

Orphans and Vulnerable Children II (OVC II)
NOFO: 72052118R00016
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1: Section A, p. 12: The NOFO notes that the new activity will expand EID and viral load sampling to all USG-supported PMTCT service delivery sites. Would USAID kindly indicate the gap/number of sites currently supported through the program and the intended target for the first year of the program?

Answer 1: As of FY18 Quarter 2, 108 PMTCT sites are reported in DATIM. The target for next year (FY19) is 119 PMTCT sites.

Question 2: Section A, p. 14: Is there a preferred HIV risk screening tool for OVC that USAID Haiti would like to be used for the project, or should offerors propose the most appropriate tool?

Answer 2: USAID does not have a preferred HIV risk screening tool for OVC. Applicants should propose the most appropriate tool.

Question 3: Section A, p. 19: Should implementers plan to transition DREAMS/AGYW interventions in the four target districts in Year 2 or does USAID anticipate adding new districts or areas during Y2 or latter years?

Answer 3: Yes, the implementer is expected to transition the DREAMS/AGYW interventions in the four target districts starting in Year 2. Based on current information, we do not anticipate any additional districts to be added during year 2 or latter years.

Question 4: Section A, p. 28: Would USAID please clarify its expectations in terms of levels of resources to be dedicated to operations research and the learning agenda, whether it's a percentage of budget, number of studies over the life of the project, etc.

Answer 4: This is up to the applicant to propose; there is no set level.

Question 5: Section D, p. 35: Should the letters of commitment include those from consortium partners, or just the key personnel?

Answer 5: In accordance with page 38 of amendment 1, signed letters of commitment are required only for key personnel.

Question 6: Section D, p. 36: Are diagrams or other visuals and tables excluded from the six page implementation plan page limit?

Answer 6: Applicants are asked to include diagrams and other visuals and tables as an Annex and clearly identify the Annex as connected to the Implementation Plan.

Question 7: Section D, p. 36: Can applicants provide an activity timeline in the implementation plan annex rather than in the six page implementation plan and sustainability approach section, given the tight space constraints?

Answer 7: Applicants are asked to provide the Activity Timeline in an Annex rather than in the Implementation Plan.

Question 8: Section D, p. 37: We respectfully request that key personnel candidates may substitute their most recent supervisor with another relevant reference if the key personnel candidate is currently employed by another organization than the applicant.

Answer 8: Key personnel candidates may substitute their most recent supervisor with another relevant reference if the key personnel candidate is currently employed by an organization different from the applicant organization.

Question 9: Section E, p. 44: The NOFO notes that USAID will assess the Applicant's past performance through reference sheets included in the NOFO. Will USAID please share these sheets as well as guidance on the number requested? Additionally, can USAID clarify whether primes and subs should all submit past performance references or just the prime?

Answer 9: USAID will attach the past performance information sheet. The prime and significant subs (particularly those who the applicant proposes to transition to at the end of year 2) should submit past performance references. The applicant may submit up to five past performance reference sheets, covering the past five year period. The past performance reference sheets will not count against the prescribed page limitation.

Question 10: Section E, p. 45: Will USAID confirm that 5% cost share is required on the total award of \$20 million (the NOFO states \$6 million of the total award)?

Answer 10: The required minimum cost share requirement is 5% of the total award amount. The reference made to \$6 million on p. 45 in the first posted NOFO was an error.

Question 11: Section E, p. 48: Should the proposal annex PMP include all illustrative indicators listed throughout the NOFO, or should applicants select a representative sample from those included?

Answer 11: Include all illustrative indicators.

Question 12: Section E, p. 48: The NOFO states that the draft MEL plan should include suggested performance targets based upon current OVC program achievement. Will USAID kindly share the recent performance so that the information is publicly available to offeror's who may not be working on the current program?

Answer 12: The most recent Annual Program Report and Activity FACT Sheet is provided

Question 13: On page 45 the RFA states “USAID has established a required minimum cost share of five percent (5%) of the Award’s projected value of \$6 million USD for the recipient award” Can you confirm if cost share is required? If so is the amount required \$300,000?

Answer 13: Please see the answer to question 10.

Question 14: On page 35 of the RFA SECTION D: APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION - 4. Technical Application Format lists the required documents for submission as follows:

- 1) Cover Page (not included in the 13-page limit)
- 2) Executive Summary (1 page, not included in the 13-page limit)
- 3) Implementation Approach (maximum 6 pages)
- 4) Key Personnel (maximum 2 pages)
- 5) Management Plan (maximum 2 pages)
- 6) Institutional Capability/Past Performance (maximum 3 pages)
- 7) Annex (not included in the 13-page limit)
 - o Summary staffing plan and organizational chart (maximum 2 pages)
 - o Key Personnel resumes (maximum 3 pages per person)
 - o **Recommendation Letters**
 - o Letters of Commitment
 - o Draft Year One Implementation Plan
 - o Draft Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

However, the RFA does not include submission instructions for the Recommendation Letters. Can USAID clarify whether Recommendation letters are required for submission?

Answer 14: The applicant may submit recommendation letters and/or references for the proposed key personnel. The maximum page length for the resume/CV for each Key Personnel should not exceed 3 pages.

Question 15: On page 39, SECTION D: APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION - 4. TECHNICAL APPLICATION FORMAT - 6. INSTITUTIONAL CAPABILITY/PAST PERFORMANCE the RFA states, past performance information provided “should relate to the specific technical nature of the OVC II Activity and the operational context in Haiti”.

Can USAID/Haiti please clarify if applicants may include past performance implementing comparable activities in scope, magnitude and complexity both in Haiti and outside of Haiti?

Answer 15: Yes, applicants may include past performance implementing comparable activities in scope, magnitude and complexity both in Haiti and outside of Haiti.

Question 16: On page 7 SECTION A PROGRAM DESCRIPTION; NEW OVC ACTIVITY, the RFA states “OVC II Activity will target communities, families and children living in catchment areas where Project Santé is present and provides PMTCT, EID and pediatric HIV programs and areas supported under the extended PEPFAR network.” Can USAID please specify the target communities in these catchment areas?

Answer 16: A list of Project Sante sites and map of the PEPFAR network is attached.

Question 17: Section A, II. Relationships to US Government Priorities, C – Other Relevant USAID Programs, p12: “The OVC II Activity will coordinate closely with 4C during the first year of implementation to ensure complementarity of activities, before transitioning to manage the full set of DREAMS-Like/ AGYW interventions beginning in year two.”

As part of the DREAMS core package is to “characterize male sexual partners to target highly effective interventions, will results/publications from other partners on the characterization of male sexual partners be made available, or should the OVC II project plan to conduct a study?

Answer 17: A study on Male Characterization is expected to begin in FY19. USAID/Haiti anticipates the preliminary results will be available by the end of FY19. Therefore, it is not necessary to conduct such a study under the OVC II project activity.

Question 18: Does USAID envision that the OVC Activity II will maintain or expand the scope of the DREAMS-like interventions in the new activity?

Answer 18: USAID envisions that the scope of the DREAMS-Like interventions will be maintained in the OVC II activity; please see answer 3.

Question 19: Section A, IV Objectives and Expected Results, Community Based OVC Identification and Case Management, Page 23: “The Activity will adopt standard benchmarks, (which will be developed under another USAID-supported activity in FY19), for graduating families from support, including key child, caregiver, and family well-being outcomes, and outline case plan achievement benchmarks that correlate with graduation criteria.”

Do the benchmarks in Haiti correspond with the Global Minimum Benchmarks, or will the benchmarks for graduation be substantially different from the set being developed globally?

Answer 19: The benchmarks for graduation will not differ substantially from those being developed globally.

Question 20: As benchmarks are to be developed in FY19, have interim benchmarks been established to guide the case management process in the early years of this activity?

Answer 20: Savings Groups (known as MUSOs) have been the cornerstone of the Household Economic Strengthening activities in the Haiti OVC program. Completion of the MUSO Savings Groups cycle is currently the main graduation benchmark for OVC under the current activity.

Question 21: Section A, IV Objectives and Expected Results, Expected Results, p. 26. Could USAID please define the full package of DREAMS services referred to in indicator 15?

Answer 21: A table illustrating the full package of DREAMS-Like services is attached.

Question 22: Could USAID please provide general guidance and expectations for targeting and coverage?

Answer 22: The OVC project has to prioritize children infected or affected by HIV, while including other groups of vulnerable children (i.e. children experiencing violence, highly vulnerable adolescent girls and young women [AGYW] at risk of HIV infection, children of key populations - Men who have sex with Men, Commercial Sex Workers, and children of prisoners. The project should consider covering all ten geographical departments (districts). The DREAMS-Like activities are expected to continue in the four current implementation districts.

Question 23: Is the Geographic Targeting for SO2 and SO3 the 4 locations of 4 Children (PAP, Cap Haitian, Dessalines, and St. Marc)? Or are there other desired zones as well?

Answer 23: No other zones are being considered currently outside of the four locations listed (PAP, Cap Haitien, Dessalines, and Saint Marc).

Question 24: Could USAID please provide some estimates for how many children and their families will be transferring into this new activity from the current activity?

Answer 24: USAID anticipated that 85,000 OVC will transfer from the current activity to the activity. In addition, USAID anticipates that 15,000 AGYW will transition to the activity in year 2.

Question 25: Could USAID please confirm that the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance Policy will apply to this award?

Answer 25: Yes, the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance Policy is applicable to this award. It is applicable to all awards using federal funding for international health activities when implementation involves assistance to or is implemented by foreign NGOs.

Question 26: Format and Submission- Page 35, Technical Application Format references Recommendation Letters to be included in the Annex with no further mention or detail of Recommendation Letters in the document. Key Personnel on page 37 mentions the submission of "three (3) references, with complete contact information" and is not included under the Technical Application Format.

Are both Recommendation Letters and 3 references per Key Personnel required for KP or simply the latter? Are the Recommendation Letters perhaps for the implementing organization, not the KP? If Recommendation Letters are required for KP is USAID able to let us know what should be included? Please advise.

Answer 26: The applicant may submit recommendation letters and/or references for the proposed key personnel. The maximum page length for the resume/CV for each Key Personnel should not exceed 3 pages.

Question 27: Given that in Year 1 the Activity will coordinate with 4Children on DREAMS-Like/AGYW interventions and fully transition these interventions to the Activity in Year 2, should the Draft Year 1 Implementation Plan and MEL plan include DREAMS-Like/AGYW activities and targets?

Answer 27: The Year 1 Implementation and MEL Plan need only to include OVC targets not the planned AGYW transition targets.

Question 28: Can USAID confirm whether the terms “community health workers” and “Agents de Santé Communautaire Polyvalents” are referring to the same cadres of providers?

Answer 28: Agents de Santé Communautaire Polyvalents are trained providers in a specific program which is certified by the Haitian Ministry of Health (MSPP). Community Health Workers are a different cadre trained to carry out work for various purposes, but are usually not trained in the same specific program promoted by the MSPP.

Question 29: How many existing USG-supported PMTCT service delivery sites are there currently in Haiti?

Answer 29: There are currently 108 PMTCT sites reporting to PEPFAR.

Question 30: Can the geographic scope of the Activity, including priority geographic areas as defined by PEPFAR, be clarified or described in greater detail?

Answer 30: The geographical scope of the Activity is nationwide across the ten departments. A map of PEPFAR priority districts (SNU) is attached.

Question 31: Is the Activity anticipated to have nationwide coverage for each of the three objectives, or is it possible for the geographic scope to vary by objective? For example, page 7 refers to working in catchment areas where Project Santé is present and also refers to nationwide expansion of the EID network program and viral load testing to priority geographic areas; however, page 20 indicates that the geographic focus of DREAMS-like activities may be revised according to review and discussions with USAID and MSPP.

Answer 31: Based on current information, the DREAMS-Like activities are anticipated to remain in the same four geographical zones. The EID/OVC activities are expected to occur nationwide, preferably, but not exclusively, in sites supported by Project Santé.

Question 32: Page 35 includes 6 items to be included as annexes, not inclusive of a narrative describing the staffing plan and organizational chart; however, page 39 lists only 2 annexes, inclusive of the narrative to explain the staffing plan and organizational chart(s). Can USAID please clarify the items that should be included as annexes?

Answer 32: The annex should consist of all items listed under Section D, 4 “Technical Application Format”. The annex description on p. 40 was intended to provide additional guidance on some of the intended annex submissions.

Question 33: Can USAID please clarify what they are looking for in the staffing plan? Regarding the narrative requested under paragraph 7. Annexes on page 39 of the NOFO, please confirm that this narrative is not included in the maximum 2 pages allotted for the summary staffing plan and organization chart.

Answer 33: Please see the first bullet under paragraph 7, p. 40 for guidance on what is expected in the staffing plan narrative. The page limitation for the summary staffing plan and organizational chart is 2 pages.

Question 34: Could USAID please share midterm and/or final evaluations of the BEST project and other PEPFAR programs supporting OVC?

Answer 34: The most recent Annual Program Report and Activity FACT Sheet is provided.

Question 35: On page 7, the RFA includes children living in communities with high HIV burden, extreme poverty, or who have experienced abuse/violence are considered as acceptable target groups to be served by this Activity, though these are not included in the subsequent list of highest priority groups for enrollment. In addition, on page 13 the RFA states that the Activity will “facilitate access to more general, but equally critical, primary health care services for children regardless of HIV status. In addition, the Activity will facilitate access to critical education, psychosocial, protection, and other social services for HIV-infected and affected OVC.

Answer 35: This is correct. All children enrolled as OVC regardless of their HIV status will have access to the basic services.

Question 36: Could USAID clarify the services and/or support that are acceptable to provide for HIV- children living in high-prevalence communities, extreme poverty, or who have experienced abuse and violence, vs. those children who are HIV-infected, orphaned due to AIDS, have an HIV+ parent, or are children of key populations?

Answer 36: All children enrolled as OVC, regardless of their HIV status, will have access to the basic services (education, psychosocial, protection and other social services). HIV infected children will be closely monitored for ART early initiation, adherence, early infant diagnosis (EID) and viral load.

Question 37: Could USAID provide documentation and/or further information on the “4Children DREAMS-Like Activity” referenced on page 12, so that applicants can identify effective strategies for coordination and eventual transition? Information regarding specific activities implemented under this Activity would be helpful.

Answer 37: 4C DREAMS Like activity targets adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) and through referrals provides a set of multiple interventions (psychosocial, economic strengthening, education, prevention) through layering of services. OVC case management is an important component and the main objective of 4C is to keep AGYW free of HIV. The 4C activity Fact Sheet is provided with further information.

Question 38: Under Sub-Objective 2.3, USAID lists eight key activities for which the project will utilize Community Health Workers. This is an extensive list of tasks and may be challenging for CHWs to manage and deliver at an acceptable level of quality. Would USAID accept a program approach that utilizes CHWs for a subset of these activities, and engages independent, project-supported case managers (e.g. from local organizations), peer mentors/mobilizers, or group-based activities for certain elements of this list?

Answer 38: It is up to the applicant to propose the most effective model to carry out this work, which may include using CHWs for a subset of these activities and engaging independent, project-supported case managers from local organizations, peer mentors/mobilizers, or group based activities for certain elements of the list.

Question 39: On page 20, USAID references Haiti-specific OVC Quality Standards developed in 2014. Could USAID please share documentation related to these Quality Standards and the Care That Counts Initiative?

Answer 39: Haiti OVC Quality Standards document is provided.

Question 40: On page 23, USAID references “CHWs and community volunteers” as focal points for case management. As CHWs may not have sufficient bandwidth to manage robust case management activities, and volunteers may lack sufficient capacity to effectively provide comprehensive and consistent household support, liaise with health and social welfare structures, or monitor case plan achievement and household status, would USAID support compensation for case managers, such as through monthly stipends or as salaried employees of local implementing partners?

Answer 40: It is up to the applicant to propose the most effective model to carry out this work.

Question 41: On page 28, the RFA states that “the draft MEL Plan should include suggested performance targets, based on current OVC program achievement.” Does USAID refer to current OVC program achievement in Haiti, or based on the applicant’s OVC program achievement in other contexts if not currently implementing OVC activities in Haiti? If the former, could USAID please provide applicants with indicator performance results for current OVC programs in Haiti to use as a basis for setting suggested performance targets?

Answer 41: The current OVC Annual Program Report and Activity Fact Sheet reflect program achievement and are provided.

Question 42: On page 27, the RFA states that “the Activity will develop a proper data collection and performance monitoring system so as to be able to report geo-referenced performance management data to USAID/Haiti and the GOH.” In order to enable applicants to effectively design and budget for this system, could USAID clarify by what operational level performance management should be disaggregated (e.g. arrondissement, commune, individual facility), and any guidance on specific performance monitoring indicators USAID expects to be tracked geographically?

Answer 42: The activity will be expected to provide data down to the facility level. Performance monitoring indicators will include key MER indicators: OVC_SERV, OVC_HIVSTAT,

Question 43: Given the scope of the RFA and required activities, a total of six pages to describe the applicant's proposed technical approach is very short. Would USAID consider increasing the maximum length of the Technical Application to 20 pages, with 13 pages for the Implementation Approach section?

Answer 43: No, the number of pages would remain the same as indicated in the NOFO (RFA).

Question 44: To demonstrate technical staff capacity on the Haiti-based team, would USAID permit applicants to propose additional technical staff and, if so, could brief CVs or bios for these be included in the annexes?

Answer 44: No. USAID will not accept the submission of additional technical staff.

Question 45: As USAID is most likely aware, the International AIDS Conference is taking place the week of July 23-27. As key technical staff from many potential bidders are likely to be attending the conference, including preparing conference sessions or research presentations, would USAID consider extending the deadline for submissions to August 7 or later?

Answer 45: The deadline submission was extended to 12 PM EST on August 13.

Question 46: Could USAID please provide the anticipated start date for this project?

Answer 46: Anticipated start date is on or around October 20, 2018.

Question 47: Is the host country considered an accompanied post or an unaccompanied post by USAID?

Answer 47: Haiti is considered an accompanied post by USAID.

Question 48: In order to propose salaries comparable with USAID's, would USAID kindly provide its local compensation plan for CCN staff?

Answer 48: Please see attached local compensation plan.

Question 49: Page 37 of the NOFO mentions Key Personnel (maximum 2 pages). What should the 2 pages of narrative consist of?

Answer 49: The 2 page Key Personnel narrative should demonstrate quality, experience, and appropriateness of key personnel, and demonstrated ability to effectively manage the proposed activity.

Question 50: Page 35 of the NOFO Lists:

- 7) Annex (not included in the 13-page limit)
- Summary staffing plan and organizational chart (maximum 2 pages)
- Key Personnel resumes (maximum 3 pages per person)
- Recommendation Letters
- Letters of Commitment
- Draft Year One Implementation Plan
- Draft Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

Page 39 of the NOFO starts providing a more detailed explanation of the first Annex then stops. Can USAID provide a more detailed explanation of what is requested for:

- Key Personnel resumes (maximum 3 pages per person)
- Recommendation Letters
- Letters of Commitment
- Draft Year One Implementation Plan
- Draft Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

Answer 50a - Key Personnel resumes (maximum 3 pages per person)

For each Key Personnel, submit a three-page document a chronological summary of the individual's work history, educational attainment, and qualifications for the position for which s/he is being considered.

Answer 50b - Recommendation Letters

For each Key Personnel, the applicant may submit a one- to two-page document that provides an assessment of the various characteristics, qualifications, and capabilities of the Key Personnel being recommended with respect to the position for which the s/he is being considered.

Answer 50c - Letters of Commitment

A one-page document signed by an official at the applicant's organization and the potential or current employee of the applicant who is designated as Key Personnel (specifically note which key position) for the OVC II effort, indicating in writing that the potential or current employee is available to work as Key Personnel (again, specifically note which key position) on the OVC II effort if the Applicant is the awardee for the OVC II Cooperative Agreement.

Answer 50d - Please see (a) "Annual Implementation Plan" under Section B "Performance Reporting" in the NOFO for a more detailed explanation.

Answer 50e -Please see (b) "Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Plan" under Section B "Performance Reporting" in the NOFO for a more detailed explanation.

Question 51: The addendum for local partner transition appears to be heavily focused on Objective 3. Is that correct?

Answer 51: The requirement to transition to a local partner is as the prime recipient of funding for the entire activity.

Question 52: Is the \$9.975 million cap for the direct award for Years 3-4 mentioned on pg. 27 included in the \$19.5 million envelope?

Answer 52: Yes. However, please note the anticipated amount of the award is \$19,950,000.

Question 53: The amendment letter mentions that on pg. 18, under Section 2.4 of the NOFO there are additional requirements on the transition to a local partner; however in the NOFO the only highlighted change is on the focus on AGYW. Is that perhaps a typo and the addition to Section 2.4 is the focus on AGYW and not an additional requirement for the local partner transition?

Answer 53: The highlighted areas reflect changes made by the amendment to the particular section. It is a focus on AGYW.

Question 54: Point c. on page 43 says, "*Certificate of Compliance: Please submit a copy of your Certificate of Compliance if your organization's systems have been certified by USAID/Washington's Office of Acquisition and Assistance (M/OAA).*" On the template provided for the Certificate of Compliance under Supplementary Reference to the Mandatory Reference for ADS 303, 30359s1, we have noted the following issues:

- a. All references are made to the regulations that are no longer in existence: OMB Circular A-133, USAID Regulation 8
- b. The reference to OMB Circulars made on the first paragraph is vague, and not applicable
- c. The scope of the certification is general and does not clarify the applicability to USG funding.

Answer 54: The "Certificate of Compliance" language is a USAID requirement per NOFO template dated 07/11/2018. If your organization has a Certificate of Compliance please submit it. If your organization does not have a Certificate of Compliance, you do not submit it.

Question 55: P. 27 of the revised NOFO states "The prime partner will propose to USAID/Haiti a plan for transitioning the local partner from a sub-grant under the prime award to a direct award by USAID/Haiti and will work with relevant USAID/Haiti offices to implement this plan. USAID/Haiti funding of the direct award for the remaining two years of the OVC II period will be limited to \$9,975,000." Will the \$9,975,000 award to the local partner be issued as a new? award separate from the \$19,950,000 OVC II award?

Answer 55: USAID anticipates awarding a separate agreement to the local implementing partner(s) that meets the USAID transition requirements. The successful applicant will be expected to continue providing technical assistance to the transitioned local entity.

Question 56: How does USAID envision the graduation process for the local partner that will receive the \$9,975,000 award?

Answer 56: As per the USAID transition requirements in the award, as per ADS 303.

Question 57: If the \$9,975,000 award to the local partner is a separate award, will the OVC II prime implementing partner make a recommendation based on capacity building progress to USAID for a sole source award, or will an open competition be held?

Answer 57: Yes, per the USAID transition requirements in the award per ADS 303, the prime implementing partner along with USAID will certify the local partner's readiness to transition from a sub-grant to a direct prime award.

Question 58: If the \$9,975,000 award to the local partner is a separate award, what will the role of the OVC II prime implementing partner be in terms of management, reporting, and accountability?

Answer 58: Following transition to the local partner, the prime is expected to provide ongoing technical assistance throughout the remaining two years of the activity period.

Question 59: During PY3 and PY4, as the OVC II prime implementing partner will "provide ongoing technical assistance and oversight to the graduated local partner throughout the remaining two years of the OVC II Activity period to ensure quality and consistency of the implementation approach," will the OVC II implementing partner be directly implementing any activities themselves?

Answer 59: Following transition to the local partner, the prime is expected to provide ongoing technical assistance throughout the remaining two years of the activity period.

Question 60: What is the CFDA number for this program?

Answer 60: The CFDA number for this program: 98.001

Question 61: To support applicants in developing strategies for ensuring seamless continuation of services for current OVC households supported under PEPFAR, could USAID provide detail on interventions provided under BEST, such as in annual reports or recent program evaluations?

Answer 61: The current OVC Annual Program Report and Fact Sheet are provided.

Question 62: Does USAID expect the OVC II Activity to pay salaries or subsidies/incentives for ASCPs to include Project Santé? Does USAID intend for the project to expand the current cadre of ASCPs?

Answer 62: No, USAID does not expect the activity to pay salaries for ASCPs, nor expand the current cadre of ASCPs.

Question 63: Could USAID provide guidance on the proposal components expected for Years 3 and 4 of the OVC II Activity, which are to be implemented under a direct award to the Local Solutions Partner?

- a. Should prime applicants submit budgets for all four years of program implementation, or only for Years 1-2?
- b. Does USAID expect applicants to submit a detailed budget for the Local Solutions Partner for Years 3-4?

c. As the prime applicant and other consortium members are expected to provide technical assistance to the Local Solutions Partner in Years 3 and 4, should these organizations prepare a budget for their activities in those years under the prime's budget, or should they expect to receive a subaward from the Local Solutions Partner for technical assistance in Years 3-4?

Answer 63: As per the USAID transition requirements in the award, as per ADS 303

Question 6: Could USAID provide guidance on expected targets for OVC_SERV for the life of project?

Answer 64: The targets are set yearly based on current performance.

Question 65: Does USAID expect the Local Solutions Partner to maintain the current scale of OVC support that has been provided under BEST?

Answer 65: Yes.

Question 66: Does USAID support the payment of transport costs for laboratory samples under this award?

Answer 66: Yes, transport costs are anticipated as part of the Early Infant Diagnosis (EID) transport specimen DBS/PCR as under the current OVC project.

Question 67: Could USAID please clarify whether applicants are intended to achieve and track all of the indicators listed in the NOFO, or may the applicant propose a subset of indicators as part of its M&E and learning plan?

Answer 67: Applicants are expected to achieve and track all indicators in the NOFO.

Question 68: Are external evaluations planned for this project, or should the applicant budget for a full baseline, midterm, and final evaluation?

Answer 68: USAID anticipates that there will be an external evaluation.

Question 69: Could USAID provide any information and documentation on the award and status of the HIS RFA for data management systems in Haiti?

Answer 69: USAID Haiti awarded the HIS activity in 2017.

Question 70: Could USAID please release Q&A responses to the original set of bidder questions submitted on June 25, as many of these questions are still relevant to the project design?

Answer 70: Responses to those questions are included within this amendment.

Question 71: Would it be possible to submit a proposition for part (but not all) of the objectives? It is not totally clear to us from the sentence "*While one award is anticipated as a*

result of this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted.” Does this mean that applicants must submit a comprehensive proposal covering all objectives and USAID could ‘cherry-pick’ some activities? Or is it possible to submit only for a subset of activities?

Answer 71: USAID is seeking a comprehensive application to include all objectives outlined in the NOFO.

Question 72: Does USAID have a target number of households and children to be reached under Objective 3?

Answer 72: In FY 19 the total OVC_ SERV Target is 98,320. Adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) are a subset of this figure. The total number of AGYW expected to transition in year two to the activity is 15,000.

Question 73: Is the Sinovuyo curriculum already adapted/translated for Haiti?

a. Is the OVC II project expected to do this?

Answer 73: The Sinovuyo curriculum has been adapted to Haiti and is currently being used.

Question 74: The Kore Lavi project collaborated with MAST on the Haiti Deprivation and Vulnerability Index Tool. Can USAID share a link to this tool?

a. Does USAID anticipate that OVC II should use this tool to assess economic vulnerability at the HH level?

Answer 74: The Haiti Deprivation and Vulnerability Index Tool document is provided. The OVC II activity can use this tool to assess economic vulnerability at the household level.

Question 75: How many AGYW are targeted by USAID’s 4Children (4C)?

Answer 75: 15,000