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AMENDMENT 02

RFA Issue Date: October 8, 2021

Opportunity Number: RFA Number: 72065622RFA00001 PREMIER

Deadline for Questions: October 22, 2021, at 17:00 PM

Initial Application Due date: November 22, 2021, at 17:00 pm

Amendment 02 Issuance: November 29, 2021

Closing Date & Time to

submit application: **December 15, 2021, at 17:00 pm (Maputo Time)**

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Subject: Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Request For Application (RFA) Number: 72065622RFA00001

Program Title: USAID Feed the Future (FTF): **PREMIER**
Promoting Innovative and Resilient Agriculture Market Systems

Dear Applicant:

The Purpose of the **Amendment No. 02** is to:

- 1) Amend submission application due date from **December 1, 2021, at 17:00 pm** to **December 15, 2021, at 17:00 pm**
- 2) Provide responses to questions submitted in Attachment 1 to this Amendment; and
- 3) Provide the “Revised Request For Application (RFA) Number: 72065622RFA00001”.

Sincerely,

George K. Boateng
Agreement Officer/USAID Mozambique

ATTACHMENT 01

72065622RFA00001 PREMIER

USAID Feed The Future (FTF): Promoting Innovative and Resilient Agricultural Market Systems (PREMIER)

Questions & Answers

QUESTION NO.39:

We request further clarification on the crisis modifier. Page 32 states that the crisis modifier will “1) Allow the reprogramming of up to 20% (or \$5M) of the Total Estimated Cost (TEC) over the life of the activity for contingency planning in the event of a shock or disaster” and “2) Provide flexibility to add up to \$5M in additional funding over the life of the activity. The \$5M should be identified as an unfunded separate CLIN budget line specifically for shock that would only be triggered if/when funds become available.” This implies that applicants should budget a \$25.5M program, with an additional separate unfunded \$5m crisis modifier line item, as well as an understanding that up to \$5M of the \$25.5M could be reprogrammed as needed under the crisis modifier. However, page 36 states: “USAID intends to provide \$25.5 million in total USAID funding over a (five) 5- year period. Out of this total, \$5M will be reserved for the Crisis Modifier to be programmed for unforeseen crisis/shocks (funds to be provided when and if need be).” This suggests that applicants should program a budget of \$20.5M, with a separate, unprogrammed line for the additional \$5M crisis modifier. Can USAID please clarify which, if either, of these interpretations is correct?

ANSWER NO.39:

Applicants should program a budget of \$20.5M, with a separate, unprogrammed line for the additional \$5M crisis modifier.

Please see ANSWER NO.16 in Amendment 1 to Premier RFA.

QUESTION NO.40:

On page 32, Section G regarding the Crisis Modifier, the RFA states, “The \$5M should be identified as an unfunded separate CLIN budget line specifically for shock that would only be triggered if/when funds become available”. Could USAID clarify the types of shocks or events that would trigger the use of funds from the Crisis Modifier (e.g., climate shocks, economic/market shocks)?

ANSWER NO.40:

Applicants are encouraged to provide an indicative list of possible shocks and/or changes in context (e.g. stressors) that will trigger the use of crisis modifier funds. Some examples of recurrent shocks in Mozambique are climate related (drought, floods and cyclones), but other shocks can also be considered, ie, pandemic, economic, social and political shocks.

QUESTION NO.41:

Page 44 indicates that the detailed budget should include a “breakdown by year, for activities implemented by sub-objectives.” Can USAID clarify whether this means that all line items in the detailed budget should be split across the three sub-objectives (for example with columns indicating the amount from each line item that relates to each sub-objective)? If so, should subrecipient budgets also be organized this way?

ANSWER NO.41:

Yes, Applicants are expected to break down the budget according to the three sub objectives. This applies to the Prime as well as sub-recipients’ budget.

QUESTION NO.42:

On Page 45 (Budget Categories), 5) 'Subawards' are classified as its own budget category after 'Procurement', however, on Page 66 (Annex 1 - Summary Budget Template), there is only a budget category for 'Contractual'. Could USAID confirm if Subawards should be included under 'Contractual'?

ANSWER NO.42:

Yes, Sub-awards should be included under Contractual budget line items.

QUESTION NO.43:

The RFP Key Personnel section (bottom of page 33) refers to two offices: one in Nampula and one in Zambézia. Is the Applicant required to have offices in both locations? Could the Applicant propose offices in additional locations?

ANSWER NO.43:

Please see ANSWER NO.27 and 29 in Amendment 1 to Premier RFA.

The Applicant can propose offices in other places besides Nampula head office.

QUESTION NO.44:

Can USAID please clarify the difference between sub-awards and sub-grants? On page 26, Section D USAID states “sub-award can be used to support locally established or local entities”

while sub-grants can be used to support “private sector partners to scale up innovations and pilot new ways of doing business that engage smallholder farmers”. Is the only difference between the use of sub-grants and sub-awards the type of entity supported (locally established vs. private sector partners)?

ANSWER NO.44:

Please see ANSWER NO.36 in Amendment 1 to Premier RFA.

QUESTION NO.45:

Based on the RFA released on October 8, we are aware that eligibility is not restricted, and several types of organizations are welcome to participate in this program. As such, we kindly submit the following questions which directly affect our ability to participate:

Our organization, an International Agricultural Research Center (IARC) and member of the One CGIAR consortium, is designated by USAID as a Category 1 Public International Organization (PIO) under ADS 308 (which sets forth USAID's mandatory policies and required procedures on assistance awards to PIOs). As a PIO, we would like to confirm if we can be considered as prime applicant, and that should CIP be successful, the applicable funding mechanism to receive the award could be the Project / General Contribution type subject to ADS 308 rules, in which funds are channeled through the CGIAR System (Trust Fund Contribution USAID – IBRD as Trustee of CGIAR Trust Fund).

ANSWER NO.45:

The RFA clearly states that this is a non-restricted RFA, therefore, a PIO organization is eligible for funding under this NOFO. Since USAID intends to award a single Cooperative Agreement pursuant to this notice of funding opportunity/RFA the award will be a bilateral agreement between the IARC and USAID Mozambique, not through the field support mechanism.

QUESTION NO.46:

We also would like to verify that should we participate as a sub-awardee under a prime applicant, in accordance with ADS 303.3.21 (d) "for sub-awards to PIOs", it would be subject to

the terms and conditions contained in the "Standard Provisions for Cost-Type Awards to PIOs in ADS 308".

ANSWER NO.46:

Correct.

QUESTION NO.47:

Finally, kindly confirm whether a non-local sub-grantee may participate in multiple consortia or should keep their application participation limited to one per organization.

ANSWER NO.47:

A non-local sub grantee may participate in multiple consortia.

[END OF ATTACHMENT 2 Q&A'S]