

AMENDMENT 1 (ONE)

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Number: 72061224RFA00003

PMI CASE MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL BEHAVIOR CHANGE PROJECT

Issue Date: September 04, 2024

The purpose of this amendment is to provide responses to Applicant's questions raised outlined in the Attachment below.

Unless specifically stated herein, all other terms and conditions of the NOFO remain unchanged.

Sincerely,

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Agreement Officer

Attachment - Responses to Applicants' Questions

ATTACHMENT - RESPONSES TO APPLICANTS' QUESTIONS

Question # 1

Would USAID kindly provide a clarification on the following language on Section C: Eligibility Information. Does the statement "There are no exceptions" mean that INGOs can also not be considered as sub-guarantees?

USAID RESPONSE: Local organizations are welcome to partner with international organizations, if the international organization(s) is/are sub-awardees; it is only the primary Applicant ("Prime") that is limited to local organizations.

Question # 2

Our organization would like to know if an International Organization can respond to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) as a sub-recipient with a local organization as a prime.

USAID RESPONSE: Yes, as stated above, local organizations are welcome to partner with international organizations, if the international organization(s) is/are sub-awardees; it is only the primary Applicant ("Prime") that is limited to local organizations.

Question # 3

Can USAID clarify on the following questions:

a. Is there a concept paper form or template that we should download and fill in apart from the outline shared in the RFA?

USAID RESPONSE: Applicants are required to use the outline provided in ANNEX 1: CONCEPT PAPER TEMPLATE. No additional templates will be needed at this time.

b. How much is the budget ceiling per applicant for this funding opportunity?

USAID RESPONSE: USAID/Malawi anticipates funding one award with a combined total estimated amount (TEA) of up to \$8,000,000. However, USAID is not obligated to make any awards. Applications should not exceed \$8,000,000 (total) for five years.

c. Is the NOFO restricted to specific districts, or it is open across all Malawi districts?

USAID RESPONSE: The activity will be implemented in approximately five districts, Balaka, Nkhatabay, and Nkhotakota plus approximately two additional districts to be determined in partnership with the NMCP.

Question # 4

Could USAID provide us with a grant application template for this funding opportunity?

USAID RESPONSE: Applicants are required to use the outline provided in ANNEX 1: CONCEPT PAPER TEMPLATE. No additional templates will be needed at this time.

Question # 5

On Page 24, the NOFO states that “Applicants may consider partnering with other local organizations who might hold specific subject matter expertise. Please clarify on the following questions:

a. May local prime applicants also partner with international NGOs that hold specific subject matter expertise?

USAID RESPONSE: Local organizations are welcome to partner with international organizations, if the international organization(s) is/are sub-awardees; it is only the primary Applicant (“Prime”) that is limited to local organizations.

b. If yes, are local prime applicants required to include their entire team in the concept note stage?

USAID RESPONSE: No, while USAID encourages applicants to co-develop the concept notes with their proposed partners, if selected for co-creation discussions, the prime applicants can add or modify the proposed partners.

c. If yes to the first question, will USAID allow local prime applicants to add the international NGOs in subsequent rounds of co-creation?

USAID RESPONSE: Yes.

Question # 6

Regarding the two case management districts - We are aware that the project has a geographic focus that includes “two case management districts and Balaka, Nkhatabay, and Nkhotakota.” We know that the two case management districts will be determined at a later date, in partnership with the National Malaria Control Program (NMCP). However, for the purposes of the Concept Paper, does USAID have a preference regarding whether or not applicants propose case management districts by name?

USAID RESPONSE: USAID would prefer that applicants do not propose case management districts by name, since these will be selected in partnership with the NMCP.

Question # 7

Regarding potential sub-recipients - The RFA says: “Applicants may consider partnering with other local organizations who might hold specific subject matter expertise (e.g. financial/project management, social behavior change, malaria case management, malaria in pregnancy (MIP), etc.) to present an application covering all objectives of the project as outlined in the program description.” Are applicants permitted to include an international organization as a sub-recipient to provide discrete, targeted technical assistance for a limited period of time if, in consultation with NMCP and other stakeholders, there is a clear perceived need to do so? If applicants are allowed to include international partners as sub-recipients, is there a limitation to what percentage of the overall budget may be allocated to the international partner?

USAID RESPONSE: Local organizations are welcome to partner with international organizations, if the international organization(s) is/are sub-awardees; it is only the primary

Applicant (“Prime”) that is limited to local organizations. There is no limit to what percentage of the overall budget may be allocated to the international partner.

Question # 8

Regarding Insecticide Treated Nets (ITNs) - Is the applicant expected to plan for and support the distribution of ITN at community level, or is the focus of the applicant solely on the SBC elements of ITN use / misuse?

USAID RESPONSE: The applicants are expected to address the SBC elements of ITN use/ misuse and other behavioral elements that can improve uptake of ITN interventions be it routine distribution, continuous distribution or mass ITN distributions. The applicants are also expected to provide technical assistance to strengthen the routine distribution of ITNs to pregnant women and newborns, but the applicants are not expected to distribute ITNs.

Question # 9

There seems to be a misalignment in the IRs and Sub-IRs (sIRs) in the results framework figure and explanatory notes that follow. Within the results framework image on Page 15 of the NOFO states that sIR 2.2 is "Increased demand for malaria high-quality malaria health services". However, further down on Page 15 sub IR 2.2 states "Sub-IR 2.2: Improved quality of patient-centered malaria services at facility and community levels," which is similar is sIR 1.1 Can you please confirm which language is correct for sIR 2.2?

USAID RESPONSE: The misalignment is acknowledged. Please use the IRs and sub IRs in the text and not the framework image. The sub IR on “Improved quality of patient-centered malaria services at facility and community levels” is contributing to both IR 1 and IR 2

Question # 10

The NOFO states that the main body of the Concept Paper (Sections II and III) must not exceed 5 pages, but it continues to provide a provision that Section II should be a maximum of 5 pages and Section III 4 pages, making it a total of 9 pages. Can you please clarify the total number of pages required for the submission of the Concept Note?

USAID RESPONSE: Your understanding is correct. The main body of the Concept Paper should just refer to Section II -Description of Proposed Activity, as indicated. Section III, Supporting Information, is not included in the maximum of 5 pages.

END OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR PMI NOFO