

Questions and Answers – 12/24/2015

Funding Opportunity Announcement CDC-RFA-GH16-1647

Accelerating the Scale-Up of Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision for HIV Prevention for Maximum Public Health Impact in the United Republic of Tanzania under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

	Question	Response
1.	Will CDC allow applicants to use a smaller font size for tables, graphics and charts?	No. On page 21 of the FOA under 10, it states that applicant project narrative should be a maximum of 18 pages, singled spaced, Calibri 12 point, 1-inch margins, Applicants should use Calibri 12 point for tables, graphics and charts.
2.	On page 4, the FOA states that the project will “contribute to HIV epidemic control through the scale up of adolescent and adult VMMC in 8 districts in 4 regions of Tanzania”. Will CDC please clarify whether the Applicant will be expected to work in the Lake Victoria Islands? If so, will CDC please clarify which of the 74 islands?	On page 4 of the FOA, it states that applicant will scale up VMMC in 8 districts in 4 regions of Tanzania, the regions are 1. Shinyanga (Shinyanga Municipality, Kahama District, and Kahama Town,); 2. Mwanza (Nyamagana and Sengerema districts), 3. Kagera (Muleba and Bukoba) and 4. Geita (Geita), however, these districts may change with evolving data and PEPFAR and GOT priorities in future. Lake Victoria Islands are not mentioned on page 4 of this application.
3.	On page 4, the FOA states that the project is “aiming to reach 80% of the male population aged 10-29 years by 2020.” The year 2020 is also mentioned on pages 7 and 11. However, on page 5, the FOA states that the “GOT set a goal of circumcising 2.2 million men (80% coverage of men 15-49) by 2017.” Will CDC please confirm that the Applicant’s primary purpose under this FOA is to reach 80% of the male population aged 10-29 years by 2020?	Yes, this FOA will contribute to HIV epidemic control by supporting the VMMC services in 8 districts in 4 regions, the FOA targets reaching 80% of the male population aged 10-29 years by 2020.
4.	On page 16 of the FOA, it states that \$9,000,000 is the approximate total fiscal year funding, but it is also listed as the approximate average award amount and the award ceiling. Given that the total project period length is stated at 5 years (also on page 16), will CDC please clarify whether the \$9,000,000 budget is for the first year or for all five years?	Yes, the \$9,000,000 award ceiling is for year 1.
5.	On page 23 of the FOA, under d. Organizational Capacity of Applicants to Implement the Approach, the FOA states that Applicants must show proof of good financial practices and experience managing USG funds successfully. It also states that Applicants must name this file “Financial Practices”. Will CDC please confirm that this proof of good financial	Yes, these documents should be submitted as part of the appendix. As stated on page 23 of the FOA, “Applicants must name this file “Organizational Capacity,” “CVs/Resumes,” “Organizational Charts,” “Financial Practices.” or Experience” and upload it at www.grants.gov .

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