

## Questions and Answers – 9/15/2014

### Funding Opportunity Announcement CDC-RFA-GH15-1521

#### ***Increase Access to Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Treatment Services in the Democratic Republic of Congo under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)***

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##### **Questions and Answers by email**

Q:

Could you please clarify whether the "Application Evaluation and Performance Measurement Plan" should be included as a part of the technical narrative or as an appendix?

R:

The Application Evaluation and Performance Measurement Plan should be included as part of the Project Narrative as stated on pages 28-30 of the RFA.

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Q:

Could you please clarify/confirm if the approximate number of awards may exceed one?

R:

The approximate number of awards for this RFA is 1 as stated on pages 2 and 23 of the RFA.

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Q:

Could you please clarify the submission requirements for named consultants and sub awardees?

R:

There are no particular submission requirements for named consultants and sub awardees. The prime applicant is responsible for all submittal requirements.

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Q:

The FOA states that applicants may submit the Non-profit organization IRS status forms, if applicable (Section H "Other Information" p. 55). When is an IRS Statement required or applicable?

R:

All U.S. based non-profit organizations are required to submit the non-profit organization IRS status forms.

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Q:

The FOA lists both a Principal Investigator (PI) and a Chief of Party as required key personnel. Could CDC please clarify the distinction between these two roles?

R:

While there are some areas of overlap, the two positions are different and complementary. The Principal Investigator provides technical assistance to the project especially in regards to project research activities, providing technical expertise and strategic direction for the project, and ensuring technical integrity and coherence. The PI guides impact assessment and evidence of the project and ensures collaboration among DRC government, CDC, partners and other stakeholders.

The Chief of Party provides overall leadership of the project, looking after the project implementation in all its aspects: technical, administrative and financial, monitoring and evaluation and reporting in close collaboration with CDC DRC and the Principal Investigator. The Chief of Party monitors impact, cost effectiveness and quality

of the project and works for harmonized and cohesive relationship between partners of the consortium and strives for good relationship with Ministry of health and different partners. The Chief of Party serves as the project representative to government and partners.

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Q:

There is a current project funded by CDC to implement the same activities in the provinces of Katanga and Kinshasa. How does CDC anticipate this new grant would work alongside the current grant? Is there going to be a geographical mapping exercise within the provinces, to ensure that both grantees do not work in the same area and thus, double counting is avoided?

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R:

This CoAg is a follow on of existing activities implemented by a CDC partners and the selected candidate is expected to continue to support existing activities as well as expand coverage of these activities. A mapping exercise has been already done with existing partners to avoid double counting.