

Questions and Answers – 12/19/2015

Funding Opportunity Announcement CDC-RFA-GH16-1674

Strengthening Health Management Information Systems, Data Use and Data Quality in the Republic of Zimbabwe under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

	Question	Response
1.	Page 23, Section D(10)(d) states “Applicants must submit Curricula Vitae (CVs/Resumes) and job descriptions...” However, the HHS Checklist Part B, item 4, asks for “biographical sketch(es) with job description(s)...” Please confirm if applicants should use NIH biosketch formats or CVs.	Applicant may select format for biographical sketch. CV, resume, or NIH biosketch are all acceptable.
2.	Page 26, Section D(19) states “indirect costs will not be reimbursed under grants to foreign organizations, international organizations, and foreign components of grants to domestic organizations... Indirect costs will not be paid (either directly or through a subaward) to organizations located outside the territorial limits of the United States or to international organizations regardless of their location.” Please confirm that indirect costs will be reimbursed to subawardees and subcontractors (regardless of international or domestic) provided that sufficient supporting documentation is submitted, including audited financial statements for the past two complete fiscal years and current year-to-date, and supporting computations. In the alternative, please confirm the de minimis rate of 10% in 2 CFR 200.414 is permissible if audited financial statements and supporting computations are not accepted.	Indirect costs will only be approved for domestic organizations (US based) with an approved, current federally negotiated indirect cost rate. This applies to direct and sub-recipients. The 10% indirect cost rate will only be considered for domestic organizations that are in the process of negotiating their indirect cost rate agreement.
3.	Page 34: Please confirm the 8% rule is applicable only to local partners.	The 8% rule applies to all awardees, whether they are local or U.S. based.