

## Questions and Answers – 9/5/2014

### Funding Opportunity Announcement CDC-RFA-GH15-1563

#### ***Strengthening Mozambican Capacity in Strategic Information Systems in Mozambique under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)***

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##### Questions and Answers by email

Q:

The project description states that this work has been in progress since 2009—under the previous FOA. Would you be able to share with me who has been implementing the work and any evaluation reports that have been produced showing the impact of that work over the years?

R:

There are no evaluation reports showing the impact of previous work. Although this reference is in the FOA, Applicants should focus their applications on the Activities and Outcomes in the Approach section of the FOA. These are the types of activities that have been shown to be successful and CDC would like to see future awardees those as they consider their applications.

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Q:

On page 7 under the “Purpose” section, it indicates that this project will build off of the previous PEPFAR work that began in 2009. Would it be possible to obtain any salient documents describing this work (e.g., the national data quality strategy, data quality tools developed for the HIV program, etc.) that would help us to develop our proposal?

R:

Applicants should focus their applications on the Activities and Outcomes in the Approach section of the FOA. These are the types of activities that have been shown to be successful and CDC would like to see future awardees those as they consider their applications.

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Q:

On page 18 of the FOA, the definition of PEPFAR local partner is clearly spelled out, but it's not evident whether being a PEPFAR local partner is a requirement – could you clarify?

R:

Being a PEPFAR local partner is not a requirement of this FOA. PEPFAR local partners are one type of organization eligible to apply. This is a fully competitive funding opportunity.

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Q:

On page 39, under the description of the funding preference scoring criteria, it is noted that at least one annual report describing previous work in Mozambique in strengthening SI systems should be submitted to be considered for these points. Our organization has been very involved in this arena; we have published manuscripts, protocols, and annual reports to one particular funder that we could provide for this deliverable.

Can you provide a recommendation as to which materials would be best suited to demonstrate our experience working in Mozambique?

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R:

As stated on page 39 at least “At least 1 annual report describing similar work in the Mozambique and the outcomes of that work” is sufficient to meet the deliverable for this funding preference.