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**Subject: Solicitation # USAID-623-EA-08-070-RFA Proposed Sexual & Gender based Violence Program. Questions and Answers**

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1. a) What is the preferred means of application submission? And

**Answer: Please make all submissions by email.**

- b) What alternative means are accepted?

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2. a) Will proposals that target only one of the two areas of implementation be eligible? And if so,  
b) Will they be deemed competitive by USAID?

**Answer: The scope of work in the solicitation is for the two areas mentioned Ituri District and Maniema Provinces. Applications with only one area will be considered not responsive to the RFA.**

3. a) Why does USAID anticipate that environmental compliance and achieving optimal development outcomes for the proposed activities will require environmental management expertise?

**Answer: The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, Section 117 requires that the impact of USAID's activities on the environment be considered and that USAID include environmental sustainability as a central consideration in designing and carrying out its development programs. This mandate is codified in Federal Regulations (22 CFR 216) and in USAID's Automated Directives System (ADS) Parts 201.5.10g and 204 (<http://www.usaid.gov/policy/ADS/200/>).**

- b) If the applicant believes the proposed activities will not have a significant impact on the physical environment, will a statement to that effect suffice?

**Answer: The CTO for the project will make the assessment on where there is an environmental impact and will guide the Implementing Partner of their obligations under the regulations.**

Regards

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