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Subject: **Amendment No. 1** to USAID/Pakistan Request for Applications (RFA) # 391-12-000002
Conflict Victims Support Program in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and
Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA)

The purpose of this amendment No. 1 is to:

1. Provide answers to questions received from potential applicants.
2. Correct the opportunity category posted in Grants.gov from Earmark to No Earmark (There is no earmark money involved in this program)

All other terms and conditions of the RFA remain unchanged.

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Any questions concerning this amendment No. 1 should be submitted in writing to Mr. Saadi Akhtar, via email to sakhtar@usaid.gov and Mrs. Afshan A. Faisal, via email to aafaisal@usaid.gov .

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Attachment: Amendment No. 1



S.No	Questions	Answers
1	Will USAID consider waiving altogether the requirement for 10% cost share? Given the existence of a parallel Government of Pakistan program, we do not think it is likely that the GoP would co-finance this program and we do not think there are other likely donors or source of cost share. We are not able to co-finance this type of program from our own resources?	No, USAID is unable to waive the 10% cost share requirement. Applicants will be required to meet this cost share to be eligible to submit an application for this solicitation.
2	Does USAID think there is any risk that the program will tend to associate the U.S. Government with <u>all</u> conflict related deaths in the target area (as opposed to only those resulting from U.S. covert or military action)? We are trying to gauge the security risk involved, and want to understand USAID's perception of the climate of public opinion about conflict related deaths in FATA/KPK?	There are a number of public opinion surveys available in Pakistan including the recent CAMP survey. Applicants might wish to conduct their own research on public opinion about conflict related deaths as well as the source of conflict related deaths.
3	Page 8, under Program Element 3.3.2.2: Victims of War, it says "The Program will also contribute to the FATA/KP Stabilization Strategy as follows: AO3...; IR2...; IR2.3...; IR2.4..." I'm trying to find the FATA/KP Stabilization Strategy or where the AO and IR come from?	Applicants may find additional information at: http://www.usaid.gov/pk/db/sectors/stabilization/
4	Could you please clarify under what earmark will this program be funded?	No earmark.
5	Page 8 of the RFA references a FATA/KP Stabilization Strategy under USAID Strategy and Results Framework, Program Element 3.3.2.2. Would USAID consider providing the FATA/KP Stabilization Strategy document to potential Applicants?	Applicants may find additional information at: http://www.usaid.gov/pk/db/sectors/stabilization/
6	Section B.3 Cost/Business Application, page 29, second paragraph, references a "Preliminary Annual Workplan requested under the Technical Application". However, the Technical Application instructions do not include this requirement. Please clarify.	Section B, Technical Application Format, d. is hereby modified to include numeral 11. As an annex to this section, the Applicant will provide a Preliminary Annual Workplan for the first year of implementation.
7	We are a, for profit, Private Limited Company, incorporated with SECP under the Company Act,	Yes, for profit organizations can apply to this opportunity. Please refer to RFA cover page for

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	however the two documents (the Advert. and the RFP) seem to be unclear on whether we are illegible to apply or not?	additional information related to profit under assistance instruments.
8	It is said that 20 grants are available but not very clear whether each grant is USD25.0 million or all the 20 grants together worth a total of USD25.0 million?	We could not find any reference to 20 grants in the solicitation. The USG anticipates awarding a single cooperative agreement as part of this solicitation.
9	No information is available on Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements. How can NGO's or Firms like ours can participate in Cost Sharing mechanism?	Please refer to the RFA's Cost/Business Application Format, pages 32 and 38. Cost sharing is the responsibility of the Applicant. Cost-sharing may be cash or in-kind. Applicants who are unable to meet the 10% cost share requirement are ineligible to apply for this solicitation.
10	Guidance is sought to clarify the SOW for each program component regarding the numbers of potential beneficiaries to be targeted under each component.	Applicants are required to define this as part of their application.
11	It is stated in the RFA that "USAID anticipates that at least 60% of the total budget will be proposed as direct assistance to conflict victims". Should this 60% be equally apportioned across all 3 components or can any one component get more than the other two components?	Applicants are required to define this as part of their application.
12	Can the Direct assistance also be in cash?	No, USAID prefers that assistance not be in the form of cash.
13	For victim identification dates would the start date be the start date of the project once the award is made and the implementing partners hit the ground?	Applicants are required to define this as part of their application.
14	Under component 1, is there any ceiling for the potential benefits for each beneficiary and/or family?	Applicants are required to define this as part of their application.

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15	Under component 2, is there any cost ceiling for the micro grants/loans, training or other support per beneficiary and/or family?	Activities are provided as illustrative. Applicants are required to define this as part of their application.
16	Under component 3, is there any ceiling specified for the long-range support for each beneficiary and/or family?	Applicants are required to define this as part of their application.
17	Guidance is needed for the modalities for cost shares by potential contractors. The current text is insufficient. This is currently set at 10 % which needs to be clarified in terms of the total USD value.	Please refer to RFA page 39, "Additional revised USAID policy on cost share can be found in ADS 303.3.10.4, Meeting Cost Sharing Requirements and Standard Provision "Cost Sharing (Matching) (February 2012)" and well as the Code of Federal Regulations , 22 CFR 226.23 Cost share value is expected to be \$2,500,000 (10% of \$25 million).
18	Further USAID guidance is needed where more than one entity plays a key role in program design and implementation. We envision a management structure under which a "Prime" and designated "sub-contractor (s)" or "Designated Associates or our consortium" will play a key and integral role for RFA preparation, as well as policy and program support for design and implementation. For purposes of RFA submission, what kind of legal agreement is sought by USAID to ensure compliance with USAID regulations and effective responsibilities are shared during implementation? A sample agreement previously approved by USAID would be very helpful.	Applicants are required to define their management structure as part of their application. The structure should have clear lines of authority, roles and responsibilities between organization(s). For further guidance, please re-review the solicitation.
19	Under component 1 can relief also be provided through GoP operated hospitals such as DHQs/THQs and AHQs?	Applicants are required to define this as part of their application.
20	Can other senior staff be recruited for the project other than the three key positions identified by	Applicants are required to define their management/staffing structure as part of their application, which will include the three key

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	USAID?	personnel positions and any other positions the applicant believes is necessary for the designed program.
21	For purposes of program implementation, who will be the Counterpart Department in KPK and FATA?	These were already named in the solicitation – FATA Secretariat and the Department of Social Welfare and Women's Development. See page 4.
22	The RFA expresses that at least 60% of the total proposed budget will be direct assistance to conflict victims. Does this mean that 60% will be equally distributed among the 3 components?	Applicants are required to define this as part of their application.
23	Under the three components are there any ceilings for assistance package under each component?	Applicants are required to define this as part of their application.
24	What are the modalities for cost shares by implementing partners?	Applicants are required to meet the 10% cost share in order to be eligible for this solicitation. How that 10% cost share is met should be defined by the applicants as part of their application. See answer to question 17 for further guidance.
25	Can GoP owned hospitals be considered for providing assistance packages?	Applicants are required to define this as part of their application.
26	We are working in Malakand Division which is seriously affected by conflict does all district of Malkand division of KPK are part of the Program?	As noted in the solicitation the program will be conducted in both KPK and the FATA. The Malakand Division is part of KPK. Therefore, all districts are included.

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