



APS #72016921APS00001, Amendment#1

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Subject: Amendment 1 to APS #72016921APS0001 for Advancing Equity and Equality of Marginalized Groups

Activity Title: Round 1, Economic Empowerment of Persons with Disability

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The purpose of this Amendment is to provide answers to the questions submitted by interested applicants.

Thank you for your interest in USAID programs.

Sincerely,

Boryana Boncheva
Agreement Officer

Attachments:

1. Responses to questions regarding

ATTACHMENT 1
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Q&A)
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Q.1 According to the Section C, Eligible entities, Lead applicant must be found to be a responsible entity before receiving an award, which means to has the necessary organization, experience, accounting and operational controls, and technical skills – or ability to obtain them – in order to achieve the objectives of the program”. Can you please clarify in more details what does this responsibility means, or which criteria the Lead applicant must fulfill in order to be checked as a responsible entity? Furthermore, what are USAID requirements for systems and controls?

A.1 USAID must evaluate the risks posed by applicants before making the award. For new organizations to USAID, USAID conducts a pre-award survey by examining the applicant's systems to determine whether the prospective recipient has the necessary organization, experience, accounting and operational controls, and technical skills in order to achieve the objectives of the program, or whether specific conditions will be needed. For information about this process please see [Prospective Offeror's & Applicant's Guide to the Non-U.S. Organization Pre-Award Survey \(NUPAS\)](#)

Q.2 In the Section C, Eligible entities, there is an explanation what the local entity means. Are those criteria applicable to the partner organizations (subrecipients), or the subrecipients can be the public institutions or other types of organizations?

A.2 Eligibility refers only to prime recipients; partners and sub-recipients can be other types of institutions as long as they are not receiving a majority of funding. All subrecipients are subject to approval by the USAID.

Q.3 Is it allowed to have associates in the consortium, with any type of its organization, which will support the project (technically, logistically, or other), with no receiving the money from the project?

A.3 The eligibility criteria for prime applicants are included in Section C.