

**Questions and Answers for
Increase capacity for toxicological testing
OFOP0001151
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Question #1:

Is there a budget limit that needs to be taken into account for each year of the program? Can we use more funds in the first year comparatively to year two and three? For example, can we request 50% y1 and 30% y2, 20% y3?

INL Response #1:

The budget for each proposal should be consistent and proportional to the activities and deliverables expected. Likewise, the number and percentage of ministrations should be proportional to the activities and deliverables for each period.

Question #2:

Is there a limit on spending around equipment such as drug checking technology and mobile units for outreach activities?

INL Response #2:

There is no spending limit per item.

When reviewing the proposals, the concept of expenditure will be analyzed, as well as the impact obtained in relation to the planned goal.

Question #3:

Do activities need to center around a single city or can we consider its metropolitan areas. For example, in the case of Tijuana, both the cities of Rosarito and Tecate are part of the metropolitan area.

INL Response #3:

The geographic area of impact does not necessarily have to be limited to a city, metropolitan areas can be considered according to the capacity of each organization.

Question #4:

We have also identified Ensenada as a new area of interest that could be reached in y2 or y3 of the program. While this city is not part of the metropolitan area of Tijuana, it is part of a region of interest for the cali-baja section. If we decide to have actions in this city, could this be included as part of the goals?

INL Response #4:

Yes, as long as the organization's capacity allows it, it could be included.

Question #5:

Can or should the information generated through a monitoring toxicity program be publicly available?

INL Response #5:

The information generated shall be available to the authorities and accessible to the general public, promoting the evidence generated during the investigation, always maintaining a neutral political and ideological perspective.

Question #6:

Is there a requirement to provide the information to the Mexican government using their agencies (i.e., CONASAMA), or would it be enough to provide this information using campaigns and other public awareness campaigns?

INL Response #6:

The information generated should be available to health authorities; municipal, state and federal, particularly the Observatory.

Question #7:

Could these funds be used to generate an annual meeting of binational NGO's who provide health services to reduce the negative of drug toxicity along the US/Mex border?

INL Response #7:

The funds provided are for research-related activities only.