

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.

Washington Business Forecast Questions

1. Bureau for Africa: RISSA (Research and Institutional Support Project)

- a. Can you provide an update on this activity?
- b. Does the Government know when we should expect a draft RFP under OASIS SB Pool 1?
- c. There are many highly qualified experts working on African programs that currently do not require a secret clearance. Will the key personnel be required to have a clearance at time of proposal submission, or will the government consider sponsoring a clearance after award?
- d. Would the Government consider expanding the ½ mile radius for office space to increase competition or will the current office space be available to companies other than the incumbent?

USAID Response: We expect the RFP to be issued o/a 4/23/2021. Key personnel should have a clearance at the time of proposal. Current office space lease will be over by the time the period of performance for this award begins. The radius is 0.75 mi from BOTH the Ronald Reagan Building and the swing space at 1717 Pennsylvania. In order for our USDH employees to be able to utilize the conference space, we will not be adjusting the radius.

2. Bureau for Africa: African Collaborative for Health Financing Solutions

- a. Does USAID have any update on whether there will be a new health project or a follow-on to The African Collaborative for Health Financing Solutions and, if so, when? Will there be an RFI? Can USAID provide any further information (such as type, size of mechanism etc.) with regards to this opportunity?

USAID Response: There are no plans for a follow-on to the African Collaborative for Health Financing Solutions. Currently, AFR/SD is considering options but has not made any determination regarding future health projects.

3. Bureau for Conflict Prevention and Stabilization: Programming for Peacebuilding and Prevention (P4P2) IDIQ

- a. Can USAID please clarify: a. whether there will be a small business set aside under this IDIQ?
- b. If so, approximately how many holders will there be for the small business set-aside awards?
- c. if so, what the scope of work for the small business set-aside awards will be (if different from the overarching IDIQ scope of work)?
- d. What is the current status and timeline for this procurement?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates a small business reserve for the P4P2 IDIQ. The scope of work is anticipated to be the same for all offerors, regardless of size. The anticipated solicitation release date is Spring of 2021.

4. Bureau for Conflict, Prevention, and Stabilization: SWIFT

- a. Could USAID consider including anticipated SWIFT 5 RFTOPs on the USAID forecast to support IDIQ holders with planning?

USAID Response: USAID/OTI is a contingency office which responds to complex crises and opportunities to promote stability, peace, and democracy. USAID/OTI cannot often foresee the timing of its engagements, and therefore including anticipated SWIFT 5 RFTOPs on the Business Forecast is not always feasible. The SWIFT 5 IDIQ holders are provided advance notice through presolicitation conferences for planning purposes on RFTOPs.

5. Bureau for Conflict, Prevention, and Stabilization: FY20 People-to-People (P2P) Reconciliation Fund

- a. In the FY20 People-to-People Reconciliation Fund Annual Program Statement (APS), USAID says that there will be up to three funding rounds under the FY20 APS. Can USAID share any information on if there will be a third funding round, and if so, when it will be released and which countries will be included?
- b. Can USAID share when they anticipate releasing future Rounds under this APS?
- c. The APS cover page states that “All new Rounds will be posted as a P2P APS Round on the USAID Business Forecast.” Can USAID please confirm that applicants should expect to find descriptions of future rounds described in the USAID Business Forecast prior to the Rounds being released?

USAID Response:

- a. We anticipate a third funding round for Guinea, to be released in April, 2021;
- b. We anticipate a third funding round for Guinea, to be released in April, 2021;
- c. Yes

6. **Bureau for Conflict, Prevention, and Stabilization:** FY21 People-to-People (P2P) Reconciliation Fund
- a. Does USAID intend to release a People-to-People (P2P) Reconciliation Fund Annual Program Statement for FY21?
 - b. If so, what is the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: a) yes; b) September, 2021

7. **Bureau for Conflict, Prevention, and Stabilization:** APS Active Communities - Effective States Cooperative Agreement
- a. Does USAID have any updates on the anticipated solicitation release for the APS Active Communities - Effective States Cooperative Agreement?

USAID Response: Not at the moment, but please continue to monitor the business forecast and grants.gov for possible updates and future announcements.

8. **Bureau for Conflict Prevention and Stabilization:** Active Communities Effective States (ACES) IDIQ
- a. Can USAID confirm that the anticipated award date remains March 19, 2021, as indicated in the FY2021 Q1 Business Forecast Q&A?
 - b. Does USAID have any plans to issue opportunities through this mechanism in the next 6-12 months?

USAID Response:

- A. The business forecast has been updated to reflect an anticipated award date of September 30, 2021.
- B. USAID will issue opportunities through this mechanism as soon as the IDIQ is awarded.

9. **Bureau for Development, Democracy, and Innovation:** The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 indicates that \$150,000,000 is set aside for education of girls in conflict. Can USAID clarify how USAID plans to program these funds?

USAID Response: The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 allocated \$150,000,000 to support girls in conflict-affected areas under the Basic Education directive. USAID plans to program funding based on current and planned education programming with an explicit or mainstreamed focus on girls in conflict-affected areas, as well as an

understanding of conflict and gender dynamics in country.

10. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Supporting Democratic Elections, Governance, and Political Processes Globally

- a. Can USAID provide an updated release date, award type, and award amount for this solicitation?
- b. Can USAID please provide an estimated release date for the Supporting Democratic Elections, Governance, and Political Processes Globally LWA following the previously released RFI?
- c. Will the business forecast be updated to include any planned procurements related to this RFI?
- d. If there will be multiple separate opportunities, will they be released by DDI or by the individual USAID Country Missions?
- e. On December 13, 2019, USAID issued a request for information for an anticipated activity 'Supporting Democratic Elections, Governance, and Political Processes Globally'. Since then, no solicitation has been issued for this activity, nor has anything that appears similar been listed on the Forecast. Could USAID indicate when this might be added to the Forecast?

USAID Response: The follow-on for Supporting Democratic Elections, Governance, and Political Processes Globally LWA is currently going through the approval phase. The intention is to award a new LWA by the end of the fiscal year (9/30). The typical PALT time for an LWA is 150 days, therefore USAID would hope to release the RFA accordingly. No further information will be provided regarding the previous RFI.

USAID/DDI will be the point of origin of any proposed opportunities. The business forecast will be updated accordingly.

Supporting Democratic Elections, Governance, and Political Processes Globally and Global Elections and Political Transitions are the same.

11. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Civil Society and Media Strengthening -- Global Award

- a. Could USAID share any updates to the anticipated release timeline?
- b. Could USAID please clarify the anticipated award mechanism?
- c. The release date on the Business Forecast for the Civil Society and Media Strengthening opportunity is past due. Can USAID provide an updated release date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID plans to issue opportunities for a Leader With Associate Award mechanism in the next 2-3 months.

12. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Global Elections and Political Transitions LWA

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the timing for the follow-on to the Global Elections and Political Transitions LWA?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on to the Global Elections and Transitions Leader with Associates award?
- c. If so, what is the anticipated release date?
- d. Will the follow-on award focus on both elections and political transitions, or will it be released as two separate awards?
- e. Will the follow-on award mandate a percentage of funding to local organizations in line with the New Partnerships Initiative?

USAID Response: The follow-on for Global Elections and Political Transitions LWA is currently going through the approval phase. The intention is to award a new LWA by the end of the fiscal year (9/30). The typical PALT time for an LWA is 150 days, therefore USAID would hope to release the RFA accordingly. The follow-on award will not be released as two separate awards nor will the follow-on award mandate a percentage of funding for local organizations in line with the New Partnership initiative.

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13. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Making Cities Work

- a. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on to the Making Cities Work IDIQ?

USAID Response: A follow-on to this IDIQ is not anticipated during the FY21 procurement cycle and USAID cannot share any additional information at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for the latest updates regarding our procurement opportunities.

14. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Strengthening Civil Society LWA

- a. Kindly confirm whether USAID intends to release a follow-on to the Strengthening Civil Society Globally LWA?
- b. If so, please clarify if USAID intends to continue utilizing the LWA mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID plans to issue opportunities for a Leader With Associate Award mechanism in the next 2-3 months.

15. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: NEW - LEAP IV - REVEAL

- a. Does USAID anticipate issuing more than one award under this mechanism?
- b. In what proportion does USAID anticipate dividing the SOW between the different components given in the forecast: management and support services, evaluations, assessments, monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) platforms, and institutional support services?
- c. Does USAID anticipate raising the Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range on this mechanism given the wide range of services anticipated?
- d. Will this be set aside for small businesses?
- e. Will this be a task order under an IDIQ?
- f. Can USAID confirm the solicitation release date to be 06/01/2021?
- g. Can USAID indicate whether this opportunity will be released as a small business set aside or full & open?
- h. Any update on procurement type?
- i. Can USAID provide any information on the eligibility criteria of this opportunity?

USAID Response: REVEAL is anticipated to be solicited as a single-award call order under the FSRMD BPA. The full scope is still being developed. Full details will be available upon the release of the solicitation. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for the solicitation release date.

16. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: REPLACE IDIQ

- a. Can USAID clarify whether there will be a follow-on to this IDIQ?

USAID Response: A follow-on to this IDIQ is not anticipated during the FY21 procurement cycle and USAID cannot share any additional information at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for the latest updates regarding our procurement opportunities.

17. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: YouthPower2 APS

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing any more addenda under the current YouthPower2 APS? Especially regarding target countries? If so, could USAID please add the anticipated addenda to the Business Forecast?
- b. As the current YouthPower2 APS is set to close on March 29, 2021, could USAID provide any information on future iterations of YouthPower?
- c. Do you anticipate that there will be an upcoming call or announcement for a

program / project for Jordan under YouthPower 2 APS or similar?

USAID Response: USAID strongly encourages interested Applicant(s) to frequently monitor www.grant.gov for updates related to the YouthPower 2 APS, Amendments and incoming Addenda from Mission(s) and Operating Unit(s).

18. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: DDI/EEI Institutional Support Contract

- a. Could USAID provide more details on the anticipated scope of work for the office of climate change DDI/EEI Institutional Support Contract?
- b. Confirm the award/action type of this activity?
- c. Confirm the mechanism this will be released through?
- d. Could USAID provide an Award Description?
- e. Could USAID confirm if there is an incumbent?
- f. Clarify if this will be a small business set-aside?
- g. Clarify if USAID will require an offeror to hold a facility clearance at time of award? At time of submission?
- h. Confirm if USAID will accept an interim facility clearance at time of award? At time of submission?

USAID Response: USAID is planning to issue a solicitation for a time and materials type contract as a small business set-aside. The specific mechanism is still being determined. There is no incumbent for this activity. This program will provide staffing, institutional, operational, technical, and administrative support to the Energy, Environment and Infrastructure (EEI) Center. Offerors will not be required to hold a facility access clearance at time of award, but must have the ability to obtain one.

19. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA)

- a. Does USAID plan to release the public comments about the draft RFA? If so, when?

USAID Response: [This was posted on February 18, 2021.](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=329783)
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20. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Can USAID provide an update on how the Global Development Lab's pandemic preparedness set aside funds will be allocated given their current expiration date?

USAID Response:

21. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Leading with Evidence to Achieve Real Reform Now (LEARRN)

- a. This project is launched by the Washington bureau; which will organisations will be eligible to participate?
- b. What will be the geographic focus and targeted educational stages?
- c. Can USAID provide an update as to when the opportunity will be released?

USAID Response: The LEARRN opportunity is planned as an assistance mechanism in response to a Concept Note submission under USAID's Global Development Alliance (GDA) Annual Program Statement (APS) and several rounds of successful co-creation. As a result, LEARRN is not a full and open procurement and any potential solicitation will be issued directly to the Applicant of the Concept Note.

22. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: USAID/DDI/LFT New Institutional Support Contract (ISC):

- a. Can USAID please indicate if this solicitation will be a small business set-aside?
- b. Can USAID please confirm that the solicitation is expected in March 2021?
- c. Will this GSA Schedule opportunity be posted to eBuy or provided via email to select GSA Schedule holders?

USAID Response: This will be a small business set-aside. USAID anticipates releasing the solicitation in March 2021. It will be provided to select GSA schedule holders. However, any small business that would like to receive a copy of the solicitation may request one.

23. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Does USAID anticipate there will be any upcoming opportunities in the next quarter that would potentially incorporate the use of biometric identification in financial inclusion initiatives?

USAID Response: There has been no indication that a mechanism to incorporate the use of biometric identification in financial inclusion initiatives will be available next quarter. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for future opportunities.

24. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Can USAID please describe the type of solicitations that will be released in support of the NPI for 2021?

USAID Response: NPI is not targeting a specific sector or opportunity type. Solicitations may be issued by operating units in any sector. They may be for contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements. NPI also has APS under which operating units can issue addendum. Please continue to monitor beta.sam.gov and grants.gov for opportunities and check out you can also check out <https://www.usaid.gov/npi> for more information on NPI.

25. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Is USAID planning to issue local partner capacity building opportunities?

USAID Response: Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for local partner capacity building opportunities.

26. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: USAID PFM II IDIQ:

- a. Would the PFM II IDIQ COR regularly post and update its procurement pipeline in the Business Forecast to provide greater transparency and lead time to potential bidders? A recent task order under the PFM II IDIQ was released before the December holidays without any prior industry engagement. Such procurement actions may reduce the likelihood of qualified bidders to participate in the competition and may lower the quality of resulting proposals
- b. Does USAID anticipate any upcoming task orders to be released under the PFM II IDIQ that are not already in the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: The PFM II IDIQ COR will continue to urge Missions to update the Business Forecast regularly and send out Draft Solicitations to holders to advise them of what is forthcoming in the procurement pipeline.

27. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Financing Self-Reliance and Market-Led Development (FSRMD):

- a. Does USAID have any update to the anticipated Award Date for the Financing Self Reliance and Market Led Development (FSRMD) BPA?
- b. What is the latest estimate on award timing for the Financing Self-Reliance and Market-Led Development (FSRMD) BPAs?

USAID Response: USAID still intends to award the FSRMD BPA by May 2021 as indicated in the 1st Quarter Business Forecast Q&A.

28. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Does USAID plan to issue an IDIQ to advance the goals of the 2018 USAID Education Policy?

USAID Response: For FY2021 cycle, USAID does not anticipate any IDIQ mechanism to advance goals of the 2018 Education Policy.

29. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Education Support Initiative II (ESI II):

- a. Can USAID indicate which mechanism will be used for this solicitation?
- b. Can USAID confirm that the solicitation is expected in March 2021?

USAID Response: ESI II is anticipated to be issued under GSA's Multiple Award Schedule in accordance with FAR Part 8.4 Federal Supply Schedules. For additional information regarding the release of the RFQ or set-aside, please refer to the USAID Business Forecast updates.

30. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Energy Sector Self Reliance

- a. When will USAID release the solicitation for the Energy Sector Self Reliance ESSR (Energy Utility Partnership Program III)?

USAID Response: Energy Sector Self Reliance ESSR was released as an Addendum to the BAA-OAA-E3-ENERGY-2020 Energy Broad Agency Announcement.

31. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Sustainable Landscapes BAA

- a. For the USAID Sustainable Landscapes Broad Agency Announcement, is there any information available regarding potential future addenda, especially regarding target countries?

USAID Response: There is no information regarding future addenda to the Sustainable Landscapes BAA at this time.

32. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Locally led development innovation (BAA-OAA-LLDI-2019)

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing any additional addenda for this BAA this FY?

USAID Response: There is no information regarding future addenda to the Locally Led Development Innovation BAA at this time.

33. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Investments in Developing Energy Assets

- a. Is USAID able to provide an anticipated release date and value of the potential Investments in Developing Energy Assets (IDEA) solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID does not have any additional information regarding Investments in Developing Energy Assets (IDEA) solicitation at this time.

34. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Bureau for Development, Democracy, and Innovation MEL (the opportunity formerly known as “E3 Analytics and Evaluation”)

- a. Does USAID/DDI intend to release a solicitation for the follow on to the former E3 Analytics and Evaluation contract?
- b. Can USAID indicate what mechanism will be used for this solicitation?
- c. What is the anticipated solicitation date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID does not have any additional information regarding the E3 Analytics and Evaluation follow-on at this time.

35. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Water and Energy for Food mid-term and final evaluation contract

- a. Can USAID/DDI provide an updated estimated award date for the Activity?

USAID Response: This is still an active procurement; however, an estimated award date is no later than March 31, 2021

36. Bureau for Development, Democracy, and Innovation: Active Communities Effective States (ACES) IDIQ

- a. Could USAID please confirm that it intends to award the ACES IDIQ by March 19, 2021 as indicated in the 1 st Quarter Business Forecast Q&A?
- b. Could USAID please share whether there are any task orders slated for initial release and/or ensure that any procurements scheduled for release as ACES IDIQ task orders list the appropriate mechanism on the Business Forecast.
- c. When awarded, does the DRG Center anticipate any ACES RFTOPs this FY?

USAID Response:

- A. The Business Forecast has been updated to reflect an anticipated award date of

September 30, 2021.

- B. USAID intends to issue Task Orders once the IDIQ has been awarded.
- C. USAID would like to issue RFTOPs as soon as possible, but until the IDIQ is awarded we are unable to say when RFTOPs will be issued.

37. Bureau for Development, Democracy, and Innovation: Financing Self Reliance and Market Led Development (FSRMD) BPA

- a. Could USAID please confirm that it intends to award the FSRMD BPA by May 2021 as indicated in the 1st Quarter Business Forecast Q&A?
- b. Could USAID please share whether there are any RFTOPs slated for initial release and/or ensure that any procurements scheduled for release as FSRMD BPA call orders list the appropriate mechanism on the Business Forecast.

USAID Response: USAID still intends to award the FSRMD BPA by May 2021 as indicated in the 1st Quarter Business Forecast Q&A. It is unknown at this time whether there will be any RFTOPs slated for initial release.

38. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: : New Institutional Support Contract (ISC), USAID/Office of Local Sustainability

- a. Is current facility access required by contractors in order to submit bids for this opportunity?
- b. Clarify if USAID will require an offeror to hold a facility clearance at time of award? At time of submission?
- c. Confirm if USAID will accept an interim facility clearance at time of award? At time of submission?

USAID Response: A facility access clearance will not be required at time of award, but offerors must have the ability to obtain one.

39. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Infrastructure Field Support Task Order

- a. The description states that this is a “Task order under the new A&E IDIQ”. When does USAID anticipate announcing the awards for the Global Architect-Engineer Services III IDIQ (A&E III IDIQ)?

USAID Response: A&E III IDIQ is still in the evaluation stage. An announcement will be made upon award.

- 40. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Global Architect-Engineer Services III Indefinite-Delivery, Indefinite-Quantity (A&E III IDIQ), RFQ 7200AA20R00043**
- a. Can you provide an update of the evaluation of proposals? (It has dropped off the forecast yet there is a solicitation (task order) under this new IDIQC posted.)

USAID Response: A&E III IDIQ is still in the evaluation stage.

- 41. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Energy II IDIQ**
- a. Does USAID plan to issue any full and open solicitations in 2021 covering clean energy outside of Task Orders under the Energy II IDIQ?
 - b. Will USAID re-compete the ENERGY II IDIQ this fiscal year, given high demand from Missions and the limited remaining ceiling?
 - c. By our records, the Energy II IDIQ is \$70-\$85 million short of reaching its \$500 million ceiling.
 - d. How many solicitations should we expect with this remaining ceiling?
 - e. Will any of them be SBSAs?

USAID Response: A follow-on to the Energy II IDIQ has not been identified for FY 21. Specific questions regarding the current Energy II IDIQ should be addressed to the IDIQ COR and CO.

- 42. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Sustainable Landscapes**
- a. Will USAID provide more information on the upcoming addenda in 2021? How many do you anticipate in 2021? What are the expected award amounts?

USAID Response: USAID does not have any information at this time regarding upcoming addenda to the Sustainable Landscapes BAA.

- 43. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: : Does USAID anticipate a new IDIQ or LWA for climate change?**

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate a new IDIQ or LWA for climate change in FY 2021.

- 44. Bureau for Democracy, Development and Innovation: Global Lead Initiative**
- a. Could you please provide clarification on the use of the word lead for this award: does it refer to lead, as in the toxic metal, or is USAID using the word lead to be

- synonymous with leaders/leadership for a particular initiative?
- b. If lead does refer to the toxic metal, are there any publications, strategies or other documents which could provide more details on goals or scope of work? If not, does USAID intend to release any this year?

USAID Response: The word lead in the “Global Lead Initiative” refers to the toxic metal.

45. Bureau for Europe and Eurasia: Connect for Growth (C4G)

- a. Can USAID confirm the anticipated solicitation release date?
- b. Can you share the anticipated value?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates the release of this solicitation to be during the FY2021 procurement cycle. Please continue to monitor beta.sam.gov and USAID’s business forecast for updates.

46. Bureau for Europe and Eurasia: Does the Bureau anticipate that the release of any upcoming scholarship programs following the recent completion of the evaluation of USAID scholarship programming?

USAID Response:

47. Bureau for Europe and Eurasia (E&E): E&E Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Decision Support activity

- a. Clarify if this is a follow-on or new activity:
- b. Provide detail on which countries will be included under this mechanism:
- c. Does USAID anticipate making a single award for this IDIQ?
- d. Is there a revised Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this award/action?
Not determined at this time.
- e. Will this award/action require Mission buy-in?
- f. Will this action/award prioritize Mission-specific tasks or bureau level tasks?
- g. Can USAID confirm whether this will be released under the USAID EVAL ME II – Monitoring Evaluation Learning Services IDIQ? Or a different IDIQ mechanism?
- h. Can USAID clarify under which IDIQ this Task order will be issued? Not determined at this time.
- i. Can USAID share the anticipated scope for this activity?

USAID Response:

- a. A new Activity.
- b. Yet to be determined.
- c. Yet to be determined.
- d. Not determined at this time.
- e. Inclusion of buy-ins has not been determined at this time.
- f. Not known at this time.
- g. Not known at this time.
- h. Not determined at this time.
- i. Anticipated scope is not available for sharing at this time.

48. Bureau for Global Health: Has USAID issued any awards in response to unsolicited proposals related to COVID-19?

USAID Response: At this time, there are no further updates regarding awards for the COVID-19 action. We hope to have one soon.

49. Bureau for Global Health: Would USAID welcome inclusion of evidence-based interventions to address the issues below – as part of broader service delivery for the population of concern? Addressing Maternal hypertension, pre-eclampsia, and gestational diabetes as part of improving Maternal Health outcomes during pregnancy; Including prevention and screening for cervical cancer as part of improving Sexual and Reproductive Health; Taking a ‘double burden’ approach to maternal, infant, and child malnutrition in appropriate countries where substantial risk of over-nutrition co-exists within populations with under-nutrition and contributes to micronutrient deficiency and poor health outcomes.

USAID Response: Under USAID’s MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership (MCGL), one of the activities (2.3) is specifically around evidence-based interventions: "Enhance capacity of countries to accelerate adoption, adaptation, and implementation of global evidence-based guidelines from ANC to intrapartum care to PNC (MNH, Nutrition)." Chronic maternal hypertension and pre-eclampsia are both specifically mentioned in the narrative for this activity. However, the activity also explicitly notes that this is meant to be "country driven, nimble, and applicable to any of the persistent constraints encountered in technical areas that touch on MNH, such as the proven evidence-based interventions (active management of the third stage of labor, essential newborn care, hypertensive disorders of pregnancy [HDP]), nutrition (including new recommendations such as healthy eating, physical activity, and calcium dietary counseling and supplementation), adolescents and youth, FP." So very feasibly could cover gestational diabetes as well.

50. Bureau for Global Health: Policy, Advocacy, and Communication Enhanced for Population and Reproductive Health (PACE)

- a. Does USAID have an updated anticipated award date for PACE Round 2?

USAID Response: An award for Round 2 of the PACE APS, has not been awarded yet. It is anticipated that an award will be made within the next 30 days.

51. Bureau for Global Health: WASHPaLS #2 (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Partnership and Learning for Sustainability #2)

- a. Since the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date has passed, can USAID provide an updated anticipated solicitation release date?
- b. Would USAID kindly confirm if this will be released through Pool 1 OASIS Small Business or Pool 1 OASIS Unrestricted?
- c. Will they reconsider procuring Resilient Urban WASH/WASHPaLS 2 under OASIS to allow for more competition? Any update about solicitation release date?
- d. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated release date for WASHPaLS #2?
- e. Can USAID confirm that WASHPaLS #2 will be issued through OASIS- Pool 1? Would USAID consider allowing open competition to enable a broader set of implementing partners to pursue?

USAID Response:

- a. The updated anticipated release date is 3/22/2021.
- b. As described in the current business forecast WASHPaLS #2 is planned for OASIS pool 1 unrestricted. Yes, we have considered all potential forms of procurement and have determined that OASIS pool 1 unrestricted is in the best interest of USAID.
- c. The updated anticipated release date is 3/22/2021. The Resilient Urban WASH is handled by the Bureau of Resilience, therefore we can not provide comments on that.
- d. The updated anticipated release date is 3/22/2021.
- e. As described in the current business forecast WASHPaLS #2 is planned for OASIS pool 1 unrestricted. Yes, we have considered all potential forms of procurement and have determined that OASIS pool 1 unrestricted is in the best interest of USAID.

52. Bureau for Global Health:: On February 10, 2021 PEPFAR temporarily paused the COP/ROP 2021 process due to COVID-19. How does USAID/PEPFAR anticipate this delay in COP approvals will impact new funding timelines?

USAID Response: Please refer to the State Department FAQs for updated information regarding the COP/ROP 2021 temporary pause: <https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2021-02-24-COP21-Pause-FAQv2.pdf>. We are committed to ensure that data-driven COP/ROP 21 planning and completion, including all the required steps for Congressional Notifications, budget transfer, and obligations occurs and there is no disruption in HIV services for the start of fiscal year 2022.

53. Bureau for Global Health:: Urban Health Research Program

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing any addenda for this BAA this FY?

USAID Response: No plans to release an addenda for the BAA for this fiscal year yet.

54. Bureau for Global Health:: PROPEL Health Project APS (Promoting Results and Outcomes through Policy and Economic Levers)

- a. Will USAID be providing further information on the anticipated scope of work for the PROPEL program(s) before issuing a solicitation?
- b. How many opportunities does USAID anticipate releasing under this mechanism?
- c. Does USAID intend to maintain the forecasted April 15, 2021 release date, or do you anticipate delays?
- d. Based upon the responses to the co-creation and internal discussions, does USAID intend to issue multiple award(s) or rounds of this APS?
- e. If so, what are the potential scopes of these rounds? This will help in the formation of partnerships and effective technical responses.
- f. If USAID intends to release multiple rounds of addenda, what is the anticipated timeline for future rounds?
- g. As part of the APS co-creation, does USAID envision a multi-stage co-creation process, such as inclusion of concept papers prior to full proposals, and/or in-person or virtual design sessions?
- h. Will any rounds of this APS be restricted to local entities and/or NPI partners?
- i. Could USAID share the list of usernames/those who responded to the questions? This will help with forming partnerships prior to release.
- j. Can USAID provide any further information on how the various awards under this APS (if more than one) might be broken down by technical and/or focus area?
- k. Does USAID intend to issue only the first APS round in 2021? What is the anticipated timing of the release of subsequent rounds?

- l. Can USAID provide information on how the “potential topics of interest under a single APS” noted in the RFI will be reflected in each APS Round?
- m. Can USAID provide any additional details on the focus for each of the planned APS rounds?
- n. Will USAID provide any further guidance on the suite of programming under PROPEL for anticipated release date, size, and number of awards?

USAID Response: We are currently in the design and approval stage of this procurement. Unfortunately, no further information can be shared at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast and grants.gov for further information.

55. Bureau for Global Health: NPI COVID-19

- a. When does USAID expect to make announcements on the award of the [NPI GH COVID-19 Round](#)?
- b. Can you provide an updated timeline for notifying applicants under this Addendum to the NPI Global Health APS that had a submission deadline of Sept 30th, 2020?
- c. When can we anticipate additional rounds under the broader USAID NPI GH APS (opportunity number: 7200AA19APS00013)?
We know there is interest from a couple of Mission to issue additional rounds--specifically Nigeria and Haiti, but I dont know if its on the business forecast? There are no plans to issues Centrally-funded rounds at this time.
- d. Could USAID please confirm that the NPI GH APS – Investing in Resilient Families and Communities Addendum (Round 6) has been withdrawn and will not be awarded?

USAID Response:

- A. At this time, we do not have any additional information. We hope there will be an update soon.
- B. We do not understand what your question is referencing. Please clarify.
- C. At this time, we do not have any additional information. We hope there will be an update soon.
- D. A notice of cancellation was posted on grants.gov on February 18, 2021.

56. Bureau for Global Health: NextGen Supply Chain

- a. Previous USAID procurements have led to Contracting Office determinations (and resultant exclusions) that the work of one affiliate company providing Advisory & Assistance Services (A&AS) support for an office procuring implementation contracts creates an un-mitigatable Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI) that disqualifies another affiliate of that company from providing

those implementation services. Given that the GHTASC draft Solicitation explicitly acknowledges that the services provided under this program will inherently create un-mitigatable OCIs with related implementation programs, that the scope of the various contracts under Next Generation Suite of Programs are sufficiently broad such that there will be several opportunities for unavoidable OCI to occur with the GHTASC contract, and that USAID's Mandatory Reference Guide for OCIs extends OCI avoidance requirements to affiliate companies, can the Government please make a clear distinction that affiliate companies of the GHTASC prime contract awardee will be prohibited from acting as a prime contractor on related implementation contracts such as GH Supply Chain? This will bring the OCI policies and precautions for the GHTASC solicitation in line with USAID's stated mandatory policy, as well as make it consistent with recent USAID procurement decisions that have applied that policy.

This position also helps USAID GH mitigate risk by creating more competition among the vendor community supporting the Bureau for Global Health, as reflected in Section 3.1 of the NextGen Comprehensive Technical Assistance for Health Supply Chain and Pharmaceutical Management draft SOO: "The Task Orders to be awarded under this RFTOP are intended to provide USAID Missions with a diverse set of Contractors and approaches to address weakness in health commodity supply chains and pharmaceutical management systems. Because each Task Order under this RFTOP encompasses a broad technical scope, Missions can work with the Task Order(s) whose approach or area of emphasis best meets their needs and priorities, which may shift over time. The increased options available to Missions creates the opportunity for ongoing competition, encouraging best-in-class performance." USAID would stand to benefit from having different independent vendors (that are not related or part of a parent organization) supporting the GHTASC and NextGen contracts.

USAID Response: USAID will continue to monitor contractor affiliations and corporate relationships consistent with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 9.5. At this time, USAID has not made any determination regarding the eligibility of a GHTASC contractor, or any affiliated entity, to receive a NextGen contract. Such a determination will be fact-specific and may depend on the corporate relationship, contractual requirements, and ability to mitigate a potential conflict.

57. Bureau for Global Health: : NextGen Comprehensive Technical Assistance for Health Supply Chain and Pharm Management IDIQ

- a. Can USAID please clarify the total number of unrestricted awards under the NextGen Comprehensive Technical Assistance for Health Supply Chain and Pharm Management IDIQ?
- b. Can you also please confirm the total number of small business set asides is 2 as

- per industry day?
- c. Will small businesses have the same or different scope of work and evaluation criteria than the unrestricted businesses considering that USAID stated in the industry day that monitoring, evaluation, and communications activities will be set aside for small businesses?
 - d. Will USAID please clarify if there will be more information or an RFI for this procurement?

USAID Response:

- a. At this time, USAID anticipates the award of up to six (6) Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity Contracts (IDIQs) under Comprehensive TA. USAID anticipates up to two (2) of the contracts will be reserved for award to small business concerns.
- b. USAID anticipates up to two (2) of the IDIQ contracts will be reserved for award to small business concerns.
- c. USAID anticipates that Task Orders under the Comprehensive TA IDIQ that are predominantly for technical assistance in: Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning, Knowledge Management and Communications, or Coordination will be reserved for small business. Please see the IDIQ RFP, when released, for evaluation criteria.
- d. USAID released a draft solicitation and Request for Information for Comprehensive TA in October 2020, which can be found here: https://beta.sam.gov/opp/f951f16fb0494cb089b9baa3973b3479/view?keyword=s=%22comprehensive%20ta%22&sort=-relevance&index=opp&is_active=true&page=1.

58. Bureau for Global Health: Next Gen

- a. Will PSA bidders be permitted to add a global transportation company to their proposed team or does the government expect PSA contractors to compete their transportation requirements by soliciting bids from transportation companies after the award of the PSA contracts?

USAID Response: It is at the discretion of offerors to detail in their technical approach and PWS how they will achieve the PSAs' objective of having health commodities to countries at best value. Additional guidance will be provided in the solicitation document.

59. Bureau for Global Health: Next Gen: In-country Logistics (ICL)

- a. Can USAID please indicate a new release date for ICL which is now listed as February 19th, 2021?

- b. Does USAID plan to include one or more Task Orders with the base ICL Solicitation?
- c. Will USAID provide historical usage/demand data by country for the ICL services (Transportation, Warehousing, Private Sector Engagement, etc.) with the solicitation?
- d. RFI Section J.1.1.6.1 for ICL lists “availability of commodities” as a key performance indicator. Please confirm that the “clinic” is the point at which measurement of this metric will be made. (as illustrated in USAID’s End-to-End Global Supply Chain graphic).
- e. Since bidders are required to design the Performance Work Statement (PWS) for ICL, how will USAID assess best value of submitted offers in the absence of country-specific requirements?
- f. Does USAID anticipate releasing a Draft RFP for NextGen/ICL contract?
- g. Does USAID anticipate releasing a Draft RFP for any of the NextGen contracts?
- h. When will USAID update the timeline for the release of NextGen contracts?

USAID Response:

- a. No new date is available as for now, the business forecast will be updated when a new date becomes available.
- b. USAID anticipates awarding one Task Order with the ICL award.
- c. Additional guidance will be provided in the RFP. Key performance indicators should be proposed by the bidder and will be negotiated, with definitions clarified and agreed upon at time of award
- d. Additional guidance will be provided in the RFP.
- e. There has not yet been a determination made on if USAID intends to release any Draft RFPs. The expected release of the RFP and the anticipated award date for this requirement have also not yet been determined. Please monitor beta.sam.gov for any additional information on contract opportunities.
- f. There has not yet been a determination made on if USAID intends to release any Draft RFPs. The expected release of the RFP and the anticipated award date for this requirement have also not yet been determined. Please monitor beta.sam.gov for any additional information on contract opportunities.
- g. The business forecast will be updated when a new date becomes available.

60. Bureau for Global Health: We heard USAID officials mention Best-in-Class (BIC) mechanisms during the Industry Day meeting for the NextGen suite of opportunities. With OASIS scheduled to end in 2024 and no new on-ramps projected, we are concerned that the use of OASIS would significantly reduce competition and potentially stifle innovation. Could USAID confirm that it is seeking full and open competition for the NextGen awards?

USAID Response: While Best-in-Class (BIC) typically refers to pre-vetted

governmentwide contract solutions, USAID did not use that reference under that same application. That statement is in reference to USAID seeking interest from subject matter experts within the field of supply chain. Those with a bona fide expert knowledge about what it takes to fulfil the requirements in the forthcoming RFPs. We apologize for the confusion. The final decision on the mechanisms for the NextGen suite of awards has not been finalized. Please monitor beta.sam.gov for the release of the RFPs or for any additional information on contract opportunities.

61. Bureau for Global Health: Next Gen Strategic Risk Management

- a. When does USAID expect to release an RFI for the NextGen Strategic Risk Management opportunity?
- b. Can USAID provide the anticipated award date, if it has changed?
- c. Does USAID intend to issue a draft RFP before the final release of the solicitation?

USAID Response: There has not yet been a determination made on whether USAID intends to release any Draft RFPs. The expected release of the RFI and the anticipated award date for this requirement have also not yet been determined. Please monitor beta.sam.gov for any additional information on contract opportunities.

62. Bureau for Global Health: Next Gen: Control Tower

- a. Can USAID please indicate a new release for Control tower which is now listed as January 20th, 2021?
- b. Can USAID provide the anticipated award date, if it has changed?
- c. Does USAID intend to issue a draft RFP before the final release of the solicitation?

USAID Response: There has not yet been a determination made on whether USAID intends to release any Draft RFPs. The expected release of the RFP and the anticipated award date for this requirement have not yet been determined. Please monitor beta.sam.gov for any additional information on contract opportunities.

63. Bureau for Global Health: NextGen Procurement Service Agent - HIV (PSA HIV)

- a. The estimated release date has passed. Can USAID provide the new anticipated release date for the solicitation?
- b. Can USAID provide the anticipated award date, if it has changed?
- c. Does USAID intend to issue a draft RFP before the final release of the solicitation?

USAID Response: There has not yet been a determination made on whether USAID intends to release any Draft RFPs. The expected release of the RFP and the anticipated award date for this requirement have not yet been determined. Please monitor beta.sam.gov for any additional information on contract opportunities.

64. Bureau for Global Health: NextGen Procurement Service Agent - Malaria (PSA Malaria)

- a. The estimated release date has passed. Can USAID provide the new anticipated release date for the solicitation?
- b. Can USAID provide the anticipated award date, if it has changed?
- c. Does USAID intend to issue a draft RFP before the final release of the solicitation?

USAID Response: There has not yet been a determination made on whether USAID intends to release any Draft RFPs. The expected release of the RFP and the anticipated award date for this requirement have not yet been determined. Please monitor beta.sam.gov for any additional information on contract opportunities.

65. Bureau for Global Health: NextGen Procurement Service Agent - Lab, Diagnostics, and Molecular (PSA Diagnostics)

- a. The estimated release date has passed. Can USAID provide the new anticipated release date for the solicitation?
- b. Can USAID provide the anticipated award date, if it has changed?
- c. Does USAID intend to issue a draft RFP before the final release of the solicitation?

USAID Response: There has not yet been a determination made on whether USAID intends to release any Draft RFPs. The expected release of the RFP and the anticipated award date for this requirement have not yet been determined. Please monitor beta.sam.gov for any additional information on contract opportunities.

66. Bureau for Global Health: NextGen Procurement Service Agent - Family Planning and Reproductive Health, Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition and Other Health Elements (PSA FP/RH, MCHN)

- a. The estimated release date has passed. Can USAID provide the new anticipated release date for the solicitation?
- b. Can USAID provide the anticipated award date, if it has changed?
- c. Does USAID intend to issue a draft RFP before the final release of the solicitation?

USAID Response: There has not yet been a determination made on whether USAID intends to release any Draft RFPs. The expected release of the RFP and the anticipated award date for this requirement have not yet been determined. Please monitor beta.sam.gov for any additional information or contract opportunities.

67. Bureau for Global Health: NextGen Qualifying Testing Issuing (QuTI) Award

- a. The estimated release date has passed. Can USAID provide the new anticipated release date for the solicitation?
- b. Can USAID provide the anticipated award date, if it has changed?
- c. Does USAID intend to issue a draft RFP before the final release of the solicitation?
- d. Can USAID please provide an updated Anticipated Solicitation Release Date?

USAID Response:

- a. The expected release of the RFP has not yet been determined. Please monitor beta.SAM.gov for any additional information.
- b. The business forecast will be updated when a new date becomes available.
- c. There has not yet been a determination made on whether USAID intends to release any Draft RFPs. The expected release of the RFP and the anticipated award date for this requirement have not yet been determined. Please monitor beta.sam.gov for any additional information or contract opportunities.
- d. The business forecast will be updated when a new date becomes available.

68. Bureau for Global Health: NextGen Technical Assistance Marketplace for Health Supply Chain and Pharmaceutical (TA Marketplace)

- a. The estimated release date has passed. Can USAID provide the new anticipated release date for the solicitation?
- b. Can USAID provide the anticipated award date, if it has changed?
- c. Does USAID intend to issue a draft RFP before the final release of the solicitation?
- d. Will the two small businesses awarded on the Comprehensive Technical Assistance IDIQ be limited to submitting proposals on task orders related to Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning, Knowledge Management and Communications, or will the small businesses be able to bid any task order issued under the IDIQ?
- e. Can USAID confirm if there will be small business set-aside seats for this IDIQ? If so, could USAID please clarify how many small business set aside seats they intend to award for this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. Any changes to the anticipated dates will be communicated through updates to the business forecast. Please also monitor beta.sam.gov for any additional information or contract opportunities.
- b. Any changes to the anticipated dates will be communicated through updates to the business forecast.
- c. USAID has not decided whether a draft solicitation or RFI will be released in advance of the solicitation for TA Marketplace.
- d. Small businesses will be able to bid any task order issued under the NextGen Comprehensive Technical Assistance for Health Supply Chain and Pharmaceutical Management IDIQ (Comprehensive TA).
- e. The Comprehensive TA mechanism is planned to be a multiple award IDIQ. USAID anticipates up to two (2) of the IDIQ contracts will be reserved for award to small business concerns. USAID anticipates that Task Orders under the Comprehensive TA IDIQ that are predominantly for technical assistance in: Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning, Knowledge Management and Communications, or Coordination will be reserved for small business.

USAID anticipates that NextGen TA Marketplace will be a single award contract.

69. Bureau for Global Health: PEPFAR

- a. Does USAID anticipate any delays in releasing RFPs/RFAs as a result of the temporary pause on COP2021 planning (<https://www.state.gov/temporary-pause-on-pepfar-cop-rop-2021-development-due-to-covid-19/>)?

USAID Response: At this point, we don't expect delays in releasing RFPs/RFAs due to the temporary pause on COP 2021 planning, but please refer to the State Department FAQs for the latest updates. (<https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2021-02-24-COP21-Pause-FAQv2.pdf>)

70. Bureau for Global Health: : Integrated Health System (IHS) IDIQ

- a. Under the Integrated Health Systems IDIQ, how far in advance will USAID notify IDIQ holders of issuing upcoming task orders, especially for global projects, so that the potential partner(s) have ample time to prepare a strong proposal?
- b. IHS IDIQ: Does USAID anticipate any additional task orders in FY21? If so, can USAID provide any information with regards to the anticipated country, technical area, and size of the anticipated effort?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID typically aims to notify IDIQ holders of the issuance of upcoming task orders as soon as feasible and strives to provide ample time to prepare strong

proposals, either via forecasting as far in advance as possible or by providing appropriate time in between notice and submission due dates.

- b. At this time, for FY21, USAID is only anticipating a TO from the IHS RFTOP as noted in the Overseas Forecast by USAID/Ghana.

There may be potential RFTOPs under consideration, but there are no additional details with regards to anticipated timing, country, technical area, or size of the anticipated efforts available at this time. If those considerations progress where we anticipate release in FY21, USAID will promptly include them in the forecast and directly notify IDIQ holders.

71. Bureau for Global Health: Introduction to Access

- a. Does USAID/OHA's Introduction to Access serve as a follow-on to the HIV Vaccine and Biomedical Prevention Research Project?
- b. Could USAID provide more details on the scope of the anticipated procurement?

USAID Response:

- a. This is not a follow-on activity.
- b. The full scope can be found on grants.gov:
<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=331175>

72. Bureau for Global Health: Frontier Health Markets:

- a. Will USAID provide any further guidance on the suite of programming under Frontier Health Markets (RFI-20-GH-FHM-01) for anticipated release, size, and number of awards?
- b. Would USAID consider including Frontier Health Markets activities on the forecast to better enable offerors to prepare for these solicitations?
- c. Does USAID anticipate combining any of the four activities included in the RFI or will they remain four distinct solicitations?
- d. Per the November 2020 USAID Forecast Q&A, Frontier Health Markets (FHM) Activity 1 was scheduled to be released in December or January, with FHM Activities 2, 3, and 4 release dates staggered after. Given the FHM Activity 1 RFA has not yet been released, or added to the forecast, can USAID please advise on the updated release timeline for all activities? Is USAID still consider releasing 4 separate procurements?
- e. What is the intended estimated dollar amount/range for each activity?
- f. Can USAID confirm if there will be co-creation for these activities?
- g. Can USAID provide an updated release date for the different Frontier Health Markets opportunities?
- h. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated value of each of the FHM awards?

- i. Would USAID please confirm that FHM will be released as multiple separate awards for each of the core Activity Areas outlined in the RFI released in May 2020?
- j. Does USAID anticipate issuing a FHM solicitation or solicitations (if multiple awards are anticipated) as cooperative agreements or contracts?
- k. Does USAID anticipate small business set aside awards under the FHM program? For example, Activity 2: PSE Staff Support's scope of work outlined in the May 2020 RFI align very closely with those of other programs implemented by small businesses, including via 8a firms. Activities 3 and 4 also include scopes of work that fit well within the capabilities of small businesses.
- l. Given the depth and breadth of FHM's prospective scope, is USAID anticipating holding a bidders conference as a follow-up to the RFI?
- m. Is the Frontier Health Markets Activity (RFI issued in May 2020) still anticipated to be released within 2021?
- n. If so, can USAID please add the Frontier Health Markets Activity to the Business Forecast?
- o. Will USAID consider making one or more of the opportunities a small business set aside? If so, which ones?
- p. What is the latest estimate on timing for solicitations for the various activities within the Frontier Health Markets suite, and does USAID have any further information on the number of solicitations and award types for each?
- q. Can USAID provide an updated timeline for release of the four Frontier Health Markets activities and their respective release dates?
- r. Can USAID confirm what the award mechanism will be, and the intended estimated amount/range for each activity?
- s. Can USAID provide updated anticipated award descriptions for the four activities?
- t. Can USAID provide additional details around potential split between the 4 activities under Frontier Health Markets? How many awards will be released across FHM scope?
- u. Can USAID provide insights into potential geographical coverage for each of the activities?

USAID Response:

- a. Will USAID provide any further guidance on the suite of programming under Frontier Health Markets (RFI-20-GH-FHM-01) for anticipated release, size, and number of awards? USAID released the Frontier Health Markets (FHM) Annual Program Statement (APS) on 2/25/2021 and plans to release Round 1 in March. Please refer to these documents for the value and number of awards. For Activity 2-4, the value, number of awards, and estimated release dates are TBD.
- b. Would USAID consider including Frontier Health Markets activities on the forecast to better enable offerors to prepare for these solicitations? Information on Activity 2-4 will be included in the Business Forecast by the end of March.

- c. Does USAID anticipate combining any of the four activities included in the RFI or will they remain four distinct solicitations? USAID anticipates four distinct solicitations.
- d. Per the November 2020 USAID Forecast Q&A, Frontier Health Markets (FHM) Activity 1 was scheduled to be released in December or January, with FHM Activities 2, 3, and 4 release dates staggered after. Given the FHM Activity 1 RFA has not yet been released, or added to the forecast, can USAID please advise on the updated release timeline for all activities? Is USAID still consider releasing 4 separate procurements? The APS, for Activity 1 was posted on grants.gov on February 25, 2021. USAID anticipates posting Round 1 this month with an anticipated award date of September 2021. The Business Forecast will be updated ASAP to provide additional information regarding all four activities. Please continue to monitor the forecast for updates.
- e. What is the intended estimated dollar amount/range for each activity? Unfortunately this information cannot be provided at this time.
- f. Can USAID confirm if there will be co-creation for these activities? Yes, we anticipate conducting a form of co-creation for these activities. The format and approach will be detailed in the Round document.
- g. Can USAID provide an updated release date for the different Frontier Health Markets opportunities? As stated above, the APS was posted on grants.gov on February 25, 2021. Please continue to monitor the business forecast and grants.gov for future updates.
- h. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated value of each of the FHM awards? Unfortunately this information cannot be provided at this time.
- i. Would USAID please confirm that FHM will be released as multiple separate awards for each of the core Activity Areas outlined in the RFI released in May 2020? Yes, USAID anticipates releasing multiple solicitations and separate awards for each activity outlined in the RFI.
- j. Does USAID anticipate issuing a FHM solicitation or solicitations (if multiple awards are anticipated) as cooperative agreements or contracts? USAID anticipates a mix of assistance and acquisition mechanisms for the suite of FHM awards. Activity 1 is anticipated to be one or more assistance award(s). Activity 2-4 are anticipated to be a mix of assistance and acquisition awards.
- k. Does USAID anticipate small business set aside awards under the FHM program? For example, Activity 2: PSE Staff Support's scope of work outlined in the May 2020 RFI align very closely with those of other programs implemented by small businesses, including via 8a firms. Activities 3 and 4 also include scopes of work that fit well within the capabilities of small businesses. This has not been determined yet, but USAID anticipates greater involvement from small, minority owned businesses as well as local and underutilized partners for Activities 2-4.
- l. Given the depth and breadth of FHM's prospective scope, is USAID anticipating holding a bidders conference as a follow-up to the RFI? No, USAID will not hold a bidders conference.

- m. Is the Frontier Health Markets Activity (RFI issued in May 2020) still anticipated to be released within 2021? Yes, the APS was released on February 25, 2021 and Round 1 will be released in March. Activity 2-4 release dates will be included in the Business Forecast. Please continue to monitor for future updates.
- n. If so, can USAID please add the Frontier Health Markets Activity to the Business Forecast? The Business Forecast will be updated ASAP to provide additional information regarding all four activities.
- o. Will USAID consider making one or more of the opportunities a small business set aside? If so, which ones? This has not been determined yet, but USAID anticipates greater involvement from small, minority owned businesses as well as local and underutilized partners for Activities 2-4.
- p. What is the latest estimate on timing for solicitations for the various activities within the Frontier Health Markets suite, and does USAID have any further information on the number of solicitations and award types for each? USAID released the Frontier Health Markets (FHM) Annual Program Statement (APS) on 2/25/2021 and plans to release Round 1 in March. Please refer to these documents for the value and number of awards. For Activity 2-4, the value, number of awards, and estimated release dates are TBD.
- q. Can USAID provide an updated timeline for release of the four Frontier Health Markets activities and their respective release dates? USAID released the Frontier Health Markets (FHM) Annual Program Statement (APS) on 2/25/2021 and plans to release Round 1 in March. Please refer to these documents for the value and number of awards. For Activity 2-4, the value, number of awards, and estimated release dates are TBD. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for updates.
- r. Can USAID confirm what the award mechanism will be, and the intended estimated amount/range for each activity? USAID anticipates a mix of assistance and acquisition mechanisms for the suite of FHM awards. Activity 1 is anticipated to be one or more assistance award(s). Activity 2-4 are anticipated to be a mix of assistance and acquisition awards. Please refer to the business forecast for estimated amount/range and future updates.
- s. Can USAID provide updated anticipated award descriptions for the four activities? Please refer to the APS posted on grants.gov and continue to monitor the business forecast for updates.
- t. Can USAID provide additional details around potential split between the 4 activities under Frontier Health Markets? How many awards will be released across FHM scope? USAID anticipates a mix of assistance and acquisition mechanisms for the suite of FHM awards. Activity 1 is anticipated to be one or more assistance award(s). Activity 2-4 are anticipated to be a mix of assistance and acquisition awards.
- u. Can USAID provide insights into potential geographical coverage for each of the activities? Please refer to the APS posted on grants.gov on February 25, 2021, for further information.

73. Bureau for Global Health: Breakthrough ACTION

- a. Can USAID confirm if they expect to issue a follow on award for Breakthrough ACTION?

USAID Response: The current award may be extended. If it is, we plan to issue a follow-on award in 2023. Unfortunately, no further information can be shared at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast and grants.gov for further information.

74. Bureau for Global Health: Evidence Project

- a. Does USAID plan to issue a follow on project for the Evidence Project?

USAID Response: No, USAID does not plan to issue a follow-on award, at this time.

75. Bureau for Global Health: Envision Family Planning

- a. Does USAID plan to issue a follow on project for Envision Family Planning?

USAID Response: USAID does not plan to award any new biomed projects until 2025. The Innovate FP project and Project UChoose will continue the R&D priorities.

76. Bureau for Global Health: Social and Behavior Change Research Award

- a. Is this a follow-on to Breakthrough Research and/or Passages?
- b. Will USAID be seeking responses to the APS announcement to be released on February 26th?
- c. Is there an existing research agenda to which the Rounds will be responsive? If so, would USAID share this agenda(s)?
- d. What will be the focus of the Rounds?
- e. How many Rounds does USAID anticipate releasing under this APS?
- f. When might these Rounds be released?
- g. Are the awards/rounds expected to be a direct follow-on to specific projects such as Breakthrough RESEARCH or others?
- h. If so, could USAID please indicate on which of the existent projects the upcoming APS will build upon?
- i. USAID recently added this APS to the forecast on February 5 with an anticipated solicitation release date of February 26. Is this still accurate? If not, can USAID share further information on the anticipated timing for the planned solicitation?

- j. Does USAID intend to make multiple awards under this APS?
- k. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated scope for this activity?
- l. Does USAID anticipate any New Partnerships Initiative requirements for the Award?
- m. Does USAID expect there to be a youth component within the Award?
- n. How many anticipated awards are expected under this procurement opportunity?
- o. Will eligibility be restricted to local prime organizations only?
- p. Does USAID anticipate a multi-stage procurement process or co-creation for this opportunity?
- q. What is the anticipated release date?
- r. Does USAID intend to release a draft SOW?
- s. How many awards does USAID envision making under this APS?
- t. Will there be a geographic focus?
- u. Is this building directly on Breakthrough Research which is due to close in July 2022?
- v. Is the anticipated release date for this award expected to stay at 2/26/2021?
- w. Can USAID please confirm the release date for addendums expected under this APS?
- x. Can USAID confirm if there will be an RFI released for this opportunity?
- y. Can USAID confirm if this is the follow on to Breakthrough RESEARCH?
- z. Can USAID please provide more information as to the scope and objectives of the Social and Behavior Change Research Activity?
- aa. Can USAID please provide more information as to the number and value of awards anticipated under the Social and Behavior Change Research Activity?
- bb. Is the Social and Behavior Change Research Activity a follow on to USAID's Breakthrough Research mechanism?
- cc. Does USAID anticipate releasing a call for concept notes/proposals at the same time as the initial APS document? Or will an umbrella document be released first, to be followed by calls for proposals?
- dd. Is USAID anticipating a follow on to the Breakthrough Action mechanism? Can USAID please provide more information as to the type of mechanism and number of awards it anticipates for this? Can USAID please provide more information as to the expected timing of this follow on?

USAID Response: We are currently in the design and approval stage of this procurement. However, we anticipate releasing the APS and Round 1 documents on grants.gov within the next 30 days. The APS will build on existing behavioral science evidence and evidence gaps. All other pertinent information and instructions will be provided in the APS and Round 1 documents. Please continue to monitor the business

forecast and grants.gov for further information and future updates.

77. Bureau for Global Health: NPI COVID-19 Round

- a. When does USAID plan to issue a second round of concept notes?
- b. Does USAID plan to expand the geographic scope beyond the following countries? Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Haiti, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Bolivia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Peru, South Africa, Bangladesh
- c. Can USAID provide an anticipated release date?
- d. Does USAID intend to release a draft SOW?
- e. Will there be priority geographic regions for this award?
- f. Will any of the award(s), focus on social behavioral change methods related to the vaccine or COVID-19 preparedness?

USAID Response:

78. Bureau for Global Health: Health Evaluation and Applied Research Development Project

- a. Will the Health Evaluation and Applied Research Development (HEARD) Project be rebid?

USAID Response: No information is available as for now.

79. Bureau for Global Health: Investing in Resilient Families and Communities

- a. The Forecast lists this Activity as canceled. Has USAID canceled the Investing in Resilient Families and Communities opportunity?
- b. Would USAID kindly update us on the status of the concept notes that were submitted in response to the opportunity above?
- c. Can USAID clarify whether or not it intends to fund the Global Health New Partnerships Initiative (NPI) Investments in Resilient Families and Communities Round Six, based on concept notes submitted in January 2021?
- d. Does USAID have any plans to relaunch the Global Health New Partnerships Initiative (NPI) Investments in Resilient Families and Communities?
- e. On February 16, 2021 – USAID cancelled this solicitation with a message on grants.gov. Can USAID provide further update on methodology or focus areas in the solicitation that is no longer within the Agency’s objectives?

USAID Response:

80. Bureau Global Health: Human Resources for Health

- a. In the last quarterly update, USAID indicated that there was no direct follow-on to the HRH2030 program anticipated at that time. Does USAID have any new updates to share on its thinking around planning for global activities to support front-line health workers?

USAID Response: USAID will continue global activities to support frontline health workers through existing mechanisms.

81. Bureau Global Health: TB Research II

- a. what is the scope of clinical trials permitted? (Phase 1, Phase 2, Phase 3)
- b. Does USAID plan to announce new TB Local Organizations Network bids? If so, in which countries?
- c. Can USAID provide an update to the solicitation release date for TB Research II?
- d. In the last Forecast Q&A, USAID confirmed that the project will focus on clinical trials. How will USAID determine which products and regimens to include in clinical trials?
- e. If the focus is on clinical trials, does USAID foresee support for basic research?
- f. Can USAID provide any details on how SMART4TB and TB Research II will need to coordinate globally?

USAID Response:

- a. What is the scope of clinical trials permitted? (Phase 1, Phase 2, Phase 3) This award is still under USAID internal review and approval process. Please continue to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for updates.
- b. Does USAID plan to announce new TB Local Organizations Network bids? If so, in which countries? Please note that Amendment 5 to the APS revised the procedures. As needs arise in USAID Missions, the specific Mission post an addenda to the APS with specific information.
- c. Can USAID provide an update to the solicitation release date for TB Research II? - This award is in the internal review and approval process. Please continue to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for updates.
- d. In the last Forecast Q&A, USAID confirmed that the project will focus on clinical trials. How will USAID determine which products and regimens to include in clinical trials? - This award is in the internal review and approval process. Please continue to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for updates.
- e. If the focus is on clinical trials, does USAID foresee support for basic research? - This award is in the internal review and approval process. Please continue to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for updates.
- f. Can USAID provide any details on how SMART4TB and TB Research II will need to coordinate globally? - This award is in the internal review and approval process.

Please continue to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.usaid.gov/grants) for updates.

82. Bureau for Global Health: Discovery & Exploration of Emerging Pathogens – Viral Zoonoses (DEEP VZN)

- a. Can USAID provide a solicitation release update for Deep VZN?

USAID Response: The anticipated award is undergoing internal reviews and approvals. A solicitation is anticipated in Spring 2021.

83. Bureau for Global Health: Supporting, Mobilizing, and Accelerating Research for TB Elimination (SMART4TB)

- a. Can USAID provide an update to the solicitation release date for SMART4TB?
- b. How will the implementer of SMART4TB engage with other elements of the Global Accelerator to End TB?
- c. How will USAID determine which tools / approaches to pursue?
- d. Can USAID provide any additional details on the scope of work and objectives of SMART4TB?
- e. Can USAID provide any details on how SMART4TB and TB Research II will need to coordinate globally?
- f. Is the forecasted release date of 4/30/2021 expected to be delayed?
- g. If the release date is 04/30/2021, is the anticipated award date still 9/30/2021?
- h. The last forecast Q&A specified that there will be a local partner requirement. What type of local partner requirement is anticipated?
- i. The USAID Global TB Strategy 2015-2019 expired last year. Does USAID expect to publish a new strategy soon that could influence the direction of this award? If so, when is the expected release date?
- j. Could USAID please confirm if the award mechanism will be a Cooperative Agreement?
- k. Will USAID issue an RFI or engage in other co-creation steps for this activity? If so, what is the anticipated timeline?
- l. Will this be a single or multiple award mechanism?
- m. What is the geographic scope of the award? Does USAID envision it taking place in all 23 USAID priority TB countries, or will the program focus on certain countries/regions? Will there be additional countries outside of the 23 priority TB countries?
- n. Will there be a mandatory grants management component to the award and if so, can USAID give more information on that? Will grants be awarded to governments, universities, civil society organizations, or a mix?
- o. Does USAID anticipate that the award will focus more or less equally on the two stated goals, or will one be more important than the other and if so, which one?

- p. Does USAID expect the successful candidate to coordinate with/leverage other TB Accelerator efforts in the priority countries?
- q. Can USAID provide additional information about the anticipated SMART4TB opportunity (including additional information on the scope and the NOFO release date)?

USAID Response:

- a. This award is in the internal review and approval process. Please continue to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for updates.
- b. This award is in the internal review and approval process. Please continue to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for updates.
- c. This award is in the internal review and approval process. Please continue to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for updates.
- d. This award is in the internal review and approval process. Please continue to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for updates.
- e. These awards are in the internal review and approval process. Please continue to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for updates.
- f. As of now, this is the anticipated solicitation release date. However, this award is in the internal review and approval process and this is subject to change. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates.
- g. As of now, this is the anticipated award date. However, this is subject to change since the award is in the internal review and approval process. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates.
- h. As stated earlier, the award is still in the internal review and approval process. Please continue to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for updates.
- i. USAID's TB program is aligned the WHO END TB Strategy and the UNGA High Level meeting 2022 TB targets.
- j. At this time, USAID anticipates using an assistance mechanism. However, since the award is in the internal review and approval process and therefore may be subject to change.
- k. That decision has not been made yet.
- l. Since the award is in the internal review and approval process, this decision has not been made.
- m. Since the award is in the internal review and approval process, this decision has not been made.
- n. Since the award is in the internal review and approval process, these decisions have not been made. Please monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for updates.
- o. Please continue to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for updates.
- p. Since the award is in the internal review and approval process, this decision has not been made. Please continue to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for updates.
- q. Details pertaining to SMART4TB and other USAID funding opportunities will be posted in [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Please monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for updates.

84. Bureau for Global Health: Innovations that Could Support COVID-19 Response

- a. An RFI was issued by the Center for Innovation and Impact (CII) in late March 2020 (RFI-2020-GH-CII-2). USAID has noted that this response was for the purpose of collecting information related to a future procurement. Can USAID provide any information on whether a procurement related to this will be released?
- b. If so, can USAID provide an update on the expected release for this opportunity?

USAID Response: No decision has been made regarding a release of procurement related to that RFI.

85. Bureau for Global Health: Health Research Program

- a. With most awards under the USAID Health Research Program having ended, or coming to an end in FY21, does USAID plan to: Issue a follow-on award that addresses implementation science research for MCH and research translation?
- b. If yes, what would be the anticipated scope of such an award or suite of awards?
- c. What mechanism does USAID intend to use for future Health Research Program affiliated awards?
- d. What is the timeline for the potential release of similar awards?

USAID Response: No decision has been made about follow-on award yet.

86. Bureau for Global Health: Innovations for Medicines Quality Assurance (iMQA)

- a. Under GH/OHS, business forecast no longer lists Innovations for Medicines Quality Assurance (iMQA) issued under the MQASSP APS. Does USAID still intend on releasing this opportunity or has this opportunity been cancelled?

USAID Response: This was removed from the forecast because USAID does not anticipate pursuing the referenced iMQA award under MQASSP APS at this time.

87. Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance: Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso and Mauritania – Sahel Humanitarian Assistance: On September 24, 2020 USAID announced \$152 million in new humanitarian assistance to support Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, and Mauritania. Can USAID please provide an update on how implementing partners can access these funds?

USAID Response: Applicants and implementing partners are encouraged to submit applications through any of BHA's competitive and non-competitive processes. Competitive opportunities are publicized on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and beta.sam.gov. Please visit

[Partnering With BHA webpage](#) for more information.

88. Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance: Does BHA anticipate releasing further addendum or utilizing co-creation opportunities such as the recent BHA Uganda addendum to the BAA for Locally Led Development? If so, please provide additional details that may be available.

USAID Response: BHA anticipates including opportunities to co-create in future competitive solicitations where possible. Interested parties should continue to check [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and beta.sam.gov for future opportunities.

89. Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance: Resilience Food Security Activity in Haiti

- a. A draft RFA (720BHA21RFA00002) was released for the Resilience Food Security Activity in Haiti on January 29, 2021, could USAID please provide an update about the timing of the anticipated solicitation release date?
- b. USAID/ BHA released a draft RFA for the Haiti Resilience Food Security Activity (RFSA). Does USAID/BHA plan on releasing additional RFSA RFAs this year for other countries?
- c. Can USAID advise on the release date of the final RFA for the activity following the Public Briefing?

USAID Response: The final RFP will be released subject to the availability of funds and at the discretion of the Agreement Officer. Additionally, applicants and implementing partners are encouraged to review BHA's RFSA for Mozambique (720BHA21RFA00001).

90. Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance: Does BHA anticipate releasing an RFA or APS similar to the FY20 FFP Multi-Year International Emergency Food Assistance APS? If so, please provide additional details that may be available.

USAID Response: Applicants and implementing partners are encouraged to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for future opportunities.

91. Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance: Currently USAID/BHA does not work in places like Nicaragua unless the government declares a state of emergency. Given that this is not likely to happen in Nicaragua, what is the best way for NGOs to partner with USAID in order to support towns affected by disasters? Additionally, would it be possible to organize meetings between the Mission and former NGO partners in Nicaragua to exchange information, such as NGO activities and the direction USAID is going in

Nicaragua?

USAID Response: Prospective partners interested in or seeking opportunities to support BHA emergency response programs may submit concept notes and applications following [BHA Emergency Application Guidelines](#). These guidelines apply to all non-competitive, emergency awards for non-governmental organizations, inclusive of urgent response, early recovery, and disaster risk reduction (DRR) programming.

If interested in learning more about the U.S. Government response to Hurricanes Eta and Iota, including USAID's support to Nicaragua in the wake of the hurricanes, please visit [USAID Page on Hurricanes Eta](#).

92. Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance: DFSA Funding

- a. Would USAID Food for Peace please provide information on DFSA funding for FY2021 and FY2022?
- b. Can USAID BHA confirm the countries for FY21 Development/Resilience Food Security Activities?

USAID Response: BHA has released draft RFAs for the Haiti Resilience Food Security Activity (RFSa) (720BHA21RFA00002) and the Mozambique RFSa (720BHA21RFA00001) for FY22 .

93. Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance: ICT Contract

- a. Can you provide an update on the re-compete of the OFDA ICT contract? (Solicitation: GSCQF0B1432867, Contract: GS00Q09BGD0009, Task Order: GSCQF0B1432867) I understand that this contract has been extended through September 2021, and that the traditional IT functions will be rolled under the CIO's office. We have not been told what would happen with the field communications support (DART support) on this contract and there is nothing in the forecast.

USAID Response: There is no update at this time.

94. Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance: Evaluations (EVELYN Follow-On)

- a. How will the merger that created BHA affect programming objectives under the new EVELYN procurement?

USAID Response: BHA will review programming objectives and adjust accordingly.

95. Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance: Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) 7 IDIQ.

- a. Confirm whether the task order will be released as noted in Q2, and provide a more specific timeframe for the anticipated solicitation?
- b. Confirm whether the task order will be released under Pillar 3? To assure equal competition among IDIQ holders, can USAID provide additional detail regarding the technical scope and scale for the expected task order?
- c. Can USAID provide a task order pipeline or other guidance regarding other anticipated task orders under the IDIQ in FY2021 and FY2022?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, BHA expects the request for task order proposals (RFTOP) to be posted near the end of FY 2021 Q2.
- b. Yes, the RFTOP will be issued under Pillar 3.
- c. BHA anticipates posting another RFTOP under Pillar 3 in FY 2021. Additional information on other FEWS NET opportunities will be shared when available.

96. Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance: Does BHA plan to issue any multi-year Annual Program Statements for any specific countries in the next few quarters?

USAID Response: Applicants and implementing partners are encouraged to monitor [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for future opportunities.

97. Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance: OFDA/LAC Regional Disaster Assistance

- a. USAID issued an RFI in September 2019 for the OFDA/LAC Regional Disaster Assistance Program, but it has not been added to the forecast. When does USAID anticipate releasing the solicitation for this program
- b. Will the solicitation be issued through full and open competition?
- c. Can USAID kindly provide any information regarding the status of this opportunity?
- d. Could USAID kindly indicate whether this opportunity will be added to the forecast and, additionally, provide further information as to the timing, scope, mechanism and value of the anticipated procurement?
- e. Has a date been selected for an Industry Day?
- f. When does the Government anticipate the release of the final RFP?

USAID Response:

- a. The release date is undetermined at this time.
- b. This hasn't been determined at this time.

- c. USAID is still in the planning phase for this requirement.
- d. USAID is still in the planning phase for this requirement.
- e. USAID has decided to host a solicitation conference instead of an industry day. No dates have been established for the conference at this time.
- f. This is undetermined at this time.

98. Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance: Monitoring, Verification, and Reporting in Venezuela

- a. Can USAID provide an estimated contract value for this opportunity
- b. Does USAID still anticipate releasing a solicitation for the opportunity?
- c. If yes, will the opportunity be added to the forecast?
- d. If yes, does USAID have an anticipated release date for this solicitation?

USAID Response:

- a. Interested parties are encouraged to review the solicitation ask the appropriate questions and submit their best offer.
- b. This solicitation was issued on OASIS (GSA) on February 19, 2021, under the unrestricted pool. It is scheduled to close on March 21, 2021.
- c. The business forecast is updated to reflect the opportunity.
- d. This solicitation was issued on February 19, 2021.

99. Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance: Research and Innovation for Sustainable, Evidence-based Nutrition (RISEN)

- a. Can USAID provide information about the anticipated solicitation release date for RISEN?
- b. Will RISEN be released as contract or a co-agreement?
- c. Does USAID have anticipated geographies for this activity?
- d. Can USAID provide an anticipated funding ceiling for RISEN?

USAID Response:

- a. The release date is undetermined at this time.
- b. This hasn't been determined at this time.
- c. This hasn't been determined at this time.
- d. This hasn't been determined at this time.

100. Bureau for Management: USAID Small Business Applied Research (SBAR) Program

- a. Which USAID Missions are planning to release procurements through SBAR this year?

- b. When does USAID anticipate releasing additional addendums for this mechanism and what will those scopes entail?

USAID Response: Problem statements from MBIOS are accepted to USAID's Small Business Applied Research Program (SBAR) and added to the BAA solicitation on a rolling basis. Therefore, USAID cannot anticipate which MBIOS will choose to participate, when/if they will participate, and what future problem statements might entail.

USAID, through SBAR, is currently requesting concept papers to improve sustainable access to bicycles in developing countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Bicycles can be a powerful low-technology solution to challenges related to transportation and access to basic services. Improving access to affordable bicycles creates a number of benefits, including gender equity, greater access to education, and increased productivity, income, and time savings.

Please see solicitation posted on www.beta.sam.gov for more information:
<https://beta.sam.gov/opp/01d203161b6a4aab81180fd71b2769ca/view>

To note: Answers to the questions to the solicitation will be posted on March 9, 2021 at 5:00 EST on www.beta.sam.gov, in lieu of a webinar.

Background on USAID's SBAR Initiative: <https://www.usaid.gov/SBAR>

- 101. Bureau for Management: Strategic Programs Follow-on**
 - a. The Business Forecast does not reference the Strategic Programs Follow-on, previously released under OASIS SB Pool 1. Could USAID advise whether it still intends to release the opportunity under OASIS SB Pool 1?
 - b. Could USAID please advise on the expected release date?

USAID Response: The Strategic Programs follow-on was posted on GSA MAS and awarded in January 2021.

- 102. Bureau for Management: Development Information Solutions (DIS):**
 - a. Can USAID please update us on the current timeline for total global rollout of DIS and implementation approach. Specifically, Is USAID planning on rolling out the DIS to a certain number of Missions per year, and then learning from the implementation experiences at those Missions to be applied during the following year? Does USAID have a goal of total global DIS rollout by a certain date? Overall, any updates on USAID's approach to the global rollout of DIS would be critically helpful."

USAID Response:

- 103. Bureau for Middle East: MENA Support Services**
- a. Will the final RFP be publicly released through beta.sam or will it be released under another vehicle? If so, which vehicle?
 - b. Is there a current contractor performing this work, or is it a new contract?
 - c. What is the estimated ceiling value of this BPA?

USAID Response:

- a. No, it will be released through the GSA Multiple Award schedule.
- b. Yes, there is a current contractor.
- c. There is no ceiling on the BPA. This action is being handled by the ME Regional mission platform.

104. Bureau for Policy, Planning, and Learning: MEL IDIQ

- a. Which USAID Bureaus and Missions are planning to release procurements for Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) platform activities through EVAL-ME II IDIQ in FY2021?

USAID Response:

- 105. Bureau for Resilience and Food Security:** Does the Bureau for Resilience and Food Security anticipate releasing any other activities related to WASH research and learning?

USAID Response: There are three planned water research activities that have come out of the WASH Research and Learning RFI: (1) [Resilient Urban WASH Research and Learning](#) and (2) [Rural Water Research and Learning](#) and (3) [WASH Partnerships and Learning for Sustainability 2](#). The WASHPALs 2 activity is focused on sanitation and hygiene, and will be managed by the Global Health Bureau. At present, there are no additional activities planned incidental to the WASH Research and Learning RFI.

- 106. Bureau for Resilience and Food Security: Surveys for Monitoring in RFS**
- a. Please confirm that this opportunity covers Democracy, Human Rights and Governance.
 - b. Is this a co-creation activity?

- c. Are there any changes to the release date of 2/22/2021?

USAID Response: The subject solicitation was released to GSA OASIS Pool 2 Unrestricted contract holders on Thursday February 25th. If you are an eligible holder and have not yet received the solicitation please contact the OAA POC identified in the Business Forecast listing for this opportunity.

107. Bureau for Resilience and Food Security: Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD II)

- a. The opportunity “Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD II) NEWA&A Plan ID: AA-311428” has been on forecast last several months and the solicitation release date was Aug 2020. Any idea if a solicitation is expected anytime soon.

USAID Response: The BIFAD procurement was solicited from GSA OASIS Pool 1 Unrestricted contract holders. Technical evaluation has concluded. An award for the subject program is forthcoming.

108. Bureau for Resilience and Food Security: Climate Adaptation Support Mechanism

- a. Could USAID specify the release mechanism for this opportunity?
- b. Could USAID provide an Award Description?
- c. Could USAID confirm if there is an incumbent?
- d. Could USAID specify the award type?
- e. Does USAID intend to conduct a co-creation/consultation process for this opportunity?
- f. Could USAID please provide additional project description for the Climate Adaptation Support Mechanism?
- g. Could USAID please clarify if this is a direct follow-on to the Adaptation Thought Leadership and Assessments project or will it comprise other projects? If so, which ones?
- h. Is the upcoming Climate Adaptation Support Mechanism intended to be a continuation of work under the ATLAS Program? If so, are changes in scope planned given the smaller ceiling of this award?
- i. Is USAID considering using the OASIS Small Business Pool 1 IDIQ to procure this activity?

USAID Response:

- a. Unknown at this time.
- b. There is not an award description at this time. However, this activity will provide

- adaptation support across USAID.
- c. See answer g.
- d. See answer a.
- e. USAID does not intend to conduct a co-creation process for this activity.
- f. See answer b.
- g. This activity will be a new design and is neither a direct follow-on to ATLAS nor is it linked with other activities. The work that was done under the ATLAS activity should be viewed as an illustrative example and direction for the new design.
- h. See answer g.
- i. Unknown at this time.

109. Bureau for Resilience and Food Security: USAID Public Affairs and Creative Support Services

- a. Please provide updates on the procurement status and expected award date

USAID Response: USAID has completed technical evaluation. Anticipated award date is late April 2021.

110. Bureau for Resilience and Food Security: Water and Development II IDIQ

- a. Can USAID confirm the timing of the solicitation?
- b. Will the M&E specialized work, considered to be a Small Business set aside, be part of the same procurement as the rest of the technical areas listed in a pre-solicitation draft SOW for WADI II? Or would it be a separate procurement?
- c. Will the M&E specialized procurement set aside for small business be awarded only to primes that specialize in M&E, regardless of which other firms they have partnered with?
- d. If there are multiple M&E awardees under WADI II, would such awardees be competing against each other in an IDIQ-type of arrangement exclusive for M&E awardees?
- e. How many awards do they expect to make under the full and open competition RFP?
- f. Does USAID anticipate issuing a live Task Order at the WADI II IDIQ RFP stage?
- g. What work will remain for M&E partners in winning consortia if there are M&E specialized RFTOPS for M&E work under WADI II?
- h. Will RFTOPS for M&E be distributed only to M&E firms priming teams with other organizations with water expertise in other technical areas or would be open to all WADI II IDIQ holders?

- i. What difference will there be between the WADI IDIQ and other similar contracts announced in the Business Forecast such as the Urban WASH Research and Learning (AA-312665) and Rural Water and WRM (AA-314512), and WASHPaLS 2 (AA-312534)?
- j. Would USAID please confirm the expected timeline for release of the WADI II IDIQ, and provide information on whether a TO will be included as part of the RFP for small businesses?
- k. When does AID envisage releasing the WADI II solicitation? The business forecast says the anticipated solicitation release date is 2/26/21, however the pre-bidders conference is 2/23/21.

USAID Response: The Business Forecast has been updated to identify an anticipated release date of March 29, 2021. Materials from a recent WADI II Pre-Bidder's Conference will be posted to beta.sam.gov within the coming days. Please monitor beta.sam.gov for updates.

111. Bureau for Resilience and Food Security: Population Based Survey

- a. Any update on procurement type and Solicitation Release date ?
- b. Could you provide the country name for this survey? Which countries are in the zone of influence?

USAID Response: The Population Based Survey procurement has been renamed the Surveys for Monitoring in RFS program. The subject solicitation was released to GSA OASIS Pool 2 holders on February x, 2021. If you are an eligible contract holder and have not received the solicitation please contact the OAA POC identified on the Business Forecast.

112. Bureau for Resilience and Food Security: Resilient Urban WASH Research and Learning

- a. Could USAID confirm that this opportunity will be released under the OASIS Small Business Pool 1 vehicle? If not, could USAID confirm the release mechanism? This procurement is listed for release in April under the OASIS IDIQ. Could USAID please indicate which OASIS Pool it intends to use?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a RFI or a draft statement of work in advance of the solicitation?
- c. The forecast lists two water research opportunities that seem to have come out of the WASH Research and Learning Request for Information. Does USAID expect to issue additional procurements in line with the components outlined in that RFI, such as on-site sanitation services and hygiene and WASH sector finance? If

- so, under what award/action type and/or category management contract vehicle?
- d. Does USAID intend to issue a program description for the Resilient Urban WASH Research and Learning opportunity?
 - e. Can USAID confirm that the solicitation release date for CW-Resilient Urban WASH Research and Learning will be April 2021?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID is in the planning phase and determining the most appropriate vehicle for this award. USAID understands the importance of notifying the partner community and will update the business forecast as soon as the determination is made.
- b. USAID does not currently intend to issue another RFI specific to Urban WASH following the August 2020 umbrella WASH Research and Learning RFI. Should this change, the business forecast will be updated accordingly.
- c. There are three planned water research activities that have come out of the WASH Research and Learning RFI: (1) [Resilient Urban WASH Research and Learning](#) and (2) [Rural Water Research and Learning](#) and (3) [WASH Partnerships and Learning for Sustainability 2](#). The WASHPALS 2 activity is focused on sanitation and hygiene, and will be managed by the Global Health Bureau. At present, there are no additional activities planned incidental to the WASH Research and Learning RFI.
- d. USAID does not currently intend to issue another RFI specific to Urban WASH following the August 2020 umbrella WASH Research and Learning RFI. Should this change, the business forecast will be updated accordingly.
- e. USAID still intends to issue the Solicitation in April 2021. However, any changes will be communicated through the business forecast as soon as possible.

113. Bureau for Resilience and Food Security: CW-Research 2 (Rural Water and WRM)

- a. Will this be an IDIQ or a single award?
- b. Can a single company or consortium be awarded both a contract to implement Rural Water and WRM as well as Urban WASH Research and Learning?
- c. If a consortium is awarded both Rural Water and WRM plus Urban WASH Research and Learning, can that consortium operate in the same country for the implementation of the two different awards?
- d. The forecast lists two water research opportunities that seem to have come out of the WASH Research and Learning Request for Information. Does USAID expect to issue additional procurements in line with the components outlined in that RFI, such as on-site sanitation services and hygiene and WASH sector finance? If

- so, under what award/action type and/or category management contract vehicle?
- e. Could USAID please provide an update on the timing of this opportunity, currently stated as March 15, 2021?
 - f. Can USAID confirm that the solicitation release date for CW-Research 2 (Rural Water and WRM) will be March 2021 and that the mechanism will be an openly competed Cooperative Agreement?

USAID Response:

- a. This is a competitive Cooperative Agreement. It will be a single award.
- b. Urban WASH and Rural WRM are two separate opportunities. So long as your organization is eligible to apply, you may apply to both.
- c. Yes, the same entity could win both awards if they are eligible to apply. The two activities can operate in the same country for the implementation of the two awards if the country selection makes sense for the two different research streams.
- d. At present, USAID does not anticipate any additional activities resulting from the WASH Research and Learning RFI.
- e. USAID still intends to release the Notice of Funding Opportunity in March 2021.
- f. USAID still intends to release the Notice of Funding Opportunity in March 2021, and the mechanism will be an openly competed Cooperative Agreement.

114. Bureau for Resilience and Food Security: Program Evaluation for Effectiveness and Learning (PEEL) Follow-On:

- a. Does USAID/RFS intend to issue a procurement for the follow-on to the Program Evaluation for Effectiveness and Learning (PEEL)?
- b. If so, under what mechanism does USAID intend to release the procurement and when?

USAID Response:

Some activities that were previously included in the PEEL award, specifically for population based surveys, are currently in our Surveys for Monitoring in RFS program. The subject solicitation was released to GSA OASIS Pool 2 holders on February x, 2021. If you are an eligible contract holder and have not received the solicitation please contact the OAA POC identified on the Business Forecast.

115. Bureau for Resilience and Food Security: CW – Diversifying Partnerships in WASH (DiP-WASH) APS

- a. When do USAID operating units (bureaus and missions) anticipate releasing addenda under the new DiP-WASH APS?

- b. Will addenda be posted under the APS opportunity number or will a new opportunity number be assigned for each addenda?
- c. Are there any buy-ins yet for DiP-WASH?

USAID Response:

- a. Addenda to DiP-WASH will be released on an as-needed basis. At present, one Addendum, the DRC peri-urban and rural sanitation activity, has been posted on the USAID Business Forecast.
- b. Addenda will be posted under APS # 7200AA21APS00004
- c. DiP-WASH is not a buy-in mechanism, rather it is an umbrella program statement. Missions, Bureaus and Operating Units issuing Addenda to DiP-WASH on an as-needed basis will express their programmatic and geographic priorities and estimated cost range through their Addenda. These will be announced via the USAID Business Forecast.

116. Bureau for Resilience and Food Security: CW-Resilient Urban WASH Research and Learning

- a. Will this be an IDIQ or a single award?
- b. Can there be an awardee both on the AA-31665 as well as on the AA-314512 procurements? If so, that awardee can operate in the same country, in urban and rural areas? Or would winners of awards through Resilient Urban WASH Research and Learning (AA-312665) not be able to also be awarded a Rural Water and WRM activity (AA-314512) in the same country?
- c. How will WASH related work be apportioned among different WASH contracts of a similar nature using different types of mechanisms (WADI IDIQ (AA-312912), Urban WASH Research and Learning (AA-312665) and Rural Water and WRM (AA-314512), and WASHPaLS 2 (AA-312534))?
- d. The contracting vehicle for this opportunity is currently listed as “OASIS – Pool TBD.” Can USAID/RFS provide further information on the OASIS pool this opportunity will be released under? Specifically, whether this opportunity will be released under Pool 1 SB or Pool 1 UNR? Potential primes are completely different in these two pools, which makes it challenging for potential partners to identify the likely bidders.
- e. Does USAID plan to release any other opportunity under the “CW WASH Research and Learning” umbrella in addition to those already on the forecast? If so, when?

USAID Response:

- a. This will be a single award.
- b. Yes, the same entity could win both awards if they are eligible to apply. The two

activities can operate in the same country for the implementation of the two awards if the country selection makes sense for the two different research streams.

- c. Solicitations for the three research activities will describe the WASH related work to be completed. For the WADI IDIQ and DiP WASH APS, USAID will express specific programmatic and geographic priorities through individual Addenda (DIP-WASH APS) or task orders (WADI IDIQ), issued on an as-needed basis, which reflect the particular programmatic or geographic focus of a USAID Mission, Bureau, or Operating Unit.
- d. USAID is in the planning phase and determining the most appropriate vehicle for this award. USAID understands the importance of notifying the partner community and will update the business forecast as soon as the determination is made.
- e. There are three planned water research activities that have come out of the WASH Research and Learning RFI: (1) [Resilient Urban WASH Research and Learning](#) and (2) [Rural Water Research and Learning](#) and (3) [WASH Partnerships and Learning for Sustainability 2](#). The WASHPALS 2 activity is focused on sanitation and hygiene, and will be managed by the Global Health Bureau. At present, there are no additional activities planned incidental to the WASH Research and Learning RFI.

117. Bureau for Resilience and Food Security: [Horticulture](#)

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing any further information or holding any pre-release bidder consultations on the New before the release?

USAID Response: USAID previously published a draft Program Description for this opportunity in October 2020 inviting questions/consultation. USAID does not intend to release any further information or hold additional consultations as the Notice of Funding Opportunity is set to be released in March 2021.

118. Human Capital and Talent Management: [Global Learning Solutions and Services](#)

- a. Does USAID envision that facilities leasing in Washington will remain part of the scope of services?

USAID Response: As it stands, the planned procurement will require the contractor to provide training to USAID staff both virtually and in person. For in person training, the contractor will be required to provide the training space under the contract, but this training space will not be dedicated to USAID. In other words, the contractor will not lease space on USAID's behalf, but rather provide training space as it is needed for the required courses.