFI-72011521RFA00004) was released for the Uzbekistan Youth Work Readiness and Entrepreneurship Activity on February 9, 2021, could USAID please provide an update about the timing of the anticipated solicitation release date?
- b. Could USAID please clarify the anticipated award mechanism?
- c. Does USAID intend to conduct a co-creation/consultation process for this opportunity?
- d. Could USAID please clarify the anticipated principal geographic code?
- e. An RFI was issued for this activity on February 9. At this point, it is not currently on the mission forecast. Can USAID clarify if the eligibility for this activity is intended to be unrestricted, or limited to local organizations?
- f. Is this activity expected to be aligned with the New Partners Initiative?
- g. Can USAID provide an anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: USAID/Uzbekistan has no further information at this time.

540. **Venezuela:** Are there any business requirements?

USAID Response: As opportunities become available, they will be posted on the Business Forecast.

541. **Vietnam:** When does USAID intend to release the full version of the 2020-2025 Vietnam CDCS?

USAID Response: The CDCS will be made public once the internal review and clearance process is completed.

542. **Vietnam:** Does USAID anticipate soliciting any contract-mechanism programs in FY 2021? If so, when and what sectors?

USAID Response: All planned competitive solicitations for FY 2021 are included on the business forecast.

543. **West Africa:** Countering Violent Extremism

- a. Can USAID please share any information on the next generation of regional West Africa P/CVE activities that it plans to award in FY21?

USAID Response: We do not have any information to share at this time regarding the next generation of regional West Africa P/CVE activities that Mission plans to award in FY21.

544. **West Africa:** Strengthening Civil Society and Community Resilience Program Can USAID/West Africa's Regional Peace and Governance Office (RPGO) please answer the following questions:

- a. a) Can RPGO provide any further information on the scope of its upcoming planned activity, "Strengthening Civil Society and Community Resilience Program," as referenced in the previous Q&A on 24 November 2020?
- b. b) Can applicants expect a Request for Information (RFI)?
- c. c) What is the anticipated release date of the Request for Proposals (RFP)?
- d. d) What mechanism type will the opportunity be released under?

USAID Response: This proposed program concept, aimed at strengthening the capacity of the civil society sector overall and CSO's ability to serve their constituents, will help empower civil society to more fully play their roles of interest aggregation and articulation, advocacy, and oversight. These, in turn, could lead to better governance, which in the Cameroonian context particularly refers to heightened citizen participation in the public policy process, stronger exercise of checks and balances, greater transparency in government functions, and improved service delivery.

USAID anticipates issuing a Cooperative Agreement.

545. **West Africa:** Voices for Peace

- a. Can USAID/West Africa share any information on a planned follow-up activity to Voices for Peace?

USAID Response: At this time, we do not have any information to share regarding a follow-on activity to Voices for Peace program.

546. **West Africa:** In its FYQ1 business forecast, USAID/West Africa mentioned that it was coming to the end of the new RDCS (2021- 2025) development process, launching the design phase for the next generation P/CVE programs, and anticipating that the new P/CVE programs will be awarded by the end of 2021. Is there any update on this and, specifically, on the priority countries?

USAID Response: At this time, USAID is in the final stage of completion and approval of its new regional strategy. USAID does not have any information to share on priority countries.

547. **West Africa:** Partnership for Peace

- a. Does USAID plan to issues a follow-on to the Partnerships for Peace or Voices for Peace programs?
- b. Can USAID post the anticipated release date of this opportunity?

USAID Response: We do not have any information to share at this time regarding a follow-on to Partnerships for Peace program.

548. **West Bank/Gaza:** Can you confirm if USAID plans to re-start programming in the West Bank and Gaza in FY 2021?

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

549. **Yemen:** Can USAID kindly confirm whether there are planned procurements for Yemen in the remainder of FY21?

USAID Response: USAID does not have any FY21 planned procurements for Yemen at this time.

550. **Zambia:** Does USAID/Zambia anticipate releasing any standalone family planning activities this year?

USAID Response: USAID/Zambia does not anticipate releasing any new standalone funding opportunities/solicitations for family planning activities in this year.

551. **Zambia:** Does USAID/Zambia anticipate releasing any youth development/Positive Youth Development activities this fiscal year?

USAID Response: USAID/Zambia does not anticipate releasing Youth Development/Positive Youth Development activities opportunities/solicitations this fiscal year.

552. **Zambia:** Are there any new agricultural programs currently under design? If yes, what will be the focus? Does USAID intend to release any new projects dealing with agriculture/livestock in 2021 and if so when? Will there be an RFI released for this opportunity?

USAID Response: No, there are no new agricultural programs currently under design. Please keep checking the Business Forecast for any updates.

553. **Zambia:** Zambia Maintaining Epidemic Control for HIV (MECH) Activity

- a. Can USAID/Zambia provide an updated award date?
- b. Does USAID/Zambia still plan to release the Maintaining HIV Epidemic Control through Local Partners opportunity? If so, can USAID/Zambia provide an update on the anticipated release date?

USAID Response:

- a. The anticipated award date for the Maintained Epidemic Control for HIV Activity is April-May 2021.
- b. The Maintained Epidemic Control for HIV Activity was released with only local entities eligible to submit and proposal.

554. **Zambia:** CW - Diversifying Partnerships in WASH (DiP-WASH) APS

- a. Can USAID confirm the anticipated solicitation release date?
- b. Does USAID anticipate issuing any DiP-WASH addenda in 2021?

USAID Response: USAID/Zambia anticipates the solicitation will be released in Mid-April. No, USAID does not intend to issue a DiP-WASH addenda but a standalone solicitation in 2021.

555. **Zambia:** Zambia Business Enabling Environment

- a. What is the updated anticipated solicitation release date for the upcoming Zambia Business Enabling Environment opportunity?
- b. On the business forecast the release date is listed as 2/15/2021. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date of this opportunity?
- c. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation before the solicitation is released?
- d. Is USAID anticipating a small business set-aside for this opportunity?
- e. Will there be an update of release date for the *USAID/Zambia Business Enabling Environment*? Is USAID still planning to release this opportunity?
- f. Given that the anticipated solicitation release date on the Business Forecast is now past due and the response to the RFI was due after the anticipated release of the solicitation, could USAID please provide an updated release date for this solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates a solicitation release date with full-and-open competition of mid April. USAID does not expect to release another pre-solicitation notice besides the RFI.

556. **Zambia:** Family Health and Nutrition (FHN) Activity
- a. When does USAID intend to issue an award for the FHN Activity?
 - b. Can USAID provide an update on the award status for the USAID Zambia Family Health and Nutrition opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. The anticipated award date for the Family Health and Nutrition (FHN) Activity is June - July 2021.
- b. The FHN Activity is currently under technical evaluation. The outcome of the evaluation will be announced to all offerors once final.

557. **Zambia:** Program for Advancing Supply Chain Outcomes (PASCO)
- a. An RFI for this opportunity was released on December 22, 2020. What is the anticipated timing for release of the full RFP?
 - b. What is the intended mechanism and value of this procurement?

USAID Response:

- a. The anticipated solicitation release date for the PASCO RFP is May/June 2021.
- b. USAID/Zambia anticipates that the PASCO Activity will be a contract with an estimated cost of \$8 - \$12 million

558. **Zambia:** Water, Sanitation and Hygiene - Governance Institutions and Policy (WASH-GIP)
- a. Can USAID give an update on the timing for this procurement?
 - b. Given that the anticipated solicitation release date on the Business Forecast is now past due, could USAID please provide an updated release date for this solicitation?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date is Mid-April 2021.

559. **Zambia:** Eradicate Tuberculosis Activity
- a. Will there be a follow on to the current Zambia Eradicate TB Activity?
 - b. If yes, will an RFI be released in advance?
 - c. What is the anticipated release date for this activity?
 - d. What is the anticipated mechanism and value?

USAID Response: USAID/Zambia is not planning a follow-on mechanism to the Eradicate TB activity at this time.

560. **Zambia:** Open Spaces Zambia Activity
- a. Will there be an update of release date for the *Open Spaces Zambia Activity*? Is USAID still planning to release this opportunity?

USAID Response: No, USAID determined to restricted eligibility for this activity and has since removed the activity from the business forecast.

561. **Zambia:** DREAMS-funded program
- a. Does USAID anticipate any standalone DREAMS-focused programming in Zambia in FY 2021? If yes, can USAID share any details regarding the scope and budget?
 - b. What type of mechanism (BPA, task order, contract, or cooperative agreement) does USAID intend to use for this activity?
 - c. Can you USAID provide further details, such as the likelihood of the activity being a set-aside or limited to local competition?

USAID Response: No, there is no standalone DREAMS program planned for FY 2021. However, DREAMS programming elements may be incorporated into other future awards.

562. **Zambia:** OVC Technical Assistance to support Government to Government (G2G) program
- a. Does USAID anticipate any OVC programming in Zambia in FY 2021?
 - b. Can USAID share any details regarding the scope and budget?
 - 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, such as the likelihood of the activity being a set-aside or limited to local competition?

USAID Response: USAID/Zambia does not anticipate any OVC programming in FY 2021 as any

anticipated OVC Technical Assistance may utilize a central mechanism.

563. **Zambia:** HIV Prevention Activity

- a. USAID released the call for concept notes on February 2, 2021. Can USAID please provide an estimated timeline for the Co-Creation and Full Application phases?

USAID Response: Conditionally Accepted Applicants will be notified with instructions under separate letters on the timeline for the co-creation process and the submission of full applications.

564. **Zambia:** Supporting an AIDS-Free Era (SAFE) Program

- a. Will there be a follow on to the current Zambia SAFE Program?
- b. If yes, will an RFI be released in advance?
- c. Will the procurement be full and open or restricted to local entities?
- d. What is the anticipated timing for release of this procurement?
- e. What is the anticipated mechanism and value?

USAID Response: USAID/Zambia is in the early stages of determining if and how SAFE activities may be continued, and will update the business forecast as the process continues.

565. **Zimbabwe:** Local Governance

- a. Can USAID give an update on the award type for this procurement?
- b. Can USAID give an update on the timing for this procurement?
- c. Can USAID provide an update on the intended mechanism for this activity?
- d. Can USAID please provide an update on the type of instrument planned for this activity? This information is critical for potential applicants to know their eligibility, and thus affects ahead planning which is essential to give USAID the best possible design.
- e. Can USAID confirm that the timing in the current Business Forecast is accurate with an anticipated release date in February 2021?
- f. Has USAID selected an Award/Action Type for this procurement and if so, could it please indicate the mechanism choice?
- g. Does USAID intend to release a RFI or draft statement of work in advance of the solicitation?

USAID Response: The design for the new local governance/decentralization activity is delayed but USAID expects to release a full and open Request for Proposals in FY2021 with award in early FY2022. The Business Forecast will be updated accordingly.

566. **Zimbabwe:** Democracy and Governance activity

- a. Is USAID/Zimbabwe still planning to release a Democracy & Governance Activity?
- b. If yes, will an RFI be released in advance?
- c. What is the anticipated release date for this activity?
- d. What is the anticipated mechanism and value?

USAID Response: USAID will release several opportunities over the next two months. We do not anticipate that RFIs will be released in advance. Without knowing which activity this question is referring to, it is difficult to provide more information to the requestor.

567. **Zimbabwe:** Zimbabwe Assistance Program in Malaria (ZAPIM) II
- a. When does USAID intend to issue an award for the ZAPIM II activity?

USAID Response: USAID intends to issue an award by the end of March.

568. **Zimbabwe:** PEPFAR - DREAMS
- a. Can USAID please confirm the expected procurement mechanism to be used?

USAID Response: Cooperative Agreement.

569. **Zimbabwe:** PEPFAR - Care and Treatment Activity
- a. Can USAID please confirm the expected procurement mechanism to be used?
 - b. Is there any information available about when this opportunity is expected to be released?

USAID Response: Cooperative Agreement; NOFO was released on March 8, 2021.

570. **Zimbabwe:** Youth, Employment, and Informality activity
- a. We note that USAID is procuring the Youth, Employment and Informality activity, A&A Plan ID: AA-314874. Is USAID planning any additional new youth activities in FY21 or FY22?

USAID Response: All youth activities will be included in the business forecast when we have information to share.

571. **Zimbabwe:** Does the Mission plan to release a new CDCS before the end of 2021?

USAID Response: A new CDCS is in development and will be released after completing all stages of approval.

572. **Zimbabwe:** Are there any agricultural programs currently under design? If yes, what will be the focus?

USAID Response: Any new agricultural programs will be added to the business forecast if and when we begin a new design.

573. **Zimbabwe:** The Civic Engagement for Accountability and Democracy in Zimbabwe Activity (CEADZ)

- a. Will USAID be issuing a solicitation for a follow-on or a related activity, and if, can you say approximately when?
- b. Can USAID share any details regarding the scope and budget?
- 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, such as the likelihood of the activity being a set-aside or limited to local competition?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates posting a NOFO o/a March 12, 2021.