

**Notes from the
Juntos Aprendemos Information Call (English)**
Monday, May 4 at 4pm (EDT)

Purpose of Meeting: To answer questions on the Juntos Aprendemos APS and clarify processes for concept submission, co-creation and award.

Agenda

- Overview of USAID/Colombia Venezuela Response and Integration Office (VRIO) programming
- The Goals of Juntos Aprendemos in relation to VRIO programming
- Overview of the New Partners Initiative (NPI)
- The stages of an Annual Program Statement from Concept to Co-Creation to Award
- Discussion of questions submitted on the APS
- Questions and Answers

Questions/Answers and Comments

Note: These questions are in addition to the questions and answers included on Amendment No. 1 of the APS No. 7200AA20APS00015, Juntos Aprendemos: Delivering Quality Education in Migrant Receptor Communities in Colombia

- **Question:** Can international organizations that do not technically meet the definition of “established partner” (as in they have received less than \$25 million cumulatively in USAID funding over the previous five (5) years) apply as mentor organizations under Partnering Approach 3?
Answer: Yes, the eligibility criteria for modality 3 focus on the sub-grant. That does not exclude new or under utilized partners from mentoring.
- **Question:** Could you please confirm the criteria for participation under partnering approach 3 A and B whereby the international partner is the prime organization.
Answer: The criteria are established in the APS and in the appendix. (See APS criteria).
- **Question:** Are the organizations that reach the co-creation phase, expected to apply together for the RFA?
Answer: We do not know how many concept papers will reach the co-creation phase, so we do not know the answer to this question at this time.
- **Question:** Can you please confirm if sub-awards under Modality 2 follow the same rules as you just explained (and answered in the written response) apply to Modality 1?
Answer: If you refer to the written answer in the Questions and Answers section, there are no eligibility restrictions for secondary members if it applies to modality 1 or 2.
- **Question:** How many awards are expected under the ceiling of this APS? is there any budget ceiling for each award? When are you estimating to execute awards?

Answer: We are looking to have between 1 and 3 awards. The minimum budget is \$ 7 million and the maximum is \$ 35 million. The estimated deadline for the award to be signed is the end of September this year.

- **Question:** Where can we find more detail on the financial and admin capacity of local entities? The bottom line concern is how BIG AND OLD do we have to be to be eligible if we are a local entity?

Answer: In the spirit of NPI, the goal is to lower the barrier for initial application. We will not go into the financial details, soundness, and evaluation of the acquisition until after the submission of a concept note. At this stage, we are not requesting financial information from the applicant. After identifying the concept notes that we will pursue, we will begin to consider the eligibility and financial viability of an organization.

- **Question:** Does USAID prefer concepts that propose to work with multiple age groups and multiple cities, or is a concept that proposes to work with one of the age groups in one city just as competitive?

Answer: We can not go into detail if there is a preference. We will consider the concept notes that we believe will best meet the objectives of the APS.

- **Question:** If new content is developed under this, will it be open licensed?

Answer: It depends on the content. Although if USAID pays for new books or new materials, they are generally open licensed, it depends on what is developed. We will have to analyze it case by case.

- **Question:** Will there be an external evaluation conducted as part of this work?

Answer: Aún no lo sabemos. Esto se analizará caso por caso.