

We would like to share with you the following issues raised by one of the Proposers:

1. The project covers eleven Governorates (including rural Damascus), spread all over the country, each of which has different characteristics, markets and demographics, and each went through different experience during the conflict.
2. The RFP requests an examination of the critical market systems and overall functioning of markets in 10 governorates (excluding Idlib, Qunaitra and Sweida) covering four areas: a) active labor market, b) MSME support, c) agricultural livelihoods and d) PwDs and social protection. Through this study, UNDP desires to ensure sustainability of UNDP livelihood and economic recovery interventions in these four thematic areas, in line with three track approaches a) responding to the urgent needs of crisis affected groups, b) medium and long term local economic recovery, and c) help strengthening the national systems and policies needed to sustain (a) and (b) above.
3. The above scope of work, as you can see, requires considerable desk (literature) review and considerable field work, consisting of a) F2F interviews with business people (large and MSMEs), with households and with labor, based on pre-prepared questionnaires, taking into account the three approaches above, b) focus groups discussions with some of the above, and c) key informants meetings with notables, government officials NGOs and other, in all ten provinces. Could all above desk work, field work and preparation of questionnaires be done within two months, including time needed to mobilize for the assignment, time needed to recruit people in all ten provinces, and time needed to prepare inception and final reports, even if we succeed to mobilize a huge number of people?
4. Has there been an appreciation of the size of some of these provinces and the diversity of conditions within them? And has there been an appreciation of the difficulty of finding additional people, competent people, at all levels, given present circumstances and in such a short period of time?

We believe to implement a good quality study of the scope above, and based on our experience with two recent market assignments we prepared recently in Syria and in Lebanon, requires at least six months.

As a response to the above, UNDP Country Office agrees to extend the delivery time as following:

- Additional two weeks will be given to the preparation period including the recruitment process.
- And additional two weeks will be given to the final report preparation period.

Based on the above, **the time frame will be 3 months instead of 2.**

**Amendment to the Instructions to Proposers
DATA SHEET**

DS No.	Cross Ref. to Instructions	Date	Specific Instructions / Requirements
30	C.15.2	Expected duration of contract (Target Commencement Date and Completion Date)	Three (3) months starting from the date of the contract's signature.

The duration of contract is amended from **2** to **3 (Three)** Months.