

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

**Question 1.** With reference to page 36 of RfP, are the 4 case studies to be understood as a total of 4 case studies, i.e. 2 per country to be visited, or 4 per each country, i.e. 8?

**Answer:** The case studies requested in the RfP section 2.2.4. are a total of four (4). Two per country visited.

**Question 2.** With reference to page 37, should the inception meetings be conducted in person? If yes, which will be the location?

**Answer.** The inception meeting is planned as a remote meeting.

**Question 3.** With reference to page 37 and 38, are the meetings with HQ staff to be conducted in person or can they be conducted online?

**Answer.** Meetings with HQ staff are to be conducted remotely.

**Question 4.** with reference to pag. 39 post mission phase mentioning that the Executive summary should be drafted in French, is this necessary even if the three countries are not French speaking?

**Answer.** The executive summary should be made available in English and French.

**Question 5.** We request you to extend the proposal submission deadline by a month to 2nd July, 2019.

**Answer.** We have extended the deadline by two weeks, until 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Due to external deadlines and constraints, it is not possible to extend this further.

**Question 6.** We are writing to kindly request for Baseline Survey Report for the Inclusive and Equitable Local Economic Development Programme (IELD).

**Answer.** Relevant monitoring data will be provided during the inception phase after signature of a contract.

**Question 7.** What is the correct deadline for submission – 3<sup>rd</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> June?

**Answer:** Yes, correct, the deadline has been extended until 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

**Question 8:** BDS in the point 16 indicates “Password for technical proposal must not be provided to UNCDF until the date as indicated in No. 14 (*for email submission only*)”. The stated point 14, however, doesn’t provide any date for password revelation. Can you please let us know what date is meant here?

**Answer.** Passwords for both technical and financial proposals will be requested by UNCDF when ready for bid opening. Please do not provide it together with the submission.

**Question 9.** In BDS point 16, we are required to password-protect both the Technical and Financial proposals. Is this correct?

**Answer:** Yes, both Technical and Financial proposals must be password encrypted.

**Question 10.** In BDS point 16, the mandatory subject line of the email is different from the title of this RFP. The BDS point 16 states “Mandatory subject of email: *RFP/ UNCDF/ 55310 – Final Evaluation of the Pacific Financial Inclusion Joint Programme (PFIP)– Phase 2*”. This is probably incorrect, but we would appreciate your confirmation.

**Answer.** Yes, it is a typo.

**Question 11.** From our reading of the BDS, No Bid Security is required; However, in page 19, bid security is mentioned under preliminary examination criteria. Can you please clarify.

**Answer.** No bid security/ performance is required.