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QUESTION: The grant mentions “socially-vulnerable” youth. Are there specific social, cultural, or income guidance associated with socially-vulnerable?

ANSWER: “Socially vulnerable” means from areas identified by the Ministry of Peace, IMAS and Ministry of Security as areas where there’s poverty, violence and high crime. The specific areas are mentioned in the NOFO as “cantonments”.

QUESTION: Regarding youth, we find some conflicting information. the National Youth Policy (NYP) for Costa Rica refers to ‘youth’ as between the ages of 12 – 35. However, with respect to employment, the legal age for employment is 15 (with special restrictions until the age of 17), but full employment cannot be achieved until the age of 18. In other places the NYP targets youth ages 15 – 17 however, the Ministry of Work and Social Security (MTSS) has a program (Empleate) targets unemployed and non-student youth between the ages of 17 – 24 to provide job-related training (<http://www.mtss.go.cr/empleo-formacion/empleate.html>). For the purposes of this grant what is the age range associated with “youth”?

ANSWER: Target will be youth from 17 to 35 years old.

QUESTION: On page 6 of the NOFO under the priority municipalities, it is stated that “This project will work in partnership with other efforts being coordinated by the US Embassy (INL) and linked to the Vice Ministry of Prevention at the Ministry of Public Security (MSP), the Vice Minister of Peace, and the local governments.” Is it possible to obtain more clarity about what these efforts are that are being coordinated with the US Embassy?

ANSWER: You can investigate in MPS. The project is called Sembremos Seguridad

QUESTION: What are they?

ANSWER: This is a project that created a citizen security assessment tool based in a Colombian tool named AISEC. Pilot project was in 15 cantonments and this project is to complement the work being done in those cantonments. NOFO is clear on this.

QUESTION: Who is the contact for these efforts

ANSWER: MPS and each one of the 15 pilot municipalities or cantonments mentioned in the NOFO

QUESTION: Is there a timeline and progress reports?

ANSWER: Please see specifics in the NOFO.

QUESTION: Are there organization in addition to those listed who are engaged in these programs?

ANSWER: We are not aware of specific organizations working in these programs.

QUESTION: In Objective 5 on page 8 of the NOFO it states: “Train officials of eighteen local governments in the implementation of youth employability strategies.” Yet under Desired Results and Illustrative Indicators for the end of Year 1 on page 9 it states: “Identify at least two municipal officials in each of the 18 additional local governments, who will be trained in the implementation of youth employability strategies.” What is the actual objective for Year 1 is it merely identification of officials in each of the 18 areas, or Is it actual training of officials from the additional local governments? If so how many?

ANSWER: Identify and train at least 2 officials per cantonment and train at least 2 for each municipality

QUESTION: Do there need to be more officials identified in addition to the officials who are trained in each local government?

ANSWER: NO

QUESTION: On page 6 of the NOFO, 18 municipalities are listed. Two of these – Alajuelita and Moravia – are specifically targeted for the Year 1 activities. Of the remaining 16 municipalities, 13 are located within the San Jose metroplex, but Heredia, Cartago, and Alajuela are their own provinces. Are there specific municipalities within those provinces that are targeted areas? If so, what are they?

ANSWER: Alajuelita and Moravia are cantonments and those 2 are the municipalities.

QUESTION: Do we as the grant applicant determine which municipalities to target?

ANSWER: NO. The list of the cantonments is in the NOFO IN PAGE 6

QUESTION: If there are more than a single area in those provinces identified, how does that impact the training of local officials?

ANSWER: The areas identified are cantonments and each cantonment is run by a municipality.