USAID's Responses to Potential Applicants Questions - 72061720RFA00002 USAID/Uganda Local Service Delivery for HIV/AIDS Activity.

1. Page 1. Paragraph 3 indicates that, subject to availability of funds, USAID intends to provide a cumulative total of up to $50 million, to be allocated over the five-year period. Is the $50 million allocation for all the 5 USAID regions? OR the $50 million is the allocation per USAID region?

USAID's Response: The $50 Million is for ALL the 5 USAID PEPFAR regions as mentions in this RFA.

2. Page 21. Limitations on number of applications, indicates that the number of applications an applicant may submit under this NOFO is limited to ONE and this information is on both the submitting organization and individual program director. Is this limitation applicable to sub-recipients as well? OR a Sub-recipient/organization can be a member of multiple consortia?

USAID's Responses: Yes, the limitation applies to both the prime and the proposed sub-contractors/ Subrecipient. Only the Prime Applicant /Consortia Lead can apply directly to USAID in response to this RFA.

- *Subrecipients can apply under as many applicants as they want, primes can only submit one application.*

3. Page 17 b. Approval of Specified Key Personnel, paragraph 2, indicates that the Activity will require experts and specialists in a range of FP/RH technical areas as outlined in the Program Description. However, under Program Description there is no mention of FP/RH at all. Still, the expected outputs on page 8 and 9 do not mention anything to do with FP/RH services. Is this call focusing on HIV/AIDS and TB services only. How about family health services such as FP, WASH, Nutrition. Kindly clarify.

USAID's Response: The reference to FP/RH was made in error, this activity solely focuses on HIV/AIDS and TB services. Please refer to RFA amendment II.

4. For Page 20, Section C - Eligibility Applicants on the above RFA it states "local Ugandan nonprofit or for-profit entity is eligible to apply who meets the following conditions. However, all respondents must be registered on SAM and DUNS. If that local Ugandan entity is a partner of the USG Contractor who is listed on SAM and has DUNS would they go in the response as a prime or sub? and for the pre-conference does USAID wish both the USG Contractor and the local Ugandan entity to attend? Can this be by phone or is it mandatory to be in person? Please advise asap so that our team of professionals may make the necessary arrangements to respond/register appropriately.

USAID's Response: The eligible Prime Applicant and all proposed sub-contractors must have a valid SAM and DUNs number in order to obtain USG funding.

5. Is there a requirement for a proportion of 5% cost share, for example can it tip more to in-kind service contributions versus financial?

USAID's Response: Please refer -ADS 303.3.10.3 "In-kind contributions are allowable as cost share in accordance with 2 CFR 200.306 for U.S. organizations and in accordance with the Standard Provision, "Cost Share" for non-U.S. organizations. This includes things such as volunteer time; valuation of donated supplies, equipment, and other property; and use of unrecovered indirect costs." Please note that in-kind contributions should be directly related to results under this Activity.

6. Is there an advantage for applicants who have an agency NICRA indicating they have done business with USAID or another agency?

USAID's Response: No, Applicants with NICRAs do not have any advantage/leverage over those without. USAID guarantees the integrity of the competitive process by ensuring overall fairness and consideration of all eligible applications.

7. With respect to the USAID experience, should it lie with the local entity lead or is it as equally important if experience is with a sub-contractor or minority consortium member

USAID's Response: The Prime Applicant must have the capability required to fulfill the objectives of this Activity as stated in this RFA.

8. Is there a preference for the faith based PNFP because of how much share of HIV/AIDS service ecosystem they currently occupy?

USAID's Response: No, there will be no preferential treatment given to one organization over the other. All applications will be reviewed in accordance to the established RFA criteria.

9. Is there any specific consideration for women owned companies?

USAID's Response: No, there is no specific consideration for women owned companies, please refer to RFA section C.1 for more information on eligibility for this RFA.

10. Given that this project is subject to availability of funds, is there any scenario where this project can be commenced and then discontinued?

USAID's Response: Like all other US Government funded programs, funding available to support this activity is appropriated by Congress from the national budget on an annual basis. While all efforts are made to preserve the continuity of highly performing activities, the level of funding is subject to resources available for appropriation and the contemporary national strategic priorities.

11. There are ~~6~~ 5 USAID regions. Can an applicant apply for all or any one of these regions. Can an applicant apply in more than region?

*USAID's Responses: Applicants are required to apply for **ALL** the 5 USAID PEPFAR funded region as USAID intends to issue one award to the responsible Applicant/s who best meets the objectives of this RFA based on the merit review criteria described in this RFA and subject to the results from the risk assessment.*

- *Applicants must submit one application covering all the regions. Applicants whose submissions do not cover all the 5 regions will be disqualified/not considered for the award.*

12. Is the $50M available for one grant or for multiple grants?

USAID's Response: Please see response to question#1.

13. Can an organization be a prime and sub in another application?

USAID's Response: USAID does not preclude eligible prime Applicants from being proposed as Sub- awardees on other Applications.

14. Does the limitation on the program director apply to all the 5 USAID designated positions or just the chief of party?

USAID's Response: The number of applications an Applicant can submit under this NOFO is limited to one and this limitation is on both the submitting organization and individual program director.

15. How many awards will be given under this NOFO?

USAID's Response: Please see response to question #11.

16. Does the winning recipient have to work in all the regions, or can we apply for only one region – e.g. Northern – Langi Region?

USAID's Response: Please see response to question#11.

17. Is the $50 million for all the work described in this NOFO and for all the regions and for five years?

USAID's Response: Yes, also see response to question #1.

18. Can International NGOs registered in Uganda be a prime in this NOFO?

USAID's Response: Yes, for as long as it meets at least one of PEPFAR's 2020 Local Partner definitions and the 2016 Ugandan Non-Governmental Act's definition of an Indigenous Organization.

19. Can an international NGO registered in Uganda prime and list its international affiliate as one of its subs?

USAID's Response: Yes, please see response to question#18.

Also note: If the Applicant has established a consortium or another legal relationship among its partners, the Cost/Business application must include a copy of the legal relationship between the parties. The agreement should include a full discussion of the relationship between the Applicant and Sub-Applicant(s) including identification of the Applicant with whom USAID will work with for purposes of Agreement administration, the identity of the Applicant which will have accounting responsibility, how Agreement effort will be allocated and the express agreement of the principals thereto to be held jointly and severally liable for the acts or omissions of the other.

20. Can a local NGO list international NGOs as a sub?

USAID's Response: Yes, for as long it meets the eligibility criteria.

21. Is there a limit on the number of International NGOs that a local NGO can list as subs?
USAID's Response: No, there is no limit to the number of Subs a prime can propose, the prime Applicant must however demonstrate the ability and capacity to manage the proposed subs. Also, the roles of the proposed sub-partners must be clearly spelt out and relevant to this Activity.

22. Why did USAID Kampala decide to make December 31, 2019 the deadline for submitting to this NOFO with the fully knowledge that everything shuts down and everyone goes on vacation for Christmas and New Year? Could the submission deadline be move to mid or end January to facilitate fair competition?
USAID's Response: In accordance with the Ugandan Labor Laws, all days in December are official working days except for 25th and 26$^{th.}$ USAID will not be extending the submission deadline for this RFA.

23. Is this a brand new NOFO or is there a current incumbent implementing the project?
USAID's Response: This is a new Funding Opportunity, there is no incumbent.

24. Technical proposal template is missing in the attachment, May I know if there is a template or applicant have to come up with own template?
USAID's Response: USAID does not have a Technical Proposal Template; Applicants will follow the RFA instructions while developing and submitting Applications.

25. The districts of focus are not indicated and the maximum number of districts per applicant.
USAID's Responses: The activity will focus on all districts in the current 5 USAID PEPFAR supported regions i.e. East, East Central, Southwest, Lango, and Acholi, as further detailed in Annex B of this RFA.

- *There is no maximum number of districts per applicant. Services under this Activity will cover all the districts comprised in the five USAID-supported regions.*

26. Budget ceiling per district and per applicant per year
USAID's Response: There is no budget ceiling set per district or per Applicant. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to apportion the budget across all activities.

27. Is the grant limited to regions that USAID operates in Uganda?
USAID's Response: Please see response to question#25.

28. When you say the grant ceiling is 50,000,000 USA dollars, does this mean that this grant will go to only one grantee or several them.
USAID's Response: Please see response to question #11.

29. Can an organization apply for all the USAID Regions or it is only one region which is applicable?
USAID's Response: Please see response to question #11.

30. What are the target districts in the target USAID regions?
USAID's Response: Please see response to question #25.

31. Can a Prime Organization or Subcontractors who are Exclusive cross over to or join another consortium?
USAID's Response: Any Applicant on the Exclusion list cannot receive federal funds therefore cannot apply for this RFA.

32. What is the geographical (in terms of regions) coverage of the award?
USAID's Response: Please see response to question #25.

33. Which areas/districts/regions in Uganda does the award intend to cover?
USAID's Response: Please see response to question #25.

34. Is it a regionally clustered award like for example, Acholi Region or Lango Region or Eastern Region, etc.? Please explain more on this
USAID's Response: This is not a clustered award, see response to questions#11 and #25.

35. Will USAID consider extending the deadline by two weeks to accommodate for the holiday period?
USAID's Response: See response to question 22.

36. Page 16 states that USAID intended to award one or more Cooperative Agreements. Does USAID have a preference on whether to award one or multiple awards?
USAID's Response: Please see response to question #25.

37. Would USAID consider changing this award type to a contract plus fixed fee instead of a Cooperative Agreement in order to introduce a performance-based component for implementation?
USAID's Response: USAID determined that this Activity will be delivered through a Cooperative Agreement and thus, USAID will not be changing the Instrument type.

38. In our experience, the cost share requirement places significant financial pressure on the prime which is often passed down to sub-grantees. Since this project is being awarded to local organizations, this pressure is further multiplied by the fact that, in general, these organizations have smaller budgets. Would USAID consider waiving the cost share requirement?
USAID's Response: Applications that do not meet the minimum 5% cost share requirement are not eligible for award, their application will be determined non-compliant and will not be evaluated. Please note that per ADS 303.3.10.3 in-kind contributions are allowable as cost share in accordance with 2 CFR 200.306 for U.S. organizations and in accordance with the Standard Provision, "Cost Share" for non-U.S. organizations. This includes things such as volunteer time; valuation of donated supplies, equipment, and other property; and use of

unrecovered indirect costs." Please note that in-kind contributions should be directly attributable to results under this Activity.

39. Page 14 indicates that approximately 80% of the activity budget will be allocated for sub-grants to partner organizations and health facilities. Does USAID expect that this amount will also include funds that may be required for fund management services (or services that the Applicant may need to leverage from other providers to ensure that the funds are protected) or does USAID expect that amount to be allocated from the remaining balance of approximately 20%?

USAID's Response: The 80% estimated to be allocated for sub-grants to partner organizations and health facilities is inclusive of all allowable relevant administrative and management costs, USAID expects these to be realistic and in alignment with the RFA targets.

40. Page 10 references the Accountability and Risk Management Support Services (ARMSS) Awards that is being put in place, however, we noticed that this award has been removed from the Mission Forecast for USAID Uganda. Does USAID Uganda have plans to add this back to the forecast? If not, is there another mechanism being put in place to cover the proposed activities are they expected to fall under this LSDA award?

USAID's Response: USAID will not be awarding the earlier forecasted ARMSS Activity and it has been deleted (crossed out).

- *Applicants are encouraged to propose in addition to USAID's HSS Activity, now awarded, alternative ways for achieving objective 5 of this RFA.*

41. If a contractor/provider is a holder of a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) with USAID Uganda, is that same contractor permitted to provide services to the Applicant under this award or would that be considered a conflict of interest?

USAID's Response: An eligible Applicant who is a current BPA holder with USAID is not precluded from applying for this Opportunity.

42. Page 28 states that a complete cost breakdown and past performance should be provided for contractors that the Applicants intend to use, particularly for routine commercial goods or services. Will USAID permit the Applicant to enter into "pre-determined" arrangements with these for-profit contractors that are named in the proposal during the time of implementation?

USAID's Response: The Prime Applicant must submit such information for all subawards/subrecipients/contracts that it wishes to have approved at the time of award. In the event that the Applicant has not identified subawards/subrecipients/contracts at the time of award, the Applicant will state in the budget an estimated "Contractual" amount and when later identified, the information required for these will be provided by the Recipient for the Agreement Officer's approval. Applicants will refer to RFA section B 3(c)2 "Concurrence on the substantive provisions of sub-awards."

43. Will USAID provide a list of targeted PNFPs and the indicative targets assigned to each of them? Can the list be expanded? Can a site that was previously a TA be turned to a DSD?

USAID's Responses: The list of targeted PNFP sites and their current volume of clients has been provided as part of RFA Amendment II (see Attachment G.)

- *With the consent of the Agreement Officer, the indicative targets will be provided to the Recipient upon award.*
- *Effective October 1, 2019, all PEPFAR supported PNFP sites were categorized as DSD.*

44. What is a Unique Entity Identifier referred to on page 22?

USAID's Response: This is the same as the DUNS number.

45. Are applicants without NICRA who wish to charge indirect costs expected to submit their request alongside the proposal or that will be negotiated later?

USAID's Response: Applicants without a NICRA will apply one of the other 3 available indirect cost methods in the RFA. If the Applicant does not have an approved NICRA and does not elect to utilize the 10% de minimis rate, the Agreement Officer will provide further instructions and may request additional supporting information, including financial statements and audits, should the application still be under consideration after the merit review. USAID is under no obligation to approve the Applicant's requested method.

46. Approval of sub awards in accordance with ADS 303.3.21 (pg. 29) requires the applicant to inter alia, provide confirmation that a risk assessment of the sub recipient has been done. What happens in the event of proposed sub recipients who may have already undergone a USAID risk assessment? What happens in case an applicant has a US based entity proposed as a sub grantee?

USAID's Responses: Prior to award, USAID will perform a risk assessment for the apparently successful prime Applicant regardless of whether the Applicant has had a prior risk assessment done by USAID.

- *The Prime Recipient is responsible for conducting risk assessments for all its proposed subrecipients/subcontractor/sub-awardees prior to USAID's approval and is expected to share copies of detailed assessment reports with approaches used, findings, recommendations and or risk mitigation measures put in place.*

47. Are 2nd and 3rd tier sub-grants acceptable? (A high-volume site sub-sub-granting to a lower site or a Consortium partner sub-granting to other sub-recipients?)

USAID's Response: No third-tier sub-granting is anticipated under this award. All sub-awards must be managed directly by the prime partner.

48. Will USAID/Uganda consider adolescent girls and young women either: (a) living in districts with high HIV prevalence and/or (b) with at risk behaviors or situations (e.g. prior experience of coerced sex) as priority populations for this Activity?

USAID's Response: HIV prevention and treatment programs will aim to reach the most vulnerable populations and among these are adolescent girls and young women.

49. Section A, pg. 6: The RFA states that the LSDA will support interventions in the current geographical regions that USAID serves through the various RHITES (delineated in Annex B). Given the staggered start times of the RHITES projects, please share anticipated timelines of the probable end-dates for all the RHITES, especially those closing soon, e.g. RHITES-SW. What are the implications for closure amidst planned joint programming in our approaches?

USAID's Response: The activities to be funded through this NOFO are all currently supported by RHITES programs. USAID intends to maintain the RHITES as platforms for technical assistance to the LSD activity until such a time when they will be deemed self-sustaining.

50. Section A, page 7: We respectfully request that USAID provide guidance on the number of PNFP facilities and/or the expected patient load per region to be reached under the project.

USAID's Response: Please see responses to question# 43.

51. Section A, page 8: We respectfully request that USAID provide guidance on the specific package of services to be included in "Proven high impact social, behavioral, structural and biomedical HIV prevention approaches"?

USAID's Response: USAID is keen to support a comprehensive HIV prevention program that uses both biomedical as well as structural and behavioral approaches. Bio-medical interventions include voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC), HIV testing, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT), post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP). Behavioral and structural interventions include: counselling on adoption of appropriate HIV prevention behaviors such as correct and consistent condom use, limiting the number of sexual partners, reduction or elimination of harmful cultural practices, reduction and mitigation of Gender Based Violence, alcohol/drug abuse, reduction in stigmatization and discrimination of marginalized populations as well as improving health seeking behavior.

52. Section A, page 9: Please confirm if Result 3.2 "High quality, efficient and effective TB prevention and treatment intervention taken to scale in the PNFP Sector" refers to provision of TB services in general or will focus on TB/HIV service integration?

USAID's Response: This activity focuses on HIV/AIDS and TB and not general health services. Therefore, TB prevention and treatment services referred to in the RFA relate to HIV/TB integration and not general TB services.

53. Section A, page 10: The RFA notes that this project leverage support from the Accountability and Risk Management Support Services activity (ARMSS) Awards. We respectfully request that USAID provide an update on the status of this award(s).

USAID's Response: Please refer to response to question# 40.

54. Section A, page 18: USAID notes the requirement for the Director, Grants and Capacity Building is ACCA or CPA certification. Would USAID consider an alternative relevant professional certification such as CFA or CFE?

USAID's Response: USAID has considered a CFA certification as another alternative certification for this position. The RFA has been amended to include CFA as part of the certifications required for the position of Director, Financial Management and Administration.

55. Section D, page 24: Acronyms are not listed in the content and format of the application. Please confirm if applicants should therefore exclude an acronym list and rather spell out acronyms at first instance?

USAID's Response: A page listing all acronyms should be included in the application package; however, it is not included in the page count for the application.

56. Section C, page 20: Please confirm that details about how the cost share will be met should be included only in the Cost Proposal?

USAID's Response: Yes, cost share details must be submitted as part of the cost proposal. Applicants must include Cost share in their cost application as a dollar figure rather than a percentage to assist in monitoring the amount.

- *The budget narrative must include all relevant supporting information related to the cost share included in the cost proposal and must be well linked to specific activity results.*

57. Section C, page 20: Please confirm if USAID expects a detailed (i.e. line item) cost share plan?

USAID's Response: Please refer to the detailed budget tab in the NOFO excel budget template. For each budget item throughout the life of the project, the Applicant will include the amount that will be provided as cost share.

58. Section D, page 23: May applicants use 10-point font for tables in the Annexes or must tables in the Annexes also comply with the 12-point font requirement?

USAID's Response: Use standard 8 ½" x 11", single sided, single-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font, 1" margins, left justification and headers and/or footers on each page including consecutive page numbers, date of submission, and Applicant's name.

- *10-point font can be used for graphs and charts. Tables, however, must comply with the 12-point Times New Roman requirement.*

59. Section D, page 25: We respectfully request that the page limit for Annex 2 (Draft AMELP) be increased to ensure that complete information can be provided on the mobilization plan, performance indicators, milestones, and description of M&E activities.

USAID's Response: Applicants are expected to work within in the 5-page limit to provide the relevant information required under the AMELP, any pages exceeding the limits for each annex will not be considered. No other supporting documentation will be reviewed.

60. Section D, page 25: We respectfully request that the "mobilization plan, which will at a minimum include a timeline for mobilization of key personnel and technical leads, plan for hiring, startup of office(s), and major equipment procurement" reside within Annex 1

(Draft Year 1 Work Plan) instead of Annex 2 (Draft AMELP) if the page limits for the AMELP cannot be increased.

USAID's Response: See response to question 59 above.

61. Section D, page 25: We respectfully request that the "Specific steps to achieve the proposed results in year 1, including outputs, outcomes, deliverables and milestones reside within Annex 1 (Draft Year 1 Work Plan) instead of Annex 2 (Draft AMELP) if the page limits for the AMELP cannot be increased.

USAID's Response: See response to question 59 above.

62. The RFA does not address and or mention supply chain commodities related to the LSDA. We understand that there is a proposed plan to consolidate the supply chain efforts in Uganda. Please clarify the current status and its implications for this activity.

USAID's Response: HIV commodities for the activity will be procured and distributed through other mechanisms. Supply chain activities under this project will focus on ensuring commodity security through accurate accountability, timely forecasting and requisition of new supplies.

63. On page 14, the RFA states that "approximately 80 percent" of the award is for sub-grants". Can USAID clarify whether this means 80 percent of the total funding envelope or 80% of the program budget?

USAID's Response: Sub-grants to partner organizations and health facilities will account for approximately 80 percent of the activity budget. Activity budget refers to the $50,000,000. Please refer to response to question 39 for additional clarification.

64. Does USAID anticipate that "approximately 80 percent" would include specific grants management costs such as pre-award, and capacity building activities?

USAID's Response: Yes, please see response to question# 39.

65. Approximately how many PNFPs are anticipated to be supported in this Activity? Please can USAID provide an estimate / range per geographic area and by project year?

USAID's Response: Yes, please see response to question# 43.

66. Approximately how many PNFPs are currently supported by the RHITES programs? Can USAID share the number and dollar value of these awards?

USAID's Response: Please see response to question# 43.

67. Does USAID anticipate that the LSDA project will immediately transition these previously funded RHITES grantees to its grant management portfolio, or will there be a new procurement (i.e. open RFA process), or a combination of the two?

USAID's Response: USAID anticipates that PNFP sites currently supported by RHITES will immediately transition to the LSD Activity after award.

68. On page 25, reference to Annex 2, the RFA states the Draft AMEP (should not exceed five pages) with five mandatory components? Can USAID clarify how this draft AMEP will compare to the AMELP and CLA plan (outlined on pages 44-45?) to be prepared after the award is made?

USAID's Response: The AMELP mentioned on page 25 is the same as the one referred to on pages 44-45 with the difference being in the timing. Page 25 - is the required draft before award which will be reviewed by USAID for approval/acceptance. Once finalized and accepted, it will become a reporting requirement under this award (pages 44-45) that the Recipient will have to report against on as specified in the award.

69. On page 25, Reference Annex 4 – Letters of Commitment: Please can USAID clarify what type and from whom Letters of Commitment' should be included in this Annex?

USAID's Response: Letters of commitment should be from all proposed Key Personnel.

70. Can USAID clarify if certifications, assurance, representations and other statements (referred to on page 31) are needed from all subrecipients in addition to those from the applicant?

USAID's Response: Certifications, assurances and representations should be submitted by the prime recipient.

71. Regarding past performance in the last 3 years, please clarify whether this includes past performance from consortium members in addition to past performance of Prime partner.

USAID's Response: Past Performance Information can include a description of both applicant and any consortium member/partner's and/or sub-awardees experience.

72. Will USAID provide a list of all RHITES supported facilities?

USAID's Response: Please see response to question# 43.

73. RFA page 10 states, "Support in this area will be leveraged from the USAID/Uganda supported Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) and/or the Accountability and Risk Management Support Services activity (ARMSS) Awards being put in place." Considering that this is critical for the achievement of program objective 5 (Select PNFPs have institutional capacity to sustain epidemic control & maintenance) can USAID provide the information below?

a. What is the status of each of the above awards?

USAID's Response: USAID will not be awarding the earlier forecasted ARMSS Activity. The HSS mechanism was awarded to Palladium International under Contract number 72061719C00006, please check the beta.SAM.gov (formerly FBO.Gov) website for details on this award

b. Are Applicants only limited to work with these two awards to achieve program objective 5?

USAID's Response: Applicants are encouraged to propose in addition to USAID's HSS Activity alternative ways for achieving the institutional capacity building objective.

c. Can Applicants propose other means of achieving program objectives 5?

USAID's Response: Yes, USAID encourages Applicants to propose alternative means for achieving objective 5.

74. Can USAID provide COP data for potential Applicants who have not implemented PEPFAR activities before?

USAID Response: Please refer to state.gov or data.pepfar.gov for general PEPFAR information.

75. How will USAID manage the potential overlap between the LSD Activity and the RHITES?

USAID Response: There will not be any overlap between the RHITES programs and LSD. The LSD activity will take on HIV services currently supported by RHITES through the NGO and Faith-Based Facilities. RHITES will continue supporting HIV services in the public sector until they are also transitioned to local partners. RHITES will continue providing support for other health activities including family planning, maternal and child health, TB and nutrition, while at the same time offering technical support to the LSD Activity as and when required. The RHITES will play a key role in ensuring a seamless transition of services to the LSD.

76. What is PEPFAR's maximum % beyond which an Implementer cannot get PEPFAR funds?

USAID's Response: According to PEPFAR guidance, no single organization can receive more than 8% of the country COP year budget. For instance, with an annual budget of $403 million, the threshold is $32.2 million. In the unlikely event that an organization exceeds this amount, a special justification is submitted to OGAC for approval.

77. Does USAID allow Implementing Partners to get funding from other donors for the same award during implementation?

USAID's Response: Implementing Partners can neither solicit nor receive funding from other sources for USAID funded Activities.

- *Implementing Partners may however receive funding for areas **not** funded by USAID for instance, construction or expansion of health facilities that are used by beneficiaries of the LSD project.*

78. Can USAID share the current PEPFAR indicators?

USAID's Response: PEPFAR indicators are already included in the RFA.

- *For further guidance please see; Attachment E - Summary PEPFAR-MER-Indicator-Reference-Guide-Version-2.4-FY20, see detailed indicators at;* **https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/PEPFAR-MER-Indicator-Reference-Guide-Version-2.4-FY20.pdf**
- *Attachment F - Procurement Executive Bulletin (PEB) No. 19-02 - New Performance Based Requirements for President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Awards, of RFA amendment II.*

79. Are budget notes same as Budget narrative?

USAID Response: Yes, budget notes are the same as the Budget Narrative, all notes related to the budget must all be consolidated in the budget narrative.

80. One of the questions answered during the Pre-Conference was clarification on the Eligibility Criteria. It is our humble request that this be put in writing. Reference "Entities who fit the PEPFAR Local partner definition and the 2016 Ugandan Non-Government Act's definition of an Indigenous organization are eligible to apply for this program" Kindly advise if the definition applies to either or Both of these conditions must be met?

USAID Response: To be eligible to apply for this activity, the Applicant must meet/fit BOTH the PEPFAR Local Partner definition and the 2016 Ugandan Non-Governmental Act's definition of an Indigenous Organization.

Please note that PEPFAR has since slightly revised its definition for Eligibility as follows: (This revision has been included RFA amendment 2)

Definition of a Local Partner: *a "local partner" may be an individual, a sole proprietorship, or an entity. However, to be considered a local partner, the applicant must submit supporting documentation demonstrating their organization meets at least one of the four criteria listed below.*

(1) an individual must be a citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident of and have his/her principal place of business in the country served by the PEPFAR program with which the individual is or may become involved, and a sole proprietorship must be owned by such an individual; or

(2) an entity (e.g., a corporation or partnership):

a) must be incorporated or legally organized under the laws of, and have its principal place of business in the country served by the PEPFAR program with which the entity is or may become involved;

b) must exist entirely in the region where funded PEPFAR programs are implemented must be at 75% for FY 2019 beneficially owned by individuals who are citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of that same country, per sub-paragraph (2)(a),

d) at least 75% for FY 2019 of the entity's staff (senior, mid-level, support) must be citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of that same country, per sub-paragraph (2)(a), and at least 75% for FY 2019 of the entity's senior staff (i.e., managerial and professional personnel) must be citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of such country; and

e) where an entity has a Board of Directors, at least 51% of the members of the Board must also be citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of such country; or

(3) Partner government ministries (e.g., Ministry of Health), sub-units of government ministries, parastatal organizations in the country served by the PEPFAR program are considered local partners. A parastatal organization is defined as a fully or partially government-owned or government-funded organization. Such enterprises may function through a board of directors, similar to private corporations. However, ultimate control over the organization rests with the government.

(4) Regional private sector entities that meet the above definition with the substitution of country for region.