

Request for Application (RFA) No. RFA-OAA-14-000015 Malaria Vector Control Program

Points for Clarification

1. Whether all the 3 objectives should be covered under this application by a single organization, or application can be submitted covering any one or two of the objectives?

Answer: Submitted applications will be evaluated per the evaluation factors (pages 50-54) on their ability to adequately address the entirety of all three objectives, as described in the RFA.

2. As objective 1 & 2 covers international levels at least how many countries should be covered under this program?

Answer: Please see Page 33 Paragraph F. Applicants should be prepared to perform work that may fall under any of the three objectives in any countries where USAID and PMI malaria funding is available. Actual countries will be determined after award, based on country-specific program needs and country-level decisions to buy into this global technical assistance program.

3. On page 43 under '1. Detailed Five-Year Budget' in the 1st line '5 focus countries' are mentioned, what are the five focus countries? Are these Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, Tanzania & Uganda as this is mentioned in one PMI document?

Answer: The five illustrative focus countries for which Applicants are to include in their budget are as follows:

1. Kenya
2. Mali
3. Mozambique
4. Tanzania
5. Uganda

The budget for the five focus countries is for evaluation purposes only and does not constitute an intent to operate in these countries. The countries where operations will occur will be identified after award.

The RFA is amended to reflect this clarification.

4. On page 10 under "10. Geographical Area focus" sub-Saharan Africa, Mekong Delta region and the Amazon Basin are specially mentioned; whether Bangladesh can apply for this program?

Answer: Sovereign countries are not eligible to apply for funding through this RFA. Please see page 34, paragraph A “Eligibility Criteria” for further details,

5. Whether different partners (In consortium form) can be involved for different countries and for different objectives to address, that is one partner for each objective?

Answer: Yes. Applicants are encouraged to develop a consortium of partners that as a whole adequately meet all the criteria and expectations outlined in the RFA.

6. Whether there would be provision for sub recipients at the country level implementation?

Answer: Yes. Please see answer #5.

7. Page 37 indicates that the deadline for submission is 5:00pm EST on May 30th. The cover sheet (page 2 of the pdf, but unlabeled) states that closing date is May 29th at 11:00am EST. Which is the correct deadline?

Answer: The cover page is correct. The closing date is May 29, 2014 @ 11:00am
“Closing Date and Time for Application Submission: May 29, 2014 at 11:00 AM (EST)”.

The RFA is amended to make this correction.

8. To what extent should we use information available in the FY14 MOPS to inform the illustrative budgets?

Answer: Publicly posted MOPs provide Applicants with an understanding of current malaria control programs for PMI countries. These are plans and are updated regularly based on current in-country needs. The MOP documents are independent of the RFA and will not be considered when evaluating the Technical and Cost Applications.

The illustrative budgets requested in the RFA are intended to allow USAID to determine Cost Realism and Cost Effectiveness as described on page 53 for the life of this project, not just for the first year of implementation.

9. Please explain the difference between the detailed budget and the prime applicant budget described on page 45 of the RFA.

Answer: On Page 45,

1. The Prime Applicant's budget details the applicant only cost without any sub-award budgets included and in conjunction with the sub-award budgets which together make up the Detailed Budget.
2. The Detailed Budget is the complete budget including all costs presented as the Prime's budget of total costs including those of the sub-awardees for the project.

10. May we submit a specific independent proposal in response?

Answer: No. Applications must be responsive to the goal and objectives as outlined in the RFA. All Applications will be evaluated against the established criteria listed on pages 50-54.

11. Is there public source info on the possible participants (teaming)?

Answer: No. Consortiums are encouraged to ensure that all elements of the RFA are adequately addressed in submitted applications; however, USAID is not able to help create those connections. Interested organizations will need to form partnerships independent of USAID and before the closing date of this RFA.

12. What are the "problems" that USAID is currently challenging?

Answer: Please read Section 1, pages 9-30, of the RFA.