



**U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
AMENDMENT NO. 7**

**ADDENDUM NO. 7200AA20APS00016 – CALL FOR PARTNERSHIP CONCEPT
PAPERS FOR RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC FREEDOM AND INCLUSION IN THE
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA**

**UNDER EXISTING NEW PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE (NPI): CONFLICT
PREVENTION AND RECOVERY PROGRAM ANNUAL PROGRAM STATEMENT
(CPRP) No. 7200AA19APS00012**

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this Amendment No. 7 is to provide answers to questions that were received during the Question and Answers Period but were inadvertently not included in Amendment No. 6. As such, this Addendum is modified to include the attached Questions and Answers Document.

Except as clarified herein, all requirements of the subject Addendum “Call for Partnership Concept Papers for Religious and Ethnic Freedom and Inclusion in the Middle East and North Africa” issued on July 14, 2020 and its Amendments 1-6 remain unchanged.

Thank you for your interest in USAID programs.

Sincerely

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS DOCUMENT

1) How can NGO's work around basic bank transactions to fund projects?

Response. USAID does not have any policy related to bank transactions to fund projects as the matter is organization and country specific.

2) Are investors permitted to assist with funding project? Is Iraqi nationality/citizenship required?

Response. Project funding will be contingent on each organization's policies and procedures, as well as how the funding is treated (cost share vs. leverage). The nationality/citizenship of investors is not subject to the eligibility conditions of the Addendum.

3) Is instability in certain regions of Syria a factor in approving a proposal?

Response. While instability may present challenges to executing the award, it is not a factor in the merit review criteria. Applications will only be scored against the criteria set forth in the relevant APS and Addendum.

4) What is the process for wiring funds to Syria? What about transaction fees?

Response. The process for wiring funds to Syria is country specific. We encourage organizations to familiarize themselves with legal requirements within the country (ies) they propose to work in.

Transaction fees, when reasonable and legally required by a banking institution, may be allowed by the Agreement Officer.

5) Will the government fund projects related to healthcare which will meet the needs of the elderly population?

Response. Funding will be reviewed and scored against the criteria and sectors set forth in the relevant APS and Addendum.

6) In order to receive funding, do NGO's or non-profit organizations have to be registered in KRG or central government?

Response. Per Section C – ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION, I. Eligible Organizations, “To be eligible, all Implementing Partners must be legally registered entities under applicable laws and eligible under relevant laws to receive funding from a foreign source.... unregistered, or informal organizations are not eligible to be Implementing Partners.”