

## QA Session No. 1

**RFP No.: 55310 Project: Mid-Term Evaluation of the Inclusive and Equitable Local Economic Development Programme (IELD) Country: Tanzania, Bangladesh, Uganda**

**Question 1.** On page 18, item 16 states “Mandatory subject of email: RFP/ UNCDF/ 55310 – Final Evaluation of the Pacific Financial Inclusion Joint Programme (PFIP)– Phase 2”. Is this an error?

**Answer:** This is indeed an error. Apologies. The “Mandatory subject of the email should read: RFP/UNCDF/55310: Mid-Term Evaluation of the Inclusive and Equitable Local Economic Development Programme (IELD)Country: Tanzania, Bangladesh, Uganda”.

**Question 2.** Page 20, Financial Standing, says “Minimum average annual turnover of USD 450.000 for the last 3 years. Net income over the past 2 years should be equal or higher than the price proposal submitted and the current ratio should be at least 1.0 or higher”, what if our average income over the last 3 years is less? Would we be disqualified?

**Answer:** A letter of credit from a financial institution stating the possibility to draw on the amount requested in case of need (as per financial proposal) for the specific use of this exercise, would be a satisfactory substitute to the net income criterion. It would be better if such letter of credit is equal to the financial proposal submitted by the bidder, and if the said document can specifically state that the credit line is intended for this possible contract with UNCDF.

**Question 3.** Page 38, item 4, Audience and timing, says that the evaluation will start in June 2019. As proposals are due June 3, we expect that it will be July or August before selection and contracting are completed. May we assume that the entire schedule will be adjusted to accommodate the later start?

**Answer:** Regarding the schedule, this will indeed be adjusted to accommodate the later start.

**Question 4.** Page number 24, point3.2 : At least 1 - 2 national/**regional consultants** with country ecosystem experience in project finance and gender economic empowerment to support the conduct of the country visits. Can the “**regional consultants**” be addressed with professionals who possess the background knowledge / expertise in the country.

**Answer:** Regional Consultants is to be understood as a regionally and locally recognized specialist or authority in a professional field, with extensive experience and detail understanding of the country context. In the case of the current RFP, this country expertise needs to be complemented with country ecosystem experience in project finance and gender economic empowerment to support the conduct of the country visits.