

McGovern-Dole FY2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Questions and Answers

Week of May 10th, 2021

- 1. Q: We have been instructed to use the USAID commodity calculator in the past. In past years, the calculator was updated quarterly, but this year the calculator was issued for 2021 in October of 2020. Since then, commodity procurement sales suggest that prices have risen fairly significantly. Should we continue to use the most recent 2021 USAID commodity calculator to calculate commodity and freight costs?**

A: Yes, please use the most recent 2021 USAID commodity calculator.

- 2. Q: Could applicants submit Letters of Support from the host country government as an attachment? Or are the Letters of Support limited to subrecipients?**

A: Letters of support from host country governments are not requested in the NOFO. FAS strongly discourages, and will not consider, any materials submitted by or on behalf of the Applicant other than those materials specifically requested in the NOFO. Per the NOFO, a project-specific commitment letter from each proposed subrecipient is required.

- 3. Q: Will USDA be posting the presentation and/or recording from the USAID/Madagascar information sessions that was held on May 3, 2021 to Grants.Gov?**

A: Yes, the PowerPoint and Q&A document for the Madagascar information session has been posted to Related Documents tab of the [grants.gov listing](#).

- 4. Q: The NOFO says that in-country registration is not a requirement at the time of application, and in the absence of in-country registration, the NOFO requires applicants to submit their plan to obtain this registration in the interim. Does USDA have minimum expectations as to what this plan must include? Is the expectation that in-country registration will be required before award negotiations if successful? Does not having registration at the time of application penalize applications in their review?**

A: Per Part 3 Section D iv. Organizational Capacity and Staffing of the NOFO, the Applicant must disclose its registration status in the targeted country. Applicants not registered must include a plan to become registered and a timeline to complete the registration process. In-Country registration status is not considered in Part E. Section 1 Application Evaluation Criteria, however, failure to include the information requested

under Part 3 Section D iv. Organizational Capacity and Staffing will negatively impact the application's score.