

FY 2017, 3rd Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses

Background

USAID's Business Forecast now provides "live" information throughout the fiscal year. The Agency's Business Forecast is an informational resource on potential funding and partnership opportunities at USAID. It is an advanced look at grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements that USAID is in the process of developing and plans to issue in the coming year. Organizations interested in working with USAID can use this tool to plan for proposal or application submissions.

General Business Forecast Questions

1. **Cancelled Opportunities:** For how long do opportunities whose status is changed to "Cancelled" remain in the Business Forecast database, so that they can be identified by filtering using the "Forecast Status Change" field?

USAID Response: We have advised AOs/COs that if they cancel an opportunity, it should remain on the Forecast for one quarter for the partners to reference. Please note that we continue to message this out to all of our staff.

2. **Forecast Download Sheet:** When downloading the Washington and Mission Forecast in XLS format, would it be possible to have this updated file format in alphabetical order by country/region?

USAID Response: The format of the downloadable excel version of the Forecast has been updated. You can now download the entire list of opportunities available, as well as your individual search options. All spreadsheets are broken down into Washington and Overseas opportunities, and then further alphabetized by Operating Unit or Country/Mission.

3. **Small Business Set Aside Filter:** Although the downloadable Excel version of the forecast includes a column titled "Small Business Set Aside", the live internet version of the forecast is not searchable by this field. Is this a feature that will be added to the live feed?

USAID Response: Yes, we noted that this important feature was missing from the live feed when it was launched. We are happy to share that as of this weekend, you can now search by small business set asides. You can now filter by Small Business Set Aside, with options including:

- N/A
- Total set-aside
- Partial set-aside
- Small Disadvantaged Business set-aside
- 8(a) set-aside
- Veteran-owned set-aside
- Service-disabled Veteran set-aside
- Woman-owned set-aside
- HUBZone set-aside
- Small Business Reserve, and
- TBD

4. **Updating the Forecast:** The live feed is a new and useful format for the Forecast, however many opportunities have release dates that have lapsed or lingered without updates. When release

dates have lapsed, should organizations assume that the procurement has been delayed or interrupted? If that is the case, can USAID include such information in the Forecast?

USAID Response: It is important to note that solicitation date is an “anticipated” date. When the date has passed it can be indicative of a number of items -- that the opportunity is currently open and has not closed, or that it may be delayed, or that an Activity that would be implemented through an A&A award is anticipated, but is still in design/planning. If you have questions about a specific opportunity on a date that has passed, we recommend reaching out to the A&A Point of Contact listed in the solicitation or the Business Forecast. We also have enhanced our website to include the email directory for the POC. You can also e-mail BusinessForecast@usaid.gov with questions.

5. **Cooperative Agreement POCs:** Is there a website or online resource that the general public can access to find out which organization has been awarded a specific cooperative agreement? USAID will often post Award Notices for contracts in FedBizOpps.com but Award Notices are not posted for cooperative agreements on Grants.gov. Is there a way to find out this information without having to email the POC each time?

USAID Response: The public can search www.USASpending.gov to view both acquisition and assistance awards. The Advanced Search feature allows you to search by Recipient Name, DUNS Number, or other keywords. See <https://www.usaspending.gov/Pages/AdvancedSearch.aspx>

6. **Task Orders on Forecast:** Can USAID clarify whether Task Orders will be appearing on the live forecast? We had understood from previous quarter Questions and Answers that they would, but some missions have indicated that they are not required to post Task Orders on the live forecast.

USAID Response: Yes, Task Orders are included on the Business Forecast. They have been included for the last year and half.

If a Mission is telling you that task orders should not be included, can you please flag this to our BusinessForecast@usaid.gov email address?

7. **Information Missing from Forecast:** This past quarter we noticed that a number of opportunities disappeared from the Forecast en masse, only to appear a few days later. Can you share what happened?

USAID Response: In mid-April while making backend updates and testing new features of the Business Forecast, we noticed an issue where approximately 100 activities dropped off of the Live Feed. We addressed the issue as soon as it was noticed. This should not happen again.

8. **Extensions on Forecast:** If a solicitation is in the final stages of the procurement cycle, competitive range determination, will any extensions or changes show up in the live feed or FedBizOpps?

USAID Response: For the Live Feed, once a solicitation closes there are no further updates to the Business Forecast.

Similarly on FBO.gov, once the solicitation closes, the CO generally does not post a public notice again until an award notice at the end of the process; however, there could be an instance where a CO may post an update to FedBizOpps. Any communications after proposal receipt through award (e.g., comp. range, discussions) are typically held with the offerors directly without any public notices.

Washington Business Forecast Questions

1. **Africa:** Nine African countries are likely to hold parliamentary elections in the upcoming 12-18 months, including Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania, Rwanda, Sao Tome, Swaziland and Togo. Does USAID expect to provide pre-electoral or electoral support in any of these countries?

USAID Response: USAID is analyzing options for future programming and may be seeking innovative ideas for the period leading up to the 2018 elections and beyond.

2. **Africa: TASC4 Africa**

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing opportunities using the TASC4 Africa mechanism in 2017?

USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate issuing a solicitation using TASC4 at this time.

3. **DCHA: Active Communities - Effective States (ACES)**

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a draft SOW or pre-solicitation announcement for ACES prior to issuing the full solicitation? If so, could USAID please indicate when it will release the pre-solicitation materials?

USAID Response: No. Our intent is to go straight to solicitation.

- b. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for ACES remains 9/01/2017?

USAID Response: Confirmed.

4. **DCHA: Support Which Implements Fast Transitions (SWIFT) 5**

- a. Can USAID please clarify if the rebid of the START small business mechanism will be included as the small business set aside portion of the upcoming SWIFT V IDIQ?

USAID Response: At this time, we are at Market Research phase, and so all procurement methods and mechanisms are still being considered.

- b. The forecast indicates that this will be a partial small business set aside. The list of incumbents does not include any small businesses. For the new contract, how many small business awards will be made? Will the scope of work for the small businesses be different than for large holders?

USAID Response: At this time, we are at Market Research phase, and so these decisions have not been made yet.

- c. Can USAID please confirm the timing for the SWIFT V IQC is August 2017?

USAID Response: Our intent is still to issue the solicitation by August 2017.

- d. Will USAID be hosting an industry day, draft scope of work, and/or issuing a draft solicitation?

USAID Response: An RFI is being prepared for the small business component of OTI's requirements. The main component of SWIFT will not have an industry day, draft SOW, or draft solicitation.

- e. Does USAID anticipate issuing two sub-IQCs (each with a different geographic focus) for SWIFT V?
USAID Response: No.
 - f. Can USAID provide the anticipated number of awards for SWIFT V (for both full and open competition and the small business set-aside)?
USAID Response: 7 to 9.
5. **DCHA:** The PEACE IQC period of performance will conclude in 2017. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on. If so, what is the anticipated release date.
USAID Response: The PEACE IQC period of performance concludes in August 2018. USAID does not intend for a follow-on award at this time.
6. **DCHA: Empowerment and Inclusion Support Mechanism (EISM)**
- a. Does USAID plan to manage EISM Empowerment and Inclusion Support Mechanism as an LWA grant type or as a standalone Cooperative Agreement?
USAID Response: USAID plans to manage EISM activity as a standalone Cooperative Agreement.
 - b. Is the EISM program a follow on to an existing program, or is this a new opportunity?
USAID Response: This is a new opportunity.
7. **E3: Advancing Basic Education -- All Children Reading (ABE-ACR) IDIQ**
- a. Is USAID expecting any further task orders under this mechanism?
USAID Response: The period of performance for this IDIQ is five years from the date of award (July 2014). Although Task Orders may be issued at any time during this ordering period, the period of performance for a Task Order may not go beyond two (2) years after the end of the ordering period of the IDIQ.
8. **E3: Learning, Evaluation, and Analysis Project III (LEAP III)**
- a. Does participating in LEAP III preclude the winner from priming or subbing on any other work either at 3E, missions, or programs in countries?
USAID Response: USAID intends to include the appropriate organizational conflict of interest provisions and clauses in the LEAP III solicitation.
 - b. Could USAID please confirm if LEAP III will be free and open or a small business set aside?
USAID Response: USAID anticipates this procurement will be full and open for small businesses.
 - c. Please confirm whether or not this will be a total small-business set aside.
USAID Response: USAID anticipates this to be a total small-business set aside.
 - d. Could USAID please confirm the solicitation release date?
USAID Response: USAID anticipates the solicitation will be released in July 2017.
9. **E3: PFM II IDIQ**

- a. With the change of the solicitation date of LPFM III RFTOP to 2018, can USAID please confirm that LPFM will not be issued at the same time as PFM II IDIQ RFP?
USAID Response: Correct, LPFM III will not be issued at the same time as the PFM II IDIQ RFP.
- b. Please indicate how many other-than-small awards USAID envisions as well as how many small-business set aside awards.
USAID Response: USAID plans to set aside three awards for small businesses; however, USAID reserves the right to award more or fewer than three.
- c. Please indicate whether there will be any RFTOPs included in the IDIQ solicitation.
USAID Response: No, there will not be a real RFTOP included in the PFM II IDIQ solicitation. However, an illustrative RFTOP will be included for evaluation purposes only.

10. E3: New LPFM III Task Order (Leadership in Public Financial Management)

- a. The LPFM III task order release date, was updated to 1/15/2018. The New PFM II IDIQ anticipated release date is 5/15/2017, with an anticipated award date of 12/22/2017. Initially New LPFM III was expected to be solicited as a Task order issued simultaneously with PFM II IDIQ. Would you explain the change?
USAID Response: The LPFM III RFTOP will no longer be issued jointly with the PFM II IDIQ. LPFM III will be issued at a later date.
- b. Is New LPFM III Task order expected to be small business set aside?
USAID Response: LPFM III will not be a small business set aside.
- c. USAID has previously included the LPFM activities under PFM, with an existing IDIQ holder implementing both LPFM and other task orders. However, an update to the forecast now separates LPFM out from the PFM II procurement. Does the separation of the LPFM activity from the proposed PFM II procurement have any implications for conflict of interest for the entities also competing for PFM II? Could suppliers under PFM II bid for and execute work under LPFM?
USAID Response: LPFM III will be issued as a task order under the PFM II IDIQ.

11. E3: Data and Evidence for Education Programming

- a. Can USAID please provide the contracting mechanism and set-aside type for the Data and Evidence for Education Programming solicitation?
USAID Response: This is currently in the activity design stage - the contracting mechanism and set aside status has not yet been determined.

12. E3: Strengthening Tenure and Resource Rights II (STARR II)

- a. Can USAID please confirm that it still intends to release the "STARR II IDIQ"?
USAID Response: USAID does intend to release STARR II IDIQ. A presolicitation notice was issued on March 31, 2017.

13. E3: Data and Evidence for Education Programs (DEEP)

- a. Can USAID please confirm the small business status of Data and Evidence for Education Programs (DEEP)?

USAID Response: This is currently in the activity design stage - set aside status has not yet been determined.

14. **E3: Gender Learning Strategy**

- a. Under which mechanism does USAID plan to issue the Task Order? Will it be released under the USAID ADVANTAGE IQC?

USAID Response: The GEWE Gender Learning Strategy activity will be issued as a RFTOP under the ADVANTAGE IDIQ.

15. **E3:** Does USAID anticipate releasing a follow-on project to the E3 Analytics and Evaluation project? If so, can USAID provide more information on the anticipated timing and whether you anticipate a full and open solicitation?

USAID Response: Data and Evidence for Education Programs (DEEP) is currently in the activity design stage. No additional information is available at this time.

16. **E3: REPLACE IDIQ**

- a. Can USAID confirm that the IDIQ will be re-competed and provide an anticipated solicitation date?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

17. **E3: SEA SALT-Seafood Alliance for Legal Trade**

- a. The anticipated solicitation release date for the SEA SALT-Seafood Alliance for Legal Trade activity was 4/14/2017. Can USAID please provide an updated timeline?

USAID Response: A Request for Application No. RFA-OAA-17-000014 was issued on April 24, 2017, in response to a concept paper entitled "Sustaining Ecosystem Assets through a Seafood Alliance for Legality and Traceability (SEA SALT)." The concept paper was submitted in response to USAID FY 2016-18 Global Development Alliance (GDA) Annual Program Statement (APS) No: APS-OAA-16-000001.

18. **Food Security: Advancing Women's Empowerment**

- a. Could USAID provide a scope of work for this sources sought?

USAID Response: A draft scope of work will be released when the sources sought notice is issued on www.fbo.gov.

- b. Could USAID clarify the contracting mechanism?

USAID Response: The contracting mechanism has not yet been determined.

- c. Does the Agency envision any set-asides?

USAID Response: The agency will use the information requested from the sources sought notice to help inform its decision of a small business set-aside.

19. **Food Security: Food Systems IDIQ**

- a. Could USAID confirm the anticipated release date of the IDIQ remains 6/30/17?

USAID Response: The goal is to release the IDIQ RFP by 6/30/2017, however this date may change. USAID is currently reviewing all the responses to the RFI and incorporating select comments into the SOW.

- b. Does USAID intend on hosting an industry day for this opportunity, as it has for other similar mechanisms? Will another draft SOW be released?
USAID Response: USAID is considering an industry day for the opportunity. If one is to happen, information regarding it will be released on www.fbo.gov. A revised Draft SOW will not be released. The final SOW will be released with the RFP.
- c. Will USAID provide information on this vehicle?
USAID Response: A draft SOW was released on www.fbo.gov. That is the best source of information on this potential IDIQ at this time.
- d. Could USAID provide information on what the small business set-aside portion of the Food Systems IDIQ will look like?
USAID Response: USAID is still determining how many of the IDIQ contracts will be set aside for small business and also a dollar threshold for Task Orders under the IDIQ contracts. We have determined that at least some of the contracts will be set aside for small business.
- e. Recognizing that the Notification of Sources Sought and Request for Information for this procurement states that the government will not be providing responses, has USAID considered distributing the questions and comments received?
USAID Response: It was not USAID's intention to release the responses to the public, however it is something we can consider.
- f. As discussed in the FY17 2nd Quarter Business Forecast Q&A, has the RFI helped to clarify whether or not the project development activities would be restricted to a small-business set aside? If so, what was the determination?
USAID Response: The responses to the RFI helped us clarify aspects of the SOW and our determination to set aside for small business. As discussed above, we have determined that a portion of this would be set aside for small business, however we have not determined how many of the IDIQ contracts, nor if there will be a Task Order dollar threshold implemented for small business holders (i.e. Task Orders under a certain dollar threshold would be competed amongst only the small business IDIQ holders).
- g. Has USAID clarified how many IDIQ contracts will be made under the Agri-food Systems IDIQ?
USAID Response: USAID has not made a determination yet as to how many contracts will be awarded.

20. Food Security: *Technology and Commercialization Partnerships*

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on this activity?
USAID Response: This opportunity has been removed from the Business Forecast as USAID considers its options and the future of this activity.

21. Food Security: *Seed Systems*

- a. Please provide more detail on what is envisioned under the Seed Systems opportunity that is forecasted. Is this expected to be a global call, or are particular countries or regions prioritized?

USAID Response: This award will be focused on Feed the Future countries. We are still finalizing the Program Description. More information will be provided as that is further developed.

- b. Can the Bureau of Food Security provide an update on the anticipated release date of the Seed Systems solicitation previously anticipated to be released on 4/14/2017?

USAID Response: We are working diligently on the final Program Description for this solicitation, and while a date for release has not been finalized, our estimate is that it will be solicited prior to mid-June.

- c. Can the Bureau of Food Security provide more detail on the nature of the solicitation in the Award Description column i.e. target countries/regions and parameters of the type of seed systems to be targeted?

USAID Response: Done. Will focus on Inclusive and sustainable agriculture-led economic growth, and strengthened resilience among people and systems.

22. Global Health: FP/RH to Address Unmet Need: Regarding APS No. SOL-OAA-13-000024, USAID issued Synopsis 6 on February 7, 2017, reiterating that the due date for Round 3 concept notes was extended to August 31, 2017, and indicating that applicants should “disregard the supporting documentation (Revised APS dated December 17, 2017) that was included in Amendment No. 4.”

- a. Could USAID please clarify whether a revised solicitation will be issued for Round 3, and if so, when this is anticipated to be released?

USAID Response: At this time, there are no plans to issue a revised solicitation for Round 3. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for updates.

- b. Could USAID please also confirm that concept notes will still be accepted for Round 3?

USAID Response: Yes, concept notes are still being accepted for Round 3, until August 31, 2017.

23. Global Health: Could USAID please indicate if it plans on releasing a successor program to the Health Finance and Governance program?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID is planning a new program on Health Systems Strengthening.

24. Global Health: Medicines, Technologies, and Pharmaceutical Services (MTaPS)

Are there any focus countries anticipated for this global health opportunity? How will the technology aspect be linked to achievement of other health objectives?

USAID Response: This is a worldwide award. Focus countries will be determined during implementation. This award will include a focus on equitable access to essential medicines and other health technologies, and on their appropriate use.

25. Global Health: Global Health Technical Professionals

Will USAID please provide an update regarding the status of the Global Health Technical Professionals (GHTP) Solicitation?

USAID Response: The GHTP procurement is still in the redesign stage. Unfortunately, there are no further updates. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for additional information.

26. Global Health: Accelerating Scale -- Human Centered Design

- a. Can USAID provide the instrument under which this will be procured, if the overall contracting mechanism has already been awarded at the GSA or IDIQ level?
USAID Response: The award has not been made yet and the new instrument is still in the design stage.
- b. Does USAID anticipate to release this opportunity as a small business set-aside?
USAID Response: USAID does not anticipate this opportunity will be a small business set-aside.

27. Latin America and Caribbean (LAC): Does USAID intend to release a LAC monitoring and evaluation services contract under an IDIQ? The release date of 4/21/17 has now passed. Will USAID release a draft SOW? Which countries will this SOW cover?

USAID Response: USAID does intend to release a LAC M&E services contract once the program office is finished with their review of the draft solicitation. This procurement is for Cuba though no travel to Cuba will be authorized.

28. Policy, Planning and Learning (PPL): *Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Staffing Support*

- a. The forecast states the anticipated solicitation date is on February 21, 2017. Could you please provide the updated solicitation date and anticipated award date?
USAID Response: The solicitation was released on February 21, 2017 and closed on May 5, 2017. The anticipated award date is July 2017.
- b. This is designated as 8(a). Would USAID consider opening up to other SB categories?
USAID Response: The solicitation was for 8(a) concerns and has since closed.

Mission Business Forecast Questions

1. **Afghanistan: Afghanistan Trade and Revenue Initiative (ATARI)**

- a. Afghanistan Trade and Revenue Initiative (ATARI) funding was decreased from \$25M-49.00M to \$10M - \$24.99M. Does USAID anticipate significant changes in the scope of work?

USAID Response: No, however maximum funding was reduced by \$6 million and the period of performance was reduced from 5 years to 4 years.

- b. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for Afghanistan Trade and Revenue Initiative (ATARI) remains 5/30/2017?

USAID Response: Yes.

2. **Afghanistan: Afghanistan Business Environment Reform Project (ABER)?**

- a. Does the mission anticipate the re-announcement of the project?

USAID Response: Not at this time.

3. **Afghanistan: Afghanistan Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Activity (AMELA)**

- a. Would USAID be able to provide an updated solicitation release date for AMELA as the current Forecast date of April 24 has passed?

USAID Response: The new anticipated release date of the AMELA RFP is June 16, 2017; and the new cost estimate range has been revised to the lower end of the range of \$50M - \$90M”

4. **Afghanistan: Value Chain -- Crops**

- a. Could USAID please clarify which regions the project will cover?

USAID Response: It will be nation-wide in scope but only in locations where conditions make it feasible and permissible, and it is understood that interventions may need to be adapted to different regional contexts.

5. **Afghanistan: Value Chain -- Livestock**

- a. Could USAID please clarify which regions the project will cover?

USAID Response: Project is in design. Please check Fedbizops.gov for the solicitation in the future.

6. **Afghanistan: Capacity Building & Extension Activity**

- a. Could USAID please clarify what type of award is anticipated?

USAID Response: Award mechanism has not been decided. Award type will be updated on Business forecast as soon as known.

7. **Afghanistan: Job Creation Project (AJCP)**

- a. Can USAID provide an updated anticipated release date for the Afghanistan APS opportunity?

USAID Response: The updated anticipated APS release date is June 01, 2017

- b. Could USAID provide more information on the technical scope of this anticipated APS?

USAID Response: Under this Afghanistan Jobs Creation Program (AJCP) USAID/Afghanistan seeks to fund innovations that accelerate economic growth and diversification, resulting in a massive increase in sustainable employment (job creation) in Afghanistan.

- c. Is USAID considering a single or multiple awards during the length of the APS?

USAID Response: USAID is considering to make multiple awards (up to 12 awards) under this APS.

- d. Has USAID considered specific locations provinces, districts of Afghanistan for the implementation? Any preference for urban or rural areas?

USAID Response: There are no specific locations of Afghanistan identified for this activity and there is no preference for urban or rural. The program could be implemented in urban, peri-urban and rural areas of Afghanistan.

- 8. Afghanistan:** Is USAID planning a new workforce development activity?

USAID Response: If this related to the Afghan Jobs Creation Program, the information is currently listed on the business forecast.

- 9. Afghanistan: Capacity Building of Ministry of Public Works**

- a. Could USAID/Afghanistan kindly clarify whether the Capacity Building of Ministry of Public Works project is still anticipated in the future?

USAID Response: After the current capacity building activity ends on August 2, 2017, USAID/Afghanistan does not anticipate continuing the program. At this time, the Mission will utilize its limited roads funding for operations and maintenance activities.

- 10. Afghanistan: Energy and Natural Resources Development Support (ENRDS)**

- a. According to the forecast the ENRDS opportunity has been “cancelled for the time being.” The most recent results framework released by USAID/Afghanistan includes the Sub-IRs “natural resource management practices improved” and “access to electricity increased.” Can USAID/Afghanistan kindly clarify how these Subs-IR will be addressed in future programming?

USAID Response:

The PTEC project components answer Sub-IR 1.1.1 Access to electricity increased, through:

- 1) The construction of transmission lines and sub-stations
- 2) Power access to Afghans who have never had grid power
- 3) Construction of a 10 MW solar plant in Kandahar
- 4) Installation of the third 18.5 MW turbine at Kajaki dam

Natural resource management practices improved is also addressed through the Mission’s water/WASH portfolio, as well as Office of Agriculture irrigation and watershed management programming.

- b. Can USAID confirm a revised anticipated opportunity release date?

USAID Response: USAID/Afghanistan is currently in process of defining its long term strategy regarding how the Sub-IR’s will be addressed in the future.

- 11. Armenia: Market Liberalization and Electricity Trade**

- a. Can USAID provide an anticipated solicitation release date? This activity does not appear on the Business Forecast.

USAID Response: Currently USAID is reassessing the magnitude of the activity and anticipates to release the solicitation by the end of June 2017.

12. Bangladesh: *Promoting Advocacy and Rights (PAR)*

- a. Could USAID provide more information on the level of information to be required at the Expression of Interest (EOI) stage for the Bangladesh Promoting Advocacy and Rights (PAR) Activity?

USAID Response: Our determination on all required information has not been made at this time.

- b. What is the time period between the EOI phase and the final/second stage of the solicitation

USAID Response: That information has not been determined yet.

- c. Given the modified release date, please clarify when USAID expects to invite Expressions of Interest.

USAID Response: An anticipated release date cannot be determined at this time. Please continue to monitor the Grants.gov website.

- d. Does USAID anticipate that this two-stage selection process will be through a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) mechanism?

USAID Response: A BAA is not anticipated.

- e. Can USAID provide more information on the scope of this activity?

USAID Response: The activity is still in the design stage.

- f. Can USAID provide the award ceiling for this opportunity?

USAID Response: The award amount is anticipated to be in the range of \$4 to 9.99 million.

- g. Can USAID confirm the anticipated release date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: An anticipated release date cannot be determined at this time. Please continue to monitor the Grants.gov website.

13. Bangladesh: *Feed the Future Nutrition Activity*

- a. The Anticipated Solicitation Date of 2/12 has passed. Can you please provide an update on the timing?

USAID Response: The solicitation was released on 2/12/17.

- b. Will this activity have a Social and Behavior Change Communications component?

USAID Response: The inclusion of SBCC in response to the requirement is at the discretion of the respondent.

14. Bangladesh: *System Strengthening for Family Planning*

- a. Will this activity have a Social and Behavior Change Communications component?

USAID Response: The inclusion of SBCC in response to the requirement is at the discretion of the respondent.

15. Belarus: *Community Connections Program in Belarus (CCP)*

- a. Does USAID have an updated release date for the Community Connections Program in Belarus? The forecast indicates a release date of 3/31/2017.

USAID Response: The Request for Proposal (RFP) No. SOL-113-17-000001 was issued on www.fbo.gov on MAY 4, 2017. To get all information, please follow www.fbo.gov link: <https://www.fbo.gov/spg/AID/OM/KIE/SOL-113-17-000001/listing.html>

- b. Can USAID please clarify if the Community Connections Program in Belarus (CCP) will be released as a full and open competition or if it is planned to be released under an existing IDIQ mechanism?

USAID Response: This procurement will be conducted under full and open competition procedures.

16. Benin: *New Integrated RH/MCH/Malaria Activities*

- a. Can USAID please confirm that it still intends to release “New Integrated RH/MCH/Malaria Activities”?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID still intends to issue solicitation for the “New Integrated RH/MCH/Malaria Activities”.

- b. Can USAID share more information on the proposed program description?

USAID Response: No further information is available at this time.

- c. Can USAID share any information on what activities within RH, MCH, and malaria will be included?

USAID Response: No further information is available at this time.

17. Benin: *Private Sector Service Delivery Bilateral*

- a. Can USAID please provide a more detailed project description of the “Private sector service delivery bilateral” activity? Can USAID please also confirm that this activity is still anticipated to be released?

USAID Response: No further information on Statement of Work is available at this time. USAID intends to issue solicitation for this activity.

- 18. Bosnia:** Can USAID please confirm that the Making Cities Work Bosnia opportunity is cancelled indefinitely?

USAID Response: The Sustainable Development Activity (Making Cities Work) is cancelled for now as noted in the Business Forecast.

19. Bosnia: *Bosnia Sustainable Development*

- a. The Bosnia Sustainable Development activity was recently noted as a cancellation, but an anticipated solicitation release date of 4/30/2017 remains listed. Could USAID please confirm whether the bid is delayed or permanently cancelled?

USAID Response: The Sustainable Development Activity (Making Cities Work) is cancelled for now as noted in the Business Forecast.

20. Burma: Could USAID/Burma please indicate whether it is planning any new procurements for FY17/18?

USAID Response: Please review the Agency's Business Forecast for any new procurements.

21. Burundi: *Reaching an AIDS-Free Generation in Burundi (RAFG)*

a. Will this activity has a Social and Behavior Change Communications component?

USAID Response: There is no requirement for a Social and Behavior Change Communications component in RAFG but offerors can propose one which may be considered by the Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC), in accordance with the criteria in section M of the RFP.

The Request for Proposal for RAFG was posted on www.fbo.gov on April 25, 2017. It can be found at this link:

https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=42c33ad2eddf1aabc9e251c54d91fad1&tab=core&_cview=0

22. Cambodia: *Cambodia Greening Prey Lang*

a. Could USAID/Cambodia please clarify whether the anticipated release date listed on the Mission Forecast for the Cambodia Greening Prey Lang opportunity is up-to-date?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date of the solicitation has been updated in the Business Forecast.

b. Considering the recent extension of the Cambodia Supporting Forests and Biodiversity (SFB) project to March 2018, does USAID/Cambodia anticipate a delay in the anticipated RFP issuance date of May 15 for the Greening Prey Lang activity?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date of the solicitation has been updated in the Business Forecast.

23. Cambodia: *Social and Behavior Change Activity*

a. This activity was mentioned in the Cambodia/Evidence to Policy RFI, but has not yet appeared on the USAID Forecast. Does USAID anticipate releasing a more detailed RFI or draft program description?

USAID Response: USAID may issue an RFI in the future for this activity. Please refer to the current Business Forecast.

b. Can USAID confirm the anticipated release date as well as the Award/Action Type of this program?

USAID Response: Please refer to the current Business Forecast. The type of award has not been determined yet.

24. Cambodia: *Eastern Plains Landscape*

a. Could you please confirm the release date?

USAID Response: USAID cannot confirm the release date.

b. What is the action/award type?

USAID Response: The action/award type has not been determined. Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for updates to this requirement.

- c. Could USAID/Cambodia please clarify what is meant by "restricted eligibility" for the Eastern Plains Landscape opportunity?
USAID Response: We are referring to restricted eligibility per ADS 303.3.6.5. Please note that the action/award type has not yet been determined.
- d. Could USAID/Cambodia indicate if a restricted eligibility solicitation has already been released for the Eastern Plains Landscape activity? If not, could USAID provide an updated Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this opportunity?
USAID Response: The action/award type has not yet been determined – no solicitation documents have been issued.
- e. Could USAID/Cambodia provide further clarification on how they define the Eastern Plains Landscape? In particular, could USAID indicate if this landscape includes Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary?
USAID Response: This activity is still under design and review. Please continue monitoring the Business Forecast for updates.
- 25. Cameroon:** Can USAID advise if any opportunities will be available in Cameroon in the next few quarters?
USAID Response: USAID anticipates that a CVE-related APS will be released later this fiscal year that would be applicable to Cameroon. No health activity is planned at this time.
- 26. Cameroon:** Does USAID expect to provide democracy and governance assistance in Cameroon, especially ahead of the 2018 elections?
USAID Response: USAID does not expect to provide democracy and governance assistance in Cameroon ahead of the 2018 elections.
- 27. Central Asia: *Enriching Youth for Tomorrow***
- a. USAID currently lists a March 15, 2017 Anticipated Solicitation Release Date. Can USAID update this date?
USAID Response: The Enriching Youth for Tomorrow in Turkmenistan Notice of Funding Opportunity was published as RFA-176-17-000002 on March 15, 2017, with applications due Apr 24, 2017. This solicitation is closed.
- 28. DRC: *FY 2017 Conflict Mitigation and Reconciliation Programs and Activities*** (Global Reconciliation Fund)
- a. Could USAID please confirm whether 9/29/2017 represents the earliest possible start date for this award, or whether a new award date will be given?
USAID Response: The date is USAID/DRC's best estimate.
- 29. DRC: *Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) Activity***
- a. Is any update available on the anticipated release date or total anticipated cost?
USAID Response: The anticipated release date is now June 26, 2017 and the total anticipated cost has not changed.
- 30. Egypt: *Strengthening Family Planning Program***
- a. Will eligibility be restricted to local organizations only?

USAID Response: No determination has been made as the design of this activity is ongoing.

- b. Can USAID provide additional information on the geographic scope for this activity?

USAID Response: No determination has been made as the design of this activity is ongoing.

- c. Can USAID confirm whether the funding for this activity is still estimated to be \$4M?

USAID Response: This figure represents a possible initial funding amount for this activity. The total activity estimated amount is still being determined.

- d. Can USAID indicate whether a revised draft Program Description will be published based on feedback from the RFI?

USAID Response: We have not determined whether or not to post a revised Program Description for comment. But thank you for the suggestion.

31. Egypt: *Governance Decentralization & Local Administration*

- a. Can USAID please confirm if it still intends to release the “Governance Decentralization & Local Administration” activity?

USAID Response: Please note that RFI-263-00003 “The Governance Decentralization and Local Administration” activity was cancelled on March 19, 2017 on the FBO web-site and that any requirements or events, the pre-solicitation conference, that could have resulted from the RFI are also cancelled.

- b. Is USAID developing a replacement for the Decentralization & Local Administration Reform project in Egypt, which no longer appears on the Business Forecast following the cancellation of the RFI?

USAID Response: No. USAID is not developing a replacement for the Decentralization and Local Administration project in Egypt.

32. Ethiopia: *Pastoralists Areas Resilience Improvement and Market Expansion (PRIME)*

- a. There is no mention in the forecast of the second phase of the Ethiopia Pastoralists Areas Resilience Improvement and Market Expansion (PRIME) activity. We are aware that USAID/Ethiopia is in the process of designing the second phase of the program and would appreciate any information regarding anticipated release date, funding level, duration, etc.

USAID Response: At this time, we are still planning whether there will be second phase and, if so, the funding level, release date and duration. Once we have completed planning, we will release this information through the Business Forecast.

- b. Please advise if USAID/Ethiopia anticipates a follow-on program for the current PRIME award, ending in 2017. If so, we kindly request updated information on the procurement status and mechanism.

USAID Response: At this time, we are still planning whether there will be second phase and, if so, the funding level, release date and duration. Once we have completed planning, we will release this information through the Business Forecast.

33. El Salvador: *Regional Integrated Trade opportunity*

- a. Can USAID provide the specific geographic target area for this opportunity?
USAID Response: Geography target will be the northern triangle of Central America: El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras.
- b. Can USAID provide the specific economic sector (agriculture, services, energy, manufacturing) focus for this opportunity?
USAID Response: No specific economic sector will be targeted. The objective of the activity will be to support overall trade facilitation.

34. Ethiopia: *Reading for Ethiopia's Achievement Developed (READ II) Activity*

- a. With an updated due date 7/17/2017, does USAID still expect that award date will be 9/4/2017?
USAID Response: USAID/Ethiopia has no further information to release at this time.

35. Ethiopia: *HIV Key and Priority Populations Activity*

- a. Will this activity has a Social and Behavior Change Communications component?
USAID Response: This Activity is still under design and no further information is available on this point at this time.
- b. Can USAID please confirm that it still intends to release the “HIV Key and Priority Populations Activity”?
USAID Response: At this point in time, the answer is yes.
- c. Can USAID give clarity as to how we should define “high priority populations” are perhaps what criteria should be used to determine this? Are there any specific geographic focuses?
USAID Response: This Activity is still under design and no further information is available on this point at this time.

36. Ethiopia: *Green Growth Activity*

- a. USAID recently released a pre-solicitation notice for the Ethiopia Green Growth Activity. This opportunity has not yet been listed on the business forecast. Is USAID considering releasing a draft scope of work to seek industry comments prior to the release of an RFP, and would USAID kindly provide an anticipated solicitation release date?
USAID Response: This Activity has been dropped from the Business Forecast previously because USAID/Ethiopia no longer intends to issue a solicitation for this Activity and has no current plans to conduct this Activity.

37. Georgia: *Georgia's Energy Activity*

- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for USAID/Georgia's Energy Activity remains 5/12/2017?
USAID Response: The award opportunity is anticipated to be released before September 30, 2017.
- b. Can USAID confirm that this will be issued as an RFTOP?
USAID Response: Yes, the Mission anticipates issuing a RFTOP.

38. Georgia: *Georgia Economic Security Activity*

- a. Request for Information (RFI) for Georgia Economic Security project was issued on FBO.gov on February 22, 2017. However, the project doesn't appear in USAID Business forecast. Is USAID planning to issue a solicitation for the Georgia Economic Security Program, and if so, can USAID provide further details about this opportunity, including anticipated award size, award type, and projected release date?
USAID Response: The Economic Security activity remains under design. At such time as the Mission sufficiently develops the program, we will advise partners with a timeframe, and budget details, through the Business Forecast.

39. Georgia: *Disability Rehabilitation Services Program LWA*

- a. Is a solicitation for the Disability Rehabilitation Services Program still being planned?
USAID Response: Yes, an RFA for the SPRING activity will be released before the end of May 2017.
- b. Given the size difference between the two procurements, are there any additional disability-related awards being planned?
USAID Response: The Mission anticipated issuing a leader and associate award to provide disability services. The leader award would be for Georgia with the potential for associate awards in Georgia and other two Caucasus Missions. The design changed and the Mission will now issue a Cooperative Agreement called SPRING, and no leader with associate award opportunity will be released.
- c. Is SPRING a replacement for the Disability Rehabilitation Services Program?
USAID Response: Yes, SPRING is the Georgia Mission disability services program.

40. Ghana: *Peace through Learning, Evaluation, and Adapting Activity (PELA)*

- a. Will this activity have a Social and Behavior Change Communications component?
USAID Response: It is not anticipated that this program will implement Social and Behavior Change Communications activities. However, it may be called upon to assess these types of efforts.
- b. Can USAID please confirm that the activity will be solicited as a contract under full and open competition?
USAID Response: This cannot be confirmed at this time. The type of mechanism to be used for the award has not been finalized.
- c. Does USAID anticipate soliciting Ghana Peace through Learning, Evaluation, and Adapting (PELA) as a RFTOP under an IQC mechanism? If so, which mechanism does the Mission anticipate using?
USAID Response: This cannot be confirmed at this time. The type of mechanism to be used for the award has not been finalized.
- d. Can USAID please provide an update on the timeline for which it anticipates to release and award the solicitation?
USAID Response: USAID hopes to make an award in the first half of FY 2018.
- e. Given the capacity building, beneficiary demand driven of the CVE programming, can USAID provide an explanation for choosing an acquisition mechanism?

USAID Response: USAID is the prime beneficiary and we are specific about what deliverables that we would like to see under this project.

41. Ghana: *Countering Violent Extremism Piloting APS*

- a. Has the opportunity been eliminated? If not, what is the updated solicitation date?

USAID Response: The solicitation was issued on April 26, 2016 with the first round for receipt of concept papers closing May 26, 2016, and award made on September 27, 2016. The second/final round closed on February 14, 2017; the concept papers are being reviewed.

42. Ghana: Does USAID anticipate new procurements in the agriculture sector? Does it anticipate any follow-on procurements to any existing Feed the Future projects?

USAID Response: USAID Ghana does not anticipate any new procurements in the Agriculture sector or follow on procurements to the existing Feed the Future projects at this time, perhaps in future.

43. Guatemala: *Community Engagement for Peacebuilding*

- a. Would USAID please update the anticipated solicitation release date? It currently reads 5/5/2017

USAID Response: We have changed it to May 30, 2017.

- b. Can USAID please confirm that it still intends to release the “Community Engagement for Conflict Transformation Project”?

USAID Response: Yes, we intend to release it.

44. Guatemala: *PASCA 3.0*

- a. Has USAID determined when the full solicitation will be released?

USAID Response: The Mission is reviewing this activity. It is likely that changes will be posted by the beginning of June.

- b. Can USAID please provide an updated release date for PASCA? Is the opportunity still going to be released?

USAID Response: The Mission is reviewing this activity. It is likely that changes will be posted by the beginning of June.

45. Guatemala: *Sustainable Forest Management and Water Activity*

- a. What is the status of the activity?

USAID Response: This project is still in the planning phase.

- b. The “Award/Action type” is designated as TBD. Can USAID please provide an update regarding the funding mechanism?

USAID Response: At this time there is no update to the mechanism.

46. Guatemala: *Protecting Endangered Flora and Fauna*

- a. The opportunity has an anticipated solicitation release date of May 26th and is expected to be a contract. Is that information still accurate?

USAID Response: The Mission is reviewing the statement of work to possibly make changes, but the mechanism continues to be a contract. The release date of 26 May could be pushed back to June 2017, but the Mission is actively working on this solicitation.

47. Guatemala: *Metrics Project*

- a. Can USAID please confirm the 5/31/17 release date for the Guatemala Metrics Project?

USAID Response: Please note that the release date has been updated to 6/30/2017

- b. The small business set aside status is listed as N/A on USAID's Business Forecast. Could USAID please clarify if this means it will be a small business set aside or free and open, or if N/A signifies that the decision is still pending?

USAID Response: This is a full and open competition

48. Guinea: *Presidential Malaria Initiative-Follow On Activity*

- a. When will it be released? The forecast posted 4/15/2017.

USAID Response: This activity is currently undergoing internal clearance process. It would likely be release by mid June 2017.

49. Guinea: *Malaria Activity*

- a. Can USAID please provide an anticipated release date for the "Guinea Malaria Activity"?

USAID Response: This activity is currently undergoing internal clearance process. It would likely be release by mid June 2017.

50. Haiti: Can USAID please confirm if they intend to release an A&E task order program in Haiti in FY 2017? If yes, can USAID please confirm the anticipated release date of the project?

USAID Response: No, USAID/Haiti does not currently have a new, approved A&E program designed.

51. Haiti: *USAID Haiti Wash Project*

- a. Can you please provide an updated solicitation date? The current date of 3/31/17 has passed.

USAID Response: USAID is anticipating a release date in May, 2017.

52. Haiti: *Feed the Future Haiti Port-au-Prince--Saint Marc Partnership*

- a. Could USAID please provide an estimated solicitation date for the re-bid?

USAID Response: Currently, nothing is in design for a new Feed the Future Haiti Port-au-Prince -- Saint Marc Partnership.

53. Haiti: *Health Service Delivery*

- a. The Anticipated Solicitation Date of 3/31 has passed. Can you please provide an update on the timing?

USAID Response: USAID/Haiti anticipates releasing the solicitation in May 2017; however, approvals outside USAID/Haiti are required prior to release (e.g., AARAD, IEE), and thus this date is our best guess.

54. Haiti: *Investment Mobilization Platform*

- a. USAID/Haiti has held several consultations on the upcoming “USAID/Haiti Investment Mobilization Platform”. Could USAID indicate when it might be added to the forecast?
USAID Response: The SME Investment Mobilization Platform has been added to the forecast.
- b. Could USAID indicate the potential release date, award date, funding range, and solicitation type?
USAID Response: Please refer to the Business Forecast for additional information.

55. Haiti: *USAID/Haiti Youth Civic Engagement Consultation*

- a. Can USAID please confirm that it still intends to release the “Youth Civic Engagement” opportunity?
USAID Response: The Youth Civic Engagement is still in design, with no final clarity on what the final program will look like or the timing.
- b. Could USAID please provide an estimated solicitation release date?
USAID Response: At this point, USAID/Haiti is still in design and thus has no solicitation release date.

56. Honduras: *Reading Activity (SOL-522-17-000002)*

- a. It is no longer included in the USAID forecast. Can USAID confirm that USAID is in the process of analyzing bids and what is the target award date?
USAID Response: That is correct; USAID/Honduras anticipates that this activity will be awarded in the near future.

57. Honduras: *Improving Tertiary Violence Prevention Activity*

- a. Can USAID please provide a description for the “Tertiary Violence Activity”?
USAID Response: This activity is currently in design phase, no further information is available.
- b. This upcoming opportunity is not listed on the Q3 USAID Forecast nor has it appeared on previous forecasts. Can USAID clarify the status of this opportunity: will it be released and if so, when?
USAID Response: This activity is currently in design phase, no further information is available.

58. Honduras: *Honduras Civil Society and Media Activity*

- a. Can USAID provide the expected mechanism?
USAID Response: This activity is currently in design phase, no further information is available.
- b. Can USAID confirm that the anticipated release date will be 6/30/2017?
USAID Response: Yes
- c. Could USAID provide more information on the significance and type of media activities anticipated under this award?
USAID Response: This activity is currently in design phase, no further information is available.

59. Honduras: *Public Financial Management and Public Accountability Activity*

- a. The forecast indicates that this will be a PFM IDIQ task order and that a decision on whether to procure this as a small business set aside is TBD. Please confirm whether or not this will be a small business set aside.

USAID Response: This activity is currently in design phase, no further information is available.

- b. Please update the anticipated solicitation release date (currently April 30, 2017).

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release has been updated to June 15, 2017.

- c. Please also provide more information about the scope of work.

USAID Response: This activity is currently in design phase, no further information is available.

60. India: The forecast lists several upcoming opportunities under the USAID India Partnerships Program APS mechanism. Is a new APS expected to be released for 2017-2018?

USAID Response: As of now, the Mission has not decided whether or not there will be a new APS in 2017-2018.

61. Indonesia: Could USAID/Indonesia please indicate if they are planning any new activities for FY17/18?

USAID Response: All planned activities for FY2017/FY2018 are identified in the A&A Plan. Should the Mission determine to subsequently add other opportunities, they will be included in the A&A Plan.

62. Jordan: *EDY - Enhancing School Management and Planning under the Global Architect-Engineer Services II IQC*

- a. Can USAID please confirm the release date of the “EDY - Enhancing School Management and Planning under the Global Architect-Engineer Services II IQC” to be 6/01/2017?

USAID Response: This date is the projected date for releasing the solicitation.

63. Jordan: *EDE - Creating Economic and Employment Opportunities through Partnerships (CEE0)*

- a. Can USAID please confirm the release date of the “EDE - Creating Economic and Employment Opportunities through Partnerships (CEE0)” to be 9/14/2017?

USAID Response: This date is estimated and remains tentative at this point.

64. Jordan: *WRE - Construction & Operations Management Task Order under Global Architect-Engineer Services II IDIQ*

- a. Can USAID please confirm the release date of the “WRE - Construction & Operations Management Task Order under Global Architect-Engineer Services II IDIQ” to be 7/13/2017?

USAID Response: This date is estimated and remains tentative at this point.

65. Kenya: *Kenya Investment Mechanism*

- a. Kenya Investment Mechanism: During the USAID/Kenya Investment Mechanism Pre-Solicitation Teleconference on February 22, the mission referenced that a public

mechanism for questions on the pre solicitation notice would be made available before releasing the RFP. The forecast is estimating that the RFP will be released on 4/29, however no question mechanism has been made available. Please indicate if USAID will still allow a mechanism for questions before the RFP release.

USAID Response: The mechanism referenced above is available via FBO.gov. Please reference the following FBO posting for more information in response to this question: <https://www.fbo.gov/index?tab=documents&tabmode=form&subtab=core&tabid=fac70c10277b73fb05e72a6a04c8ba5e>

- b. Could USAID please provide an updated release date?

USAID Response: An updated release date is included in the Agency Business Forecast. Any future updates will be listed in the Agency Business Forecast.

- c. Will grants under contract be permitted?

USAID Response: The solicitation will specify whether or not a grants under contract component is included.

66. Kenya: *Accelerating Response & Care ARC*

- a. Will USAID Kenya be issuing a new TB bilateral, and if so, will it be open to competition or limited to local partners only?

USAID Response: USAID/Kenya and East Africa intends solicit for a follow-on program however we are still in the early design stage.

- b. If it is open competition, will USAID anticipate releasing a pre-solicitation or an RFI for TB ARC?

USAID Response: We will consider issuing a pre-solicitation or RFI.

- c. Will the follow on project remain national or country specific?

USAID Response: This is yet to be decided.

- d. Could USAID please provide more information on the anticipated scope of work?

USAID Response: This is yet to be decided.

67. Kenya: *Feed the Future Livestock Market Systems Development Activity*

- a. Does USAID anticipate any changes to the anticipated release date or award date for the USAID/Kenya Feed the Future Livestock Market Systems Development Activity?

USAID Response: Any updates related to release of NFO or award date will be included in the Agency Business Forecast. Kindly continue to reference the Forecast for any future updates.

- b. Could USAID please provide any updates on the scope of this opportunity?

USAID Response: Any updates to the summary information included in the Agency Business Forecast would be made in the Forecast. A full program description will be included into the NFO for this opportunity.

- c. Will the geographic focus of this activity be consistent with the current Feed the Future Strategy for Kenya (i.e. HR1 and SA2)?

USAID Response: A full program description will be included in the NFO for this opportunity.

- d. Will exclusive agreements with sub-partners be permitted?

USAID Response: That information is not available at this time, and would be specified in the anticipated NFO for this opportunity.

- e. Will the Leader and the two Associate awards be released in one solicitation?

USAID Response: Yes. Per the Agency Business Forecast, USAID's current intent is to issue the Leader and two Associate Awards simultaneously, and would be through one solicitation.

- f. Could you please confirm whether this opportunity will focus on the five previously-targeted FTF Northern Kenya counties of Turkana, Marsabit, Isiolo, Wajir, and Garissa?

USAID Response: Any updates to the summary information included in the Agency Business Forecast would be made in the Forecast. A full program description will be included in the NFO for this opportunity.

68. Kenya: *Crop and Dairy Market Systems Development Activity*

- a. Could USAID provide a description of the opportunity? Per Quarter 2 Q&A USAID noted that "a brief description of the activity will be added to the Business Forecast."

USAID Response: Please refer to the Agency Business Forecast for any updated information regarding this opportunity. USAID anticipates adding a brief description of the activity to the Forecast.

- b. Could USAID please confirm that 5/12/2017 remains the estimated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date for this opportunity has been updated in the Agency Business Forecast. Kindly continue to reference the Forecast for any future updates.

- c. Would USAID please clarify the Award/Action Type?

USAID Response: The anticipated award type has been updated in the Agency Business Forecast. Kindly continue to reference the Forecast for any future updates.

- d. Could you please confirm the geographical focus, including specific counties?

USAID Response: Any updates to the summary information included in the Agency Business Forecast would be made in the Forecast. A full program description will be included in the NFO for this opportunity.

69. Kenya: *Kenya Strategic Information at the County Level Program*

- a. Could USAID please provide a description of the forecasted Strategic Information at the County Level opportunity in Kenya?

USAID Response: Geographic coverage - some counties in Rift Valley, Central, and Eastern regions. Scope: Support the strengthening of leadership and management capacity of county governments to effectively management health information systems, monitoring and evaluation systems. The activity will aim to strengthen the capability of

county governments in the use of evidence in program planning, management and resources mobilization.

- b. Could USAID please confirm if the release date for the Kenya Strategic Information at the County Level Program opportunity remains May 19th?

USAID Response: The release date will be slightly delayed and updated in the Business Forecast.

70. Kosovo: Kosovo Local Effective Governance (LEGO)

- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for Kosovo Local Effective Governance (LEGO) remains 5/15/2017?

USAID Response: Unfortunately, the release date is going to be postponed. The Forecast will be updated shortly with the new anticipated release date.

- b. Would the mission consider procuring it as a small business set aside?

USAID Response: That decision has not been made as of yet.

71. Kosovo: Kosovo New Civil Society Award

- a. Is this award intended for local organizations only?

USAID Response: It is too early in the process to provide any additional information on this.

- b. Can USAID provide more information on the scope of this award?

USAID Response: Unfortunately, not at this time.

72. Kyrgyz Republic: Youth Program in Kyrgyzstan

- a. Given that the estimated amount range has increased from \$1-3.99M to \$4-9.99M, will eligibility to bid for this solicitation still be limited to local NGOs?

USAID Response: Yes, this NFO is restricted to Non-US, local organizations registered in the Kyrgyz Republic.

- b. Is there a new anticipated release date (originally listed as 4/12/17)?

USAID Response: The New Youth Development Activity in the Kyrgyz Republic Notice of Funding Opportunity was published on May 4, 2017 as RFA-176-17-000004.

- c. Is this program a continuation or follow-on to an existing activity?

USAID Response: This is a new activity.

- d. The Quarter 2 Q&A (item #70) indicated that the competition will be limited to local organizations only. Is this still the expectation?

USAID Response: Yes, this NFO is restricted to Non-US, local organizations registered in the Kyrgyz Republic.

73. Kyrgyz Republic: Could USAID confirm whether procurements that have disappeared from the forecast in recent months – such as the Kyrgyz Enterprise Development Program, Kyrgyz Republic Executive Good Governance, and Moldova Local Government procurements – should be interpreted as being cancelled?

USAID Response: The Kyrgyz Enterprise Development Program and Kyrgyz Republic Executive Good Governance solicitations will not be released in FY2017. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for information about the planned procurements in Moldova, including the Local Governance Program.

74. Laos: *Let Girls Learn*

- a. Does USAID still intend on releasing a “Let Girls Learn” activity in Laos?

USAID Response: No. The "Let Girls Learn" activity was removed from the previous quarter business forecast. If the opportunity arises in the future, we will update the business forecast accordingly.

75. Liberia: Is USAID planning a new youth-focused activity? If so, will USAID be issuing a pre-solicitation with the anticipated technical scope of the activity?

USAID Response: USAID/Liberia is considering a new youth-focused activity which would be cross-cutting. However, planning for this is in its infant stages with no money yet identified for such an activity. Therefore, if such an activity does develop, it will at the earliest be sometime in FY 2018.

76. Liberia: *READ Liberia!*

- a. Is an update available on the anticipated award date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: Award is planned for the end of July 2017.

77. Liberia: Does USAID/Liberia anticipate any new projects in the WASH sector?

USAID Response: Liberia is discussing internally the possibility of a new WASH project. But nothing has yet been definitively decided.

78. Macedonia: *Business Eco System Strengthening*

- a. Can USAID provide an updated anticipated release date for the Macedonia Business Eco System Strengthening project?

USAID Response: The RFP was posted on May 5, 2017.

79. Madagascar: Does USAID intend to support any pre-electoral or electoral programming around the 2018 presidential election?

USAID Response: USAID does not have a response to this question at this time.

80. Madagascar: *Site-Based Conservation (Mikajy)*

- a. This opportunity has been listed on the USAID Forecast for some time. Does USAID still plan to award this activity, and if so, would USAID provide an updated RFP release date?

USAID Response: USAID expects to release this RFP in the current quarter.

81. Madagascar: Aside from Site-Based Conservation (Mikajy), are there any upcoming opportunities in Madagascar that are not currently listed on the forecast?

USAID Response: All upcoming actions that we know of have been entered into the Business Forecast

82. Madagascar: Does USAID anticipate releasing a solicitation for the follow-on to the Madagascar Integrated Social Marketing (ISM) Program? If so, when is the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: USAID does not have any information to provide at this time.

83. Malawi: *Yesani Ophunzira Assess the Learners (YESA) Activity*

- a. The bid opportunity closed on February 21. Should it be removed from the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: Yes, this bid opportunity has now been removed from the Business Forecast.

- b. Does USAID still expect an award date as late as 9/30/2017, or is there a possibility award might be sooner?

USAID Response: Although this bid opportunity has been removed from the business forecast, USAID/Malawi confirms that the estimated award date of 09/30/2017 is reasonable.

84. Mali: *Peace and Stabilization Project*

- a. Could USAID please kindly confirm that the Mali Peace and Stabilization Project will not be released as a task order under an IQC?

USAID Response: USAID confirms that the RFP will be not be released under an IQC.

- b. Is any additional information available regarding the potential geographic or technical focus of this newly forecasted project?

USAID Response: Not in detail but it will cover the conflict affected zones.

- c. Will this project be full and open competition?

USAID Response: Yes.

- d. Could USAID please advise if a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released prior to the release of the solicitation?

USAID Response: Yes.

85. Mali: *Mali 2018 Elections Support activity*

- a. Will this activity be competed as full and open?

USAID Response: Yes, it is currently anticipated as full and open.

- b. Does USAID envision the Mali 2018 Elections Support Activity to include a component of organizing an international election observation mission?

USAID Response: No, not at this time.

86. Moldova: Moldova is not listed on the latest forecast. Can USAID please provide any information about planned procurements in Moldova?

USAID Response: Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for information about the planned procurements in Moldova.

87. Mozambique: *Efficiency for Clinical HIV Outcomes Activity (ECHO)*

- a. Could USAID indicate if it will release an RFI or other pre-solicitation material?

USAID Response: Yes, pre-solicitation material will be issued.

- b. Will this activity have a Social and Behavior Change Communications component?
USAID Response: Pre-solicitation material will include additional information on the various technical components of the activity.
- c. Does USAID anticipate the award date to be earlier than October 26, 2018, as the current CHASS Niassa bridge ends in July 2018?
USAID Response: The anticipated award date is October 26, 2018.

88. Namibia: *DREAMS Initiative*

- a. An RFI was released for the Namibia DREAMS Initiative, but it has not yet been included in the Business Forecast live feed. Could USAID please provide further information on the anticipated release date?
USAID Response: We do not have an estimated release date for this procurement at this time. It will be added to the business forecast once an accurate release date is known.

89. Nepal: *Let Girls Learn*

- a. Does USAID still intend on releasing a “Let Girls Learn” activity in Nepal? If so, can USAID please provide an anticipated release date?
USAID Response: USAID/Nepal does not have any updates related to “Let Girls Learn”.

90. Nepal: *KISAN II*

- a. Could USAID/Nepal please provide an update regarding the anticipated award date of the KISAN II project?
USAID Response: The anticipated award date is mid-July of this year.

- 91. Nicaragua:** USAID just released an RFA for capacity building of civil society organizations in Nicaragua. Can USAID please confirm that there will be funding for this opportunity?
USAID Response: Yes, USAID/Nicaragua anticipates funding for this activity.

- 92. Nigeria:** Would USAID/Nigeria please provide an updated timeline for the anticipated release of the AgCompete, Agribusiness Investment, State to State Local Governance, and Rural Resilience opportunities to assist potential offerors/applicants in prioritizing resources? We note that 3 of these 4 opportunities are expected to be released on the same day (May 15th), so it would be helpful to understand if these dates are still in line with USAID's expectations or if there will be a more staggered timeline.
USAID Response: The Forecast has been updated with the timelines.

- 93. Nigeria:** Is USAID considering a follow-on to the APS funded education work in Northern Nigeria? If so, when might that be released or appear on the forecast? Would the follow-on also likely be bid as an APS?
USAID Response: An RFI has been released and is available on Grant.gov for further information.

94. Nigeria: *Urban Water Sector Reform Project*

- a. Can USAID please confirm that it still intends to release the “Urban Water Sector Reform Project” in Nigeria under the WADI IDIQ?
USAID Response: Confirmed

- b. Can USAID provide an anticipated release date for the “Urban Water Sector Reform Project”?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date is end of June 2017.

95. Nigeria: *AgCompete*

- a. Is USAID still anticipating a mid-May release for this activity?

USAID Response: No, release date has been updated in the forecast.

- b. Does USAID plan on issuing a draft RFP or pre-solicitation notice?

USAID Response: This is to be determined at this time.

- c. Does USAID anticipate any changes in the technical scope of work for the activity?

USAID Response: The technical scope has shifted and therefore the design is being reworked.

- d. Would USAID be able to provide an anticipated value for this activity?

USAID Response: The anticipated value is reflected in the Forecast.

- e. Which value chains, technologies or thematic areas is this project expected to focus on?

USAID Response: Details regarding the thematic areas will be presented in the solicitation.

- f. Given the concentration of commercial activity in and around the city of Lagos, does USAID anticipate that the project will be based there?

USAID Response: No.

- g. Has there been changes to the following anticipated geographic focus: Benue, Cross River, Delta, Ebonyi, Kaduna, Kebbi & Niger States. Other states such as Borno, Yobe, Adamawa, and Gombe States may be considered as resources and security permit.

USAID Response: This activity is currently being redesigned, therefore no additional information is available at this time.

96. Nigeria: *OVC*

- a. Can USAID confirm any anticipated OVC programming that will be coming this FY?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates OVC programming at the end of this FY or early next fiscal year.

97. Nigeria: *Agribusiness Investment Activity*

- a. Given the February 2018 award date of the Nigeria Agribusiness Investment Activity, could USAID confirm that the solicitation is still expected to be released on May 15, 2017? If not, when do you expect it to be released?

USAID Response: The Forecast has been updated with the timelines.

- b. Does USAID plan on issuing a draft RFP or pre-solicitation notice?

USAID Response: This is still to be determined.

98. Nigeria: *State to State Local Governance Project*

- a. Can you confirm the anticipated release date?
USAID Response: The Forecast will be updated accordingly.
- b. Does USAID plan on issuing a draft RFP or pre-solicitation notice?
USAID Response: An RFI was previously released.
- c. What is the award length?
USAID Response: 5 years.
- d. Has USAID determined the Small Business Set-Aside requirement?
USAID Response: USAID has not determined the Small Business Set-Aside.
- e. Can USAID provide more details on the scope of the project?
USAID Response: An RFI was previously released, no additional information is available at this time.
- f. Can you share the reasons for choosing to issue this work using a contract?
USAID Response: While the Mission anticipates issuing a contract, a final determination has yet to be made.

99. Nigeria: *Strategic HIV and AIDS Response Program (SHARP)*

- a. The Anticipated Solicitation Date of 3/24 has passed. Can you please provide an update on the timing?
USAID Response: The SHARP solicitation has been released and closed on May 1, 2017.

100. Nigeria: *Rural Resilience*

- a. Can you confirm the anticipated release date?
USAID Response: USAID/Nigeria anticipates releasing the solicitation in the fourth quarter.
- b. Does USAID plan on issuing a draft RFP or pre-solicitation notice?
USAID Response: USAID may conduct a pre-solicitation conference.
- c. Can USAID kindly confirm if the design of the activity is complete?
USAID Response: The activity is still in the design phase.
- d. Can USAID share more information on the proposed program description?
USAID Response: Not at this time.
- e. Can USAID kindly confirm that this will be an RFA?
USAID Response: USAID anticipates that the solicitation will be an RFA.
- f. Can USAID kindly confirm that it will NOT be releasing an RFI for this opportunity?
USAID Response: USAID will not be soliciting an RFI at this time.
- g. Can you please confirm the likely duration (in months) of the Rural Resilience opportunity included on the Nigeria Mission Forecast?

USAID Response: Up to five years.

- h. Earlier Q&A for the Rural Resilience opportunity included on the Nigeria Mission Forecast indicated seven core states plus a choice of three optional states, while the last Q&A indicated that geographical targeting was not defined. Can you please advise whether the geographic targeting has been defined, and if so, what it is?

USAID Response: Not defined. This activity is still in the design phase.

- i. Can you please advise if any additional details are now available on the scope of work for the Rural Resilience opportunity included on the Nigeria Mission Forecast?

USAID Response: Not at this time.

- 101. Pakistan:** The USAID Capacity Development Program has mentioned “Indirect Partner” and “Indirect Implementing Partners” – refer to SOL-391-17 –OOOOTBD: RFI Pakistan Capacity Development Services (PCDS) released in December 30, 2016 – in several areas. Who does USAID identify as indirect partners and what is the envisioned nature of their relation to Implementing Firms/Agencies?

USAID Response: USAID/Pakistan define "Direct G2G partners" as Government of Pakistan (GOP) entities that receive direct funding from USAID/Pakistan, whereas, Indirect G2G Partner are GOP partners that do not receive direct funding from USAID/Pakistan. These government entities indirectly provide support to G2G activities and are crucial in the success of implementation of Projects. USAID/Pakistan may provide list of direct and indirect G2G Partners in PCDS Solicitation.

- 102. Pakistan: *Let Girls Learn***

- a. Can USAID please confirm that it still intends to award the “Pakistan Let Girls Learn” opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID/Pakistan confirms its intention to award the above referenced opportunity.

- b. The award date is now 7/31/2017. Recognizing this was a BAA opportunity, and full proposals must be submitted and reviewed before final award, when can notifications on the status of concept note submissions be expected?

USAID Response: Please be advised this was not a BAA; this opportunity was posted as an Annual Program Statement (APS). Notifications to the status of concept notes will be provided soon.

- 103. Peru:** In recent forecasts, USAID/Peru listed a number of forthcoming opportunities in the water, environment, and alternative development sectors.

- a. Can USAID/Peru please confirm which of these forecasted opportunities are expected to be bilateral or regional projects?

USAID Response: Bilateral activities anticipated: Securing Water Supply, Environmental Justice, Promoting Green Growth in Peru, Securing a Sustainable, Legal, Profitable and Inclusive Forest Sector, and Alternative Development activities.

Regional activities anticipated: Promotion of Best Environmental and Social Management Practices, Representation of Indigenous Peoples in Governance of Amazon Forests and Waters, SERVIR, and Amazon Knowledge and Learning Platform.

- b. For the regional projects can USAID provide further description of the participating countries?
USAID Response: As a minimum, Brazil, Colombia, Peru are anticipated countries.
- c. We understand that the only regional opportunities will be: Promotion of Best Environmental and Social Management Practices, Representation of Indigenous Peoples in Governance of Amazon Forests and Waters, and Amazon Knowledge and Learning Platform. Can you confirm?
USAID Response: SERVIR will also be regional.
- 104. Peru:** USAID/Peru has released multiple opportunities on the forecast, however, the Mission's CDCS for period 2016-2020 has not been released. Can USAID please provide an update on the status of the CDCS?
USAID Response: USAID/Peru received an extension of its current CDCS until June 2019
- 105. Peru: *Securing a Sustainable, Legal, Profitable and Inclusive Forest Sector***
- a. Will it include traceability?
USAID Response: Yes, it will.
- 106. Peru: *Promotion of Best Environmental and Social Management Practices***
- a. Do you plan to conduct market research for the above opportunity that is planned for an August release?
USAID Response: Yes, USAID Policy is to conduct market research for all opportunities.
- b. Has funding been set aside for this activity?
USAID Response: As listed in the Business Forecast.
- c. Is the activity intended to be specific to BMP as they relate to the country of Peru only, or will it have an Amazon regional focus?
USAID Response: It will be a Regional activity.
- 107. Philippines:** Could USAID/Philippines please indicate if they are planning any new activities for FY17/18?
USAID Response: Yes, these are listed in the Business Forecast and more to follow at the appropriate time.
- 108. Philippines: *Environment Sector Activity(ies)***
- a. Can USAID please confirm the release date of the "Environment Sector Activity(ies)" to be 9/29/2017?
USAID Response: The planned solicitation date for the Environment Sector Activity(ies) remains at 9/29/2017. Updates will be made when appropriate.
- 109. Philippines: *Early Grade Reading and TA Support***
- a. This opportunity has been removed from the forecast. Does USAID still expect to issue a solicitation for this opportunity, and if so, when might this be expected?
USAID Response: Yes. This is in the early stages of design; however, please expect an update in the Business Forecast shortly.

- 110. Philippines: Support to Strengthen Tuberculosis Platforms**
- a. Please clarify whether the Support to Strengthen Tuberculosis Platforms, which indicates it will be limited to local NGOs, replaces the other forecast listing for TB Health System Strengthening or whether this is in addition to it?
USAID Response: No. The “Support to Strengthen Tuberculosis Platforms” does not replace the Forecast listing “TB Health System Strengthening”. It is a different activity. The “Support to Strengthen Tuberculosis Platforms” is now known as “Patient-Centered TB Care”. The Business Forecast has been updated to reflect such.
- 111. Philippines: TB Health System Strengthening**
- a. Will USAID be releasing an RFI for the Philippines TB Health System Strengthening opportunity?
USAID Response: This will be considered.
- b. Will the Philippines TB Health System Strengthening opportunity be a full and open competition?
USAID Response: USAID anticipates open competition for this funding opportunity.
- 112. Rwanda:** Does USAID anticipate issuing a solicitation for a follow-on activity to the Human and Institutional Capacity Development (HICD) project, which ends this year?
USAID Response: USAID is analyzing options for future programming and will update the Business Forecast when internal decisions have been made and the Mission has a more definitive plan.
- 113. Rwanda: Nguriza Nshore**
- a. Can USAID confirm that the 6/30/17 release date estimation for Rwanda Nguriza Nshore RFP remains accurate?
USAID Response: The estimated date for release of the Nguriza Nshore RFP is 8/31/17.
- 114. Senegal:** Given the recent cancellation of the Equitable Access to Education in Southern Senegal RFI, does USAID anticipate the release of an education opportunity in Senegal in FY17?
USAID Response: At this time, USAID/Senegal does not anticipate the release of a solicitation for an education opportunity in FY17.
- 115. Senegal:** The USAID Live Forecast does not currently show any upcoming opportunities in Senegal. Could USAID please confirm whether it intends to release opportunities in Senegal in FY 2017, particularly any follow-on opportunities to existing programs such as the USAID Yaajeenda Program?
USAID Response: USAID/Senegal plans to release a follow-on opportunity to USAID Yaajeende before end of May 2017.
- 116. Serbia: Business Enabling Environment**
- a. Has USAID determined the mechanisms for the Serbia Business Enabling Environment?
USAID Response: The determination has not been formally made, but it will likely be a contract.
- b. Have there been any changes to the expected release date?
USAID Response: Not at this time.

- 117. Serbia: Independent Media Support**
- a. Has USAID determined the mechanism for the Serbia Independent Media Support programs?
USAID Response: The mechanism is a contract for the Strengthening Media Systems program.
- b. Have there been any changes to the expected release dates?
USAID Response: The RFP has been released.
- c. Will this award be solely for local organizations or will international organizations be eligible to apply as well?
USAID Response: International organizations are eligible.
- 118. Serbia: Anti-Corruption**
- a. Is this activity intended for local organizations only?
USAID Response: It is too early in the process to answer that question.
- b. Does USAID know what the contracting vehicle will be for this activity?
USAID Response: Unknown at this time.
- c. Can USAID provide more information on the scope of this activity?
USAID Response: Not at this time.
- d. Have there been any changes to the expected release date?
USAID Response: Not at this time.
- 119. Sierra Leone: Does USAID anticipate any emergency or development food security opportunities for Sierra Leone in FY17 or FY18?**
USAID Response: This is not anticipated at the moment.
- 120. Somalia: *Somalia New Education Activity***
- a. Can USAID please confirm the release date of the “New Somalia Education Activity” to be 6/15/2017?
USAID Response: As the activity is currently still being designed, this date will be pushed back. The Business Forecast will be updated to reflect a later date for release of the RFP to August 18, 2017. We will continue to update the Forecast to reflect any changes.
- b. Could USAID provide additional information about the technical scope of work or geographic focus for the anticipated Somalia New Education Activity?
USAID Response: Not at this point since the activity is still being designed.
- c. Will the scope be affected by the current humanitarian crisis resulting from the drought?
USAID Response: The scope is still under design, so all current events could potentially influence the design.
- 121. Somalia: Does USAID intend to release a Somalia Monitoring and Learning contract under the EVAL-ME IDIQ? Can USAID provide a release date for this contract or a draft SOW?**

USAID Response: USAID is not aware of any such plans at this point in time. USAID/Somalia has a current monitoring and evaluation contract.

122. South Africa: *Input into USAID/SA's PEPFAR Program Planning*

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the four opportunities included in RFI-674-17-00001-f, *Input into USAID/SA's PEPFAR Program Planning*?

USAID Response: USAID will post opportunities on the Business Forecast if/when they are developed.

- b. Does USAID anticipate any upcoming PEPFAR-funded work in the areas covered under the RFI – Care and Treatment, HIV Prevention, OVC, and/or HSS? The forecast has not been updated to reflect any, though the RFI indicated potential projects could start in 2018.

USAID Response: USAID will post opportunities on the business forecast if/when they are developed.

- c. If upcoming projects are anticipated, can USAID please provide information on the anticipated solicitation release date and total estimated cost/amount range?

USAID Response: USAID will post opportunities on the business forecast if/when they are developed.

123. South Africa: *Resilient Waters*

- a. Does USAID plan to issue an updated pre-solicitation or draft RFP to offerors? Would USAID provide an updated anticipated RFP release date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: There is not a plan to issue an updated pre-solicitation notice or draft RFP to offerors. The latest anticipated RFP release date can be found on the business forecast (on/about June 30, 2017).

124. South Africa: *Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Knowledge Management for Southern Africa IDIQ*

- a. Can USAID please confirm that it intends to release the RFP for the Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Knowledge Management for Southern Africa IDIQ during the current quarter? If not, can USAID please provide an updated estimated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: USAID intends to release an RFP for the referenced services in the current quarter.

125. South Sudan: Does USAID intend to support any pre-electoral or electoral programming around the 2018 general elections?

USAID Response: In the event that 2018 South Sudan general elections occur, depending on the timing and other considerations, any USG support provided through USAID for any pre-electoral or electoral processes would come from existing programming that focuses on civil society engagement and independent media.

126. South Sudan: *Monitoring and Evaluation Support Project in South Sudan*

- a. Will the project be up for re-compete?

USAID Response: The Mission anticipates a continuing need for independent third-party monitoring of its activities, but the exact nature and scope of that need has yet to be determined.

- b. If so, when and under what contractual mechanism?

USAID Response: The Mission has yet to make a determination of the contractual mechanism under which it may seek to procure M&E services. Any procurement that does take place, would likely occur in Q2 FY 2018.

127. Sri Lanka: *Civil Society Organization Program*

- a. Has USAID determined the award type for the Sri Lanka Civil Society Organization Program? Currently the award type is listed as TBD.

USAID Response: USAID/Sri Lanka anticipates the award type will be assistance.

- b. Can USAID confirm the anticipated release date for this opportunity?

USAID Response: At this time we cannot estimate a release date.

128. Sri Lanka: *Social Cohesion and Reconciliation Program*

- a. Can USAID please confirm that it still intends to release the “Social Cohesion and Reconciliation Program”? If so, can USAID please provide an anticipated release date?

USAID Response: At this time we cannot estimate a release date.

129. Syria: *Syrian Livelihoods Activity - Annual Program Statement*

- a. The forecast currently states “Syrian Livelihoods Activity - Annual Program Statement round one for concept papers closed, applications being evaluated. Potentially between 2-4 awards to be made, with a total potential value of \$17 million.” The solicitation no. SOL-276-17-000001 released January 11 states “Subject to funding availability, USAID intends to provide \$14-16M in total USAID funding over a three-year period.” Can USAID confirm whether it intends to award the entire available \$17 million to applicants who applied in round 1, or will there be funds available for round 2 (concept papers due July 10)?

USAID Response: Funds will be available for round 2.

130. Swaziland: *Community Rapid and Effective Action Combating HIV/AIDS (REACH) III Project*

- a. This activity will end in May 2017. Does USAID plan to share results from any formal review or evaluation conducted on the REACH III project, and any other pertinent data or documents regarding the performance of the program?

USAID Response: There was no formal evaluation conducted on the project; as a result, there will be no information shared.

131. Swaziland: *Swaziland Ready, Resourceful, Risk Aware (Triple R): OVC, Adolescent Girls and Young Women*

- a. Can USAID please confirm that the anticipated release date for Swaziland Triple R, May 17 is correct, or provide an update on when the RFA is expected?

USAID Response: The planned RFA release date is on or around June 9, 2017.

132. Tanzania: *Comprehensive Pediatric Testing, Care and Treatment Activity*

- a. The current release date on the forecast has lapsed, can USAID please clarify when this activity is anticipated to be release?
USAID Response: This is a sole source cooperative agreement to a local NGO.
- 133. Timor-Leste:** Could USAID please confirm the anticipated mechanism to be used and timing of the upcoming customs reform activity in Timor-Leste? Will the opportunity be competed full and open, or will it be limited competition?
USAID Response: The anticipated mechanism for the customs reform activity is a Task Order awarded to a small business organization under the Public Financial Management (PFM) IDIQ.
- 134. Timor-Leste: *Private Sector Development Project in Tourism***
- a. Could USAID kindly confirm the RFP release date, total estimated cost, and award date for the Private Sector Development Project in Tourism in Timor Leste?
USAID Response: The activity design is still underway. It is likely that the current anticipated solicitation date of May 30, 2017 will be revised to a later date. The TEC amount indicated in the forecast remain unchanged. Please periodically refer to the Business Forecast for any changes/updates that may happen with regard to this procurement.
- 135. Tunisia: *Tunisia Community Resilience Project***
- a. Can USAID please confirm that the Tunisia Community Resilience project will be solicited as a contract under full and open competition?
USAID Response: The determination has not been made yet.
- b. Can USAID please provide an update on the timeline for which it anticipates to release and award the solicitation?
USAID Response: USAID/Tunisia is in the process of finalizing the plan and the timeline. As soon as the information is available, it will be shared through the Business Forecast.
- c. Will USAID provide a draft scope of work or presolicitation notice prior to the RFP release?
USAID Response: USAID/Tunisia will do its best to share the information in a way appropriate to the implementation instrument selected.
- 136. Uganda: *Technical Support Contract***
- a. An 8(a) sole source was recently awarded to Salmon Group (AID61711700001) described as “Fast Staff IDIQ - To provide administrative, technical, and programmatic staff support services to field-based programs managed by USAID/Uganda” with a 4/3/17-4/3/21 period of performance. Given this award, can USAID please confirm that the contract is still forthcoming? If so, can USAID please confirm that the estimated solicitation date of 7/1/17 remains accurate?
USAID Response: The Technical Support Contract is not the same thing as the Salmon Group award. The technical support contract solicitation dates will be updated if there are any changes in the timeline.
- b. Can USAID, provide further detail around the anticipated scope of work under the Technical Support Contract?

USAID Response: No additional information is available at this time.

- c. Does USAID intend to compete the Technical Support Contract as a small business set-aside or will it be open to all competition?

USAID Response: Once a decision has been made, it will be noted on the Forecast.

- 137. Uganda:** There are currently no Global Health opportunities in the Forecast for Uganda. Does USAID anticipate there being any additional opportunities for Uganda in the remainder of FY2017?

USAID Response: If there are any additional opportunities, they will be included on the Forecast.

- 138. Uganda:** Does USAID plan to release a follow-on for the Uganda MEL contract? If so, what is the estimated solicitation date?

USAID Response: There is no information available at this time. Continue to check the Forecast for updates.

- 139. Uganda:** Does USAID have any guidance for potential offerors on its next generation FTF programs and timelines?

USAID Response: There is no information available at this time. Continue to check the Forecast for updates.

- 140. Uganda:** Will there be a follow on to the Uganda Community Connector project that ended in December 2016? If so, could you provide more information on whether a draft statement of work be released, and when the RFA/RFP would be released?

USAID Response: There is no information available at this time. Continue to check the Forecast for updates.

- 141. Uganda:** Would USAID clarify whether or not the Uganda FARM opportunity is anticipated to be an unrestricted or small business set-aside award?

USAID Response: There is no information available at this time. Continue to check the Forecast for updates.

- 142. Uganda: *Social Behavior Change Communication***

- a. Can USAID confirm whether there is a planned follow-on or a new program related to the Communication for Healthy Communities program?

USAID Response: There is no information available at this time. Continue to check the Forecast for updates.

- b. If so, can USAID provide an anticipated release date as well as the Award/Action Type for this program?

USAID Response: There is no information available at this time. Continue to check the Forecast for updates.

- 143. Uganda: *Uganda Sanitation Activity***

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on when they anticipate to award the Uganda Sanitation Activity?

USAID Response: Continue to check the Forecast for updates.

- b. Can USAID provide an update on the procurement status of the Uganda Sanitation for Health Activity (SOL-617-16-000002), released on March 22, 2016?
USAID Response: Continue to check the Forecast for updates.
- 144. Uganda: *Organizational Development Contract***
- a. Has a decision been made if the Uganda Organizational Development Contract will be full and open or a small business set aside?
USAID Response: No decision has been made. Continue to check the forecast for updates.
- b. Please confirm that this opportunity is not restricted to local firms.
USAID Response: No decision has been made. Continue to check the forecast for updates.
- 145. Uganda: *Strengthening Decentralization for Sustainability***
- a. Strengthening Decentralization for Sustainability Program in Uganda no longer appears on the USAID forecast, USAID still planning the activity? If so, what is the anticipated release date?
USAID Response: There is no information available at this time. Continue to check the Forecast for updates.
- 146. Uganda:** Can USAID/Uganda please advise if the health system project, referenced in the recent CDCS to be designed afresh under phase one of the process, would include the work currently organized under the Strengthening Decentralization for Sustainability project?
USAID Response: There is no information available at this time. Continue to check the Forecast for updates.
- 147. Uganda:** Does USAID/Uganda anticipate any additional new projects in the WASH sector?
USAID Response: Not at this time.
- 148. Uganda: Professional A&E Services**
- a. Can USAID please confirm the release date of the “Professional A&E Services” to be 5/28/2017?
USAID Response: The dates included in the forecast are based upon the information available at this time.
- b. Can USAID also please confirm that this opportunity will be released as a Contract and not as a Task Order under an IDIQ?
USAID Response: Correct.
- 149. Ukraine: *Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova Analytical Services IDIQ***
- a. What is the status of “Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova Analytical Services IDIQ”?
USAID Response: The Activity is still in the design stage.
- b. Does USAID expect this solicitation to be still released, and if so, will that information be made available in future Business Forecasts?

USAID Response: If approved, the Activity will be available in the future Business Forecasts.

- 150. Vietnam:** Does USAID intend to release any opportunities in Vietnam in FY 2017 (in addition to the “Labor/Social Dialogue” and “Localworks” programs)?

USAID Response: Not at this time. Please check the Business Forecast for the release of future work.

- 151. Vietnam: Localworks**

- a. Can USAID please confirm that the “Localworks” program is to be an official follow on to the USAID Forward initiative?

USAID Response: *Localworks* is not an official follow on to USAID Forward. Please see the link: <https://www.usaid.gov/partnership-opportunities/ngo/localworks> for more information.

- b. Can you share the reasons for choosing to issue this work using a contract?

USAID Response: An acquisition instrument was not selected. Please review the Business Forecast and the RFA that was posted on December 30, 2016 for further information.

- 152. Vietnam: SME Development**

- a. A previous version of the USAID business forecast identified an SME Development project in Vietnam for which there was an RFI released. Is USAID/Vietnam planning to release an RFP for this program?

USAID Response: No RFP is planned at this time. If and when so, it will be added to the Business Forecast. Please also check www.fbo.gov for further information.

- 153. Vietnam: Labor/Social Dialogue**

- a. Does USAID anticipate that this opportunity will require cost share?

USAID Response: This is to be determined.

- b. Will USAID release an RFI for this opportunity?

USAID Response: Please check www.grants.gov and www.fbo.gov as well as the updated Business Forecast for further information.

- c. Could you please confirm whether the mechanism remains undetermined?

USAID Response: This is to be determined as stated in the Business Forecast.

- 154. West Africa:** USAID seems to be preparing a resilience program for Niger and the Sahel. Could you provide details on the design of this proposal at the time?

USAID Response: USAID has begun an assessment and design process for the next generation of resilience programming in the Sahel. We do not have specific information on funding opportunities at this time.

- 155. West Africa: Resilience and Economic Growth in the Sahel -- Enhanced Resilience (REGIS-ER)**

- a. Can USAID provide any information about a potential opportunity for FY18?

USAID Response: USAID has begun an assessment and design process for the next generation of resilience programming in the Sahel. We do not have specific information on funding opportunities at this time.

- 156. West Africa: Agir pour la Planification Familiale (AgirPF)**
- a. The follow-on has not yet appeared on the Business Forecast. Could USAID please confirm that there is a follow-on planned? If so, will it be added to the Forecast soon?
USAID Response: A follow-on is anticipated and will be added to the Forecast for FY 2018.
 - b. Can USAID provide an anticipated release date as well as the Award/Action Type for this program?
USAID Response: This will be determined based on the Mission's need.
- 157. West Africa: Peace Through Learning, Evaluation and Adapting Activity (PELA)**
- a. Regarding the USAID/West Africa Peace through Learning, Evaluation, and Adapting Activity (PELA), under which mechanism is USAID planning to release this solicitation?
USAID Response: This cannot be confirmed at this time. The type of mechanism to be used for the award has not been finalized.
- 158. West Africa: West Africa Trade Hub**
- a. Does USAID plan to procure a follow-on contract to the current West Africa Trade Hub? Does USAID plan to continue its investments under the West Africa Trade Hub in any alternative forms?
USAID Response: No decision has been made. Continue to check the forecast for updates.
- 159. Yemen: Monitoring and Evaluation Project**
- a. Does USAID plan on rolling out another M&E Project in Yemen? If so, when and under what contractual mechanism?
USAID Response: There is no plan to procure another M&E project in Yemen at this time.
- 160. Zambia: Research, Evaluation, Assessment and Data (READ)**
- a. The READ solicitation, which had been in previous Business Forecasts, is no longer listed. Could USAID please give an update on the status of this solicitation?
USAID Response: USAID has identified an existing IDIQ which will be utilized for this solicitation. An update will be provided once the strategy is finalized.
- 161. Zambia: SEED**
- a. SEED is no longer on the Forecast. Would USAID please indicate whether it is still planning this or a similar program for release in FY2017?
USAID Response: USAID is currently in the design process of this requirement and will provide further updates as they become available.
 - b. Is USAID able to provide an update regarding the anticipated solicitation date and scope of work, with respect to the redesign?

USAID Response: Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast and as information is available it will be provided.

162. Zambia: *Scaling Up Nutrition -- Technical Assistance (SUN-TA)*

- a. Can USAID please confirm that it still intends to release the “Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN)” activity?

USAID Response: Yes.

- b. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date for this activity?

USAID Response: July 2017.

- c. Can USAID confirm the anticipated Award/Action Type of this program?

USAID Response: Acquisition.

- d. Can USAID confirm there will be no separate stand-alone SUN Fund-related activity?

USAID Response: There will be a separate SUN learning and evaluation award

- e. Will this activity has a Social and Behavior Change Communications component?

USAID Response: Behavior change is expected in order to achieve the results.

- f. Does USAID anticipate additional revisions to the design of the scope of work of the USAID/Zambia Scaling Up Nutrition – Technical Assistance opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID will host an industry day and webinar to receive feedback which will be posted on ww.FBO.gov

- g. Could USAID kindly share any updates with regard to the envisioned scope of work?

USAID Response: All updates will be provided through ww.FBO.gov

- h. The activity description references a learning and evaluation program – would USAID please provide more details about this learning and evaluation program?

USAID Response: USAID had requested for information from the public and the findings are being incorporated in the final SOW. SUN L&E will work closely with SUN TA and will focus on learning (research/trials etc) and conduct performance audit and all evaluations. Details will be available through an RFP as soon as the design is complete.

- i. Can the USAID Mission please confirm that the information from the FY 2017, 2nd Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses is correct in that the evaluation will be conducted as part of this award and that there will no longer be a separate learning and evaluation component?

USAID Response: The learning award will be separate and independent and working closely with the SUN TA. The findings From the SUN L&E will Feed into the SUN TA.

- j. We understand that DFID and other EU donors are releasing a tender for the SUN Fund Management, could USAID kindly explain the envisioned relationship between the DFID/EU mechanism and USAID’s SUN TA?

USAID Response: The SUN fund manager will fund the line ministries, while SUN TA will provide the technical support to the funded districts and or implement directly as need arises. The relationships will be fully defined in the upcoming solicitation.

163. Zimbabwe: Does USAID intend to support any pre-electoral or electoral programming around the 2018 general elections?

USAID Response: USAID/Zimbabwe plans to release an APS entitled: Advancing Accountability & Rights in Zimbabwe (AARZ), in May, and the interested partners should frequently check on Grants.gov.

164. Zimbabwe: *Zimbabwe Enhancing Resilience of OVC Getting to Zero*

a. Can USAID please confirm that it still intends to release the Zimbabwe Enhancing Resilience of OVC Getting to Zero opportunity?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID still plans to release this opportunity.

b. Can USAID please provide an accurate anticipated release date for the Zimbabwe Enhancing Resilience of OVC Getting to Zero opportunity?

USAID Response: Current anticipated release date is May 19, 2017. However, you are encouraged to frequently check Grants.gov.

c. Can USAID please encourage the current implementing partner of Zimbabwe OVC to release its quarterly and annual reports to the DEC?

USAID Response: The requirement is included in the award document and Partner has been encouraged to submit timely reports to the DEC.

165. Zimbabwe: *New Integrated Maternal Child Health and Family Planning Programs*

a. Can USAID please confirm that it still intends to release the “New Integrated Maternal Child Health and Family Planning Programs”?

USAID Response: Yes it will be released and you are encouraged to frequently check Grants.gov.

b. Can USAID please confirm that funding is already allocated for this program?

USAID Response: As is always the case, funding is subject to availability.