

Questions and Answers for
Alternative Justice (AJ) Mechanisms in the Mexican Criminal Justice System
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Question 1:

Is there is a specific template that INL would like applicants to use for the gender, equity, and inclusion analysis?

INL Response:

No. INL does not have a specific template for applicants to use for the gender, equity, and inclusion analysis. Applicants are encouraged to create their own.

Question 2:

With regard to the Illustrative Performance Indicator Reference Sheet, could you please clarify if applicants are required to provide a total of 3 indicators for our identified goals, objectives, and sub-objectives, or are applicants required to provide 3 indicators for each goal, objective and sub-objective? How many indicator tables are required to be submitted?

INL Response:

For a project proposal, it is only necessary to complete a **total of three (3) indicators**, with at least one outcome indicator. Indicators for objectives and sub-objectives are not required but may be necessary to meet the requirement that progress against at least one outcome indicator should be expected at least once every six months. In other words, it must be possible to monitor progress toward expected results while the project is in progress.

There should be a minimum of three (3) indicator tables to meet the requirement of providing three (3) indicators. Please consult the Illustrative Performance Indicator Reference Sheet as it provides an example of an indicator table under Appendix A.

Note that the indicators listed in the Change map must match what is in the Illustrative Performance Indicator Reference Sheet and vice versa.

Question 3:

Could INL please clarify if there are specific priority states in Mexico you would like us to work in for this program?

INL Response:

Priority states will be discussed with selected applicant(s) after award. However, applicants are encouraged to propose Mexican states that might be appropriate for the project.

Question 4:

Does INL prefer the use of face-to-face or virtual trainings for capacity building purposes?

INL Response:

INL's preference is that applicants provide innovative approaches that are highly likely to achieve impact.

Question 5:

Is a formal certification the instrument that INL is seeking to implement so that operators of the Mexican justice system become more knowledgeable about alternative justice mechanisms?
Would you prefer a new type of certification vs an existing one?

INL Response:

INL expects applicants to provide innovative approaches that are highly likely to achieve impact.

Question 6:

Are traditional media, specifically radio, subject of funding by INL for this NOFO as a communication channel to approach citizens on key alternative justice messages?

INL Response:

INL expects applicants to provide innovative approaches that are highly likely to achieve impact.

Question 7:

Can women from indigenous communities living in situations of violence be considered as target audiences (citizens) for dissemination activities on alternative justice mechanisms?

INL Response:

INL expects applicants to provide innovative approaches that are highly likely to achieve impact.

Question 8:

Are there pre-determined indicators of performance or success for the project?

INL Response:

No. INL expects applicants to provide innovative approaches that are highly likely to achieve impact.

Question 9:

Is there a ceiling and a floor of criminal justice systems that should become more knowledgeable about the technical requirements, criteria, and benefits of alternative justice?

INL Response:

There is no ceiling or floor of criminal justice systems that should become more knowledgeable about the technical requirements, criteria, and benefits of alternative justice, and INL expects applicants to provide innovative approaches that are likely to achieve impact.

Question 10:

What does restorative justice and restorative justice agreements mean?

INL Response:

INL encourages applicants to provide their own understanding of restorative justice and restorative justice agreements in the Mexican criminal justice context.

Question 11:

Which are the Alternative Justice mechanisms specifically considered by the project? Should all of them be considered in the Mexican Legislation?

INL Response:

Applicants should state which Alternative Justice mechanisms are included in the project proposal and include mechanisms that will make the project most likely to achieve impact.

Question 12:

Does INL have a preliminary range of the number of state criminal justice operators expected to participate in project activities?

INL Response:

INL expects applicants to propose a potential number of state criminal justice operators that can participate in the project in a way that the proposal provides an innovative approach that is highly likely to achieve impact.

Question 13:

The NOFO indicates that the project is expected to improve capacity of State AGOs in their prosecutions. Has INL determined a prioritization list of the States/Jurisdictions where the project is expected to conduct activities? Additionally, is there a minimum number of states AGOs expected to be supported?

INL Response:

INL will work with selected applicant(s) to determine where the project will conduct activities. However, applicants are encouraged to propose states/jurisdictions where the project will conduct activities.

Question 14:

Will previous studies/assessments on the lack of AJ mechanisms be available to applicants or the future implementer?

INL Response:

INL will share relevant studies/assessments with selected applicant(s) after award.

Question 15:

Is there an incumbent performing these objectives with INL Mexico? Have they focused on state AGOs or at the federal level?

INL Response:

Though previous investments have been made in this area at both the state and federal level, there is no current incumbent carrying out these objectives.

Question 16:

Does INL have a preference on the methodology used to conduct measurements around social awareness, receptiveness, and confidence in alternative justice mechanisms? Would the chosen implementer be required to include randomized and stratified surveys at the national/state level, or would other types of non-probabilistic assessments be considered appropriate by the INL evaluation panel?

INL Response:

INL does not have a preference other than the methodology should be effective and appropriate in the context of the applicant's proposal. INL considers many types of assessments as appropriate, depending on the purpose of the assessments.

Question 17:

Will INL fund logistics and travel expenses for justice sector operators who attend trainings or does INL require the proposal to include all travel expenses for participants?

INL Response:

The proposal should include all necessary project expenses.