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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS NO. SOL-268-14-000002

Improved Basic Education Services Project (IBESP)

AMENDMENT NO. 2

The purpose of this amendment is to amend the solicitation by providing answers to two questions received.

The subject RFA is hereby amended as follows:

Response to Questions Received:

Question 1:

Can USAID please provide more information on the memorandum of understanding between MEHE and LU referenced on page 16? Is the MOU specific to the reading curriculum?

Answer: The Memorandum of Understanding between MEHE and the Lebanese University governs the cooperative relationship between the two institutions. USAID is not involved in this MOU and it bears minimal to no impact on potential applicant's applications under this project. If after award, the recipient wishes to see or use the MOU as background or context for the education sector more broadly, they may contact MEHE directly.

Question 2:

Could USAID please clarify its expectation in terms of the scope and scale of the project in relation to non-formal education, as well as expected indicators or results?

Answer: USAID/Lebanon reminds applicants that its education program is part of its assistance to the Government of Lebanon. On education, MEHE is USAID primary partner. USAID will continue to work with MEHE and its partners to better understand the level of support for NFE as part of the proposed activities. Recently,

the Ministry of Education announced support for a new plan, the text of which is not yet publically available, that is open to the possibility of NFE activities. USAID strongly advises the winning recipient after award to use discussions with MEHE as a starting point for thinking about the scope and scale of NFE.

End of Amendment