

Requests for Clarification-TUR – 2019 -01-Research Study for Measuring and Understanding Perceptions of Men on Child, Early and Forced Marriages in Turkey

- 1. It was not clear in the guidance note whether the International Non-Governmental Organizations are eligible to submit applications for this call?**

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- 2. The call requires that the program budget should be made in local currency even though the ceiling amount is provided in USD. Therefore, we wonder whether UN Women is flexible on this matter, and would accept budgets in USD from International Non-Governmental Organizations?**

The proposals shall be submitted in Turkish Lira.

- 3. If there is a funding available for the same purpose (e.g. improving women's participation in labour force), we wanted to check whether UN Women is receptive of co-funding for the proposed projects?**

Currently, there is no funding available under the same programme.

- 4. What will be the estimated number of households to be visited during the quantitative study as the uncertainty of this estimation would highly affect the number and size of field teams to be assigned, their logistics arrangements and workplan during the preparation of our proposal?**

Quantitative study will produce Turkey level representative data and focus on socio-economic and generational differences between men and the variations across public and private masculinities. Therefore, we expect proposals which suggest a sampling strategy according to the targets of,

- Producing Turkey level representative data on male perception on CEFM,
- Presenting variations (if any) between male attitudes and masculinities across public and private roles, generational and socio-economic status differences.

Hence, the number of people to be reached through survey will differ based on particular sampling strategies of the (technical) proposals. Technical strength of the sampling strategy needs to be considered as a part of competition process and accordingly studied and presented by the proposal owners.

5. What is the expected number of in-depth interviews and focus group discussions to be held?

The number of focus group discussions and in-depth interviews will be determined based on the number of vulnerable communities identified (tentatively suggested as Roma people, seasonal agriculture workers, migrants, rural communities, and urban poor in the TOR) and the research questions (what differences are manifest across private and public masculinities and younger and older generations). Again, researchers are expected to present a competitive strategy in designing the qualitative component of the research and accordingly determine the numbers and groups to be interviewed or included in focus group discussions.

6. Under “Objectives” section of the Terms of Reference (pg.7 of the Request for Proposal document), it is specified as “This research will be conducted in overall Turkey in survey component and in 9 provinces (Adana, Ağrı, Gaziantep, İstanbul, İzmir, Kars, Mardin, Niğde, and Şanlıurfa) in quantitative component (...)”. Please clarify if the study to be conducted in 9 provinces is as part of quantitative or qualitative component?

There is a clerical error in the sentence. Quantitative component will be conducted through Turkey level representative sampling and qualitative study will be conducted in the mentioned provinces.

7. Would you please clarify the reason behind the selection of these 9 provinces as they do not represent a geographical distribution (for instance, there are no provinces from the Black Sea Region)?

Those are the provinces where high CEFM prevalence is observed and where UN Women and UNFPA, together, will implement male-engagement and community mobilization programmes within the scope of the “UN Joint Programme for Preventing CEFM in Turkey”.

8. What is the expected number of team members (key personnel) to be assigned for this assignment?

There is not a specific number envisaged for the team members in the TOR.

9. Are there any specific requirements (i.e. qualifications and skills, general and specific professional experiences) for the Team Leader and team members? Would you please clarify what would be the specific criteria for evaluating the key personnel?

The same criteria presented in the Annex 4. Technical Proposal, part “1.6 Relevance of Specialized Knowledge and Experience on Similar Projects”:

- Detail any **specialized knowledge on male/masculinity studies and gender equality** that may be applied to performance of the TOR. Include **experiences in the region**.
- Describe the experience of the organization **performing similar goods/services/works**.

- **Experience with other UN organizations/ major multilateral / or bilateral programmes** is highly desirable.
- Provide at least 3 **references**

10. We want to ask if it is possible to deliver our proposal as a consortium of two companies, one specialized in research-based consultancy and one specialized in field work.

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If the proposer is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a joint venture, consortium/association at the time of the submission of the proposal, they shall confirm in their proposal that:

- a) they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the joint venture, consortium/association jointly and severally, and this shall be duly evidenced by the respective entitled document among the legal entities, which shall be submitted along with the proposal; and
- b) if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into, by and between UN Women and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture, consortium/association. The composition or the constitution of the joint venture, consortium/association shall not be altered without the prior consent of UN Women.

After the proposal has been submitted to UN Women, the lead entity identified to represent the joint venture, consortium/association shall not be altered without the prior written consent of UN Women. Furthermore, neither the lead entity nor the member entities of the joint venture, consortium/association may submit another proposal, either in its own capacity; or as a lead entity or a member entity for another joint venture, consortium/association submitting another proposal.

The description of the organization of the joint venture, consortium/association must clearly define the expected role of each of the entity in the partnership in delivering the requirements of the RFP, both in the proposal and the joint venture, consortium/association. All entities that comprise the partnership shall be subject to the eligibility and qualification assessment by UN Women.

Where a joint venture, consortium/association is presenting its track record and experience in a similar undertaking as those required in the RFP, it should present such information in the following manner:

- a) Those that were undertaken together by the joint venture, consortium/association; and
- b) Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the joint venture, consortium/association expected to be involved in the performance of the services defined in the RFP.

Consortiums should fill and submit **Joint Venture Form** as published as an annex of this RFP.

