

**Questions and Answers for  
Technical Assistance for Interinstitutional Response to  
Gender Based Violence in Costa Rica  
INL22CA0016-WHPCOSRIC-TECHASSTGBV-122021  
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**Question 1:**

What are the geographic locations prioritized by the project? Will the program focus on the GAMM area, or do you also contemplate reaching other provinces? For example, under section 4 of the NOFO (Participants and Audiences), there are nine ministries, but the Vice Ministry of Peace has 7 Civic Centers located in each Province.

**INL Response:**

The geographic locations will be selected with the country counterparts using the criteria set forth in the NOFO.

**Question 2:**

Could you please indicate the location of the two communities that are already implementing the Hacete Escuchar Pathways to Safety Program, and who is the organization responsible for the current implementation of Hacete Escuchar?

**INL Response:**

Pathways to Safety Program has 18 communities (Nicoya, Santa Cruz, La Cruz, Limon Central, Pococi, Siquirres, Puntarenas Central, Garabito, Buenos Aires, Desamparados, Escazu, Pavas, Cartago Oreamuno, Heredia, Belen, Alajuela Central and Aguas Zarcas) that already have tools designed. Many of the institutions listed in the NOFO are using them. There is no organization currently responsible for implementation other than the GOCR.

**Question 3:**

What is the timeline for executing objective 4? Does it need to start in year one?

**INL Response:**

Objective 4 needs to start as soon as the needs assessments and strategic plans results are ready and an agreement on the plan of action is reached with one or several GOCR agency (ies).

**Question 4:**

Do you have an estimated number of beneficiaries that this program expects to train?

**INL Response:**

Please refer to the Activity Map for specific results.

**Question 5:**

Could you provide more information on the expected level of depth of the evaluation that is expected under activity 4.7?

**INL Response:**

The level of depth of the assessment on Activity 4.7 shall be decided by the GOCR institution working with the Grantee in that particular community.

**Question 6:**

Do you have any "Hacete escuchar" methodology or documents that can be shared with us?

**INL Response:**

INL will provide existing methodologies and relevant documents to the Grantee once the Cooperative Agreement is awarded. The following CR government websites contain additional information about Hacete Escuchar

<http://www.mjp.go.cr/Comunicacion/Nota?nom=Programa-Hacete-Escuchar-empodera-a-jovenes-para-prevenir-violencia-intrafamiliar-y-actividades-delictivas->

<https://camcayca.org/?p=10798>

<https://www.presidencia.go.cr/comunicados/2021/09/ninez-y-juventudes-se-hace-escuchar-para-construir-la-costa-rica-de-los-proximos-200-anos/>

**Question 7:**

What is usually known as mandatory results is not referred as such in this NOFO, instead we can see that the "Program Objectives" establish the outcomes expected to be achieved. Shall we understand the 4 objectives" as the mandatory results/outcomes?

**INL Response:**

Yes, the 4 objectives are mandatory - "outcomes expected" mean mandatory. Please Refer to the "Project Proposal" language in the NOFO, which states: " Activity Map: The Activity Map for this program is included as Attachment #1. Proposal narratives must include this Map, but implementers are encouraged to amplify/enhance/add additional activities that would contribute to reaching stated program objectives."

### **Question 8:**

There is a wording difference between the NOFO and the Activity Map, both descriptions make reference to Objective 4 in a different way, particularly to Activity 4.4.

### **INL Response:**

Please Refer to the "Project Proposal" language in the NOFO, which states: " Activity Map: The Activity Map for this program is included as Attachment #1. Proposal narratives must include this Map, but implementers are encouraged to amplify/enhance/add ad Objective 4 in the NOFO states: "...This will consist of forming inter-agency working groups to come up with plans for improving services delivery both within the GOCR agencies themselves (such as improvements in each agency's Hacete Escuchar Pathways to Safety Programs) and developing strategic plans for GOCR/civil society/community organization partnerships..." and the Activity Map, which is a guide to activities and indicators under that objective, states "Provide technical assistance and training for GOCR & community stakeholders in two pilot communities to create GOCR/community partnerships." Implementers may amplify/enhance/add additional activities that will contribute to achieving objective 4.4 in the NOFO

### **Question 9:**

In the NOFO it is stated: Activity 4.4: Provide technical assistance to design improved services delivery mechanisms. While in the Activity Map that is attached, the same activity states: "Provide technical assistance and training for GOCR & community stakeholders in two pilot communities to create GOCR/community partnerships." It is worth mentioning that the description in the Activity Map is more complete since it has indicators and measurement units.

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**Question 10:**

**Hence, the specific question is which of the two descriptions for Activity 4.4 shall we follow the one in the NOFO or the one in the Activity map?**

**INL Response:**

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