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To: All Bidders

Subject: **(RFP) NO. RBAS-RFP-012-2020 AHDR Research Paper Series on the impact and implications of COVID-19 in the Arab States region.**

Dear Sirs,

Please find enclose **Addendum No. 01** for the subject RFP, which includes the following:

1. UNDP responses on Bidders' queries and clarifications (Q&A)

Please acknowledge receipt of this Addendum.

Thank you and best regards.

Acknowledged receipt:

Signature:

Name:

Company:

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SN	Query	UNDP Clarification Reply
1	Does UNDP require firms to draw out specific research topics/ questions in its proposal for each of the four broad themes mentioned in the ToR? Or will this be determined in consultation with UNDP during the inception phase of the project?	Firms are welcome to include specific research questions in your proposals and if selected, these questions will be further refined and discussed in consultation with UNDP during the inception phase of the project.
2	We understand that the geographic scope for the research paper series is to cover 22 Arab countries. Is this a requirement for all the four papers or can bidders choose specific countries according to the theme for each paper?	While acknowledging that data limitations and other challenges might prevent the research's geographical coverage to extend to all 22 countries, it would be preferable, especially for paper #1, #2 and #3, to provide a comprehensive regional overview. For paper #4, the focus should be on crisis/conflict-affected countries as well as major refugee host countries.
3	In proposing our methodology, should we provide specific methodologies for each research paper at this stage?	A general methodology is sufficient but providing specific methodologies for each paper would be appreciated.
4	Does UNDP require in-country field research (community interviews/surveys, key informant interviews) for this project?	Not required but would be an added value.
5	We would be most interested to apply as it fits our interests and work very well. As the deadline is on a short notice, we were wondering if it might be possible to postpone the deadline with one week. That would allow us to participate in this tender.	Deadline for this RFP is critical. UNDP cannot extend the deadline