



**NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
(NOFO) ISSUANCE DATE:**

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

**QUESTIONS & REQUESTS FOR
CLARIFICATION SUBMISSION
DEADLINE:**

Thursday, December 08, 2022, by 16:00
Eastern European Summer Time (EEST, 3
hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time
(UTC))

AMENDMENT No. 01 ISSUANCE DATE:

Thursday, December 01, 2022

**CONCEPT PAPER SUBMISSION
CLOSING DATE:**

Thursday, January 19, 2022, by 16:00 PM EEST

SUBJECT:

Amendment Notice of Funding Opportunity
(NOFO) to Amend Various NOFO Sections

REFERENCE:

Youth Grow Activity Addendum Notice of
Funding Opportunity (NOFO) No.
72027823RFA00001 Amendment No. 01

This amendment No. 01 to NOFO No. 72027823RFA00001:

- (a) Amends the **NOFO COVER LETTER SUBMISSION TABLE**;
- (b) Amends the following NOFO sections:
 - (i) **Section A.1 INTRODUCTION**;
 - (ii) **Section D.2 QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES**;
 - (iii) **Section D.4.1.2.1 CONCEPT PAPER FORMAT**;
 - (iv) Renumbers **Section E.2 MERIT REVIEW CRITERIA AND CONSIDERATIONS**;
 - (v) Renumbers **Section E.2.1 CRITERION 1 – QUALITY OF PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION APPROACH FOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING**;
 - (vi) Renumbers **Section E.2.2 CRITERION 2 – TECHNICAL MERIT INCLUDING POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (PYD) APPROACH AND ALIGNMENT WITH USAID PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES**;
 - (vii) Renumbers **Section E.2.3 CRITERION 3 – SUSTAINABILITY OF ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES AND IMPACT**;
 - (viii) Renumbers **Section E.3 CONCEPT PAPER REVIEW**; *and*
 - (ix) Renumbers **Section E.4 ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**; *and*
- (c) Adds new section **ANNEX 5 – REFERENCES**.

Except as provided herein, all NOFO terms and conditions remain unchanged and in full force and effect. Thank you.

Yours truly,
Jack
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Jack M. Adrien
Agreement Officer

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I. COVER LETTER

A. SUBMISSION TABLE

The **SUBMISSION TABLE** is hereby DELETED in its entirety and REPLACED with the following:

“ ISSUANCE DATE:	Tuesday, November 29, 2022
DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS <i>or</i> REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATIONS:	Thursday, December 08, 2022, by 16:00 Eastern European Summer Time (EEST, 3 hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC))
CONCEPT PAPER SUBMISSION CLOSING DEADLINE:	Thursday, January 19, 2022, by 16:00 PM EEST
SUBJECT:	USAID/Jordan Youth Grow Activity Addendum to the YouthPower 2 (YP2) ¹ Annual Program Statement ² (APS) No. 7200AA20APS00007 Call for Concept Papers
REFERENCE:	Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) No. 72027823RFA00001
CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA) No.:	98.001

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[END SUBMISSION TABLE]

[END COVER LETTER]

II. NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) AMENDMENTS

A. SECTION A – PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

1. A.1 INTRODUCTION

Section A.1 is hereby DELETED in its entirety and REPLACED with the following:

¹ Available at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=YouthPower%202>.

² As per the Automated Directives System (ADS) 303.3.5.2.b, “[a]n APS is used when USAID intends to support a variety of creative approaches towards developing methodologies to assess and implement development objective activities.”

“A.1 INTRODUCTION

Jordan has one of the youngest populations in the world with youth unemployment reaching fifty percent during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19, caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) pandemic. Unemployment coupled with growing distrust in institutions and civil society has created a population of young people without a positive outlook of their future. USAID/Jordan seeks to increase the meaningful participation of the youth of Jordan, aged 15 to 29, within their communities and in the economy. This will be achieved through three objectives that closely align with USAID’s 2022 – 2030 Youth in Development Policy:³

- (a) Increase youth access to high-quality career planning information and livelihood opportunities;
- (b) Strengthen youth leadership through targeted support of local youth-led and youth-serving organizations and partnerships with private sector to promote youth participation as decision makers and key contributors to individual, household, community, and national well-being; *and*
- (c) *Strengthen Government of Jordan (GOJ) systems, in partnership with youth, to provide more coordinated and effective services, practices, and policies that embody the principles of Positive Youth Development (PYD).*

Youth Grow, as envisioned, is not an activity where things are done for youth as beneficiaries. Rather, youth should be co-partners or leaders themselves in making integral decisions about issues that affect them through a “learn-by-doing” approach, including in the decision-making process for the use of funds, that leads to increasingly empowered citizens over time.

This Activity will contribute to USAID/Jordan’s Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) 2020 – 2025 five-year goal of supporting Jordan to advance its stability, prosperity, *and* self-reliance, focusing on Development Objective (DO) 5: Agency and Leadership of Women and Youth Enhanced. The activity also supports DO 4 in targeting support for vulnerable youth populations.”

[END A.1]

[END SECTION A]

B. SECTION D – CONCEPT PAPER AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

1. D.2 QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Section D.2 is hereby DELETED in its entirety and REPLACED with the following:

“D.2 QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

³ Available at <https://www.usaid.gov/policy/youth>.

As per the NOFO Cover Letter, potential Applicants should submit all questions regarding this NOFO or the substance and terms of the YP2 APS umbrella in writing to jordan_youthgrow@usaid.gov no later than **Thursday, December 08, 2022** by 16:00 PM EEST to the following subject line:

Question – YP2 APS Umbrella

To provide sufficient time for USAID to address the questions and incorporate the questions and answers as an amendment to this NOFO. Nevertheless, USAID encourages early submission. Potential Applicants must refrain from any communication with any other USAID staff, including the Technical Office, during the NOFO and evaluation phases.

If the requested information is necessary for adequate submission of an application *or* if lack of the information would prejudice any other potential Applicant, USAID will furnish any information given to a potential Applicant concerning this NOFO to all other potential Applicants as an amendment to this NOFO.”

[END D.2]

2. D.4 MULTI-TIERED REVIEW

(a) D.4.1 PHASE ONE – CONCEPT PAPER AND SUBMISSION PROCESS

(i) D.4.1.2 CONCEPT PAPER REQUIREMENTS

(1) D.4.1.2.1 CONCEPT PAPER FORMAT

Section D.4.1.2.1 CONCEPT PAPER FORMAT is hereby DELETED in its entirety and REPLACED with the following:

“D.4.1.2.1 CONCEPT PAPER FORMAT

Below please find USAID requisite Concept Paper Format:

- **Paper Size:**
 - A4 (i.e., 8.27 inches × 11.7 inches *or* 210 millimeters (mm) × 297 mm); *or*
 - Letter *or* American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Letter (i.e., 8.5 by 11.0 inches *or* 215.9 by 279.4 mm)
- **Type Size:** 12-point font
- **Font Style:** Times New Roman *or* similar serif typeface
- **Spacing:** Single spaced
- **Margins:** One-inch (top, bottom, left, *and* right)
- **Page Limitation:** Not to exceed **five pages**. USAID will not consider any pages that exceed the prescribed page limitation

- **Front Matter:** Below please find the front matter that **does not** count against the five-page limitation
 - Cover Page per NOFO **Section D.4.1.2.2.1.1**; *and*
 - Overall Concept Objective per NOFO **Section D.4.1.2.2.1.2**.
- **Concept Paper Corpus:** Below please find the requisite written texts that count against the five-page limitation:
 - Approach to Partnership and Collaboration to Foster Youth Engagement and Capacity Building per NOFO **Section D.4.1.2.2.1.1**;
 - Technical Expertise including Positive Youth Development (PYD) Approach and Alignment with USAID Programming Priorities per NOFO **Section D.4.1.2.2.1.2**;
 - Contribution to Sustainable Outcomes and Impact per NOFO **Section D.4.1.2.2.1.3**; *and*
- Whilst USAID will not consider any pages that exceed the page limitation, the following supporting information do not count against the five-page limitation:
 - Proposed Estimated Cost and Cost Breakdown per NOFO **Section D.4.1.2.3.1**; *and*
 - Contact Information for Proposed Partners per NOFO **Section D.4.1.2.3.2**.
- The Concept Paper may include graphics or charts within the five-page limitation that use 8-point Times New Roman *or* similar serif typeface font.

NOTE: Potential Applicants must submit documents in MS Word *or* PDF (pdf). DO NOT send files in ZIP file format (i.e., an archive file format that supports lossless data compression).

USAID recommends for potential Applicants to arrange their respective Concept Papers in the order of the criteria specified in NOFO **Section D.4.1.2.2.2** below, which aligns with the YP2 APS – Concept Note Template available under the RELATED DOCUMENTS tab:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=Youth%20Grow>.”

[END SECTION D]

C. SECTION E – CONCEPT PAPER REVIEW INFORMATION

1. E.2 MERIT REVIEW CRITERIA AND CONSIDERATIONS

Section E.2 MERIT REVIEW CRITERIA AND CONSIDERATIONS is hereby DELETED in its entirety and REPLACED with the following:

“E.3 MERIT REVIEW CRITERIA AND CONSIDERATIONS

USAID will evaluate all Youth Grow addendum Concept Papers according to the following merit review criteria on an established adjectival system.”

[END E.3]

(a) E.2.1 CRITERION 1 – QUALITY OF PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION APPROACH FOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Section E.2.1 CRITERION 1 – QUALITY OF PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION APPROACH FOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING is hereby DELETED in its entirety and REPLACED with the following:

“E.3.1 CRITERION 1 – QUALITY OF PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION APPROACH FOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING

The extent to which the proposed partnerships, research, projects, or activities describe a commitment to equitable collaboration and deep partnership with youth-led and youth-serving organizations, including marginalized groups as defined by ADS Chapter 201: Program Cycle Operational Policy,⁴ at every stage of the concept development, activity design, and implementation; proposes appropriate, inclusive, equitable, and effective capacity building strategies for youth-serving and youth-led organizational partners, and demonstrates partner commitment to proposed collaboration(s), including a brief synopsis of how each partner will engage within the partnership.”

[END E.3.1]

(b) E.2.2 CRITERION 2 – TECHNICAL MERIT INCLUDING POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (PYD) APPROACH AND ALIGNMENT WITH USAID PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES

Section E.2.2 CRITERION 2 – TECHNICAL MERIT INCLUDING POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (PYD) APPROACH AND ALIGNMENT WITH USAID PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES is hereby DELETED in its entirety and REPLACED with the following:

“E.3.2 CRITERION 2 – TECHNICAL MERIT INCLUDING POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (PYD) APPROACH AND ALIGNMENT WITH USAID PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES

⁴ Available at <https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/201.pdf>.

The extent to which the proposed partnerships, research, projects, or activities and PYD Approach align with USAID Strategies and Policies, particularly the updated 2022 Youth in Development Policy and reflects youth’s cross-sectoral needs; demonstrate relevant technical expertise in PYD programming; and propose effective approach(es) to achieving objectives/outcomes that are technically sound, well-defined, achievable, and demonstrate a grasp of regional/urban differences and ethnic issues.”

[END E.3.2]

(c) E.2.3 CRITERION 3 – SUSTAINABILITY OF ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES AND IMPACT

Section E.2.3 CRITERION 3 – SUSTAINABILITY OF ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES AND IMPACT is hereby DELETED in its entirety and REPLACED with the following:

“E.3.3 CRITERION 3 – SUSTAINABILITY OF ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES AND IMPACT

The extent to which the proposed partnerships, research, projects, *or* activities demonstrate contribution to sustainable outcomes beyond the lifetime of the award; demonstrate engagement with the private sector and leverages new or existing resources; *and* propose an evidence-informed plan for analyzing, synthesizing, *and* disseminating data and findings that will inform ongoing and future programming and contribute to sustainable outcomes and impact.”

NOTE: More comprehensive information regarding the application and review processes (including Concept Paper submission, co-creation, full application, and merit review stages) can be found in the umbrella YP2 APS, located at grants.gov. USAID advises Potential Applicants to refer to both the umbrella APS and this addendum in preparing Concept Paper and full applications, as applicable.

[END E.3.3]

3. E.3 MERIT REVIEW CRITERIA AND CONSIDERATIONS

Section E.3 CONCEPT PAPER REVIEW title is hereby DELETED in its entirety and REPLACED with the following:

“E.4 CONCEPT PAPER EVALUATION

USAID will evaluate the Phase One Concept Papers based on the NOFO **Section E.2** merit review criteria:

- (a) Quality of partnership and collaboration approach for youth engagement and capacity building;

- (b) Technical merit including PYD approach and alignment with USAID programming priorities ; *and*
- (c) Sustainability of anticipated outcomes and impact.

However, based on the Selection Committee's evaluation of the Phase One Concept Papers, USAID will only invite those potential Applicants to Phase Two whose Concept Papers achieve an **Acceptable** under each merit review criterion to receive an overall **Acceptable** rating. Thus, the Phase One Concept Paper must achieve an overall **Acceptable** rating for USAID to invite the potential Applicant to submit a Full Application per the terms of the subsequent NOFO.

Table 1. Sample Evaluation of Phase One Concept Paper Invited to Proceed to Phase Two

Phase One Criteria	Concept Paper Criterion Rating	Phase One Concept Paper Rating
Criterion One	Acceptable	Acceptable
Criterion Two	Acceptable	
Criterion Three	Acceptable	
OVERALL PHASE ONE CONCEPT PAPER RATING		Acceptable

Table 2. Sample Evaluation of Phase One Concept Paper Not Invited to Proceed to Phase Two

Phase One Criteria	Concept Paper Criterion Rating	Phase One Concept Paper Rating
Criterion One	Unacceptable	Unacceptable
Criterion Two	Acceptable	
Criterion Three	Acceptable	
OVERALL PHASE ONE CONCEPT PAPER RATING		Unacceptable

or

Table 3. Sample Evaluation of Phase One Concept Paper Not Invited to Proceed to Phase Two

Phase One Criteria	Concept Paper Criterion Rating	Phase One Concept Paper Rating
Criterion One	Unacceptable	Unacceptable
Criterion Two	Acceptable	
Criterion Three	Unacceptable	
OVERALL PHASE ONE CONCEPT PAPER RATING		Unacceptable

or

Table 4. Sample Evaluation of Phase One Concept Paper Not Invited to Proceed to Phase Two

Phase One Criteria	Concept Paper Criterion Rating	Phase One Concept Paper Rating
Criterion One	Unacceptable	Unacceptable
Criterion Two	Unacceptable	

Criterion Three	Unacceptable	
OVERALL PHASE ONE CONCEPT PAPER RATING		Unacceptable

To achieve an overall **Acceptable** rating, a Concept Paper must put forth a clear, appropriate, collaborative, *and* feasible technical approach, including methodology and techniques, to successfully meet each NOFO **Section E.2** merit review criterion requirements and indicates a thorough approach and understanding of the requirements. Thus, potential Applicants must submit a Concept Paper that complies with the NOFO **Section D.4.1.2.1** formatting dimensions and limitations below as well as provides narratives that correlates with the NOFO **Section E.2** merit review criteria. Conversely, a Concept Paper will be deemed **Unacceptable** if the Concept Paper does not clearly meet NOFO **Section E.2** merit review criteria requirements and does not demonstrate an adequate approach and understanding of the requirements.”

[END E.4]

4. E.4 ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Section E.4 ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS is hereby DELETED in its entirety and REPLACED with the following:

“E.5 ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Applicants should ensure that their Concept Paper aligns with USAID strategies, policies, *and* priorities including, but not limited to:

- USAID Youth in Development Policy 2022 Update;⁵
- USAID Education Policy;⁶
- U.S. Government International Basic Education Strategy Fiscal Years 2019 – 2023;⁷
- USAID Private Sector Engagement Policy;⁸
- U.S. Government Global Water Strategy;⁹
- USAID Strategy on Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance;¹⁰
- Advancing Protection and Care for Children in Adversity;¹¹ *and*
- Gender Equality and Female Empowerment Policy.^{12”}

⁵ Available at https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USAID-Youth-in-Development-Policy-2022-Update-508_2.pdf.

⁶ Available at https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1865/2018_Education_Policy_FINAL_WEB.pdf.

⁷ Available at https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1865/USG-Education-Strategy_FY2019-2023_Final_Web.pdf.

⁸ Available at <https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/private-sector-engagement/policy>.

⁹ Available at https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1865/Global_Water_Strategy_2017_final_508v2.pdf.

¹⁰ Available at https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/USAID-DRG_fina-6-24-31.pdf.

¹¹ Available at <https://www.childreninadversity.gov/>.

¹² Available at https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1865/GenderEqualityPolicy_0.pdf.

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[END SECTION E]

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D. ANNEX 5 – REFERENCES

New **Section ANNEX 5 – REFERENCES** is hereby ADDED as follows:

“ANNEX 5 – REFERENCES

NOFO SECTION	REFERENCE SOURCE AND YEAR	REFERENCE LINK
Section A.2	United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF), 2021	https://www.unicef.org/jordan/youth
	The World Bank, 2021	https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2021/05/28/jordan-the-world-bank-group-adapts-its-strategy-to-support-covid-19-response-inclusive-and-resilient-recovery-and-contain
	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), 2021	https://www.unhcr.org/jo/who-we-are
	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), 2021	https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/governance/empowering-youth-and-building-trust-in-jordan_8b14d38f-en;jsessionid=zh65TbA5HNv2bOwvjJ31KNUgju2Jzo8cdYe9gXxL.ip-10-240-5-99
	Due Gunderson, Nicolai, “Nationalism in Jordan: king, tribe, or country? Part two,” Open Democracy, 2017	https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/north-africa-west-asia/nationalism-in-jordan-king-and-tribe-or-love-of-country-part-tw/
	Brookings Institute, “Marginalized Youth: Toward an Inclusive Jordan,” 2018	https://www.brookings.edu/research/marginalized-youth-toward-an-inclusive-jordan/

	Foreign Policy, “Jordan’s New Politics of Tribal Dissent,” 2012	https://foreignpolicy.com/2012/08/07/jordans-new-politics-of-tribal-dissent/
	UNICEF, 2021	https://www.unicef.org/jordan/media/8361/file/Youth-Transitions-to-Adulthood-in-Jordan.pdf
	International Development Research Center, 2021	https://lebanesestudies.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Role-of-Youth-V.1.8-digital.pdf
	USAID, 2018	https://jordankmpportal.com/collections/jordan-private-sector-survey-gaining-insight-and-understating-into-the-needs-of-the-jordanian-private-sector
Section A.3	Sa’ad Ali, Ani Raiden and Susan Kirk “Wasta in the Jordanian Culture: A study in the Banking Sector,” Intl. J. of Innovations in Business, Vol. 2 No. 6 (2013): 529-50.	https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781351121064-6/wasta-jordanian-banking-sa-ad-ali-david-weir
Section A.4	USAID/Jordan Youth Assessment, 2015	https://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PA00KBZD.pdf
Section A.5	Jordanian Ministry of Youth (MOY) National Youth Strategy, 2019-2025	http://moy.gov.jo/sites/default/files/jordan_national_youth_strategy_2019-2025_english_compressed_1.pdf
Section A.7.1.1	UNICEF completed a nationally representative youth survey with focus groups in 2020 and 2021 about youth transitions to adulthood. OECD completed research with national focus groups, between 2017 and 2020.	https://www.unicef.org/jordan/media/8361/file/Youth-Transitions-to-Adulthood-in-Jordan.pdf and https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/governance/empowering-youth-and-building-trust-in-jordan_8b14d38f-en
	Jordan Times, “Culture of shame, low salaries driving Jordanians away from industry sector jobs,” 2014	https://www.jordantimes.com/news/local/culture-shame-low-salaries-driving-jordanians-away-industry-sector-jobs%E2%80%9999

	Mercy Corps, 2017	https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/62005
	Entrepreneurship ecosystem, 2021	https://tti-jo.org/Eco-system-map-TTi-2021-june-version-HQ.png and https://startupsjo.com/
Section A.7.1.2	USAID Standard Indicator CBLD-9, 2022	https://www.usaid.gov/npi/capacity-building-indicator-resources
Section A.7.1.3	OECD, 2021	https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/governance/empowering-youth-and-building-trust-in-jordan_8b14d38f-en

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[END ANNEX 5 – REFERENCES]

[END NOFO No. 72027821RFA00006 AMENDMENT No. 01]