Clarification Questions and Answers (#1)

Request for Proposal: (RFP No.: MWI10/PROC/2020/007)

Provision of Professional Services for Impact assessment of the M-CLIMES project

Q1: The TOR state that an estimated 3 days per destination will be needed to conduct data collection for the impact assessment. I wanted to ask how you foresee this being affected by COVID and travel restrictions. Obviously an impact assessment without data collection is not really possible so I wanted to check if there were any provisions for this or if you expect this to be included in our proposal. Do you expect there to be any extensions to the duration given the pandemic?

A1: We will definitely consider an extension to the duration if data collection is delayed due to travel restrictions and you can include the same in your proposal.

Q2: Reference is made to the TORs on the above assignment. The TORs are covering two issues (i) Impact assessment and (ii) Endline Evaluation. My writing is to understand the actual task required from the Consultant.

A2: Kindly refer to section C "Scope of Work" in the ToR, which clearly indicates the scope of the work. We are looking to hire a firm to estimate the contribution of PICSA in improving crop yields and impact of climate information on farmer adaptive behaviour. The objective is not to assess the overall impact of the project.

Q3: Crop type mapping: It is expected that the agricultural land of the farmer will be visited where the farm location will be geo-coded, and the type of crops adequately mapped. The GPS location that will be collected for the crop farmers will be expected to be based on 5 GPS points of the farmland. This includes the four corners of the farm and a location in the middle of the farm, and agricultural Yield estimate using Crop Cut methodology: As part of the agricultural household survey, a Crop Cut estimate of yield is also required for the majority of the farmland that will be visited. The protocol for the crop cut estimate of yield will be finalized by the survey firm.

A3: This is a valid question. We will let all the prospective consultants plan for it but it will only be applicable in places where we migh find crops in the fields which could be a possibility in the northern region. If all targeted farmers have harvested their crops the consultants will be expected to atleast measure the farm size accurately by visiting some farms and collecting four farm points and the center.

Q4: The time duration is stated as 75 days over 3.5 months. Are the 75 days calendar days or mandays? Is it a correct assumption that the man-days for the 3 Key Experts can be more than 75 days.

A4: 75 days are calendar days and it is correct to assume that the combined time of 3 experts can be more than 75 days.