

IMPROVED NUTRITION FOR BETTER LIFE - NOFO# 72062118RFA00002
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (July 16, 2018)

1. Will USAID please provide an application format structure, indicating annexes versus main body and overall page limits, to the apparently successful applicant? For example, the MEL strategy and Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Plan (MELP) are not listed in the components of the full written application. Is the MEL strategy expected be included in “a) the technical approach(es) and strategies” of the Technical Application or will a draft MELP annex also be required for the Full Application?

Answer: As noted in Section D.4.3, a MEL strategy shall be included in the Phase II presentation. A draft MELP annex is not required with the full application; however, a draft year one workplan is a required annex.

2. Family planning is included in the write-up for IR2, but it is not in the indicators. Could USAID please indicate what the Activity is expected to accomplish on improving FP and how USAID plans to measure/monitor these activities?

Answer: USAID/Tanzania does not anticipate that the applicant will supply FP commodities to improve the uptake of FP methods but rather will consider FP messaging when designing interventions.

3. The RFA discusses central government strategies, but the Activity will be implemented at regional/district levels. Could USAID please clarify what support, if any, is expected from the Activity on national level policy?

Answer: Tanzania responded to this question during the nutrition stakeholders meeting held on April 25, 2018 in Dar es Salaam. Please refer to the minutes of the nutrition stakeholders’ meeting published at www.grants.gov as synopsis number 3.

4. No indicators for increased income set aside for purchasing nutritious food, but an indicator for setting aside production for home consumption. Could USAID please clarify if it plans to include an indicator for the income pathway?

Answer: USAID/Tanzania has intentionally provided illustrative and few mandatory indicators to measure the activity. The applicant is responsible for providing additional relevant standard or custom indicators that will help to measure progress and outcomes.

5. Can USAID please clarify if the Activity should focus interventions on children under five or children under two? The NOFO refers to “children under two” on pages 15-16 and “children under five” on pages 6-9, 12, 13, 15, 17.

Answer: Both. The activity is expected to target children under-five years of age with a specific focus on the first 1,000 days (from conception to 23 months of a child).

6. Can USAID please clarify if the Activity interventions should focus on pregnant and lactating women and adolescent girls, or if it is expected to reach all women of reproductive age? The NOFO refers to “pregnant and lactating women” on page 6 and 17 and women of reproductive age on pages 1, 6-8, 12, 13, 17.

Answer: Both. USAID/Tanzania expects the activity to target women of reproductive age with a specific focus on adolescents, pregnant, and lactating women.

7. Can USAID please clarify how it intends to handle evaluation for the program? Should the applicant propose a plan for baseline and end line evaluations in phase 2 or 3?

Answer: Yes, the applicant is responsible for proposing a plan for evaluation of the activity.

8. Can USAID confirm that the requirements of the cover page described on page 31-32 of the NOFO for the full application are also applicable to the cover page required with the Concept Paper?

Answer: Yes, the cover page requirements for the Concept Paper are those outlined in Section D.4.3.

9. Can USAID confirm that applicants may include an acronym list with the Concept Paper that will not count toward the 8 page limit?

Answer: Applicants may include an acronym list, limited to no more than one (1) page, which will not count toward the 8 page limit.

10. There is specific guidance and indicators from the USAID/Tanzania Mission to reduce the prevalence of stunting in the targeted regions, however is there interest related to reducing the prevalence of underweight/wasting as well in these regions?

Answer: Yes. Stunting and underweight/wasting are all interrelated, efforts set forth to address stunting will also address wasting/underweight. The applicant is responsible for selecting indicators that will help to monitor progress of this portion of the activity.

11. IR1 references high levels of maternal anemia and accelerating reduction of stunting but there is no specific mention of targeting anemia. Despite mixed results and no clear pathway to reduce maternal anemia should this also be part of bid with indicators for measurement?

Answer: USAID acknowledges the existing complexities of addressing anemia. For this activity, USAID/Tanzania does not expect anemia to be among the high level indicators.

12. In the Program Description Activity Framework there are two high-level mandatory outcomes:
(a) Reduce the prevalence of low height for age (stunting) among children under-five years of age by 15 percent over four years in targeted regions and (b) increase percentage

of children aged 6 – 23 months and women aged 15 - 49 who receive minimum acceptable diet by 15 percent over four years in targeted regions. Has the baseline data in all of the targeted regions for 1 and 2 been collected? If so, where can it be found?

Answer: USAID does not have this data. It is the applicant's responsibility to identify existing data and/or identify a way to collect the data.

13. In the Funding Restrictions section in the NOFO it says, "Recipients will not purchase any nutrition kits or hardware for WASH activities". Why is there a specific mention to not purchase the nutrition kits (Africare Mwaza Boro kits)? USAID/Tanzania wants to build on the successful parts of the kits and the GOT is utilizing and adopting the information within the kits, but their expense is an issue. Therefore, should the kits be donated to the new implementer after the incumbent?

Answer: Please remove the words "nutrition kits" from this sentence.

14. Section A, p.14: The NOFO notes that the implementers are expected to measure the number of local government staff and organizations trained in nutritional operational research. Are implementers expected to support them in operations research or just train them?

Answer: Please refer to the minutes of the USAID Tanzania Nutrition stakeholders' meeting posted as Synopsis 3, question number 8.

15. Section A, p. 20: What approximate level of budget or scale (number of studies, etc.) does USAID anticipate to fulfill activity OR efforts as described on p.20?

Answer: The applicant is responsible for determining the appropriate budget allocation among interventions in order to achieve the objectives of the activity.

16. Section D, p. 26: Will applicants who pass Phase I: Concept Paper have the opportunity to submit additional clarification questions in advance of Phase II (understanding that applicants will not receive feedback from their concept paper)?

Answer: No. It is anticipated at this time that the applicants invited to participate in oral presentation will develop their Phase II presentations and that should USAID have any questions, they will be asked during the oral presentations.

17. Section D, p. 27: Can applicants use size 9 font within tables or diagrams in the Phase I: Concept Paper phase?

Answer: Applicants may use Times New Roman size 9 font for any tables, diagrams, visuals, etc. that are not regular text.

18. Section D, p. 27: Can USAID confirm that Phase I: Concept Paper should be formatted in the same way as the Application Format noted on p. 27 (e.g. Times New Roman, 12 pt font, no less than .75" margins, Letter size, single spaced, with a cover page)?

Answer: Yes, the formatting requirements for the Concept Paper should be in accordance with the requirements in Section D.2

19. Section D, p 28: Can applicants submit their narrative concept papers in PDF format?

Answer: Applicants must submit their concept notes in PDF and Microsoft Word.

20. Section D, p. 28: The Activity name acronym is noted as TMSNP in reference to the preferred file name but is referred to as Tanzania Improved Nutrition for a Better Life. Can USAID please clarify the acronym for this activity?

Answer: The name for this activity is Tanzania Improved Nutrition for a Better Life.

21. Section D, p. 28: The NOFO refers to this funding opportunity as both a Program and Activity. Does USAID have a preference for how this should be referred to?

Answer: Activity

22. Section D, p. 29: Will USAID exclude an acronyms page from the page count of the Phase I: Concept Paper?

Answer: Please see response to question 9.

23. Section D, p. 29: Will USAID allow representatives from other consortium partners (i.e. members from proposed sub-grantee organizations) to participate in the oral presentation?

Answer: In accordance with Section 4.2(d) there is a restriction on the number of attendees and a requirement that at least two of the proposed personnel lead/deliver the oral presentation.

24. Section D, p. 29: Would USAID kindly confirm that applicants in Phase II should prepare a 70-minute presentation, and for up to 20 minutes of questions, for a total of 90 minutes?

Answer: Yes.

25. Section D, p. 37: What supplies/commodities/items is USAID including under the prohibition to purchase “nutrition kits”?

Answer: See the response to question 13.

26. Section D, p. 40: Regarding DCOP minimum requirements, may bidders substitute 10 years’ experience in implementing and managing one or more facets of multi-sectoral nutrition issues for a master’s degree?

Answer: No.

27. Section D, p. 40: Would a post-graduate degree satisfy the requirement of a master's degree for minimum candidate requirements?

Answer: No.

28. Page 29 of the RFA indicates "For the presentation, at a minimum two key personnel candidates proposed by the Applicant will constitute the Applicant's presentation team, and any additional members the Applicant deems necessary from the Applicant's home office." Yet page 30 states "Prime applicants must not sign exclusivity agreements with any proposed key personnel." Please clarify how USAID envisions key personnel would be part of multiple presentation teams if they are working with multiple organizations?

Answer: The sentence prohibiting exclusivity agreements for key personnel is removed.

29. In the concept paper, is it acceptable to use a smaller font size – Times New Roman 10 point – in tables and text boxes (page 27)?

Answer: See response to question 17.

30. In the concept paper, in addition to the Cover Page, is it acceptable to include a: 1) Table of Contents and 2) List of Acronyms that will not count toward the eight-page limit (page 29)?

Answer: A table of contents will count toward the eight (8) page limit; see response to question 9 regarding a list of acronyms.

31. Page 27 indicates documents must be in a recent Windows-compatible version of MS Word (Version 2000 or later), Excel and PDF." Please confirm the concept paper must only be submitted in MS Word (Version 2000 or later) and PDF and that an Excel version is not required.

Answer: A budget is not required at the Concept Note stage, therefore, Excel documents are not expected.

32. Please clarify what is meant by "nutrition kits" on page 37 of the NOFO.

Answer: Please see response to question 13.

33. On page 46 it states that the recipient should stipulate how and when baselines are to be established. Will the Mwanzo Bora final evaluation be available to be used for a baseline for Dodoma, Morogoro and Iringa?

Answer: Applicants should identify existing data or identify a way to collect the data.

34. (a) On page 15 of the RFA, it states one of the IR 2 Expected Results to be: “Increased IYCF KPA for exclusive breastfeeding and appropriate and diverse complementary feeding for children aged 6-23 months.” Can USAID please clarify that the exclusive breastfeeding support is for infants 0-6 months of age? As written, it appears to refer to children of older age.
- (b) Following on to the question above, can USAID please confirm that vulnerable neonates (those hospitalized, born low-birthweight, and/or potentially unable to access their own mother’s milk due to being orphaned or maternal illness) are a priority target population for receiving improved IYCF KPA for their caregivers?
- (c) Additionally, the IR 2 indicator for exclusive breastfeeding states, “HL.9.1-b Prevalence of exclusive breastfeeding of children under six months of age (mandatory). Will additional facility-level and community-birth level indicators of initiation of breastfeeding within one hour be prioritized?

Answer:

- (a) Yes, exclusive breastfeeding is for children 0-6 months. The rest of the descriptions apply to children aged 6-23 months.
- (b) Neonates are a critical segment of the first 1,000 days which are a focus of this NOFO. The applicant should take any reasonable measures to address neonates’ vulnerabilities.
- (c) The applicant is responsible for identifying indicators that will help to measure progress and outcomes.
35. On p.30 of the RFA, it states, “A maximum of five (5) presenters will be allowed into the presentation room. The presentation must be led/delivered by at least two of the proposed Key Personnel.” What role may the other presenters in the room play, if they are not the lead presenters?

Answer: Applicants may have a maximum of five presenters, and two of them must be key personnel. Beyond those restrictions, it is the applicant’s discretion regarding the other presenters.

36. On p. 31 of the RFA, it states, “Presentation Media: An overhead projector, computer, and screen will be available at the oral presentation site. The Applicant will have fifteen (15) minutes prior to the presentation to view and check all equipment. The use of visual aids or models is at the Applicant’s discretion.” Does USAID intend that presenters may utilize other visual aids (poster board with graphs, large photos, etc) in addition to the Powerpoint presentation?

Answer: Applicants are allowed to present 30 slides for their powerpoint presentation; there are no restrictions on other visual aids.

37. On page 37, the NOFO states, “Recipients will not purchase any nutrition kits or hardware for WASH activities.” Could USAID please define the term “nutrition kit”? Does this restriction include the SBCC 1,000 Days Parent Kit and Dietary Diversity Multimedia SBCC Kit developed under Mwanzo Bora or a similar tool? Are the two

purchasing restrictions listed on page 37 of the NOFO comprehensive, or indicative of broader restrictions on material input purchases, such as agricultural inputs, equipment for water purification, small livestock, and anthropometric equipment?

Answer: Please see response to question 13.

38. On page 46, the NOFO states “the recipient should obtain baselines for the indicators on which they propose to report.” However, responsibility for evaluation is not addressed. Is this included in the responsibilities of the recipient? If so, could USAID please describe evaluation responsibilities of the recipient (e.g., mid-term and end of-project evaluation)?

Answer: See response to question 7.

39. At the stakeholders meeting, USAID indicated “not expecting local government authorities (LGAs) to do operational research” (page 3, Minutes of USAID/Tanzania Nutrition Stakeholders’ Meeting). On page 14, the NOFO includes the following illustrative indicator: “Number of local government staff and organizations (public and private) trained in nutrition operational research.” Could USAID confirm that it still does not expect that the recipient will train the LGAs to do operational research?

Answer: Please see response to question 3 (stakeholders meeting minutes).

40. Does USAID intend to provide any formatting specifications beyond the 30-slide limit for the PowerPoint presentation, such as Standard (4:3) or Widescreen (16:9) slide size, font size, etc.?

Answer: Not at this time.

41. If the proposed COP has an advanced degree in nutrition, would USAID relax the specific minimum requirement on page 40 for the DCOP to have a “Master’s degree in nutrition or a very closely related field”?

Answer: No.

42. Does USAID under the section “Geographical Focus” on pages 17-18, USAID makes explicit that all villages in targeted districts should be covered in Iringa, Dodoma and Morogoro, but does not include the same language for Rukwa. Please confirm that all villages should be targeted in Rukwa.

Answer: Yes, all villages in Rukwa should also be covered.

43. There is specific mention of small-scale animal protein in Rukwa (page 18), but not in Iringa, Dodoma and Morogoro (page 17). Could USAID clarify if the distinctions in approaches presented on pages 17-18 are intentional and specific to USAID expectations.

Answer: The new activity builds on the ongoing efforts of the Mwanzo Bora nutrition program in Iringa, Morogoro, and Dodoma which includes raising livestock at small-

scale from its inception. USAID/Tanzania put more emphasis on Rukwa because there haven't been many USAID funded activities in the region.

44. XYZ, an International Agricultural Research Center (IARC) and member of the CGIAR consortium, is designated by USAID as a Category 1 Public International Organization (PIO) under ADS 308 (which sets forth USAID's mandatory policies and required procedures on assistance awards to PIOs). As a PIO, we would like to confirm that should we be successful, the applicable funding mechanism would be the CGIAR mechanism and that the ADS 308 provisions would apply to us. We also would like to verify that should we participate as a sub-awardee under a prime applicant, in accordance with ADS 303.3.21 (c) "for sub-awards to PIOs", it would be subject to the terms and conditions contained in the "Standard Provisions for Cost-Type Awards to PIOs in ADS 308"?

Answer: Yes, if the recipient is PIO ADS 308 will be applicable. Please see ADS 303.3.21(b) for guidance on subawards to PIOs.

45. Given that this a phased approach with several rounds of feedback, can USAID please confirm whether the apparently successful applicant will be allowed to ask clarification questions regarding the full proposal after invitation?

Answer: Yes, however, with the consolidated responses in this document, the questions asked during the oral presentations phase, and the written feedback provided by USAID regarding the presentation, USAID expects few or no questions when requesting the full application.

46. Can USAID please confirm that applicants may submit applications in MS Word or PDF, not both, and that large files may be split into multiple attachments in order not to exceed the 20MB email limit?

Answer: A complete Application in both PDF and Word are required. As noted in Section D.3, Phase I, "For an application sent by multiple emails, please indicate in the subject line the desired sequence of the multiple emails and of attachments."

47. Could USAID please share the approximate date as to when the oral presentations will take place?

Answer: Oral presentations are expected to take place the week of August 13, 2018 and invited applicants will receive a notification of 14 calendar days prior to the scheduled presentation date. Please note the timeline as specified in the NOFO, including the deadlines as noted in Section D.3., Phase II, and Section D.4.(c).

48. Would USAID please consider allowing one additional person to attend to take notes, handle set-up, and be present to address technology issues that may arise during the presentation?

Answer: No. The applicants attendees in the room during the oral presentation are limited to five (5) people.

49. The SF 424 Forms are already on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and appear to be part of the Concept Note phase for the prime applicant. Can USAID please clarify that the prime applicant would not need to submit them again at the full application phase?

Answer: The budget and related forms, such as the SF 424, are not required at the Concept Note Phase. These forms will only be required at the last phase and only for the Apparently Successful Applicant upon submission of a full application.

50. Could USAID please confirm that cost sharing is not required?

Answer: See Section C.2.

51. On pg. 30 of the NOFO, under c) Key Personnel, USAID indicates that applicants should provide letters of commitment for proposed key personnel candidates in the key personnel annex, which is due before the orals presentation. However, immediately after that paragraph, the NOFO states “Prime applicants must not sign exclusivity agreements with any proposed key personnel.” Can USAID please clarify how this would work for phase 2 to avoid a situation where Key Personnel may then be representing multiple consortia during orals.

Answer: Please see response to question 28.

52. On page 31 of the NOFO, under Oral Presentation, 5) Scheduling, it states “ The Oral Presentation will be scheduled as soon as practicable after The Agreement Officer invites an applicant to participate in Phase II: Oral Presentations.” Can USAID please provide an estimated timeframe for this schedule and how much time applicants will be given to prepare for the oral presentations?

Answer: See response to question 47.

53. Section B, p.25: Are sub-awardees on applicant consortiums also expected to have a completed SAM registration at the time of concept paper submission? This may be a challenge considering the recent security issues that have caused registration delays and new paperwork requirements

Answer: The Applicant must be registered in SAM prior to receiving an award.

54. Does USAID/Tanzania Mission support Fixed Amount Awards to LGAs and/or local NGOs/CSOs?

Answer: Yes; however, for this NOFO, USAID intends to issue a Cooperative Agreement award to the Apparently Successful Applicant.

55. Section D, p. 31: What is the estimated timeline for (a) Notification of pass/fail after the submission of the concept? (b) How much time will successful offerors have to prepare between notification and their presentation under Phase II total (inclusive of the seven-day key personnel notice period)? (c) Similarly, how much time after the presentations does USAID intent to notify the apparently successful applicant, and how much time will the organization have to prepare the full narrative and cost proposal?

Answer: For questions (a) and (b), please see response to question 47. In response to question (c), please see response to question 52.

56. Can USAID please provide an update on the timeline between notification of a “pass” to invitation and approximate schedule for phase II, so applicants may alert proposed key personnel on the expected timeframe for oral presentations if successful?

Answer: Please see responses to questions 47 and 55.

57. On workspace, budgetary information is required in order to complete the SF-424 and SF-424A forms, specifically section 18 of the SF-424 form as well as all sections for the SF-424A form. However, the NOFO states on page 29 that “Applicants should not submit a budget” for Phase I submissions. Can USAID please provide guidance on how applicants should complete the SF-424 and SF-424A if no budget is required at this phase?

Answer: A budget is not required at the Concept Note stage; therefore, an SF-424 is not required at that stage.

58. On p.30 of the RFA, it states, “The Oral Presentation will be scheduled as soon as practicable after The Agreement Officer invites an applicant to participate in Phase II: Oral Presentations.” Can USAID clarify what it means by “as soon as practicable”? If selected to advance to the oral presentation phase, how much time will applicants have from when the Agreement Officer invites the applicant to participate in the oral presentation to when the applicant must conduct the in-person presentation in Dar es Salaam?

Answer: Please see responses to questions 47 and 55.

59. Regarding concept paper submission, Page 28 of the NOFO states, “...the electronic submission must also include a budget in a non-protected MS Excel file,” whereas page 29 states, “Applicants should not submit a budget.” Could USAID please clarify whether a budget will be required at the concept paper phase?

Answer: Please see response to question 31.

60. When formatting tables and graphics, would USAID accept fonts and font sizes that are not New Times Roman, size 12, as directed on page 27 of the NOFO?

Answer: See response to question 17.

61. If no budget information is required prior to selecting the ASA, how will USAID assess the cost realism of proposed technical and staffing approaches? More specifically, how will USAID mitigate against submissions overstating what is possible, only to walk back commitments once budgeting is required?

Answer: The proposed approach is similar to that under an APS - a concept note is submitted that concerns only the technical proposal and only after review of those notes, are selected applicants asked to submit a full application and budget. This NOFO uses a similar approach with Phases I and II focusing on technical aspects only. The cost proposal will be submitted with the full application for the apparently successful applicant. Proposed costs shall be evaluated for cost realism, completeness, reasonableness, allowability and allocability. USAID reserves the right to discuss with and/or request a revised full application and proposed costs from the apparently successful applicant.

62. Can USAID confirm whether the recorded presentation of the oral presentation could be made available to the Apparently Successful Applicant for use in preparation of the full application, or to non-successful applicants for their internal training purposes?

Answer: USAID will determine whether it will share oral presentations prior to the time for presentations and will share that decision with all those asked to present oral presentations.

63. On page 37, under “Funding Restrictions” the RFA states that “recipients will not purchase any nutrition kits or hardware for WASH activities.” Does this refer to either the current 1,000 Days Kit developed under the MBNP or to other nutrition kits specifically related to WASH activities?

Answer: Please see response to question 13.

64. On page 17. Under C. Geographic coverage: Africare notes that Kondoa DC has been split into two districts, Kondoa DC and Kondoa TC), totaling six councils in Dodoma Region. Therefore the project will be active in 22, versus 21 districts. Can you please confirm?

Answer: Yes, the project will be active in 22 districts.

65. Page 18 of the RFA specifies that for Rukwa, “Interventions will be focused on both nutrition-specific service delivery and nutrition-sensitive approaches that will increase the availability of, and access to, diverse, nutritious foods, particularly small-scale animal protein—and that embed both LGA, CSO, and community-level strengthening.” Can you confirm that you expect the full results framework to be implemented in Rukwa as in the other target zones and that this language was simply intended to highlight just the fact that Rukwa is a new zone of intervention?

Answer: Yes, USAID/ Tanzania expects the recipient to implement the full nutrition results framework in Rukwa, with coverage of all villages of the targeted districts in Rukwa.

66. Page 37 of the RFA under Funding Restrictions states “Recipients will not purchase any nutrition kits or Hardware for WASH activities.” Can USAID clarify whether reprinting of Mkoba wa Siku 1000 kits will be necessary and acceptable particularly in areas such as Rukwa where there was no previous USAID program?

Answer: Please see the response to question 13.

67. Our team has noted some technical content gaps in the toolkit. Would USAID allow – upon approval of new content by USAID and the Government of Tanzania– the printing of supplemental cards to enhance information in the existing toolkit? (ex. Environmental Enteropathy, Safe Water Storage, Family Planning, etc.)

Answer: The applicant may propose supplemental materials for consideration and subsequent approval by USAID and the Government.

68. The Theory of Change focuses on improving the nutritional status of women of reproductive age and children of five years of age. Adolescents are not specifically mentioned, whilst improving the nutritional status of adolescents is mentioned in the purpose of the programme. Is the programme expected to improve preconception nutrition for adolescents or will it only focus on those adolescents who are pregnant or having a child below the age of 2.

Answer: Both. Nutrition education should be provided to all adolescents through various channels. The applicant should design activities that will motivate adolescents to participate in nutrition activities.

69. The discussion of IR 2 references several different interventions including WASH, FP, and nutrition that do not appear to be reflected in the associated Results or Indicators. Could USAID please clarify instructions related to IR 2

Answer: WASH and FP are important factors to realize the intended nutrition outcome for women and children. USAID has articulated the expected results in the NOFO and included mandatory indicators for IR2. The applicant is to propose interventions to achieve these results and report on these indicators, while identifying additional indicators necessary to monitor implementation.

70. In Instructions to Applicants - Key Personnel, USAID instructs applicants not to execute exclusive agreements with proposed Key Personnel. Would this instruction apply to proposed Key personnel who are currently on staff at the Applicant organization or one of its partners?

Answer: Please see response to question 28.

71. Does USAID have any additional guidance in terms of level of penetration and coverage of the program and target population
Answer: No. For more information about the targeted regions, and coverage please refer to the minutes of the USAID/Tanzania stakeholders meeting held on April 25, 2018 in Dar es salaam and published as synopsis 3.
72. How much bandwidth does the program have to work with schools?
Answer: Applicants may decide on which entry points will lead to the achievement of results.
73. Are there any nutritious food product commodities which USAID is targeting through the program?
Answer: No.
74. On page 28, in the section on “Phase I: Concept Paper” the RFA states that “the electronic submission must also include a budget in a non-protected MS Excel file.” However, on p. 29 item 4.1 states “Applicants should not submit a budget.” Please advise.
Answer: See response to question 31.
75. P. 28 indicates that during submission of the concept note via email applicants should include, “the activity name (TMSNP) in the subject of the e-mails. However, p.1 indicates the “activity (is) entitled Tanzania Improved Nutrition for Better Life”. Please clarify the correct reference to be included in the email during submission.
Answer: The name of this activity is Tanzania Improved Nutrition for Better Life.
76. Could USAID provide an indicative date or estimate of how many days it will take from the closing date of the NOFO submission to notification of Pass/Fail status?
Answer: Please see responses to questions 47 and 55.
77. Would USAID consider allowing partners to make Fixed Obligation Grants to Local Government Authorities to assist with capacity building under IR1?
Answer: It is not anticipated at this time that the applicant will provide grants to local government entities.
78. When an applicant is considered an ASA, does USAID intend to provide additional guidance regarding full proposal content, cost and documentation requirements?
Answer: Yes. Please see Section D.4.3.

79. In this NOFO the applications are restricted to organizations which have not previously received financial assistance from USAID?

Answer: No, see Section C.1. Under this NOFO, US or non-US organizations are eligible to apply, in addition, organizations which have not received assistance from USAID are also encouraged to apply.

80. ABC intends to apply in collaboration with other institution which has previously not received funding from USAID, ABC being the leading applicant. Under this scenario, do ABC still eligible for this Funding Opportunity?

Answer: Yes. See response to question 79.