

IESC -MOD-RFO-001-2019 Survey Questions and Answers

February 22, 2019

	Consultant's query(s)/clarification(s) sought	MoD response				
1	Are we signing the contract with US law or Laws applicable for Sri Lanka?	This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the District of Columbia, United States of America, without conflicts of laws in Sri Lanka. If this is a problem, then we can inquire with IESC if possible to have in applicable to Sri Lankan laws.				
2	Does MOD facilitate the venue and food etc for filed team? Interviewers drop out is happening normally. Are you OK to plan suitably for such situations?	The survey firm should arrange and pay for training venue and food, etc. MOD staff will come and train. We understand that drop out occur and survey firm should manage for this possibility.				
3	Is that mean Easten has 900 population or 1400 including all provinces?	The 1,400 figure is for all provinces. We expect a very small population size from Eastern province- mainly in Ampara and Trincomalee districts				
4	Can we get district wise distribution? This is need for interviewer requirement calculations including language skills requirement etc	Yes and we will send by February 26.				
5	What percentage of replacement planned to provide for us? Is this indicate that we need to propose a sample from 400 or 1400?	We would be able to provide 30% if needed. For the survey in March the indicative population is 400 and for the one in September we estimate it to be around 1,400.				
6	Good to see the number of pages but for us time taken for an interview is more important. Please give us how many minutes on average take to fill these informations with your pre test experience in Sinhala or Tamil language with targeted respondents.	Average one hour and a maximum of 1½ hrs.				
7	Since already developed and tested any possibility that you can share both questionnaires with us for the cost estimation purpose and estimate the involvement level	The questionnaire will be provided at contract signing.				
8	Please explain this little bit about . <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Deliverable</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Approved survey design</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5 business days after award</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Deliverable	Due Date	Approved survey design	5 business days after award	Yes. Specifically, we meant the survey instrument (questionnaire) will be approved 5 days after award. This is the time period for finalization of questionnaire.
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	We think design will be included in the proposal. If proposal evaluated, discussed agreed and signed no requirement for approval. Are we correct?	
9	5.3 has total 400 indication but doesn't have population sizes by districts. Can you share those with us by districts? Are they in few GN' or spread all over the districts?	Yes and we will send by February 26. The beneficiaries are spread across the district
10	RFP already decided the time lines as in activity 5.2. No room for agency to do any changes. Simply one and half month-two months survey. Or Survey only two week but ensure quality one week. Is there any flexibility to propose alternative time lines	MoD can accommodate a slight delay (one week) in terms of delivery of the cleaned data. We are expecting the sample size to be small for the March survey given the population size.
11	As per RFP " <i>The selected offeror will be required to comply with all administrative standards and provisions required by USDA</i> " Until those are shared in advanced we are not sure weather we can agree or not. Please share those with us.	MOD will coordinate with survey firm to ensure they comply with USDA (donor) standards and provisions. We are bound to make bidders aware of this. For more information see here .