

Questions and Answers for
In response to OFOP0001649 entitled “Combatting Trafficking in Persons in Uzbekistan”
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Question 1:

1. Will INL require all government officials involved in trainings and program activities to be vetted by the successful applicant before their participation?

INL Response:

No, this is not required. Leahy Vetting is mainly applied for participants from security forces. That is any organization or entity authorized by a State to use force, including to search, detain, and arrest. This includes: (i) All military units. (ii) Law enforcement units or civilian forces with the authority to use force, arrest, or detain.

Question 2:

1. On page 3, the problem statement mentions “marginalized groups” as direct victims of trafficking to be served by the project. Apart from women and children, what other populations are included in INL’s definition of marginalized groups?

INL Response:

Marginalized groups in the context of the problem statement could include ethnic minorities, women, children, LGBTQ+ individuals, people with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged communities. These groups often face systemic barriers and discrimination that limit their access to resources, opportunities, and rights, making them particularly vulnerable to exploitation for forced labor and sexual exploitation by traffickers.