

AMENDMENT NO.2 TO RFA-617-09-000003

**Questions Received and USAID Answers**

1. Are there possibilities that a branch of a religious organization and its National Secretariat applies separately. e.g., Church of Uganda and an Arch-Deaconry. Is this acceptable?

**USAID Response:** Yes, provided they both have the capability to successfully implement and deliver results in all the components of the program as outlined in the Program Description.

2. Can Community Based Organizations which are not faith-based within a particular district or region be allowed to form a consortium and apply for this Grant?

**USAID Response:** Yes and again provided they both have the capability to successfully implement and deliver results in all the components of the program as outlined in the Program Description.

3. What would be the minimum target population or geographical area required of an organization applying for this grant.

**USAID Response:** This is up to the organization applying. However, USAID's interest is to maximize value for money from the program as much as possible.

4. What would happen to an organization with a good Technical Proposal, but with a small absorption capacity?

**USAID Response:** The level of funding is approximately commensurate with the scope of interventions outlined in the Program Description. A small budget may not be adequate to fully and successfully achieve the intended results of the program.

5. Can an American company submit a proposal if it has sub contractors in Uganda or the other East Africa Region countries that would provide the services as requested in this RFA. These sub contractors are already familiar with USAID and PEPFAR and are already under contract for similar work.

**USAID Response:** The RFA solicited applications from local and regional organizations only. USAID will grant this award only to a local or regional organization. USAID will have a direct relationship with this local or regional organization.

6. Do the amendments in program description automatically imply amendments in Result areas 1, 2 &3? For an illustration, does the amendment in program description suggest that the expected USAID Result area-1 should be to strengthen the Faith-based and Community HIV/AIDS responses In Uganda? If yes, what precisely is the new description of Result area 1, 2, 3?

**USAID Response:** The amendment in the RFA has minimal impact on the Program Description and the results. The amendment was meant to clarify one thing, i.e. that the RFA was not discretely targeted at faith-based organizations as the sole applicants. The main goal of the program still remains to strengthen the capability of the faith-based organizations to respond to HIV/AIDS in a more coordinated and sustainable manner. This is result area 1. Similarly, result areas 2 and 3 remain the same. USAID is basically looking for a partner that can work with faith-based organizations in Uganda to achieve results under these areas.

7. Does the extension of the dateline for submission of proposal (9/22) also imply a change in the proposed start o/a 30th October 2009?

**USAID Response:** No. USAID will fast track its review processes to ensure that the original program start date remains unchanged.

8. We originally noted the original application deadline to be Sept. 8, but have now noted the deadline to have been delayed until Sept. 22 and only one award, for the full \$30,000,000, is to be granted.

**USAID Response:** Yes, this is correct.

9. If this RFA is for a single \$30M grant, our affiliate group is far too small to be considered. But then we wonder what "large or small faith-based" means?

**USAID Response:** The RFA indicated that the applicants must be in a position to undertake and deliver the results in all the components of the program. No small awards are conceived under the RFA. Small organizations can apply, either by teaming up with larger organizations, in which case they will be responsible for delivering a component of the program under the oversight of the prime partner, or they could team up and form a consortium that allows for each of them to contribute its competences towards the achievement of the overall program results. It is also possible that small organizations could acquire the capacity to deliver the results.

10. Is it possible to get a full and detailed list of allocable and allowable expenses, both direct which are related to the Grant program?

**USAID Response:** Cost principles applied to non-profit organizations receiving money from the U.S. Federal Government are governed by OMB Circular A-122, issued by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB). A copy of this document is available at [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars\\_a122\\_2004/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_a122_2004/)

11. Where is the Annex of the PEPFAR indicators (page 9 of the RFA)?

**USAID Response:** A copy of this document is available at <http://www.pepfar.gov/documents/organization/81097.pdf>

**END OF AMENDMENT NO.2**