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Reference: Revised Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Number-
72066321RFA00002

Subject: AMENDMENT NO. 0003

**Program Title: Disaster Risk Management Professionalization and Youth Leadership
(DRM-PYL) Activity**

Dear Prospective applicants:

The United States Government ("USG"), represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development's ("USAID/ETHIOPIA") hereby amends the above-referenced NOFO.

The main purpose of this Amendment 03 is to make necessary changes to the NOFO and provide formal answers to the questions received from prospective applicants in response to the subject NOFO by the deadline. The NOFO is amended as set forth below in Attachment No. 1. Questions and answers are included in Attachment No. 2.

Thank you for your interest and consideration of this USAID initiative. We look forward to your organization's continued participation.

Sincerely,

Admir Serifovic
Agreement Officer

Attachment No. 1 - Changes to NOFO

The NOFO is hereby amended as set forth below:

SECTION D

- **Section D.5 Technical Application Format, Item 5 Appendices (page38):** Delete in second paragraph the “15-page limit” and replace it with “**20-page limit**”.

EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY AMENDED HEREIN, ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF NOFO-72066321RFA000002 REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Attachment No. 2 - Questions and Answers

Q1. Can USAID kindly confirm that all local universities, including those listed in the NOFO, should be non-exclusive partners?

Response: Exclusivity agreements with local organizations, local universities, and individuals are strongly discouraged by USAID. The below explanation might address additional questions related to higher education institutions/universities and the list indicated in the Geographic Focus section of the NOFO as related to the overall objective of this activity.

This DRM-PYL activity will build on the lessons learned from the previous USAID funded activity (with Bahir Dar University) that increased human capacity in the DRM sector.

As indicated in the NOFO, the primary target of the DRM-PYL activity is recent graduates and final year students for entry-level positions that build local disaster risk management capacity in a variety of institutions and organizations. These will be graduates from universities with a formal DRM curriculum, as well as graduates from health science and other sectors that are relevant to DRM activities, and potentially graduates from TVETCs. In addition, this activity shall target staff in human resource departments in organizations so that young professionals have sustainable DRM employment opportunities.

To achieve this, the activity should target at least five regions of Ethiopia: Amhara, Somali, SNNPR, Afar, and Oromia. At least one university and/or TVETCs will be targeted for fellow recruitment and additional pre-Fellowship DRM training support in each of the five regions. As such, applicants are expected to propose a relevant list of universities that they decide would fit and meet expected results. The group, list, and combination of universities and TVETCs are not restricted to those indicated in the NOFO. However, offerors are also expected to consider other USAID and donor investments at universities, conflict-sensitivity, and many other operating environments when making their analysis and selection.

Universities for consideration might include those that are already engaged with Bahir Dar University through the inter-university forum for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Building. As stated in the NOFO, the activity is expected to develop a robust, sustainable community of practice across universities and TVETCs in a forum to provide peer support, share lessons learned on supporting Fellows, and exchange successful DRM training curricula.

Q2. On page 35, USAID states that the technical application has a 20-page limit, however on page 38 states that the technical application has a 15-page limit. Can USAID confirm there is a 20-pg limit for the technical application?

Response: USAID confirms that there is a 20-page limit for the technical application. Page 38 has been corrected accordingly. Please see amendment to the NOFO.

Q3. On page 38, USAID lists the following items to be included as appendices: 1) Logic Model; 2) Timeline of Milestones; 3) Resumes for Key Personnel + Position Descriptions; 4) Organizational Chart; and 5) Additional Relevant Materials. Additionally, USAID states *"The Applicant is authorized to include any charts, graphs or maps, and a Logical Framework that support the Technical Approach Section in the Merit Review Application Body."* Can USAID kindly confirm whether these items can be included as an additional appendix to those previously listed?

Response: Yes, these items can be included as an additional appendix to those previously listed.

Q4. Can applicants include letters of support?

Response: Yes, applicants can attach letters of support, but this is not required. However, as stated in the NOFO, letters of commitment for key personnel are required.

Q5. Last February, we submitted the first call of this Funding Opportunity of technical as well as financial proposal, but we did not get your detail feedback from your side. Is there a possibility to get the detail feedback of our project proposal for the first call?

Response: USAID is unable to provide individual feedback on previous applications.

Q6. For the last proposal, we collected letter of commitment to be partner from three different stakeholders and seven universities and sent as annex from the first call of Funding Opportunity. So can we use this letter as partner for this call or we shall to update letter of commitment to be a partner?

Response: If the previously outlined partnerships are still updated and relevant to your new proposal, yes, you can use the same letter of commitment.

Q7. Does the international staff is mandatory that indicates in DRM-PYL Core Budget Categories in personnel section? If the international staff is mandatory is that as individual or organization level?

Response: The budget outlined is an indicative budget. It is up to the applicant to propose an oversight structure and appropriate staffing arrangement that is in line with the guidance in the NOFO to deliver the activity's objectives.

Q8. During our last proposal, all our proposed partners were from government DRM Related organizations and universities, is it sufficient or need to include NGO's and private sectors?

Response: Applicants are encouraged to include a wide range of partners for recruitment of Fellows, including universities and TVECTs, as well as a wide range of partners for pre-Fellowship DRM training, Fellow placement, Fellow mentorship, and other human resource support including partners such as government organizations, the civil service commission, local NGOs, international NGOs, international organizations, and private sector organizations.

Q9. Can USAID confirm whether an applicant can apply as a prime and also a sub on another bid?

Response: Yes, applicants can apply as both a prime and as a sub on another bid.

Q10. Can we use the DUNS and SAM registry account that was opened for submission of previous grants or acquire new registration number to the current RFA.

Response: Yes, previous registry with an active account can be used. If inactive, please register/update your profile in SAM as soon as possible.