



NOFO 7200AA20RFA00001 - AMENDMENT 01
Country Health Information Systems and Data Use (CHISU)

The purpose of the amendment is to:

- (1) Provide responses to questions to interested parties in Attachment 1; and,
- (2) Revise Sections A: PROGRAM DESCRIPTION, B: FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION, D: APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION and F: FEDERAL AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION (See Attachment 2).

The NOFO is amended as follows:

- a) In **SECTION A: PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**, item **7. Project Goal and Objectives**, under **Sub-objective 1.1: Enhanced host country governance systems and organizational structures** in page 7, delete its content and replace with the following:

“The successful applicant will develop an approach for increased HIS leadership and governance at the national and sub-national levels to oversee and support a national HIS. The approach may focus on engaging and coordinating efforts at national level and may include the following:

- improved organizational structures and their functioning, including national level coordination and review of HIS performance, to better meet the national HIS strategy;
- increased local capacity in governance of data management and HIS; and,
- improved budget planning at the national and sub-national levels resulting in increased resource mobilization and advocacy for health information systems consistent with USAID's journey to self-reliance principles.

The policy and regulatory environment through which a country manages and regulates its health information system is the foundation for existing and expansions of a system. The Project may assist host country partners in developing national HIS frameworks, including staffing, policies, and monitoring of HIS implementation. However, with a number of other international partners working in HIS planning and programming, there are significant opportunities for leveraging existing work and resources. In some countries, the project may more appropriately serve as a member of a coordinating team rather than implementing or developing national policies and programs. As such, the project would assist host country counterparts in developing or enhancing a functioning and supportive community of practice for decision making on relevant HIS policies and regulations that may require prioritization of HIS actions and resources plus involvement of different ministries that have oversight of legislative or regulatory reforms. The applicant will develop an approach to support host country partners in coordinating and/or developing HIS related policies and standards such as: HIS governance structures; terminology for services and health facilities; IT procurement; connectivity; data security;

interoperability of currently siloed data systems including health management information systems (HMIS), surveillance and data from NGO or private facilities; frequent reviews of data quality and data use. Relevant regulatory policies and procedures may include but are not limited to an emphasis on the health system, services, facilities, and workforce as it relates to HIS data and information.

Illustrative Results

- National HIS strategy in place and utilized for strengthening the HIS, including adequate HIS workforce, and reflecting alignment of planned donor investments.
- Communities of practice for decision making on relevant HIS policies and regulations enhanced.”

b) In **SECTION B: FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION**, under item **2. Start Date and Period of Performance for Federal Awards**, delete “January 2019” and insert “February 2020.”

c) In **SECTION D: APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION**, under item **3. General Content and Form of Application**, delete fifth paragraph and replace with:

“Applications must comply with the following:

- USAID will not review any pages in excess of the page limits noted in the subsequent sections. Please ensure that applications comply with the page limitations.
- Written in English.
- Use standard 8 ½” x 11”, single sided, single-spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font, 1” margins, left justification and headers and/or footers on each page including consecutive page numbers, date of submission, and applicant’s name.
- 10 point font can be used for graphs, charts, tables and text boxes.
- Submitted via Microsoft Word or PDF formats, except budget files which must be submitted in Microsoft Excel.
- The estimated start date identified in Section B of this NOFO must be used in the cost application.
- The technical application must be searchable and editable Word or PDF format as appropriate.
- The Cost Schedule must include an Excel spreadsheet with all cells unlocked and no hidden formulas or sheets. A PDF version of the Excel spreadsheet may be submitted in addition to the Excel version at the applicant’s discretion, however, the official cost application submission is the unlocked Excel version.”

- d) In **SECTION D: APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION**, under item **5. Technical Application Format** , delete second paragraph and insert:

“The narrative for the technical application must be no more than 25 pages. Pages exceeding this limit will not be evaluated. The cover page, acronyms list, table of contents, executive summary, and required annexes are not subject to the page limitation. Any figures and tables within the technical application (not the annexes) must fit within the 25 page limit. Annexes not specifically requested in the NOFO instructions will not be evaluated.”

- e) In **SECTION D: APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION**, item **6. Business (Cost) Application Format**, under **d) Budget and Budget Narrative**, delete third paragraph and insert the following:

“An illustrative country list may include the following: 12 countries in Africa, 4 in Asia, 2 in LAC and 2 in the E&E region. Applicants may also propose regional offices and other country programs that may not require an in-country presence.”

- f) In **SECTION D: APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION**, item **6. Business (Cost) Application Format**, under **d) Budget and Budget Narrative**, delete “*Major sub-recipient is defined as any entity receiving 5% of more of the total estimated budget, excluding funding to the networks” and insert the following:

“*Major sub-recipient is defined as any entity receiving 5% or more of the total estimated budget.”

- g) In **SECTION D: APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION**, item **6. Business (Cost) Application Format**, under **h) History of Performance**, delete first paragraph and replace with:

“The applicant and major sub-applicants must provide the following information regarding its recent history of performance for all cost-reimbursement contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements involving similar or related programs, not to exceed three (3) years, as follows:

- Name of the Awarding Organization;
- Award Number;
- Activity Title;
- A brief description of the activity;
- Period of Performance;
- Award Amount;
- Reports and findings from any audits performed in the last 3 years; and
- Name of at least two (2) updated professional contacts who most directly observed the work at the organization for which the service was performed with complete current contact information including telephone numbers, and e-mail address for each proposed individual.”

- h) In **SECTION F: FEDERAL AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION**, item **3. Reporting Requirements**, under **Final Report**, delete its content and insert the following:

“Within ninety (90) calendar days after the period performance date, the recipient will submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of the Final Report to the AOR and one (1) copy to the Agreement Officer. In addition, one (1) copy will be submitted to the Development Experience Clearinghouse:

1) Electronically: <https://dec.usaid.gov/dec/>

2) By U.S. Postal Service delivery to:

U.S. Agency for International Development
Development Experience Clearinghouse
M/CIO/ITSD/KM
Ronald Reagan Building M. 01-010
Washington, DC 20523-6100

The final report must include a narrative report and summary table of results, a comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established for the period of performance, and a gender analysis that describes how gender equality issues were tracked and addressed. It should highlight accomplishments against implementation plans; outline progress of benchmarks against targets; describe results; document lessons learned during implementation; and recommend strategies for sustainable results. The Final Report also must contain a three-page executive summary, an index of all reports and information products produced under the agreement, and a summary of the program's finances. More details on the format of the final report will be provided after the award.”

List of Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Questions submitted by interested parties regarding NOFO 7200AA20RFA00001 for Country Health Information Systems and Data Use (CHISU)

Attachment 2 - Amended 7200AA20RFA00001


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