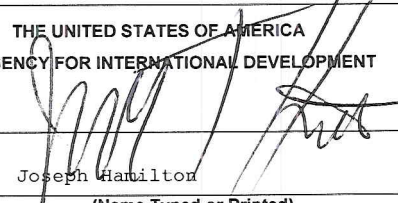


MODIFICATION OF ASSISTANCE

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1. MODIFICATION NUMBER 01	2. EFFECTIVE DATE OF MODIFICATION 07/29/2015	3. AWARD NUMBER: N/A	4. EFFECTIVE DATE OF AWARD: N/A
5. GRANTEE: TO BE DETERMINED DUNS NO. : TIN NO. : 0 LOC NO. :		6. ADMINISTERED BY:	
7. FISCAL DATA: Amount Obligated: Budget Fiscal Year: Operating Unit: Strategic Objective: Team/Division: Benefiting Geo Area: Object Class:		8. TECHNICAL OFFICE: 9. PAYMENT OFFICE:	
10. FUNDING SUMMARY:			
		Obligated Amount	Total Est. Amt.
Amount Prior to this Modification:		0.00	0.00
Change Made by this Modification:		0.00	0.00
New/Current Total:			
11. DESCRIPTION OF MODIFICATION: The purpose of Amendment 01 to RFA-656-15-000006 is to do the following:			
- Extend the due date for submission of Applications by 3 (three) weeks from July 31, 2015 to August 24, 2015, at 10:00am Local (Maputo) Time, as shown in Attachment 01; - Update Geographical Code from 937 to 935, as shown in Attachment 01 - Provide responses to questions submitted by potential applicants as shown in Attachment 02, with 2 additional reference Attachments for Q&A#29			
12. THIS MODIFICATION IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAA of 1961 AS AMENDED. EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY HEREIN AMENDED, ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT REFERENCED IN BLOCK #3 ABOVE, AS IT MAY HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN AMENDED, REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.			
13. GRANTEE: ☐ IS ☐ IS NOT REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT TO RECONFIRM ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE CHANGES EFFECTED HEREIN			
14. GRANTEE: BY: _____ (Name Typed or Printed) TITLE: _____ DATE: _____		15. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BY:  Joseph Hamilton (Name Typed or Printed) TITLE: Agreement Officer DATE: 7/29/15	

ATTACHMENT 01

To RFA-656-15-000006

1. The Application Submission Deadline is hereby extended by **3 weeks, from July 31, 2015 to August 24, 2015 at 10:00 Local (Maputo) Time.**

2. **The paragraph on page 42 of the NFO RFA is amended as follows:**
Delete:

The geographic code for this program is 937 (the United States, the Recipient country, and developing countries other than advanced developing countries, but excluding any country that is a prohibited source).

And

Replace with:

The authorized geographic code for procurement of goods and services for the award issued under this RFA, is 935.

[END OF ATTACHMENT 01]

ATTACHMENT 02

QUESTION #1:

Due to the complexity of this program, we feel that more time is needed to develop an adequate response. Will USAID consider extending the deadline by two weeks?

ANSWER:

Yes. The deadline is hereby extended to August 24th, 2015 10:00am Local (Maputo) Time.

QUESTION #2:

As indicated on page 43 of the RFA, SDS-OVC-MZ will be supported by PEPFAR sources serving Orphans and Vulnerable Children. Can USAID provide information on what other budget streams will support this activity?

ANSWER:

Only USAID and PEPFAR funds will be supporting this activity.

QUESTION #3:

May USAID provide an indication of expected targets of OVC reached annually? Can USAID confirm whether OVC targets will include the number of OVC, other children in OVC household, and OVC caregivers in household?

ANSWER:

USAID would like each applicant to propose the expected target of OVC annually given the availability of funds and the Applicant's technical approach, noting that targets may be changed according to Country Operational Planning's priorities. USAID recommends that partners use a family based approach; therefore all children in the family should be served based on their critical needs.

QUESTION #4:

Ministry guidelines indicate a ratio of 20 OVC per activista. Does USAID expect the awardee to maintain that ratio?

ANSWER:

USAID would like each Applicant to propose the expected target ratio of OVC per activista that is in compliance with Ministry's guidelines, however, it should be noted that this activistas caseloads should be adequate to allow them to provide quality services to OVC and families based on their critical needs.

QUESTION #5:

Please confirm if the definition of OVC within these guidelines include OVC + other children in OVC household + OVC caregivers?

ANSWER:

USAID confirms that the definition of “OVC” includes all children in the target household, which includes OVC caregivers.

QUESTION #6:

On page 13, the RFA refers to the DREAMS initiative, which targets adolescent girls and young women ages 15- 24. Can USAID please confirm that the target group for SDS-OVC-MZ is ages 0-18?

ANSWER:

The target group for SDS-OVC-MZ is ages 0 – 18, and their caregivers which may be over 18.

QUESTION #7:

We understand that Mozambique has recently revised and increased the number of PEPFAR priority districts. Shall we work with the 69 districts listed in the RFA or with the latest information? If the latter, can USAID share the most recent list?

ANSWER:

Please focus your application on 57 of the 69 districts listed in the NFO. See table below.

Cabo Delgado	Maputo City	Tete	Manica
Ancuabe	Kamavota	Changara	Barue
Chiure	Kamaxakeni	Cidade de Tete	Machaze
Cidade de Pemba	Kamabukwana	Moatize	Mossurize
Macomia	NIhamankulu	Mutarara	Sussundenga
Montepuez	Maputo Province	Zambezia	Sofala
Mueda	Boane	Alto Molocue	Buzi
Muidumbe	Cidade da Matola	Chinde	Chibabava
Gaza	Manhica	Gile	Marromeu
Bilene	Marracuene	Inhassunge	
Chibuto	Nampula	Maganja da Costa	
Guija	Angoche	Milange	
Mabalane	Cidade de Nampula	Mocuba	
Mandlakaze	Malema	Mopeia	
Inhambane	Mecuburi	Morrumbala	
Inharrime	Moma	Pebane	
Massinga	Monapo	Niassa	
Maxixe	Muecate	Cidade de Lichinga	
Vilankulo	Nacala	Cuamba	
Zavala	Nampula		

Please note that this is subject to change.

QUESTION #8:

On page 21, the RFA states, “The USAID team will discuss and define geographic prioritization with the applicant prior to implementation of this activity, which shall not overlap with the OVC Girls Education program districts.” Can USAID please identify the districts that are served by the OVC Girls Education program?

ANSWER:

The USAID OVC Girls Education Program districts have not yet been established, but there should not be overlap with the new list of SDS-OVC-MZ districts.

QUESTION #9:

Will USAID continue to support community HIV testing under SDS-OVC-MZ?

ANSWER:

Yes, USAID will continue to support and strongly recommends the promotion of referrals of SDS-OVC-MZ beneficiaries to community and facility based HIV testing.

QUESTION #10:

On page 27, the RFA states “The community-based ECD centers may fulfill a variety of functions...These centers enable some of the most disadvantaged children to access important services.....” Please clarify if SDS-OVC-MZ will create these ECD centers or will the awardee work with those that exist.

ANSWER:

The Applicant should primarily work with those that are already established in the target districts, and where feasible may propose to establish community based ECD Centers in order to accomplish its technical approach.

QUESTION #11:

Is there a recommended percentage of the budget that should be allocated to monitoring and evaluation?

ANSWER:

No, there is not recommended percentage of the budget that should be allocated to monitoring and evaluation. The Applicant should propose an amount that is sufficient to perform the work.

QUESTION #12:

Please clarify if the Branding and Marking Strategy Summary should be included in the Technical or Cost Application.

ANSWER:

Please submit the Branding Strategy and Marking Plan Summary as part of the Annexes of the Technical Application.

QUESTION #13:

Please clarify how many Past Performance Reports should be submitted for the prime and each sub-grantee.

ANSWER:

Please provide five (5) past performance short forms. Sub-applicants and subcontractors (who will be receiving 10% or more of the proposed Total Estimated Amount [TEA]) also need to submit past performance short forms.

QUESTION #14:

Please confirm that children infected and affected by HIV are the primary target population under SDS-OVC-MZ.

ANSWER:

Yes, the primary target populations under SDS-OVC-MZ are OVC directly affected by HIV (affected and infected).

QUESTION #15:

For such a community-based program, please confirm the Geographic Code 937 is appropriate for this program.

ANSWER:

The Authorized Geographic Code listed on page 42 of the NFO - RFA-656-15-000006 II.6 Authorized Geographical Code: is amended to specify “The authorized geographic code for procurement of goods and services for the award issued under this RFA, is 935.”

QUESTION #16:

On page 43, Section III.3, cost share appears as both a percentage (15%) and a fixed amount (\$10.8M). On page 64, the RFA states that "The Applicant is required to include cost share expressed as a dollar figure rather than a percentage to assist in monitoring the award." Will this fixed figure be adjusted if the amount of funds available for the activity is reduced or increased?

ANSWER:

No, the fixed amount of cost share will not be adjusted based on obligation or expenditures. In accordance with ADS 303.3.10.3, “in the award budget, cost share must be expressed as a dollar figure rather than a percentage to assist in monitoring the amount.”

QUESTION #17:

On page 72, the RFA states, “The First Year Work Plan must be submitted by the Recipient within 60 days of the award.” On page 74, the RFA states the Final Work Plan, including gender action plan and local capacity development plan is due 30 days after the award. Please clarify when the First Year Work Plan is due.

ANSWER:

The first Work Plan will be due 60 days after award.

QUESTION #18:

In the required information for the Executive Summary as stated on pages 50 and 58 of the RFA, applicants are requested to indicate sources and amounts of funding secured from other sources. Please confirm that illustrative sources based on applicants’ best efforts to estimate non-federal funding sources for the five year period of performance will be acceptable, as it may not be feasible to commit exact funding course names or exact amounts at the time of application.

ANSWER:

Yes, please include illustrative sources based on applicants' best efforts to estimate non-federal funding sources for the five year period of performance.

QUESTION #19:

Please specify what types of documents that support History of Performance are required as part of the Cost Application per page 59 of the RFA.

ANSWER:

The History of Performance is required (as necessary) to help the Agreement Officer make a responsibility determination. If the Applicant has recently received a cost reimbursable award from USAID or another cognizant USG agency, it is unlikely that the History of Performance will be necessary. A History of performance may include audited financial reports or other related documents.

QUESTION #20:

The RFA indicates that CVs for identified staff must be submitted in both the Technical Application and Cost Application (pages 48 and 61). Will it be acceptable to include only a summary of the of identified candidates' salary history as an annex or in the budget narrative as opposed to submitting two copies of each CV?

ANSWER:

Yes, please include resumes for proposed Key Personnel as an Annex to the Technical Application and the salary history for all proposed staff that have been named in the Cost Application.

QUESTION #21:

Please confirm that a list of acronyms will not be counted against the page limit.

ANSWER:

USAID confirms that a list of acronyms will not count against the page limit of the Technical Application.

QUESTION #22:

Would USAID allow Letters of Support from key private and public sector stakeholders in the annexes?

ANSWER:

Yes, Applicants are free to provide Letters of Support in the Annex of the Technical Application.

QUESTION #23:

If applicants name additional senior technical staff beyond those required in the key personnel section can those CVs be included in the annexes?

ANSWER:

Yes, as per page 49 of the NFO, please include “Resumes/Curriculum Vitae for Key Personnel and long-term professional staff, proposed position descriptions, and signed letters of commitment from Key Personnel” in the Annex of the Technical Application.

QUESTION #24:

Does USAID expect that budget allocation in each district reflects poverty and child vulnerability situation of the children?

ANSWER:

No, USAID does not have that expectation. The Applicant should propose a budget that allocates resources based on the Applicant’s understanding of the issues and its proposed technical approach.

QUESTION #25:

Page 21, 2nd paragraph, it is stated that: “The USAID team will discuss and define geographic prioritization with the applicant prior to implementation of this activity, which shall not overlap with the OVC Girls Education program districts.” Does this means that applicants do not need specify in which districts they will implement at the proposal development stage?

ANSWER:

No, the Applicant should specify the districts that they are proposing to work in. USAID may enter into discussions that refine the proposed districts at a later date.

QUESTION #26:

Page 14, last paragraph, states: “Where the SDS-OVC-MZ and FtF overlaps, there are opportunities to leverage both projects’ interventions to improve the benefits for OVC families to improve their food security” Would it be possible for USAID to provide information on which districts is the FtF being implemented to allow applicants to demonstrate in the proposal how the leverage will be done?

ANSWER:

The FtF districts have not yet been established. We included this sentence to alert the potential applicants that there may be opportunities to leverage both projects interventions if the opportunity arises.

QUESTION #27:

On page 18, 3rd paragraph, it is stated that: "...PATH will implement a three year project to scale up integrated ECD interventions in all Maputo Province PEPFAR scale up districts and technical assistance to selected provinces in Mozambique." Would it be possible for USAID to provide information on which provinces PATH will provide technical assistance in order to avoid duplication in proposed activities?

ANSWER:

PATH will be working in Sofala and Zambezia Provinces. However, USAID anticipates overlap which will require collaboration between PATH's interventions and SDS-OVC-MZ.

QUESTION #28:

Could USAID clarify the statement on page 21 regarding the geographic coverage: "Note that geographic coverage could potentially decrease or expand during the time frame of this activity based on PEPFAR prioritization over time as directed by PEPFAR and USAID"? If the geographic scope expand, would resources for this program increase? How are partners to budget for either expansion or reduction of geographic scope?

ANSWER:

Your Technical Application should be based on the best information that you have at this time. If the geographic areas change once an award is made, USAID will inform the Awardee. At that time, any proposed changes will be discussed with the Awardee.

QUESTION #29:

Could USAID share documents regarding the current USAID Community Care Program such as mid-term evaluations, or other types of reports such as annual reports?

ANSWER:

Yes, please find two MEASURE Evaluation reports: (A) Community Care for Vulnerable Children in an Integrated Vulnerable and Home Based Care Program, and (B) MEASURE Formative Assessment of a Future mHealth Site in Nhamatanda, Mozambique) Attached.

QUESTION #30:

Of the provinces and districts listed on page 21 of the RFA, which are of the highest priority for rapid start up?

ANSWER:

USAID considers all districts listed on page 21 of the NFO to have equal priority. The Applicant may propose rapid start up in the certain districts based on their technical approach.

QUESTION #31:

Will bids to the notice below be closed to US and local sources within individual aid recipient countries only (937), or opened to bids from all sources (935). The language on pages 42 and 43 of the grant notice are contradictory. Could you let me know who can bid on the Grant?

ANSWER:

All qualified U.S. and non-U.S. organizations (other than those from foreign policy restricted countries) are eligible to apply. See “Section III: Eligibility Information” for details on Page 43 of the NFO.

Please see question # 15 for Authorized Geographical Code

[END OF ATTACHMENT 02]