

1. On page-6 of the RfP, it is mentioned that 'Any amendment made will be made available to all short-listed Bidders who have acknowledged the Letter of Invitation.'

Query: Is the captioned RfP (RFP No.: CO/RT/2022/001) meant for short-listed bidders who have been issued 'Letter of Invitation' by IOM only or is it an open tender. Please clarify.

Response: It is an open tender has been extended and is open now until 30 June, 2022. Any firm that can meet the required competencies mentioned in the ToR, is eligible to bid for the process. Any further amendment subject to the RFP will be available to the short-listed firms, who have been accepted "Letter of Invitation "issued by IOM.

2. On Page-26, it is mentioned that 'The Service Provider shall not assign or subcontract the activities under this Agreement in part or all, unless agreed upon in writing in advance by IOM. Any subcontract entered into by the Service Provider without approval in writing by IOM may be cause for termination of the Agreement.'

Query: However, since the proposal envisages a collaboration between an international firm and a national firm, subcontracting is allowed. Please confirm if this is correct.

Response: Yes, Subcontracting is allowed in consultation with IOM.
Sub-section 6 and Number 9 under Section II. Terms of Reference explained the subcontracting issues in detail.

3. Query: Please let us know if the international consultants proposed for the assignments can work on the assignment from their home locations, while the national firm (local consultants) operate from Bangladesh. Specifically, we would like to understand if the international consultants are required to travel to Bangladesh for delivery of the assignment.

Response: Yes, the consultant/s should travel at least once for the dissemination of the result of the evaluation. The consultancy firm has to produce management response plan (one deliverable) based on the feedback received in the dissemination workshop.

4. In terms of methodology, the guidance given on page 14 of the RfP states that 'The methodology will involve a combination of desk review and in-depth interviews as a means of gathering and triangulating data from beneficiaries and partners.'

Query: We understand that the evaluation will require mostly qualitative data collection through in-depth interviews and focus group discussion. Quantitative data collection through a household survey is not expected in this assignment. Please confirm.

Response: In ToR, it is clearly mentioned under sub-section 6 " Proposed Methodology"

'The firm will be responsible for conducting Knowledge Attitude and Practice (KAP) survey, Reintegration Assistance Satisfaction Surveys (RASS) and Reintegration Sustainable Surveys (RSS) across the three components of the project using, the survey tools which were used in the baseline evaluation and mid-term review.'

Quantitative data collection is essential to complete the evaluation.

5. 'The Bidder will be selected under a Quality –Cost Based Selection procedures described in this RFP.' (page 3 of RfP)

Query: Please clarify the weights for the financial and technical proposals for this assignment.

The proposals will be reviewed using a 60% (technical), 40% (financial) weighting.

6. We understand that 'The Proposals must be delivered by hand, mail or email to IOM with office address at House: 13/A,Road 136, on or before 23 June, 2022.' (page 3 of RfP)

We have two requests:

- a) Kindly let us know the email id for proposal submission in soft-copy mode.

Response: The email id for the submission of soft copy is mentioned at the end of section II "Terms of Reference":

DhakaPL@iom.int and copy to mruahmed@iom.int

- b) We request if the proposal submission date can be extended by a week (i.e. till 30-June-2022) to enable the consultants to put up a strong proposal.

Response: Given the small amount of time between feedback and submission deadline, the submission date has been moved back to 30-June-2022

7. a. For the survey under SO-1, data will be collected from all the returnees (screened and profiled) as of census or from the sample returnees (screened and profiled)?

Response: In section II, Term of Reference, it is mentioned clearly under 6. Methodology

"Project Component: Sustainable Reintegration (SO1)

Non-experimental design

- *Surveys: IOM-developed Reintegration Sustainable Survey (RSS) and Reintegration Assistance Satisfaction Survey (RASS).*
- *Methodology: Mixed methods (surveys, key informant interviews, case studies, most significant change stories)*
- *Sampling: Random sampling (Target for the survey is all beneficiaries profiled by +/- 4000) "*

The survey will cover all beneficiaries under SO1.

7.b How we will reach to sample respondent (returnees)? They will be available in their registered address or other place?

Response: Sub-section 6 and 9 under section II. Terms of Reference explained the subcontracting the local evaluator in detail which may support the international firm to reach returnees. In case of contact detail, IOM will provide access to the returnee database which will support the consultancy firm to design their data collection method.

8. For the KAP survey under SO-3, data will be collected from all types of participants reached through awareness-raising activities (e.g. School Programmes, Tea Stall Meetings, Interactive Popular Theatre Shows, Pot Songs, Financial Literacy Trainings, and another Advocacy event)?

Response: Though the question is not clear here, we assume that the query is regarding the sample respondents and it is mentioned in the Section II. Terms of Reference that the sample may include the same returnees from SO1 component, their family members and their community members who are the integral part of the awareness-raising activities.

“Project Component: Awareness Raising (SO3)

Non-experimental design

- *Methods: KAP survey*
- *Sampling: Stratified random sampling (superimposed on the sample for Sustainable Reintegration)”*