



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Subject: Request for Information (RFI)

Issued Date: Friday, July 1, 2022

Comments Due Date: Monday July 18, 2022, 5:00pm, Nairobi Time

Title: Local Governance and Reconciliation Activity (LGRA)

The United States Government, represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development Somalia (USAID/Somalia), is issuing this RFI for interested organizations to provide responses, comments, and recommendations on the approaches for the information in the document below.

Please note this is an RFI and is not a Request for Proposals (RFP) or Request for Applications (RFA). It is not to be construed as a commitment by the U.S. Government or USAID to issue any solicitation or Notice of Funding opportunity, or ultimately award a contract or assistance agreement on the basis of this RFI, or to pay for any information voluntarily submitted as a result of this request. USAID is not seeking technical or cost proposals at this time. Do not submit any proposal/application at this time in response to this RFI. Responding to this RFI does not give any advantage to any firm or organization in any subsequent competition. Responses will be held confidential. USAID reserves the right to respond to any, all, or none of the comments and questions submitted. USAID's responses (if any) will be posted on <http://grants.gov> please continue to monitor the site for any postings. USAID reserves the right to contact one or more of the RFI respondents to engage in co-design or co-creation processes prior to the issuance of the subsequent solicitation.

Please submit your comments to this RFI (no more than five pages) via email to Petrina Williams at pwilliams@usaid.gov with a copy to Aziz Alibhai at aalibhai@usaid.gov with the subject entitled: "Request for Information (RFI): Local Governance and Reconciliation Activity (LGRA)", no later than the date and time stated above.

This Notice can be viewed and downloaded from the Internet at <http://grants.gov>. Thank you for your interest in the subject request for information.

Sincerely,

Petrina Williams,
Contracting Officer
USAID / KEA

Local Governance and Reconciliation Activity (LGRA) Request for Information

This RFI is issued for the purpose of providing industry an opportunity to review, comment, and propose edits to improve the draft design document for a new USAID/Somalia activity. As part of the design process for this proposed activity, USAID/Somalia conducted a robust literature review and donor mapping and undertook consultations with key Somali stakeholders.

The proposed activity, tentatively titled the Local Governance and Reconciliation Activity (LGRA), will be a five-year cooperative agreement. Subject to the availability of funds, the anticipated total estimated amount will be approximately \$40 million, comprising a core program of \$25 million and opportunity module(s) of up to a total of \$15 million that would allow LGRA to scale-up in response to windows of opportunity that emerge over the course of implementation.

While the draft design document is modeled as an assistance agreement, USAID/Somalia welcomes feedback from a wide variety of stakeholders, including for-profit organizations, academia, new and underutilized partners, etc. Your feedback is requested to help refine and improve the draft design document in order to ensure the proposed activity is feasible and responsive to Somalia's unique operating environment. USAID/Somalia may significantly revise the proposed design document and planned solicitation based on the comments received. USAID/Somalia may contact RFI respondents for face-to-face or virtual consultations in order to further refine and improve the draft design document.

USAID/Somalia seeks feedback in particular on the following questions:

1. What are your thoughts overall on the proposed activity (i.e. the theory of change, results framework, etc)? Is our approach feasible? What are we missing? What assumptions are for the successful achievement of the activity?
2. How can LGRA increase the participation of minority groups in public life and ensure greater inclusion in village- and district-level decision-making processes?
3. How can LGRA better encourage local governments to be more accountable to citizens (especially for districts that have not gone through the District Council Formation process and have been appointed from the FMS capital and not selected by the local community)?
4. How can LGRA identify local government leadership that is committed to the values of inclusion, transparency and accountability?
5. What are your thoughts on our decision not to prioritize districts in large urban centers like Baidoa, Kismayo and Mogadishu? What are we missing with this decision?
6. What is the best way to measure the institutional performance of local government?
7. Does the draft design document provide prospective applicants with sufficient information about USAID/Somalia priorities for this procurement?