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Subject: Amendment #1 to Request for Applications (RFA) # RFA-OAA-12-000019, Polio Eradication Project
Closing Date and Time: Friday, June 22, 2012, 5:00 pm Washington, DC Time

Dear Prospective Applicant:

The purpose of this Amendment #1 is to publish USAID's answers to the questions submitted via email by potential applicants by May 29, 2012 5pm Eastern Daylight Savings time. Please direct any questions to Ms. Boryana Boncheva at bboncheva@usaid.gov.

Sincerely,

Boryana Boncheva
Agreement Specialist

**Answers to Questions submitted for
Polio RFA # RFA-OAA-12-00001**

1. *Please confirm that applicants can propose an alternative project name, as indicated on page 20 in the instructions for the cover page.*
Yes, applicants may suggest an alternative project title.
2. *Should applicants assume level funding for each of the five project years?*
Polio earmark is expected to stay at approximately the same level throughout the period of performance. The applicants may assume approximately equal distribution of the funding during the five years.
3. *Does USAID have an estimate for Year 1 funding?*
Please see the response to question #2 above.
4. *Does USAID expect that the applicant and each sub-grantee would present 3 Past Performance References with both part 1 and part 2 of the provide template filled out, or will USAID request part 2 project feedback independently?*
The applicant and the potential subpartners should present three past performance references. Part I should be completed by the applicant/subpartner prior to the application submission.
5. *Can USAID please clarify the request for budget breakdown by 'Core' and 'field support' funding? Does this mean the applicant should use a standard formula of 60% Core funding and 40% field funding to show the breakdown in each detail budget presented?*
The applicant should present the budget details in two separate worksheets – 60% of the total funding for Core budget and 40% of the total funding for Field support. The applicant does not need to break each budget category into 40%-60% of the total budgeted cost, but may propose which personnel/activities will be funded from the Core budget and which ones will be paid out of Field support funds.
6. *Can USAID please confirm the expect project results for Ethiopia-- namely, on page 11 “children up to 12 months should have a minimum of seven doses of vaccinations either through immunization campaigns or routine immunization”. In Ethiopia, the current standard of practice is a minimum of six: one polio zero, three routine and two rounds of campaigns; therefore a minimum of six doses are appropriate.*
For Ethiopia, 6 doses are sufficient under the current immunization campaign schedule.
7. *Can applicants propose different job titles for the two RFA-designated key personnel positions?*
Applicants are discouraged from proposing different titles for key personnel.
8. *Can USAID please confirm that USAID funding that could support initial scale up in 2-3 additional countries (pg. 8) is funding outside of the \$38 million designated for this opportunity?*

It is expected that the activities in the additional countries would be included in the \$38 million total estimated amount.

9. *Is the funding for this Cooperative Agreement separate from the \$39 million appropriated for polio?*

This project will be primarily funded out of the USAID polio directive (as have the past NGO polio projects), and countries can add other types of MCH/ESF funds (not HIV or FP) if they choose.