



RFA Issuance Date: April 30, 2015
Amendment Issuance Date: June 11, 2015
Closing Date: June 17, 2015

RFA-OAA-15-000011 – AMENDMENT 002

Questions & Answers

Please refer to Amendment 001 for Questions 1-41.

42. Could a university in Mexico City be considered for funding since Mexico is not mentioned as one of the additional countries that could receive these funds?

I.6.1 Targeted Countries

USAID anticipates working in Honduras and at least two other countries in the Caribbean and Central America. The other countries may include: Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. The program may begin in a subset of countries and expand in out years. It will be up to the recipient to determine the feasible number of countries within the program budget, including cost share and resource leveraging. Henceforth, “targeted countries” refers to the countries identified for implementation in this program. Countries may be identified and justified at application, based on criteria such as complementarity with Mission and CDCS priorities. Alternatively, a process for selection of countries should be defined.

Answer: Yes. As stated in section III.1, “Potential partners include, but are not necessarily limited to: private voluntary organizations, foundations, colleges and universities, civic groups, faith-based and community institutions, private businesses and associations, regional organizations, philanthropic organizations, and advocacy groups.” This could include a college or university outside the United States. While the program will not be implemented in Mexico, a university in Mexico City with the capacity to coordinate and implement the multi-country program required in the Request for Application would be considered for funding. The application should explain how the applicant plans to implement the full program described in the RFA, following the application instructions in section IV. The application will be evaluated according to the evaluation criteria in section V.1.

Please note that USAID plans to award a single cooperative agreement to implement in multiple countries. Universities with capacity to implement a subset of the program as a sub-awardee may want to partner on an application with an organization that has the capability to serve as the prime organization and manage the overall project (see also amendment 1, response to question 41).

43. How detailed and fixed does the budget need to be for an application?

Answer: As per Section 6 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS, Volume 2, Cost Application (see page 32 of the RFA), the cost volume of the application must include a budget with an accompanying budget narrative which provides in detail the total proposed costs for implementation of the program described in this RFA.

Applicants must provide a realistic budget that provides their best estimates for the budget items and costs involved in implementing their proposed program.

[END OF AMENDMENT 002]