



APS-386-13-000001, Amendment #1
Amendment Date: February 12, 2013

India Africa Agriculture Innovations Bridge

The APS is amended to:

(I) Revise the last paragraph of Section III (Application Process); Paragraph 1 for deleting the requirement that proposed sub-awardees/partners of the prime recipient must be from Geographic Code 937 countries; and

(II) Include the following Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

I. Changes to the APS

Revise the last paragraph of Section III (Application Process); Paragraph 1 for deleting the requirement that proposed sub-awardees/partners of the prime recipient must be from Geographic Code 937 countries. The revised paragraph is reproduced below:

“In support of the Agency’s interest in fostering a larger partner base and expanding the number and sustainability of development partners, USAID/India encourages applications from potential new implementing partners. Applicants may propose partners/sub-awardees that are not local Indian organizations.”

II. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q1. How do we access the complete version of the APS at www.grants.gov?

A1. To access the APS, please go to www.grants.gov and follow the steps below:

1. Click on "Find Grant Opportunities"
2. Click on "Basic Search" and type in the APS number "APS-386-13-000001" in the "Keyword Search" box
3. Click on "SEARCH"
4. Click on "India-Africa Agriculture Innovation Bridge Program" in the "Opportunity Title" column

5. Click on the “Synopsis” box to review the synopsis and then on the same page, click on “Full Announcement” for downloading the full APS

We encourage you to register at <http://www.grants.gov> in order to receive automatic notifications on any updates/amendments to our APS-386-13-000001. This is recommended since there will likely be multiple amendments to this solicitation during the one full year that it is open.

If you have any questions or wish to seek clarifications, please send your queries to indiarco@usaid.gov.

Q2. Who can apply?

A2. Indian organizations and/or institutions can apply. We encourage applicants to form partnerships with other private entities. The partners can be African, U.S., and/or from other countries, but the primary awardee must be an Indian entity.

The architecture of the partnership to implement the sharing of innovations is up to the applicants.

For example, an Indian non-governmental organization (NGO) can partner with a U.S. academic institution to assist in the adaptation of the innovation and a Kenyan private sector partner can facilitate the deployment of the technology.

Q3. Are public international organizations (PIO) (e.g. CGIRs and UN) eligible to apply?

A3. PIOs are not eligible to be prime award recipients. However, they can be partners and/or sub-awardees under this program.

Because of the extensive presence of PIOs in India and Africa, an Indian entity could seek partnership, which does or does not require a sub-award to the PIO.

For example, an Indian private sector company that has limited presence in one of the three African countries could partner with the PIO to use their extensive on the ground presence in Africa. The PIO could assist in transferring of the innovation and/or implementation of the innovation solution on the ground in Africa.

Q4. Are Government entities eligible to apply?

A4. Government entities are not eligible to be prime award recipients. However, they can be partners without receiving any USAID money, directly or indirectly. Therefore,

government entities cannot be sub-awardees under this agreement.

Q5. Are academic and research institutions eligible to apply?

A5. Yes, as long as they are non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Q6. Can an African or U.S. or other country non-government entity be a sub-awardee or be a partner in this program?

A6. Yes, they can be sub-awardees or can be a partner in this program, but not as the prime recipient. Accordingly, the APS is amended to revise the last paragraph of Section III (Application Process); Paragraph 1 for deleting the requirement that proposed sub-awardees/partners of the prime recipient must be from Geographic Code 937 countries. The revised paragraph is reproduced below:

“In support of the Agency’s interest in fostering a larger partner base and expanding the number and sustainability of development partners, USAID/India encourages applications from potential new implementing partners. Applicants may propose partners/sub-awardees that are not local Indian organizations.”

Q7. What are the requirements for Indian non-profit organizations to apply?

A7. See the “Applicant Eligibility” criteria under Section III (Application Process), Paragraph 1. This section outlines which types of organizations qualify as a “local organization.”

Q8. Do we have to work in all three countries, Kenya, Liberia, and Malawi?

A8. No. The intervention proposed must address the agricultural needs of at least one of the three African countries, Kenya, Liberia, and Malawi. If the applicant proposes an intervention in more than one country, at least one of the countries must be Kenya, Liberia, and/or Malawi.

Q9. Can we work in any other African country?

A9. Yes. However one of the countries where the innovation sharing is taking place must be Kenya, Liberia, or Malawi.

Q10. Do we have to work in all of the value-chains or crops identified in the solicitation?

A10. No, it is not expected that a specific innovation intervention will target all value-chains identified in this solicitation. The intervention can be focused on one value-chain in one country (as long as it is Kenya, Liberia, or Malawi). However, it is also possible that interventions be transferred to multiple countries in one value-chain.

For example, a dairy intervention could be shared with Kenya and Malawi.

Q11. Can the innovation be focused on a value-chain or crop outside of the ones identified in the solicitation?

A11. No. These crops have been identified by the governments of the respective countries and the Feed the Future Initiative as the most important agricultural crops to reduce food insecurity and malnutrition.

The intervention could target other value chains, but must benefit at least one of the value-chains identified in the project description.

Q12. Do we have to work in the geographic areas of focus in the African countries?

A12. It is recommended, but not required, that the interventions have the strongest impact in the areas of focus, since those areas have been identified to have the most need as well as potential for development impact. However, it is understood that some interventions will not necessarily have a geographic focus and could function at the national or regional levels.

Q13. If I have an innovation that needs to be developed further, could I apply for funding through this solicitation?

A13. This solicitation seeks *proven* Indian innovations that have the potential to be scaled in Africa. Innovations at the incubation stage, thus not been tested or proven will not qualify under this solicitation. The India-Africa Innovations Bridge is interested in the most efficient and effective ways to achieve impact through Indian agriculture innovations.

Q14. What is the maximum dollar amount of the awards?

A14. USAID India intends to provide up to a total of \$6.012 million to successful applicants. Approximately two to four cooperative agreements and/or grants of \$2 million

each or less may be awarded against this APS. All awards will be made on a competitive basis. USAID reserves the right to make no awards against this APS.

Q15. After the concept paper is submitted, when will we be notified to submit a full application?

A15. USAID will start the review of the first round of concept papers on March 20, 2013. We will invite applicants for full proposals by April 15, 2013. There are three other deadlines for concept papers (June 20, Sept 20, and Dec 20) and full application invitations will be sent out by the 15th of the following month.

Q16. Who can I contact for “clarifications”?

A16. All inquiries must be submitted in writing to indiarco@usaid.gov. All inquiries are due two weeks prior to the concept paper submission deadlines. A response to all of the questions, without identifying information will be posted on grants.gov, as well as the USAID India website.

If you choose to sign up for updates, you will be notified by email when updates and new documents are added to this solicitation. You can register for updates on <http://grants.gov/>.

Q17. Where can I find out more about Kenya, Liberia, and Malawi?

A17. You can find out more about the Feed the Future program and specific country strategies and implementation plans at <http://www.feedthefuture.gov/>. Additional information specific to on-going programs in Kenya, Liberia and Malawi are in the appendix of the solicitation.

Applicants are encouraged to research and reach out to the existing programs and activities in the respective African countries to assure support in those countries.

Q18. How to we submit concept papers?

A18. Concept papers should be submitted via **e-mail** to indiarco@usaid.gov. Note that the concept papers should be submitted as an attachment file. Also, please refer to the complete submission instructions and formatting for concept papers in Section III.A of APS-386-13-000001.

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