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| **Tender No:** | **Tender No: MCK-NBO-RLP-023-009** |
| **Tender Name: RLP Baseline Survey Assessment** | **Date Issued: 29th May 2023** |

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| No. | **Question and Date.** | **Response provided on 29th May 2023 and uploaded on the Mercy Corps Website and was available for all bidders** |
| 1 | On eligibility, one of the criteria is that the offeror must be legally registered. Does the company have to be registered in the three countries - **Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia?** Qualiquant is registered in Nigeria, Kenya, and the Isle of Man, UK, are we eligible? | Considering Kenya to be the procurement office, it is important that the company meets the legal requirements for KENYA as specified. While this is one of the essential requirements, regional experience across the proposed corridors with SDC’s experience is a critical requirement that will also be assessed supported by sample reports aligned to the thematic areas. |
| 2 | For effective sampling design; can we have the population of pastoral and agro-pastoral communities in target trade corridors of Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia? | For application purposes, a detailed descriptive sampling approach on what will be considered based on understanding of the ToR in the development of the sampling design will suffice. Upon successful recruitment and onboarding, the consultant will be required to work with the program team to refine the sampling design together with the other local consultants working across the different corridors. A detailed methodology including the sampling approach is, however, required to inform shortlisting of successful candidates for this role. |
| 3 | The ToR mention that the survey should take place in 4 cross-border corridors (Borena, Tog Wajaale, Galkaayo and Afmadow) and 1 camel milk trade corridor (Wajir-Garissa-Nairobi). Could you explain the term "corridor"? Does it refer to a single road or should the whole areas of of Borena, Tog Wajaale, Galkaayo and Afmadow / Wajir-Garissa-Nairobi be surveyed ? | The corridors are an extended route (passing through several towns) where program actors will be targeted from. For the sake of this assignment, the baseline will prioritize the major towns within this corridors in consultation with the Program team during the inception phase. It may be worth highlighting ccriteria that the consultant will use to ensure comprehensive review and representativeness across each corridor. |
| 4 | Could you provide the reference population to be taken into account ? | For application purposes, a detailed descriptive sampling approach on what will be considered based on understanding of the ToR in the development of the sampling design will suffice. Upon successful recruitment and onboarding, the consultant will be required to work with the program team to refine the sampling design together with the other local consultants working across the different corridors. A detailed methodology including the sampling approach is, however, required to inform shortlisting of successful candidates for this role. |
| 5 | Would it be possible to divide the survey into batches of corridors, and to answer each batch individually? | The SoW clarifies the role of the lead consultant(s) – to coordinate a unified data collection process with other local consultants working in the different corridors. It presupposes that each corridor will be handled differently and uniquely through other local consultants with the lead consultant expected to handle each corridor with the support of local consultants working within these corridors. This assignment is expected to coordinate the various levels of information gathering to inform a harmonized data collection, analysis and reporting for a unified baseline report from the different corridors. |