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LOCALLY LED DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL PROGRAM STATEMENT

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Addendum No. 02: Addressing Drug Abuse and Addiction in Kachin, Myanmar

Questions and Answers

1. How many organizations should be involved under a consortium? Can it be more than one or two organizations?

USAID Response: *It can be more than one or two organizations.*

2. When you mean local actors, do you refer only to entities who are from Kachin State?

USAID Response: *Local actors refer to any entities within or outside of Kachin State that meet the applicant eligibility requirements in Section 2: Applicant Eligibility of the Amended Locally Led Development APS dated December 3, 2019. Note however, that no single eligibility factor will determine whether an applicant is eligible, but rather USAID will make that determination based on the totality of circumstances in light of the purpose of the local works program.*

3. Can we apply for grants without registering our organization with the Government?

USAID Response: *Interested local organizations do not have to be registered with the Government to submit a concept paper or be considered for an award. Please see question number 2 above.*

4. Many of the organizations are not registered here. Why does USAID require it?

USAID Response: *If selected, the prime recipient must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM), a US government system, unless an exception applies, at the time of award. Please also see question numbers 2 and 3 above.*

5. How about if the application for registration has been submitted but has not been approved yet?

USAID Response: All submitted concept notes will be evaluated and registration will not be considered at that time. If a non-registered applicant is selected the applicant must become registered before an award is made. Please also see question numbers 2 and 3 above.

6. Can you please explain again the registration requirements?

USAID Response: Please also see question numbers 2, 3 and 4 above.

7. Why does USAID require us to get registered with Government?

USAID Response: Please also see question numbers 2, 3 and 4 above.

8. Is Sadung township part of project areas? Getting registration at Union government is difficult and it must go through different levels - township, district and state levels. How could USAID help this process?

USAID Response: If the area you mentioned is part of Kachin State, you can submit a concept paper in response to this funding opportunity. USAID will discuss the registration process with non-registered applicants and to the extent possible work with them to register.

9. Can we apply for grants with the amount lower than \$400,000?

USAID Response: USAID does not plan to award grants under \$400,000.

10. If the minimum size of grant applied is \$400,000, we are concerned that we don't have experience of managing such a big size of grant. Do you have any plans to train us?

USAID Response: USAID will issue a Fixed Amount Award where the payment will be made based upon the completion of milestones set in the work plan. Partners new to working with USAID may receive some support and guidance to strengthen the organization's capacity and capability to manage the award.

11. What does receiving funds not more than 50% mean?

USAID Response: The Locally Led Development APS was amended on December 3, 2019, and this is no longer a requirement. In Section 2: Applicant Eligibility of the Amended APS, it mentions that eligible applicants "Cannot have received more than \$5 million in direct funding from USAID in the past five years."

12. What is the implementation timeframe of grant – six or twelve months?

USAID Response: We anticipate awarding grants under this program for a period not to exceed three years per grant. We would expect concept notes to reflect a period of performance between 2-3 years.

13. You mentioned applicant must meet six evaluation criteria. Will you select the application if it meets only one or two criteria?

USAID Response: *Concept notes timely submitted by interested applicants will be evaluated by a Selection Committee using the totality of the merit review criteria in the APS (see Section 9 of the Amended APS) and in the Addendum Number 2 (see Section 4 of the Addendum). While merit criteria are paramount, cost considerations may also be a factor for award. The U.S. Government is not obligated to make an award on the basis of lowest proposed cost or to the Applicant with the highest merit evaluation score.*

14. We've been implementing drug awareness raising activities in schools and would like to target about 1,000 students this time as part of prevention of drug use initiatives. Is there any way we could apply only for prevention components?

USAID Response: *Applicants can submit a concept paper for any activity as long as it is relevant to meeting the program objectives listed in Addendum Number 2.*

15. Will advisory group members be part of selection committee?

USAID Response: *Advisory group members may participate in the second step of selection as non-voting members and as long as they are not part of an organization that is under consideration for an award. The final selection for award will be made by the USAID Agreement Officer.*

16. We might have a consortium proposal that is composed of a prime and the subs. If the prime applicant is a registered organization, do the subs still need to be registered?

USAID Response: *Please also see question numbers 2, 3 and 4 above.*

17. Who will make decisions and select for successful applicant?

USAID Response: *The final selection for award will be made by the USAID Agreement Officer.*

18. We are very much interested in this call for Concept papers and would like to enquire on a certain clause in the Eligibility and Award Information, in which it is mentioned that "Respondent organizations must be local actors as defined in Section 2" and "cannot have annual operating budget composed of more than 50 percent USAID funding in any of the past three fiscal years". May we ask about this 50 percent USAID funding. In the past three fiscal years, we have only received around 80,000USD, but have received more than this amount from other donors e.g., 3MDG/ATH, INL, CHAI and Global Fund, ranging from 1.4 million to 900,000USD per year as total Annual Operational Budget. So, may we ask if we can apply to this call?

USAID Response: *The Locally Led Development APS was amended on December 3, 2019, and this is no longer a requirement. In Section 2: Applicant Eligibility of the Amended APS, it*

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19. As we have never worked with USAID, we would like to know more about the eligibility and criteria of this award that we should be aware of for the collaboration with USAID? And, can the concept paper be written in Kachin Language?

USAID Response: Please refer to the applicant eligibility requirements in Section 2: Applicant Eligibility of the Amended Locally Led Development APS dated December 3, 2019. Note however, that no single eligibility factor will determine whether an applicant is eligible, but rather USAID will make that determination based on the totality of circumstances in light of the purpose of the local works program. Yes, the concept paper can be submitted in English, Burmese or Jinghpo.

20. I wonder whether Public International Organization (PIO) would be eligible for this opportunity – we have a wealth of expertise in drug use prevention and treatment, and have a number of ongoing programmes in Myanmar with funding from various donors. I would be grateful if you could confirm our eligibility as a Public International Organization (PIO), and if not, if there might be an option of becoming eligible if we partnered with a local organization that we could support with our expertise.

USAID Response: Please refer to the applicant eligibility requirements in Section 2: Applicant Eligibility of the Amended Locally Led Development APS dated December 3, 2019. It is up to the organization to decide if it will partner with local organizations.

- End of Addendum No. 2 Question and Answers -