

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REPORT

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| <u>To:</u> | Offerors |
| <u>From:</u> | UNDP Lebanon |
| <u>Subject:</u> | Provision of Professional Services for the implementation of reforestation activities in the North |
| <u>Reference:</u> | LEB/CO RFP/23/16 |
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UNDP Lebanon Procurement Unit has received several questions regarding the subject Tendering Procedure. All questions received to-date are documented below with respective answers.

| Questions and Answers | | | |
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| 1 | Q. | The TOR mentions the site selection should be based on the vulnerability criteria of UNDP, can I have a reference to assist us in knowing better what would be the regions that meet these criteria? | |
| | A. | Please find below the list of vulnerable communities in North Area of UNDP for reference. However, please note that the specific site selection should first be carried out after the implementing agent has been identified, as this should be identified in cooperation with UNDP and MoA, based on both the vulnerable communities targeted by UNDP as well as the areas priorities by MoA under the 40 million forest trees program. | |
| | | NORTH | BATROUN |
| | | | KFAR HILDA |
| | | | CHIBTINE |
| | | | TANNOURINE EL FAOUQA |
| | | | HERI |
| | | | BCHARRE |
| | | | MIRIATA |
| | | | ZGHARTA |
| | | | QALAMOUN |
| | | | TRIPOLI |
| | | | BEDDAOUI |
| | | | BQAA SFRINE |
| | | | MINIEH |
| | | | DEIR AAMMAR |

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| | | | | BAKHAAOUN | |
| | | | | SIR ED DANNIYEH | |
| | | | | AASSOUN | |
| | | | KOURA | DEDDEH | |
| | | | | KFAR KAHHEL | |
| | | | | RAS MASQA | |
| | | | | KFAR HAZIR | |
| | | | | BTOURATIGE | |
| 2 | Q. | The proposal asks to plant 1000 seedlings per ha, I was wondering if this is a fixed number that we cannot change or there would be some flexibility to better meet the site's actual requirements? It is worth noting that the ministry is recommending around 800 seedlings per ha and we usually plant 500 to 800 depending on the site and the choice of species. | | | |
| | A. | Yes, there will be some flexibility in terms of the amount of seedlings planted per hectare based on the conditions of the specific locations once these have been identified. However, there should be a clear justification of the amount of seedlings planted per hectare. This should be agreed upon jointly with the implementing agent, local authorities of MoA and UNDP after the specific localities have been selected. | | | |
| 3 | Q. | Would the UNDP mind selecting sites that belong to religious communities, i.e. Waqf lands? Or we should only choose public lands? | | | |
| | A. | Priority is given to the reforestation of public lands. The option of reforestation in other areas will be dealt with on a case by case situation. | | | |
| 4 | Q. | The delay for presenting the proposal is very short knowing that you require a details technical proposal that needs to be well developed in order to adequately reflect the local context we will be working with. It is less than 7 working days and is never realistic. | | | |
| | A. | We are aware that preparing this type of proposal within 7 working days is a bit tight. However, this is the second advertisement of such activity within the past 6 months and UNDP has a specific work plan to implement for this year. | | | |
| 5 | Q. | The delay for the planting of forest seedling is almost late in the season which requires a close follow up on the planting which means that there is a high risk of mortal rate for the seedlings giving the impression that it is a loss in the opportunity cost of the reforestation fund. | | | |
| | A. | This will be taken into consideration during the implementation of this activity and definitely UNDP, along with the contracted agent, will take measures to mitigate this risk. | | | |
| 6 | Q. | This also affects the availability of the seedlings in the existing nurseries within the time frame of the project implementation | | | |
| | A. | This will be taken into consideration during the implementation of this activity and definitely UNDP, along with the contracted agent, will take measures to mitigate this risk. | | | |
| 7 | Q. | The ability to provide income for the people through reforestation is an important opportunity but half of the budget is spent on other issues such as seedlings and protectors | | | |



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| | <p>for the trees however, replacing the reforestation with forest management which is irrespective of the time constraints, provides a new job skills for the labor, provides individual tools for the labor and provides them with all necessary conditions for job opportunities</p> |
| A. | <p>UNDP is aware of these factors related to forest management, however, this particular activity focuses only on reforestation.</p> |