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FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Date: May 14, 2018

Subject: Amendment No. 01, Notice of Funding Opportunity (NFO) Number
72061518RFA00001

Program Title: Kenya Tuberculosis Support Program

Dear Prospective Applicants:

The purpose of this amendment number one is to provide answers to questions raised by prospective Applicants, as reflected on pages 1 through 5 of this amendment. The length of this amendment is 5 pages, including this cover page.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "NBoayue", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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Agreement Officer

NFO No. 72061518RFA00001: Kenya Tuberculosis Support Program

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QUESTIONS

1. Page 4: In Section A, the Context/Situational Analysis states that there are an estimated 75,898 adults (≥ 15 years) infected with TB in Kenya, yet the number of people notified with TB disease in 2016 was 77,376 (2017 WHO Global TB Report). The number of people with TB infection is much higher than those with disease. Further, this section states that 5.5% of new cases and 1.5% of retreatment cases had MDR TB, a reversal of the normal findings where the percentage is higher among retreatment cases than among new cases. Indeed, the 2017 WHO Global TB Report indicates that the 2014-2015 DRS showed the rates at 1.3% (0.68-1.9) among new cases and 9.4% (8.7-10) among retreatment cases.

Question: Could USAID clarify these figures, which are important for assessing program performance?

USAID Response: Applicants are encouraged to reference any other available data as applicable. In your application please quote the source of your data.

2. Pages 6-7: In Section A, the Purpose section states that “The USG is committed to supporting the structure and function of the Kenya National Tuberculosis Program, and thus the successful applicant should seek to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of the NTLP.”

Question: What guidance can be given to applicants about the nature of this support, for instance, will the successful applicant be able to second staff to the central NTLP office for technical assistance, mentoring and capacity building given the May 2017 suspension of USG direct support to the Ministry of Health?

USAID Response: It is anticipated that by the time of the award the suspension will have been lifted. Applicants may propose activities that will meet the need to enhance efficiency and sustainability of NTLP.

3. Page 9: Section A, Sub-purpose 2: Output 2.1: Care seeking behavior is critical in this outcome. The involvement of the private clinics within the communities is also key since they are the primary source of care for a large proportion of the clients.

Question 3a: Does the NOFO anticipate a situation where we shall need to offer subcontracts to some community local implementing partners to undertake care seeking behavior change communication or does it anticipate to strengthen the community Health System(s) for that?

USAID Response: Applicants are encouraged to propose activities that would meet the need to have patients seeking health services from the private sector to receive TB prevention and treatment services.

Question 3b: In case the expectation is to use CHS how much support for the CHV systems support is the programme looking at to enable meaning improvement of these (CHV) systems to effectively achieve care seeking behavior changing communications?

USAID Response: Applicants are encouraged to propose activities that would meet the need to have patients seeking health services from the private sector to receive TB prevention and treatment services. The level of support should be proposed and justified in your application.

4. Page 9: In Section A, Output 2.2 illustrative interventions include the formation of a national Stop TB Partnership and support for the STOP TB partnership.

Question: Could USAID clarify whether this is the same entity or whether the successful applicant will be expected to work with the overall, global Stop TB Partnership as well as establish a national equivalent?

USAID Response: The successful applicant is expected to support the Kenya STOP TB partnership and not the global entity.

5. Pages 4 - 11: Section A

It's reasonable to expect that the supply of ATT drugs will be extended to the Private Sector if they have to act as treatment centers supporting DOTS going forward. It's also largely expected that KEMSA will supply the ATT products through the national mechanisms. Whereas the NOFO is quiet about the supply logistics it is reasonable to imagine that a gap in supplies to the private sector will emerge.

Question: Does project allow for the applicants to innovatively empower the county systems to include private sector as part of the national mechanisms?

USAID Response: The anticipated activity (program) does not include supply chain support.

6. Page 14: In Section C, 2. Cost Sharing or Matching states "*Cost sharing is suggested (that is, voluntary) but not required.*"

Question: Will cost sharing confer an advantage to an applicant?

USAID Response: No. Cost sharing is suggested but not required.

7. Page 16: Section D, Application Submission Procedures

Question: Is electronic submission through SAM.gov an option?

USAID Response: No. All applications should be submitted to the email addresses indicated on Section D of the NFO.

8. Pages 17 - 18; Section D, Selection Factor #2; Last Paragraph of page 17 and first paragraph of page 18: *'Resumes do not have to be submitted in the application and only proposed minimum qualifications will be evaluated.'*

Question: Are we submitting resumes for Chief of Party and Deputy Chief of Party/Senior Technical Advisor?

USAID Response: No. However, the Chief of Party and Deputy Chief of Party must meet the minimum requirements stated in the NOFO.

9. Page 24: Section E, Selection Factor I: Scalable Strategies and Technical Approach indicates that an MEL plan will be required with all technical applications, whereas on page 27 in Section F, 3. Reporting Requirements states that *"USAID/KEA will work with the implementing partner to develop a monitoring, evaluation and learning plan with set indicators."*

Question: Will the MEL plan to be submitted with the technical application be an indicative one that will be subsequently refined by the successful applicant with USAID/KEA as the MEL plan for Year 1?

USAID Response: Yes. The MEL plan submitted with the technical application is a draft MEL plan.

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ANNEX I

Applicants must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NFO) or as amended by completing the Section below:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION (APPLICANT): _____

NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____