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Jakarta time

Subject: Amendment No. 1 to Request for Application (RFA) No. Indonesia 04-021 Basic Human Services Health Flagship: Integrated Decentralized Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Program

Dear Applicant:

The following clarifications/amendment to RFA No. Indonesia 04-021 are based on questions received by USAID/Indonesia. All other terms and conditions of the solicitation remain unchanged.

- Q1 The RFA specifies that USAID requests an application for a five-year program, yet the current USAID Mission Strategy dated 2004-2008 might imply 4 years. Can USAID specify the start and end dates for the program and budget? Can USAID also verify that it expects a budget for a total of \$30 million for this particular proposal?
- A1 The RFA supports a five-year program and is in correspondence with the five-year Mission Strategy approved from May 2004 –September 30, 2008. USAID anticipates an award to be made by early 2005. USAID anticipates that the level of funding for this program (i.e., decentralization, family planning, maternal and child health) is up to \$30 million.
- Q2 While USAID asks applicants to discuss district and site selection process, could they also suggest the overall number of districts by type of province (high priority vs special consideration) where they envision the successful applicant working? Does USAID want the applicant to propose a number?
- A2 Applicants should refer to Geographic Targeting, Basic Human Services Flagship Site Selection on pages 11 to 13. The overall number of districts in either geographic category should be proposed by the applicant taking into consideration budget, population size, and impact to be achieved.

- Q3 Could USAID please clarify if the program is to work throughout the provinces of N. Sumatra and E. Java, or only in Medan and Surabaya (p.12 lists the cities in parentheses).
- A3 Page 12 lists proposed *high priority integrated provinces*. Those cities listed in () are intended to identify possible regional field office sites and linkage with FFP and environmental partner programs.
- Q4 Can USAID elaborate on what decision making process they will follow to commit to program involvement in special consideration provinces?
- A4 See pages 12-13 regarding *Special Concerns and Initiatives* site selection criteria. USAID is seeking Technical and Programmatic approaches from applicants that can be derived from USAID's proposed site selection criteria described in this section. USAID expects the participation of the applicant in final decision-making of final site selection with relevant GOI and USAID counterparts.
- Q5 The list of special consideration provinces includes Kalimantan and Papua. However, Kalimantan and Papua are comprised of several provinces. Could USAID please specify which provinces are the special consideration provinces?
- A5 See proposed provinces on page 13, and refer to response in No. 4 above.
- Q6 For infectious diseases, can USAID clarify that it does expect the limited interventions described on page 21 to be part of this application (including the budget), even while it does not yet commit to integrating a larger ID component after 2005? Can USAID confirm that a separate budget presentation for an additional infectious disease component is not requested at this time (per the RFA cover letter)? Does USAID want us to describe our capabilities generally to do the work and/or a general approach to how we would do it should the \$10 million become available?
- A6 On page 16 USAID references the desire to utilize an evidence-based approach, and provides an illustrative list of activities and interventions. Applications should speak to ID linkages with MCH interventions. No separate budget presentation on proposed ID interventions is required at this time. Applicants are free to describe general capabilities in the area of ID interventions.
- Q7 Can USAID please describe what type of participant training is included in the \$100,000 budget limit (p 28)?
- A7 Participant training priorities should be determined by the applicant.
- Q8 Can USAID elaborate on what additional annexes it expects? For example, for specific information on the proposed team, does USAID just want resumes and letters of commitments, or are biodatas also expected? Are these part of the 40 page allocation?

A8 Section II-B. 3.(d) "Management Plan" (page 44), first bullet is amended as follows:

- Qualifications and Responsibilities of Long-Term Expatriate and Indonesian Professional Staff – Identify and briefly describe the qualifications (training and experience) for the key field staff positions in the proposed program. List the main responsibilities and estimate the number of person-months programmed for each position. *Provide resumes, position descriptions and letters of commitment* as part of the 40-page allocation.

NOTE: Salaries are required as part of the cost proposal. However, bio-data sheet form with salary history is not required at this time.

- Q9 For the description of the applicant annex, how much of the information requested is specific for the prime partner and how much information do they seek about sub-partners (e.g. past performance references)? Does USAID expect to see included letters of commitment from consortium partners (as part of the 40 page allocation)?
- A9 The applicant should decide on the amount of information to be provided for the prime partner and sub-partners. USAID expects applicants to submit letters of commitment form sub-partners as part of the 40-page allocation.
- Q10 Will applicants who propose a reduction from established NICRA rate as a cost share be subject to applying a lower rate for other proposals at a later date, or can the agreement be specific only to this RFA?
- A10 Applicants should not propose a lower NICRA, but may propose to count a portion or all of the NICRA costs as cost share. The NICRA cost share agreement would apply only to this specific RFA/Cooperative Agreement.
- Q11 Several mentions are made to social marketing as a possible strategy in the RFA (with respect to point of use water technologies, as well as MCH). Can USAID clarify what its expectations are with respect to social marketing as part of this health flagship?
- A11 It is up to the applicant to consider and propose effective, proven health interventions and approaches, such as social marketing, for example.
- Q12 Cash funds from outside sources are encouraged/required in the RFA. Does this mean that cash from outside sources will count as both cost share and leverage funds.
- A12 Cash from non-Federal sources can count as either cost share or leverage (public/private partnership funding) It is up to the applicant to specify the funding arrangements.
- Q13 Within one high priority province, would USAID support varying levels of resources and effort amongst districts in that province?

A13 Yes.

Q14 Could USAID please provide more details regarding the reference on page 15, bullet 2, "finding ways to assist the poor?"

A14 See page 13, paragraph 3 under 2. Proposed Program Content and reference to linkages with poverty and lack of adequate access to services by the poor.

Q15 The RFA states that the new program will work "to design an essential package of province public health interventions" (p.17). Can USAID please clarify to what extent the existing national strategies in Indonesia will frame the proposed interventions?

A15 Yes, existing national strategies (see page 40, list of references) in Indonesia will frame the proposed interventions. See also page 36 regarding joint USAID – GOI partnership and shared priorities.

Q16 How will the USAID review team evaluate short term expatriate and local consultants?

A16 Per the Evaluation Criteria (page 54), only long-term expatriate and Indonesian professional staff will be evaluated.

Q17 The RFA states that "the applicant will be expected to establish an office in Jakarta and at the Ministry of Health" (p.29). Could USAID please clarify if it expects one or two offices in Jakarta?

A17 See page 29, paragraph 4 under G. Management Plan. USAID would expect the applicant to co-locate their technical team within the MOH; additionally, the applicant may also wish to establish a separate Jakarta-based office to the extent possible co-located with other BHS ESP partners.

The solicitation Closing Date and Time remain unchanged as October 6, 2004, 4:00 p.m., Jakarta time.

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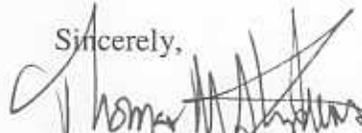
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Questions concerning the RFA must be submitted in writing to the undersigned Agreement Officer and Mrs. Asuncion Juico, USAID/Indonesia, by e-mail to (tstephens@usaid.gov) and (ajuico@usaid.gov) or fax 62+21-3483-0222.

Sincerely,

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