



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Input into USAID/OFDA's Infectious Disease (with Epidemic or Pandemic potential) Standby Capacity for Humanitarian Emergency Annual Program Statement (APS)

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Response Due Date: November 21, 2017 at 5:00 pm (EST) Eastern Standard local time

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) through the Office for Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), is publishing the subject Request for Information (RFI) in order to obtain information and input from all interested public and private parties on Infectious Disease (with Epidemic or Pandemic potential) Standby and Augment Capacity for a Humanitarian Emergency.

Requested Action:

At this time, USAID is seeking responses to the questions of this RFI as detailed below.

Please note this is not a call for concept notes or applications. Responses to this RFI do not constitute a binding agreement or commitment by the U.S. Government to issue any awards, or pay for any information submitted as a result of this request. Any applications submitted in response to this request will not be considered. If a future Request for Applications (RFA) or Annual Program Statement (APS) is issued, it will be announced on Grants.gov website at www.grants.gov at a later date.

Thank you for your assistance and interest in USAID programs.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Description:

A. Background

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) through the Office for Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), is publishing the subject Request for Information (RFI) in order to obtain information and input from all interested public and private parties on Infectious Disease (with Epidemic or Pandemic potential) Standby and Augment Capacity for a Humanitarian Emergency. This only applies to Infectious Disease events that require designation of a Level-3 Interagency Standing Committee (IASC) and those that have been declared a Public Health Emergency (PHEIC) of International Concern (or are the equivalent of a PHEIC). This new Standby Capacity project will address critical, multi-sectoral response actor capacity gaps needed to maintain technical and operational readiness to ensure rapid response to infectious diseases outbreaks with epidemics or pandemic potential (i.e. influenza, viral hemorrhagic fevers, etc.) that reach the scale of a humanitarian emergency. This may include activities such as (but not limited to) contingency planning; the development or adaptation of toolkits, training, or technical guidance; establishment of rapid response teams; and enhancing coordination mechanisms.

B. Information Requested

USAID/OFDA seeks to incorporate feedback from a wide range of sources in its planning process with the aim of addressing critical, multi-sectoral response actor capacity gaps for infectious diseases at the humanitarian emergency scale. To that end, USAID/OFDA requests input from all interested parties to provide experience and evidence-based suggestions to the following specific questions:

- What are gaps of your organization that limit your ability to respond to a large scale infectious disease outbreak that becomes a humanitarian emergency?
- How does your organization prepare to respond and coordinate across relevant sectors?
- What are your organization's strengths in responding to a large scale infectious disease outbreak that becomes a humanitarian emergency? What would be needed to augment and/or scale up your organization's response capacity?
- How might your organization scale traditional humanitarian response interventions to apply them to an infectious disease humanitarian response?
- What is your organization's personnel policy on responding to infectious diseases?
- What are your organization's biggest technical needs when considering responding to a large scale infectious disease outbreak that becomes a humanitarian emergency?

C. How to Submit a Response

Responses to each question are optional and a respondent may select to which questions it chooses to respond. Responses must be succinct, specific, clear, and written in English. Responses to specific questions should be directly related to that particular query.



General feedback may be provided at the end of the response. Respondents can only submit ONE response per individual or organization. All responses should be sent to IDAPOFDA@ofda.gov.

Responders are solely responsible for bearing all expenses associated with preparation and submission of the response to this RFI. USAID is in no way obligated to utilize submitted information or issue an APS as a result of this request. USAID is not obligated to procure any of the services described herein, nor should the release of this request be construed as such a commitment on the part of USAID. The issuance of this request will not restrict the Government's ultimate approach, if any.

Responses to this notice must be received by no later than the due date and time stated in this notice. All information provided will become the property of USAID and will not be returned. USAID reserves the right to use information provided by respondents for its purposes. Proprietary information must not be sent. Respondents are advised that USAID is under no obligation to acknowledge receipt of the information, answer questions or provide feedback to respondents with respect to any information submitted. Any information submitted in response to this notice is voluntary.