**Responses to Queries Raised on Tender No. MCK/NBO/006/2021**

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| **Tender No :** MCK-NBO-006-2021 | **Responses to queries raised by potential bidders.** |
| **Tender Name:** RFP on Baseline evaluation for GIRL-H | |

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| ***Date Issued:*** *16th March 2021*  ***Deadline for Offer Submission:*** *6th April 2021*  ***Last Day for Questions:*** *26th March 2021*  ***Questions will be answered by :*** *David Okutu and Shadrack Steven* |

This provides responses to questions/concerns raised by bidders as at ………. which was the deadline for sending questions.

The responses are posted on the website for benefit of all potential bidders without disclosing the source of the questions.

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| **No.** | **Question** | **Response** |
| 1 | Is the intention that the same organization/firm that is contracted for this initial piece of work will be the research partner throughout the life of the study? | For now its only baseline but depending on the baseline activity, the same organization/firm may be engaged for midline and endline. The organization/firm may also be replaced. |
| 2 | Will they be designing an impact evaluation for the life of the project? Or they’re only meant to conduct a baseline survey? | For now, its only baseline evaluation survey. |
| 3 | The timelines are very tight. Is there any flexibility there? | .We are constrain on time and it will be difficult to review the timeline. Please work with advertised timelines. |
| 4 | Regarding the timeline, there is no time included to obtain ethical approvals. That means that the results produced will only be for internal purposes for Mercy Corps and not for a global public good being able to be published in journals. Is that the intention? | Results from the evaluation will be published for a global public hence ethical approval will be obtained at this stage. The timeline for getting this will be discussed with the successful applicant. |
| 5 | Is there a range on the budget envelope? | No range, please budget based on activities that you will be conducting |
| 6. | IPA is headquartered in the US, as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, however, we operate 22 offices around the world that are legally registered in their country of operation, including Kenya and Uganda. The funds are administered in the US. Is IPA eligible? | Yes, you are eligible. Please go ahead and apply |
| 7 | What if the organisation is legally registered in only two of the countries (Kenya and Uganda)?  IPA is not legally registered in Haiti but is interested in managing a project in Haiti. If we are legally registered only in 2 countries, can we still apply? | Please go ahead and apply, you are eligible.  But please include any evidence that you have worked in Haiti or any of the countries in the Caribbean if it’s available. |
| 8 | The RFP seeks to identify a research firm for the baseline activity only. While it references using experimental or quasi-experimental techniques, can you clarify whether the overall study design is intended to be a randomized controlled trial?  For example, will it be feasible to randomly allocate the target population into treatment and control groups, prior to the start of the program? | For now, baseline only. The overall study design is intended to be quasi experimental.  Regarding allocating target population for treatment and control, please use the calculator to get a sample from a target of 70,000. (34% of the target are from Kenya, another 34% from Uganda and 32% from Haiti). |
| 9 | Which counties in each of the three countries are participating? | **Kenya** – Isiolo, Marsabit, Turkana, Garissa and Wajir  **Uganda** – Amudat, Kaabong, Kotido and Moroto  **Haiti** – Port au Prince and Cap Haiten  Please note that this may change but slightly. |
| 10 | Is there a preferred breakdown in the sample by country? | For the sample, the total target is 70,000 out of which 34% of the target will be from Kenya, another 34% will be from Uganda while the remaining 32% will be from Haiti. Please use the percentages in coming up with a sample size. |
| 11 | Is there any project documentation that might be made available in order to fully grasp the intervention areas in Haiti/Kenya/Uganda regions or departments of project implementation, rural or urban areas? | * **Kenya** – Isiolo, Marsabit, Turkana, Garissa and Wajir * **Uganda** – Amudat, Kaabong, Kotido and Moroto * **Haiti** – Port au Prince and Cap Haiten   Please note that this may change but slightly. |
| 12 | Could you share maps regarding the project areas? | Project areas are listed above. |
| 13 | Is subcontracting with local partners authorized? | Sub-contracting with local partner is not allowed at this time. |
| 14 | Is there an already fixed budget estimation for this mandate? | We have a budget but that cannot be shared. Please budget based on activities that you will be conducting |
| 15 | As Mercy Corps is directly implementing the program in Haiti, are there possibilities of relying on MC logistics to access to the project areas, especially if they are in high-level insecurity areas? | Mercy Corps will not provide logistics in Haiti but may provide linkage with a contact in implementation sites |
| 16 | In the ToRs, it is successively mentioned that the targeted public are children and adolescents from 10 to 24 years old (p1) and 10 to 19 years old (5). Could you clarify this element? | The project will target adolescent and youths aged 10-24 |
| 17 | In the ToRs, it is mentioned 70,000 participants with Kenya 3, Uganda 3 and Haiti 2. We understand that it makes the sum of 80,000. Could you clarify this element? | For the sample, the total target is 70,000 out of which 34% of the target will be from Kenya, another 34% will be from Uganda while the remaining 32% will be from Haiti. Please use the percentages in coming up with a sample size. |

**All other terms and conditions in the tender remain unchanged.**

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