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**Targeted Messaging and Hotline Infrastructure to Apprehend al-Shabaab
Department of State
Bureau of Counterterrorism**

Q&A (May 12, 2023):

Question 1: Just to confirm that the running of the hotline, during the life of the project, and the costs associated with this eg staff salaries are to be included in the budget?

Response: Yes, the cost of the hotline must be included in the budget. This program will not provide staff salaries but may include staff stipends.

Question 2: Will there be rewards offered in return for information that leads to a successful arrest? If so will these need to be included in the budget proposal or would these be outside of the remit of the project?

Response: Rewards should not be offered as part of this program.

Question 3: To confirm that the tips developed by the hotline will be passed on to the relevant authorities and they will not need to be investigated by the implementor?

Response: The implementor is not responsible for investigating tips. The intention is for information to be passed to existing Federal Government of Somalia government units who will conduct the investigation.

Question 4: What are the communities of interest?

Response: The implementor will work with the Department of State to determine any communities of interest as part of the cooperative agreement.

Question 5: Isn't there an existing hotline? Is this a hotline for the FGS or for DoS? Who is the end user and owner?

Response: This hotline is for the Federal Government of Somalia. While there is an existing hotline for the Defection and Rehabilitation Center funded by CT/P to encourage defections, this hotline--which should be staffed by Federal Government of Somalia employees--will serve as the conduit between individuals who wish to provide information and existing law enforcement and investigative entities to include existing State Counterterrorism Bureau-trained units.