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KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

To: All Applicants

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Subject: Questions & Answers
Notice of Funding Opportunity Number: 72011521RFA00001
USAID Local Governance Strengthening Activity in the Kyrgyz Republic

The purpose of this letter is to provide answers to the questions received in response to the Notice of Funding Opportunity Number: 72011521RFA00001, USAID Local Governance Strengthening Activity in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Question 1: The new Project is a continuation of the USAID CAMI Project. Can the new Project go beyond the USAID CAMI approaches and methods and be supplemented with new approaches and tools proposed by Kyrgyz organizations and/or other development projects?

USAID Response: Although the approach undertaken by USAID CAMI has proven to be largely effective, USAID/Kyrgyz Republic is open to new approaches and new tools. Most importantly, the proposed approaches and tools must convincingly support the accomplishment of the Activity Purpose and three Sub-Purposes, as well as other requirements specified in Section A of the NOFO.

Question 2: Should the Project Chief of Party be hired by a local leader or international partner?

USAID Response: It is expected that the Applicant (local organization) will be the Prime Awardee for the entirety of the Activity (project). As Prime Awardee, the local organization should propose a candidate for Chief of Party (COP) position. The local organization can do this independently or in consultation with a Capacity Development Partner.

Chief of Party is a key personnel position that will require concurrence from the Agreement Officer Representative (AOR) and approval from the Agreement Officer. The Agreement Officer will consider the proposed candidate for the COP position and either approve or request that the awardee propose another candidate. Upon approval, it is expected that the Chief of Party will be employed by the local organization.

Question 3: The NOFO states that the applicant must define the Proposed Geographic Destinations, but at the same time it also states that the project will operate in four oblasts: Issyk-Kul, Jalal-Abad, Naryn, and Osh. USAID proposes targeting two rayons in each of the four oblasts. Our questions are:

a. Should it be the same rayons as in the USAID CAMI project?

USAID Response: USAID is open to suggestions on the selection of rayons. Applicants should explain reasons for selection of the same rayons or different one within the proposed four oblasts.

b. Should it be the same municipalities as in the USAID CAMI project?

USAID Response: Applicants should not target only USAID CAMI municipalities, but could elect to work in some USAID CAMI municipalities, or none at all. Applicants should explain reasons for selection of the same municipalities or different ones within proposed four oblasts.

c. Should we immediately indicate specific rayons in the indicated oblasts or it will be on the next stage?

USAID response: USAID encourages proposing specific rayons and explaining the reasons for their selection. However, target rayons can be discussed during the co-creation stage. The final selection of rayons and municipalities will be approved with the approval of the Work Plan by USAID after award.

Question 4: Is there a preferable split of budgets between the leader and the partner, for example, 80% and 20%?

USAID Response: USAID does not have a preference for a split of the budgets between the Prime Awardee and Capacity Development Partner. The Prime Awardee is responsible for award implementation and the budget should reflect this reality. Along with the Concept Paper, the Applicant should propose a Summary Budget, inclusive of all program costs, broken out by major budget category and by year for activities implemented by the Applicant for the entire period of the activity. In this Summary Budget, the Applicant should propose the Capacity Development Partner's total cost for each year. Please be aware of the limitation stipulated in the standard provision *Limitation on Subawards to Non-local Entities (July 2014)*, which is listed as applicable on page 66 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity and which will be included in the resulting award.

Question 5: Can the new Project include grants for partners, or not as in the USAID CAMI project?

USAID Response: USAID envisions that the new Activity (project) will not provide grants to local self-governments. At the same time, the Applicant (local organization) can propose sub-awards to other organizations for work under the award. For example, the Applicant can propose hiring a private firm to produce relevant video products or the Applicant could issue a grant to a civil society organization to conduct trainings for local self-government employees. The term 'sub-awards' includes both sub-agreements and subcontracts under assistance.

Question 6. В проекте USAID в развитии местных самоуправления как партнер, может международная организация принять участие? Can an international organization participate in the USAID project in the development of local self-government as a partner?

USAID Response: Applicants may propose international organizations as a Capacity Development Partner. This Capacity Development Partner must be a for-profit or non-profit organization that has a wealth of experience with the US Government assistance awards. It is expected that Applicants propose a Capacity Development Partner who has substantive experience developing local organizational capacity and mentoring local organizations to assume greater programmatic and financial roles.

Question 7. Саламатсызбы Нарын облусунун Кочкор районунун кум дөбө айылы ийгиликтүү аймакка кирет. Котогон проект менен ийгиликтүү иш алып барып келебиз сиздердин ушул сунушунударда кызыктырууда, бирок Заявка кетирүүдө англисче болгондуктан кыйындык жаралып атат. кыргызча Заявка болсо чоң жардам кылат элеңиздер. [usaid](https://www.usaid.gov), [msdsp](https://www.msdsp.gov.kg), [idea](https://www.idea.org), красный керест менен иш алып барып ийгиликке жеткенбиз.

Hello, Kum Dobo village, Kochkor rayon, Naryn oblast is one of the most successful areas. We are successfully working on the project. We are successfully working on the project. I am interested in your suggestions, but there is a problem with the application because it is in English. The application

in Kyrgyz would be a great help. We have been working with USAID, MSDSP, IDEA, RED CROSS.

USAID Response: USAID would like to work with a local organization in the Kyrgyz Republic that can conduct business correspondence in English. Therefore, all documents are written in English. Applications must be submitted in English. All deliverables and correspondence after award must be produced and conducted in English.

Question 8: Как получить UEI? Как я поняла без этого невозможно подать заявку от организации на проект USAID Local Governance Strengthening Activity in the Kyrgyz Republic - NOFO 72011521RFA00001. Не могли бы объяснить как получить UEI. На сайте я уже посмотрела видео об этом. Но не было понятно.

How to get UEI? As I understood it, without this it is impossible to submit an application for USAID Local Governance Strengthening Activity in the Kyrgyz Republic - NOFO 72011521RFA00001. Could you please explain how to get UEI. On the site I have already watched a video about it. But it was not clear (translated from Russian to English)

USAID Response 8: The Applicants can provide their DUNS number, if available, with their concept papers. SAM registration and DUNS number will be required for the highest rated Applicant invited to co-creation and full application submission phases.

Sincerely,

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