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| **Tender No:** **HQ05/2021** | **Responses to Queries raised by prospective tenderers** |
| **Tender Name: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – STUDY ON COVID 19 VACCINE HESITANCY IN THE SAHEL** | **Date Issued: 15th September 2021** |

This provides answers to queries raised from bidders by 14th September 2021 which was the deadline for receiving queries. The responses are posted on website for the benefit of all prospective bidders and does not disclose the source.

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| No. | **Question** | **Response** |
| 1 | We would like to enquire if you have set tentative dates or a timeframe in which you wish the study to take place in. Unfortunately, these are not available In the Terms of Reference of the assignment. | Applicants will be required to include the activities and proposed timelines in their technical proposal. These will be refined and dates included during negotiation with the successful firm at the pre-contract meeting |
| 2 | We want to inquire what the expected level of effort is and the maximum budget or budget range available for this activity | We have provided the Scope of Work including the expected deliverables and interested firms are to send to us a proposal on the methodology they will adopt to achieve the deliverables and the financial proposal from their end.  We do not normally share the budget as we are hoping to get a technically acceptable proposal with a competitive financial proposal. |
| 3 | (a) The RfP talks about "rounds of surveys". Is the Mercy Corps team envisioning one round of survey per each of the three countries or multiple rounds per country? | One round of survey per country |
| 4 | The RfP talks about a series of workshops being part of the assignment. Are these intended to be qualitative group discussions and workshops with Mercy Corps team/experts in the sector OR are these intended for disseminating the results? | Workshops will be required to design the surveys and there might be some group discussions, this is to be discussed with the selected company |
| 5 | Is it fair to assume that the data collection activity limited to the individual/household level? | Yes, that is right. |
| 6 | Is the submission timeline of 21 September 2021 final or is an extension possible? I would say | The submission deadline will not be extended. Closing date remains 21st September 2021 at 5.00 PM Pacific time. |

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

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