

Middle East/Education Umbrella Annual Program Statement
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Addendum 002: Yemen

USAID Responses to Questions from Potential Applicants

Q 1. In reference to page 7 of Addendum 2: Is registration for both North and South required prior to award?

A 1: As noted, applicants must be demonstrably “registered or can be registered in Yemen by the appropriate authorities to implement this activity in all of Yemen”

Q 2. Does USAID envision multiple awards potentially separated geographically? Would a phased approach be a mitigating factor?

A 2: USAID will look at all approaches presented. USAID will work with the offeror to develop the most feasible approach, which could be phased.

Q 3. In reference to page 9 of Addendum 2: If the evaluation committee determines to pursue the opportunity, will the next step in the full application process entail co-creation, an interview, or other types of application processes?

A 3: Yes. As per the Umbrella APS, the next step would be a full application process which would entail direct discussions with the Applicant.

Q 4. Is USAID providing equal weight to initial technical design or operational presence, or other – i.e. a mix of both to co-create?

A 4: Technical design and operational presence will both be factors evaluated in order to bring the offeror to the full proposal stage.

Q 5. In reference to pages 5 and 6 of Addendum 2: The following phase does not specifically call out the need to provide services for school-aged children: “Activities should focus on areas of early childhood education development, positive youth engagement through skills-based vocational training, and ensuring education support can meet community demands and needs.” Can USAID please clarify if this APS will

provide support to school-aged children? Can USAID clarify if this APS can address youth non-formal vocational/livelihoods without the provision of formalized vocational training?

A 5: Yes the APS will provide support to school-aged children. Yes the APS can address youth with non-formal vocational and livelihoods training.

Q 6. Will this activity allow for school rehabilitation and renovation costs? Will this activity allow for the provision of equipment to schools, non-formal learning spaces, and the ministries of education?

A 6: This activity will allow for light renovations to provide safe learning spaces and procurement of some equipment as needed.

Q 7. Will this activity allow for the payment of teacher and other government worker incentives?

A 7: Not as a substitute for salaries; however some teacher and government employee trainings conducted as part of this program may provide standard incentives to attend trainings, including transport and subsistence costs, if they are outside of the normal working hours or as assigned by relevant authorities.

Q 8. Given the operational context, will US citizens be allowed to work on the ground under this award?

A 8: USAID/Yemen strongly discourages the use of US citizens as employees or consultants on the ground in Yemen due to the security situation and the lack of US embassy presence.

Q 9. Does USAID anticipate enforcing any travel restrictions under this award for US citizens or TCNs?

A 9: USAID/Yemen strongly discourages the use of US citizens as employees or consultants on the ground in Yemen due to the security situation and the lack of US embassy presence. The award will also strongly encourage notification to USAID/Yemen for any USN or TCNs that travel to Yemen under any USAID-funded awards,

Q 10. For activities related to early childhood development, is USAID expecting implementers to target children between the ages of 3-6 or is the aim that these activities target children from age 0-8.

A 10: The target beneficiaries are children between the ages of 3-6 years old.

Q 11. During implementation, will there be an opportunity for implementers to inform the M&E and research questions posed by the Third Party Monitor and Verification organization?

A 11: Yes.

Q 12. Are UN agencies eligible to apply for funding under this APS Addendum?

A 12: Yes. As noted in section VIII(A) of the Umbrella APS: "USAID welcomes applications from many types of organizations including U.S. and non-U.S. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), faith-based organizations, international organizations, foundations, colleges and universities, civic groups, regional organizations, etc. All applicants must be legally recognized organizational entities under applicable law. An individual cannot apply as an applicant."

Q 13. On page 4 of the APS Addendum, it's stated that USAID's School Doors program is reaching 75,000 children across Aden, Lahj, Amran, Hodeidah, Sana'a, and Al Dahle. Is it USAID's intention to focus the implementation of the new program in these same six governorates or is there the possibility to implement activities in additional governorates?

A 13: Additional governorates would be possible.

Q 14. Can USAID please clarify what is meant by restoration of schools as stated on page 7 of Addendum 2: "*Possible interventions, tightly coordinated with current multi- and bilateral programming could be: Continued restoration of schools and the provision of desks, furniture and facilities to ensure girls' participation*".

A 14: This refers to light renovations and restorations to make schools safe spaces to learn. It does not refer to construction or reconstruction of schools.