



## July FY 2020 Business Forecast Questions and Responses

**Background:** The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) 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

**Business forecast** - USAID recently announced **new missions** in Ecuador, Somalia, and Tunisia; offices for Cameroon and Niger; presence across Pacific Islands with additional personnel or offices in Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Micronesia, the Marshall Islands & Palau. Somalia and Tunisia are included in the business forecast search engine, but the other countries above are not. Can they be added to the search fields?

**USAID Response:** Thanks for the recommendation; we are working with our IT office for these potential new plans.

**Business forecast** - Are **previously forecasted projects**, such as Sustainable Forest Activities, going to be restored or simply deleted?

**USAID Response:** Please be more specific and include mission/bureau, office, program name, etc. so that we can answer your question .

**Business forecast** - Can USAID, when **answering quarterly forecast questions**, copy and paste the responses from the Q & A into the forecast so interested offers only have one source for business opportunity information?

**USAID Response:** Thanks for the recommendation; we are working with our IT office for this potential enhancement.

**Business forecast** - What criteria do USAID operating units consider in selecting either **“TBD”** or **“N/A”** for setting aside opportunities? What is the difference between TBD and N/A?

**USAID Response:** TBD means that there is a possibility, but not yet determined. N/A means a determination has been completed and not being set aside.

**Business forecast** - There are still several instances where there are opportunities presented on the business forecast as **“new not previously forecasted”** though they have been forecasted previously even under a different name. Can USAID consider ensuring that the status truly reflects the accuracy of opportunities presented?

**USAID Response:** Please do not hesitate to reach out to the POC for that opportunity and confirm if that is the case.

**Business forecast** - Would USAID please encourage missions to make all **opportunities searchable by country name** in the search box? It seems the country box must be selected for opportunities to appear in the Forecast search.

**USAID Response:** Thanks for the recommendation; we are working with our IT office for this potential enhancement.

**Business Forecast:** Will USAID please ensure that the incumbency column is correctly filled out for all future forecasted opportunities, if this is a rebid of an existing program?

**USAID Response:** Thanks for bringing this to our attention, we will remind our staff.

The **USAID Forecast** is an excellent tool for coordinating information between USAID and contractors. The following suggestions would **maximize contractors’ use of the tool**. Would USAID please encourage missions to ensure updates appear in the **Updated Date field** on the Forecast? Some missions update the Business Forecast without changing the “Updated Date” field that pushes updates to the daily update feed on the Forecast. The update thus only appears in the Excel Business Forecast and contractors are required to cross-check anticipated release dates, negating the purpose of the Forecast search tool.

**USAID Response:** Thanks for your recommendation; we are working with our IT office to enhance automated reporting of changes.

**Category Management** - Can USAID please explain the process of reviewing contracts over \$25M and deciding which contracts will be issued through Tier 3 or Tier 4 vehicles?

**USAID Response:** Given that this question refers to “Tiers” USAID is assuming that this question is in relation to Category Management (CM). To clarify: in CM there is no Tier 4. There are only Tiers 3-0. Tier 3 are Best in Class (BIC) contracts. USAID, along with the rest of the Federal

Government, is seeking to increase spend under Tier 3/BIC contracts for all contracts over the SAT, and reduce Tier 0 (unmanaged spend) as much as possible. Ultimately, the contract vehicle chosen is CO discretion.

**Category Management:** Can USAID please provide guidance on which field-based opportunities it anticipates releasing under OASIS in the next quarter?

**USAID Response:** Contracting Officers have received guidance to include the name of the Category Management (CM) contracting vehicle (such as OASIS) in the Award Description field as there are currently no CM-specific fields available on the forecast. USAID is currently working with IT to add fields to the forecast specific to CM. Once live, the public will be able to see whether a procurement is planned for OASIS or another CM contract vehicle.

**CDCS:** Could USAID provide anticipated release dates for all CDCS currently under development? This includes the CDCS for Nigeria, Ghana, and Kenya.

**USAID Response:** The current list of approved CDCSs is located here: <https://www.usaid.gov/results-and-data/planning/country-strategies-cdcs>  
A list of anticipated release dates is not available.

**Competition evaluation - General Criteria for Organizational Capability:** New approaches to USAID procurement, e.g., co-creation, multiple award rounds, can offer opportunities to engage new/different partners and diversify the playing field among existing partners in certain technical/program areas. Given this changing procurement environment, what steps is USAID taking to also ensure the scoring/weighting/criteria for organizational capabilities also enables this diversification?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to strive to engage and provide opportunities for new and underutilized partners in a number of ways, including with the structure of evaluation criteria for each award. Evaluation criteria for each new award are carefully crafted and tailored for each new opportunity. Evaluation factors for the New Partnership Initiative (NPI) Annual Program Statements (APS) have been written to ensure that they lower the barrier to entry for new and underutilized partners. USAID will continue to work to carry this practice beyond the New Partnership Initiative.

**Competition** - Some USAID missions allow more than six weeks between RFP/RFA release and submission date and from our perspective, this practice contributes to better quality proposals. Would USAID kindly consider encouraging missions to provide a **longer turnaround time for solicitations**, especially under the current situation when travel for capture purposes is limited due to the global pandemic?

**USAID Response:** Agency operating policy is oriented towards early involvement of mission CO/AOs as part of mission design teams, and USAID is working to increase its CO/AO staffing to needed levels. These developments allow for more optimal implementation of the competitive processes leading to partner selection for contract and assistance awards, including the time allowed to provide responses to RFPs or RFAs.

**COVID-19** - Does USAID anticipate additional calls for **proposals to address COVID-19**? If so, are there any updates on the procurement timeline, geographic scope, mechanism, or budget?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to provide outreach resources in multiple forms (updating the COVID-19 Implementing Partners website updates, hosting webinars, messaging via social media platforms). The regional partner calls will continue on an as needed basis, as Missions begin to transition to the various Phases. Please refer to the [COVID-19 Guidance for Implementing Partners](#) for the latest updates pertaining to acquisition and assistance policies. For questions about individual awards, please contact your respective CO/AO and/or COR/AOR.

**COVID-19** - Are there going to be **Covid-19 economic emergency response programs** for Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras to prevent migration and reduce poverty?

**USAID/Guatemala:** Yes, USAID Guatemala intends to provide funding to address the COVID-19 economic emergency.

**USAID/Honduras:** is going to integrate COVID-19 related interventions across its portfolio, including economic growth, education, and workforce development. Most of this support will be geared towards economic/business resilience, support for repurposing key manufacturing sectors to produce personal protective equipment (PPE) and other medical supplies locally, and connecting small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and other investment opportunities to the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) and private financial institutions. Additional support on workforce development to enable firms to implement biosecurity protocols and allow for responsible economic reopening will also be pursued.

**COVID-19 - capture trips:** Could USAID kindly explain how to account for lack of ability to conduct capture trips under the current travel restriction as a result of COVID19? How will USAID ensure that the incumbent is not privileged with information and that as much opportunity possible will be provided to all bidders?

**USAID Response:** Please refer to the [COVID-19 Guidance for Implementing Partners](#) for the latest updates pertaining to acquisition and assistance policies.

**COVID-19:** Can USAID please provide information on whether or not COVID response or adaptation should be integrated into RFA/RFP responses?

- a. If so, can USAID provide guidance on how (format or specific design requirements) COVID response or adaptation should be addressed?
- b. Will merit review criteria assess the degree to which a program illustrates it is able to meet deliverables in a COVID/ post-COVID context?
- c. In general, how is the COVID 19 pandemic affecting procurement actions?

**USAID Response:** Please follow the instructions, listed in the RFP. The proposals will be evaluated according to the evaluation factors in the Solicitation. The procurements targeting COVID-19 response will reflect this fact in the Solicitation.

**COVID-19:** The release dates for many forecasted calls have been significantly delayed. Some changes have been communicated, but most have not, and the anticipated solicitation dates have simply passed without any updates on USAID part. The uncertainty and lack of visibility are significantly impacting the pipeline and business development plans of many partners. For partners it would be important to at least know whether anticipated calls are still in the plans and, if so, still in FY2020. Can you comment? Is it mainly because of COVID-19?

**USAID Response:** Please be more specific and include mission/bureau, office, program name, etc. so that we can answer your question .

**COVID-19: COVID Response Task Force:** Earlier this year the COVID task force issued an open call for concept notes designed to support the global response to the pandemic. Have any awards been made as a result of those submissions? Are these submissions still being considered for funding and/or further co-creation?

**USAID Response:** Since March 2020, USAID has received hundreds of qualified, unsolicited concepts and applications through the COVID-19 Portal, including concepts from current implementing partners (prime and sub) and also potential new, underutilized, and local partners, including nontraditional partners. If USAID determines that the concept reasonably fits an existing program, the Agency reserves the right to make the concept note available, internally, for appropriate consideration. These concepts or applications will remain viable for potential further consideration and the submitter will only be informed if their concept is acted upon. To date the Agency has not yet obligated funding to a specific unsolicited concept or application received by the COVID-19 Task Force. Reviews of submissions are ongoing. However, several current USAID implementing partners that submitted unsolicited concepts have received COVID-19 supplemental or reprogrammed funding through other mechanisms. USAID will continue to review the status of the unsolicited concepts received and seek to respond as more data on awards is collected, including on possible sub-awardees. To note, the COVID-19 Unsolicited Concept Portal has transitioned from the Task Force to the Bureau of Legislative and Public Affairs. The Agency will continue to accept unsolicited concepts for COVID-19 through the standard, LPA-managed process. All future unsolicited concepts and applications should be submitted to USAID according to the Agency's Unsolicited Proposals and

Grant Applications guidance. For details please visit: <https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/get-grant-or-contract/unsolicited-proposals>.

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- a. Can you accept us partnering with you to help us achieve our goals?
- b. The company requires funding from USAID. Can you provide funding for us to carry out our activity program?
- c. The financing that the company requests from USAID, does it require a loan with interest on the day of repayable or without interest? What are the repayment terms?
- d. Is there any training to take before getting business plan funding from USAID? If yes, the training requires how long and what formalities have to be completed?
- e. The company wishes to participate in the conference scheduled for July 17, 2020, can you receive us?

**USAID Response:** Please review the information listed on our website <https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/find-a-funding-opportunity>.

Does USAID plan to open a new solicitation for **Food for Peace/Title II** for the DRC and Malawi? If so, when will it be released? Is it expected to include a focus on local organizations priming?

**USAID Response:** Former Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance and Office of Food for Peace have merged into the Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA). At this time, BHA currently does not anticipate issuing Title II-funded solicitations for DRC and Malawi. For the most up to date information on BHA funding opportunities please visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**NPI:** Under NPI, by definition, an underutilized partner is “an organization that has received less than \$25 million in direct or indirect awards from USAID over the past five years.”

- a. Could you please define “direct awards” and “indirect awards”?
- b. Will USAID be making NPI plans/targets for each country publicly available?

**USAID Response:** For purposes of NPI, “Direct or indirect” refers to whether an organization has received less than \$25 million as either a prime (direct) or sub-award (indirect) partner over the previous five years. USAID has begun tracking the use of new and underutilized partners (NUPs) using the new definition that includes prime and sub-awards, based on information from both the Agency’s Phoenix system and the USA Spending public reporting system, aligning with our existing data systems and laws.

Initially, we will not be making Mission targets public as they are contained in NPI Mission Action Plans that may have procurement sensitive information. However, the Agency plans to report publicly on achievement of global (aggregate) targets through reporting on Agency Priority Goals (APGs) to the Office of Management and Budget.

The Agency seeks to increase partnerships with NUPs at prime and sub-award levels, and is also engaging its largest partners to increase sub-awards that are more strategic, i.e. enabling sub-award partners with country presence and “staying power” to lead in activity implementation while traditional partners offer technical oversight, capacity building and compliance support. The Agency also seeks greater compliance in public reporting of sub-awards through the USASpending site. All of these steps are part of the Agency's shift toward the Journey to Self-Reliance (J2SR) and its A&A Strategy.

**NPI:** In a recent New Partnerships Initiative informational call, USAID mentioned the possibility of increasing the ceiling amount for Grants Under Contracts (GUCs). Is this still being considered? If so, could USAID provide any further clarity on what the new ceiling will be?

**USAID Response:**

The publicly issued and Agency approved recommendation for Effective Partnering and Procurement Reform in the area of GUCs was to increase the ceiling for US organizations to \$500,000 per GUC. This is still under review. Action on this EPPR recommendation should be finalized soon.

**NPI:** Does USAID anticipate any upcoming activities under the New Partnerships Initiative? If so, are there any updates on the procurement timeline, technical and geographic scope, mechanism, or budget?

**USAID Response:** There are currently nine active partnership opportunities under the New Partnerships Initiative, with additional opportunities to be listed in the months to follow. Current awards include Higher Innovation for Leadership, Innovation, and Exchange (HELIX), the Women’s Global Development and Prosperity addendum (WDG-P), and a Call for Concept Papers for Religious and Ethnic Freedom and Inclusion in the Middle East and North Africa. Please visit the Partnership Opportunities page of USAID’s New Partnerships Initiative site for a complete list of opportunities.

**Northern Triangle:** Can USAID provide any additional updates at this time regarding funding in Northern Triangle countries?

**USAID Response:** The US Government intends to provide \$252 million in additional U.S. foreign assistance for El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. This assistance will promote U.S. national security and further the President’s goal of decreasing illegal immigration to the United States. These additional funds will assist in making these countries more secure and prosperous by enabling private sector-led economic opportunity and provide critical, lifesaving assistance. Leveraging private sector investment to address the second order economic impacts of the pandemic is key to achieve longer term success in addressing the underlying security, governance, and prosperity issues that drive illegal immigration to the United States.

**Northern Triangle:** Does USAID intend to release **Feed the Future funding** in the Northern Triangle countries of Honduras or Guatemala in FY20?

**USAID/Guatemala:** Yes, there will be funding attributed to Feed the Future in FY2020 for Guatemala.

**USAID/Honduras:** We anticipate the release of a Feed The Future Honduras funding opportunity (Food Security and Resilient Agriculture Market Systems Activity) before the end of September 2020.

**OASIS - see [Category Management](#) above.**

**OSDBU:** USAID's OSDBU team recently shared in the annual matchmaking day that large businesses should focus on including small businesses in as many set-aside categories as possible in their proposals. Offerors often struggle to respond to NPI, J2SR, and small business partnering requirements as well as the technical requirements of solicitations. Can USAID please provide guidance to the implementer community and USAID staff that offers clearer partnering guidance/requirements on USAID priorities in responding to solicitations?

**USAID Response:** USAID solicitation requirements are consistent with Agency initiatives such as the New Partnerships Initiative (NPI), Journey to Self Reliance (J2SR), and Federal Acquisition Regulations concerning the participation of small businesses. The Office of Small and Disadvantage Business Utilization (OSDBU) recommends that offerors review sections C, L, and M of the Request for Proposal (RFP) to determine subcontracting or partnership recommendations. If partnerships or a subcontracting plan is required, and the guidance is not clear, it is recommended that the offeror contact the contracting official to request clarification. If additional guidance is needed, the contracting official may modify the solicitation so that all interested offerors may have access to the information.

The OSDBU provides market research guidance and support to contracting officials during the acquisition planning process. The OSDBU is also available to support "other than small businesses" in hosting activities to identify small businesses engaged in the international development sector. For additional information, contact us at [osdbu1@usaid.gov](mailto:osdbu1@usaid.gov).

**OSDBU: Small Business Goals:** Are all USAID Missions now participating in the Small Business Goal Program?

**USAID Response:** Yes, all USAID Missions with an acquisition obligations exceeding \$5 million annually (with the exception of two) are participating in the Agency's Mission Small Business Goaling Program. You may view the list of participating Missions at the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization website <https://www.usaid.gov/who-we->



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Questions may be submitted to [osdbu1@usaid.gov](mailto:osdbu1@usaid.gov).

**PPPs:** Do you guys intend on releasing any **projects on PPPs** in developing countries and training for USAID staff?

**USAID Response:** At this time, no additional information is available.

### **Washington Business Forecast Questions**

DCHA: What are the upcoming business opportunities that will support the new USG Advancing Protection and Care for Children in Adversity (APCCA) Strategy?

**USAID Response:** At this time, no additional information is available.

### **Bureau for Africa - Africa Trade and Investment Program (ATIP):**

- a. Does USAID anticipate holding a pre-bidders conference or industry day event in advance of the release of the Africa Trade and Investment Program (ATIP) solicitation?
- b. Does USAID intend to provide further information to potential bidders before RFP release?
- c. Can USAID share if the anticipated release date for the African Trade and Investment Project (ATIP) is still scheduled for September 1st?
- d. The ATIP project requires expertise that will not be able to fit in the normal USAID Contractor Salary Threshold and relevant FSN scales. Would USAID eliminate these salary caps for ATIP and consider only the technical qualifications of the individual candidates, as long as the overall program technical and cost offerings are competitive?
- e. Does USAID still anticipate a single award for this procurement, or multiple awards?
- f. Given the size and importance of the procurement, what proposal turnaround time between RFP release and proposal submission does USAID intend for this opportunity?

### **USAID Response:**

- a. We anticipate either a virtual conference or releasing a draft RFP
- b. We anticipate either a virtual conference or releasing a draft RFP
- c. The release date stands at 9/1/2020 for now although this may be updated in the next few weeks.
- d. We anticipate working through normal USAID policy. For example, FSN pay scales are for company employees (not consultants). There is a process to approve deviations to CST as found in ADS 302.3.8.4 Approval of Contractor Salaries Exceeding the USAID Contractor Salary Threshold (USAID CST) Effective Date: 07/01/2007
- e. Single award
- f. 60 days

**Bureau for Africa:** Does USAID anticipate any new funding being allocated to energy programs in Africa? If yes, would the funding be issued under the Energy II IDIQ or through a new Power Africa IDIQ contract vehicle?

**USAID Response:** The bureau does not have information on the energy issue at this time.

**Bureau for Africa - New Africa Research and Institutional Support Services (RISSA):**

- a. Will an RFI be released for this procurement?
- b. What are the estimated release and award dates for the RFP?
- c. Will this be an F&O procurement or a small business set-aside?
- d. Is there an incumbent contractor?
- e. Will current facility security clearance be required for both the prime and subcontractors at the time of proposal submission?
- f. Will the RFP requirements include provision of dedicated, off-site workspace with a prescribed distance from the Ronald Reagan Building?
- g. Can USAID confirm that the RISSA opportunity is different from the New Africa Institutional and Technical Support Services opportunity?
- h. What mechanism does USAID intend to release this opportunity under?

**USAID Response:**

- a. A RFI for all small business was issued in November 2019 for ITSS II. This included SOW for ITSS/RISSA which consequently was divided into two procurements - RISSA and ITSS.
- b. Estimated release date for RISSA is mid-November 2020.
- c. This will be a small business award.
- d. Yes, the incumbent is Zemitek LLC which holds the current institutional support contract.
- e. This has not been decided.
- f. Yes, offsite office space will be procured.
- g. Yes, this is a different procurement than ITSS.
- h. This is still under discussion.

**Bureau for Africa Transformative Trade and Investment Program (TTIP),** the RFI states that the activity is planned for five years with a total estimated cost of \$400-\$600 million. Of this estimated budget, what percentage does AID estimate will be devoted to capital for trade and investment? Would USAID please confirm that the release date remains 9/01/2020?

**USAID Response:** The release date is still planned for 9/01/2020 although this may be updated early August. The activity is not anticipated to have funds for direct investment capital.

**Bureau for Food Security - Communications and Outreach Support for Resilience and Food Security:**

- a) Could USAID specify the mechanism under which this task order will be released?

**USAID Response:** It is intended that the Communications and Outreach Support RFQ will be released under the Professional Services Schedule - Advertising & Integrated Marketing Solutions (AIMS) - 541-5 - Integrated Marketing Services.

**Bureau for Food Security - Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD) II:**

- a. Can USAID please confirm the intended release date of this opportunity?  
b. Does USAID still anticipate releasing via a GSA Schedule?

**USAID Response:** USAID intends to release this opportunity in August 2020, and it will be released via a GSA Schedule.

**Bureau for Food Security - Environment:** For the **Global Waters Communication and Knowledge Management II**, could USAID please advise of the following:

- a. If this will be a total Small Business set-aside opportunity.  
b. If a contract mechanism is being contemplated for release of this forthcoming activity, and if so, which IDIQ?  
c. Will USAID be releasing an RFI or presolicitation for this activity?  
d. Does the Bureau for Food Security anticipate that the project will have an evaluation component, or something similar, as with the first iteration of that project?

**USAID Response:** Yes. USAID intends to issue this award to a GSA OASIS Pool 1 holder. USAID previously released an RFI in February 2020 to OASIS Pool 1 holders. This opportunity is still in the planning phase. Decisions regarding whether to have an evaluation component or something similar have not been made.

**Country Health Information Systems and Data Use (CHISU):** Can USAID provide an update on the CHISU procurement?

- a. Can USAID provide an anticipated award date?

**USAID Response:** Please provide additional information - mission/bureau, operating unit, etc.

**Conflict Prevention and Recovery Program (CPRP) APS:** Does USAID intend to release further addenda to the CPRP APS? If so, what will be the technical focus of each?

**USAID Response:** Please provide additional information - mission/bureau, operating unit, etc.

**DCHA-** Would USAID **Food for Peace** please provide information on DFSA funding for FY2021?

**USAID Response:** Former Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance and Office of Food for Peace have merged into the Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA). BHA's operating budget for FY2021 has not been finalized yet and BHA is unable to provide information on DFSA funding until budget information becomes available.

**DCHA:** What mechanism does USAID intend to use for the **Food for Peace** evaluations and when does USAID anticipate releasing the solicitation?

**USAID Response:** Former Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance and Office of Food for Peace have merged into the Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA). BHA will conduct an analysis of requirements to determine the most appropriate mechanism for BHA evaluations. BHA anticipates releasing this solicitation in/around FY21 Quarter 2.

**DCHA - Programming for Peace-Building and Prevention (P4P2):**

- a. Is there an update on when an RFP will be issued? Does USAID still anticipate releasing this opportunity in November 2, 2020?
- b. Does USAID expect to have multiple holders for the solicitation? If so, how many?
- c. Can USAID give any further details as to whether there will be a small business set-aside for the Programming for Peacebuilding and Prevention ([P4P2](#)) mechanism? If so, are you able to provide any details as to the potential scope of the small business lane?
- d. Does USAID intend to release an assistance procurement to complement the Programming for Peacebuilding and Prevention (P4P2) IDIQ that is currently on the Business Forecast?
- e. How many awardees does DCHA anticipate being selected for the IDIQ?
- f. Does DCHA anticipate targeting a specific region/group of countries?
- g. Does DCHA have further visibility into the frequency and complexity of individual task orders under this IDIQ?

**USAID Response:** No additional information is available at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast, [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov), and [Grants.gov](https://Grants.gov) for updates.

**DCHA - American Schools and Hospitals Abroad, Technical and Professional Support Services (TPSS):** Is there an update on the value and estimated RFP release date?

**USAID Response:** No update on the value and estimated RFP release date.

**DCHA: Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) 7 IDIQ:** Would USAID kindly provide details on the anticipated timing and scope of any future task orders planned under the

FEWS NET 7 IDIQ?

**USAID Response:** USAID intends to release this opportunity in **2nd quarter FY21**

**DCHA - Administrative and Operations Support:**

- a. When can we expect the RFP released for this opportunity?
- b. Will a draft RFP be issued prior to the release of the final RFP?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID intends to release this opportunity in **1st quarter FY22**
- b. USAID will **not issue a draft RFP prior to the release of the final RFP.**

**DCHA:** An RFI for **Supporting Democratic Elections, Governance, and Political Processes Globally** was released last year. Does USAID intend to release this opportunity? If so, can USAID please provide the updated anticipated release date, award amount, and award type?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates multiple designs in the Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance sector in FY2021. Please continue to monitor the **Business Forecast (Washington and Missions)** for any future updates, including related to any relevant RFI or solicitation processes.

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

- a. The ACES APS was recently extended to April 10, 2020. Does USAID intend to release addenda (NOFO's) prior to the end date?
- b. What is the status of the ACES procurement action, is it still projected for award and if so when, or, has it been cancelled or projected for cancellation?
- c. The ACES APS has not been used and has expired; does USAID plan to extend/renew it? If so, will the same mechanism be used, e.g., an umbrella APS with no associated funding?
- d. Can USAID please provide an update for its plans for the ACES APS? Will this mechanism continue to be used or has it expired? The ACES APS was recently extended to April 10, 2020. There are currently no planned or expected ACES-APS addenda at this time. As Rounds are issued under the APS they will be posted on Grants.gov with specific foci and instructions for concept papers. Each Round will have its own submission deadline. For future Rounds, the USAID Business Forecast is available here: <https://www.usaid.gov/business-forecast>.

**USAID Response:**

- a. There are currently no planned or expected ACES-APS addenda at this time. As Rounds are issued under the APS they will be posted on Grants.gov with specific foci and instructions for concept papers. Each Round will have its own submission deadline. For future Rounds, the USAID Business Forecast is available here: <https://www.usaid.gov/business-forecast>.

- b. The ACES IDIQ is projected for award by the end of this fiscal year.
- c. The ACES APS was recently extended to April 10, 2020.
- d. USAID is currently reviewing proposals and hopes to provide Offerors with an update regarding who is in the competitive range soon. Proposals are valid until September 30, 2020 USAID hopes to award by then, but reserves the right to extend if needed. USAID is currently reviewing proposals and hopes to notify Offerors soon as to who is in the Competitive Range.

**DCHA - Leader with Associate Awards:** Can USAID please provide an update on the rebid of its various Leader with Associate awards, including the Global Elections and Political Transitions mechanism and the Global Civil Society Strengthening award?

- a. Does USAID anticipate re-competing the strengthening civil society globally LWA?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates multiple designs in the Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance sector in FY2021, but has no further specifics at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast (Washington and Missions) for any future updates.

**DCHA PEACE IDIQ:** Could USAID provide more details on the release date for the PEACE IQC, and whether it will be paired with the first Task Order simultaneously, number of awards for IQC, etc.?

**USAID Response:** USAID assumes this question is referring to the Programming for Peacebuilding and Prevention (P4P2) activity that is currently under design, rather than the existing PEACE IQC award. No additional information is available at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast, [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov), and [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) for updates.

**DCHA People 2 People APS:** Does USAID intend to release further addenda to the P2P APS? If so, what will be the technical focus of each?

- a. Could USAID share an updated timeline for decision announcements for submissions to Funding Rounds 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the People-To-People (P2P) Reconciliation Fund APS (7200AA19APS00015)?

**USAID Response:** USAID participating Missions are still in the process of reviewing applications and hope to notify applicants of their status as soon as the review is complete.

**DCHA Follow-On to *Strengthening Civil Society Globally*:** Will USAID issue an RFI first for a follow-on activity to the Strengthening Civil Society Globally? What is the anticipated solicitation release date of the RFI or solicitation for the follow to the Strengthening Civil Society Globally program?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates multiple designs in the Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance sector in FY2021. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast (Washington and Missions) for any future updates, including related to any relevant RFI or solicitation processes.

**DCHA Trafficking in Persons new activity:** Can USAID provide in the Activity Description for the anticipated Trafficking in persons New Activity? Will children or youth be a focus?

**USAID Response:** USAID has not yet finalized any plans for any trafficking activity in the current fiscal year. Please continue to monitor the Grants.gov for any future activities related to trafficking.

**E3 - Environmental Compliance Database** - Does USAID have any information on when access may be restored to the Environmental Compliance Database?

**USAID Response:** USAID is working toward reopening the ECD but cannot predict when the website will be made publicly available again.

**Education Performance Improvement, Communications (EPIC) Follow On** - Previous forecasts indicated that a follow on would be anticipated. Is an EPIC follow on in the pipeline and if so what is the timeline? Does USAID anticipate more than one EPIC follow on procurement?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not have any information at this time regarding a potential follow-on for EPIC but encourages interested organizations to regularly check the USAID Business Forecast for updates.

**E3 - Public Financial Management:** Does USAID anticipate issuing any upcoming Task Orders under the Public Financial Management II IDIQ? If so, may these opportunities be added to the forecast?

**USAID Response:** M/OAA has no knowledge of RFTOPs under PFM II IDIQ that may be issued by USAID Missions in the future. It is the responsibility of individual Operating Units to add upcoming solicitations to the business forecast.

**E3: Financing Self-Reliance and Market-Led Development – BPAs under GSA**

- a. Would USAID please confirm whether this will be an IDIQ style solicitation?
- b. Would USAID please confirm that solicitations for these BPAs will be released publicly via beta.sam?
- c. Would USAID please confirm whether interested bidders will be required to have an approved GSA schedule with USAID to bid on this opportunity?

- d. Would USAID please confirm that only prime contractors will be required to have the GSA schedule to receive an award under this mechanism?
- e. Can USAID please clarify if there will be a small business set aside track for the FSRMD BPA? If so, what will it cover that may be different than the large business awards?
- f. Regarding the forecast item titled "FSRMD - Financing Self-Reliance and Market-Led Development", we suggest that the most efficient mechanism to meet USAID's needs would be to issue task order RFPs directly on the GSA OASIS contract vehicle. This approach will save government and industry the time and effort required to develop, compete, evaluate, and award a new multiple award BPA mechanism. Would USAID consider OASIS for this set of requirements?
- g. Can USAID also provide an update on the anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:**

- a) This is a BPA, not an IDIQ;
- b) the solicitation will not be released via beta.sam;
- c) interested bidders will be required to have the appropriate GSA MAS contract to submit a proposal;
- d) contractors which have the appropriate GSA MAS contract are allowed to bid as a prime, subcontractor, or as part of a teaming arrangement;
- e) there will be a small business reserve utilized in the evaluation of proposals;
- f) GSA OASIS does not allow for the establishment of BPA's;
- g) USAID anticipates the solicitation's release in early August 2020.

**E3/PLC - Monitoring and Evaluation Contract Follow-On:**

- a. Would USAID be able to provide an update on if the anticipated release date of November 2020 remains accurate.
- b. Would USAID be able to provide an update on whether this procurement will be set-aside for small businesses, and/or if it may be released through an existing USAID and GSA small business mechanism, such as PSS or OASIS Small Business Pool 1 or full and open?
- c. Does USAID intend to increase the estimated cost/amount range beyond the \$500K-\$1M range currently in the forecast? If so, what will the new funding range be?
- d. Is the anticipated award size correct? Could the Office of Planning, Learning & Coordination confirm whether the anticipated award amount will fall within the range of \$500,000-\$999,999 given that the current contract's amount is over \$30,000,000?
- e. Is there updated information on the anticipated release date?
- f. Are there any updates on how this opportunity will be released or through what mechanism?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates this solicitation will be a small business set-aside and that the total cost will be similar to current task order. USAID has no additional information regarding the procurement at this time.

**E3:** Does USAID intend to procure a follow-on to the Education Performance Improvement,



Communications, and Knowledge (EPIC) contract that is scheduled to close in September 2020? If so, could USAID please provide details on expected timing of the solicitation, set-aside type (if any), or planned mechanism?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not have any information regarding a potential follow-on for EPIC at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates.

**E3/ED:** Does USAID intend to issue a follow on the E3/ED Reading and Access Evaluations Contract? If so, could you confirm the estimated release date?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not have any information regarding a potential follow-on for this contract at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates.

**E3/ED - Leading through Learning Global Platforms (LTLGP):** This opportunity was recently removed from the Forecast. Could USAID confirm whether the opportunity was canceled? If the solicitation is postponed and not canceled, could USAID provide an anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** Under AA-306439 of the A&A Plan, LTLGP is noted as a current activity and USAID notes that LTLGP was formerly known as the Leading Through Learning Networks scheduled under GSA PSS Schedule.

**E3/ED Organizational Effectiveness:**

a. This opportunity is no longer listed on the Business Forecast. Does USAID still anticipate its release? b. Does USAID have a release date for this solicitation?

**USAID Response:** USAID updates the Business Forecast regularly as priorities and needs of the Agency shift. Therefore, please continue to monitor it closely for updates.

**E3: Global Architect-Engineer Services III IDIQ:** For the A&E III RFQ, can USAID please clarify how many project examples (SF 330 Section F forms) will be required as part of the proposal response in order “demonstrate Specialized Experience and Technical Competence”?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates requesting six project examples on Section F of the SF 330.

**E3 YouthPower 2 APS: Youth Excel Addendum**

- a. Can USAID please clarify what solicitation was intended to be released June 22 as a YouthPower 2 Youth Excel Addendum?
- b. According to the YouthPower 2 Annual Program Statement No.: 7200AA20APS00007 Youth Excel Addendum released March 31, 2020, USAID would notify concept note applicants within 60 days of submission (on/about July 7) regarding USAID interest in participating in full

co-creation. Has that process been adjusted?

- c. Can USAID please clarify what relationship(s) exist between the expected 6/22/20 Youth Excel Addendum solicitation and the Youth Excel Addendum released March 31, 2020?
- d. For the YouthPower 2 APS, would USAID consider adding anticipated addenda to the business forecast prior to their release on Grants.gov?
- e. Is the anticipated Award Date for YouthPower2: Youth Excel Addendum still July 30, 2020? If not, could USAID please provide an updated Anticipated Award Date?
- f. Does USAID intend to release additional addenda under the YouthPower2 APS? If so, could USAID please add the anticipated addenda to the Business Forecast?
- g. Could USAID provide any update on whether an announcement will be issued for the YouthPower II Implementation opportunity, as well as any details about the scope of work, timing, type of mechanism, number of awards, etc.?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The RFA was a result of the submission of the concept note(s) under the Youth Excel Addendum and also successful completion of the co-creation process as described under YouthPower2 APS and Youth Excel Addendum.
- b. No, the process has not been adjusted. USAID has already sent out notifications regarding the submission of each concept note in response to the Youth Excel Addendum.
- c. The RFA issued under Youth Excel Addendum is a result of the submission of the concept note(s) under the Youth Excel Addendum and also successful completion of the co-creation process as described under YouthPower2 APS and Youth Excel Addendum.
- d. USAID encourages interested organizations to monitor [grant.gov](https://www.grant.gov) and USAID Business Forecast on a regular basis for incoming addenda under YouthPower 2 APS.
- e. The award date is envisioned for potential award based on the RFA issued under Youth Excel Addendum.
- f. USAID encourages interested organizations to monitor [grant.gov](https://www.grant.gov) and USAID Business Forecast on a regular basis for incoming addenda under YouthPower 2 APS.
- g. Currently USAID does not have any information that can be shared; however, we encourage interested organizations to monitor [grant.gov](https://www.grant.gov) and USAID Business Forecast on a regular basis for incoming addenda.

Under the Youth Power 2 APS, the Youth Excel Addendum is aligned with the New Partnerships Initiative. USAID expects awards to be made this year and new NPI addenda under the APS.

**Food For Peace:** USAID recently cancelled the **Food For Peace Prepositioning Logistics and Warehousing – Horn of Africa** Activity that was in evaluation “due to a change in government requirements based on foreign policy concerns.” This is unfortunate because bidders invested significant time and resources on this important opportunity. Does USAID anticipate any other opportunities being impacted by foreign policy concerns?

**USAID Response:** Former Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance and Office of Food for Peace have merged into the Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA). At this point in time, USAID is not aware of any additional foreign policy concerns. Note, however, that USAID work within the

limits of U.S. foreign policy in the normal course of business and may be required to take such concerns into account as they arise.

**Food For Peace - Population Based Surveys for East/Central Africa:** Would USAID kindly provide an updates regarding:

- a. anticipated date of release,
- b. budget window, and
- c. if the vehicle is still intended to be procured through GSA OASIS Small Business Pool 1

**USAID Response:** Former Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance and Office of Food for Peace have merged into the Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA). BHA anticipates releasing this solicitation in/around FY2021 Quarter 2 through the GSA OASIS Small Business Pool 1. The budget window for this opportunity has not been determined.

**BFS: Water and Development IDIQ (WADI):** Does USAID continue to prepare for a release of a follow on to WADI as indicated in the Q2 Business Forecast Q&A and can it provide any update on the internal approval process referred to in the Q&A? If so, could USAID kindly provide additional information regarding the anticipated timeframe for releasing this procurement and add this opportunity to the Business Forecast?

- a. When does USAID anticipate releasing the solicitation for the WADI IDIQ follow-on? Does USAID anticipate releasing a pre-solicitation or an RFI for the WADI IDIQ follow-on?
- b. If a follow-on to WADI is expected, could USAID provide information on the timing of the solicitation?
- c. Does USAID still anticipate releasing the WADI II IDIQ RFP? If so, can USAID provide an update or estimate for the expected release date of the RFP?

**USAID Response:** USAID is still in the design and planning phase of the WADI IDIQ recompet. However, USAID intends to release the RFP next fiscal year.

**Global Development Lab: The USAID Global Development Lab, Technical and Professional Support Services (TAPSS)**

- a. The opportunity has been cancelled on the forecast. Does USAID intend to release this opportunity in another format?
- b. Can USAID please provide an anticipated timeline or procurement strategy?
- c. Earlier this year, USAID indicated that this would be procured as a small-business set aside under OASIS. Is that still USAID's plan?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The USAID Global Development LAB will decide in Late FY2021 to repost the requirement.
- b. Due to the complications (during the COVID environment) of the initial requirement as well as with complications of logistics, the interim strategy is to provide a BRIDGE award for FY

2020 and FY 2021. The Global Development LAB will re-compete the initial award to eligible small businesses. Anticipated In Late FY2021.

c. Yes, this is and will continue to be the plan to solicit small businesses that are eligible under OASIS.

**Global Health - CII** - The Center for Innovation and Impact (CII) published a Request for Information (RFI) related to Innovations that Could Support the COVID-19 Response on March 8, 2020, with a requested response date of April 8, 2020. Could USAID provide any additional information about the extent to which future procurements may be planned in any of the three areas identified in the request?

**USAID Response:** The RFI was for the purpose of collecting information. It will be used for future procurement planning which is not yet finalized.

**Global Health - Innovation Support and Digital Health Opportunity:**

- a. The GSA MAS Market Access and Innovative Finance RFQ mentions an innovation support and digital health opportunity. Will this opportunity be added to the forecast?
- b. Is there an anticipated release date?
- c. Will a BAA be considered for this procurement?
- d. Can USAID provide updates regarding timing, funding, and mechanism?

**USAID Response:** There are currently no plans to add this potential opportunity to the FY 2020 Business forecast and at this time there are no updates available.

**Global Health:** Could USAID share a list of health projects that have received extensions and the new end dates?

**USAID Response:** OAA/GH/POP recently extended the following three awards:

Pathfinder (E2A) AID-OAA-A-11-00024 extended to 03/30/21  
Palladium (HP+) AID-OAA-A-15-00051, extended to 09/29/22  
PRB (PACE) AID-OAA-A-16-00002, extended to 05/09/22

OAA/GH/ID recently extended the following awards:

PREDICT2 AID-OAA-A-14-00102 extended to 09/30/2020  
MVDP AID-OAA-C-15-00071 extended to 11/27/2020  
COR-NTD AID-OAA-G-14-00008 extended to 6/11/2024

**Global Health: TB Local Organizations Network (LON)**

- a. Since the release of Amendment #5 on February 26, 2020 describing the country-specific addenda, no addenda have been released via Grants.gov. What are USAID's plans for releasing addenda, which countries will have addenda, and what is the timeline for release?
- b. Does USAID have any information regarding the next round of TB LON? When will the next round be announced? When will proposals be due?
- c. Can USAID please indicate if USAID is expecting a TB LON solicitation or amendment focused on South Africa, Zambia, or India? If yes, when do you expect the calls to be released for each country?

**USAID Response:** We do not have an update on the timing of additional calls for LON concept papers or addenda.

**Global Health - Breakthrough Research:**

- a. Will an RFI be released for this procurement?
- b. What are the estimated release and award dates for the RFP?
- c. Will this be an F&O procurement or a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** The current Breakthrough Research cooperative agreement is currently scheduled to end on July 31, 2022. Any plans for follow on work will be published on the Business Forecast.

**Global Health - MOMENTUM:** Is USAID planning any additional MOMENTUM APS opportunities?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates issuing two MOMENTUM awards (Round 3A and 3B) by the end of this current fiscal year. There is also currently a Mission Round issued by USAID/India with an open due date for concept papers. Please see the "Related Documents" tab under the MOMENTUM APS Grants.gov posting for Rounds, as well as the Business Forecast for any upcoming Rounds.

**Global Health - SHOPS+ related questions:**

- a. When can we expect the suite of SHOPS+ opportunities to be released and what specific areas will they cover?
- b. What will be the award mechanism for SHOPS+?
- c. Does USAID anticipate that SHOPS+ will be a co-creation process?
- d. How many awards and/or RFAs does USAID anticipate will be in the SHOPS+ suite?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates, the FHM program will build off of SHOPS Plus successes and will be USAID/GH's next generation procurement for health market development, PSE for health, and supporting private sector health systems investments, including service delivery, for FP/RH and other health areas.

**Global Health - Frontier Health Markets:** An RFI (RFI-20-GH-FHM-01) was issued on Grants.gov in early May 2020, however, there is no corresponding opportunity on the USAID Business Forecast. The opportunity on grants.gov cites this is a Cooperative Agreement. The recently released RFI and the previous USAID quarterly Q&A cited that Frontier Health Markets would be a 'suite of awards'.

- a. Can USAID clarify the number of awards to be under the Frontier Health Markets initiative?
- b. Can USAID provide details on the scope and focus areas of these awards?
- c. Can USAID provide details on the intended award mechanisms?
- d. Can USAID confirm the release date?
- e. Can USAID provide an update on the timing of the release of this award?
- f. For USAID/GH Washington: We understand that the Health Policy Plus project has a no cost extension until Sep 2022. Does USAID anticipate that it will substantially change the scope of the current project, and/or break it into a potential suite of awards, as it has done recently with the MOMENTUM awards or Frontier Health Markets RFI?
- g. Can USAID/Global Health provide an update on the anticipated Frontier Health Markets opportunity, including anticipated mechanism(s), number of award(s), and anticipated release date(s)?
- h. USAID issued the RFI for Frontier Health Markets in May 2020. Can USAID please elaborate on whether the cooperative agreement will be released as 1 umbrella agreement or if it will be released as 4 separate agreements for each of the listed activities?
- i. What is the anticipated release date(s) of the Frontier Health Markets program?
- j. Approximate timeframe of solicitation release.
- k. Anticipated procurement modalities. For example, will the program be competed as a single global award, or be split into four separate awards (as suggested in the RFI)?
- l. Procurement mechanism(s) to be used. For example, will the program be procured via full-and-open competition, through an existing IDIQ, or through a GSA Schedule?
- m. Does USAID anticipate a cooperative agreement for each of the activities and awards related to FHM or is there a possibility for some of the activities to come out as contracts?
- n. a. Can USAID confirm that it intends to issue solicitations for the activities described in the Frontier Health Markets RFI that was issued on May 6, 2020? These opportunities are not currently listed on the USAID forecast.
- o. b. For each activity (Private Sector Flagship, Private Sector Engagement Staff Support, Private Sector Capital Fund, and Business Support Facility) can USAID confirm a) the intended Total Estimated Cost/Amount Range, b) anticipated solicitation release date, c) geographic scope of the solicitation, d) number of awards, and e) if the solicitation will be for a contract or cooperative agreement?
- p. c. Will any of the solicitations restrict eligibility to local organizations or small businesses?

**USAID Response:** We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. Unfortunately, further information cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.

**Global Health - early childhood development:** Will USAID consider adding integrated early childhood development (ECD) interventions to its forecasted global health and nutrition programs, particularly those focused on maternal, newborn, and child health?

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

**Global Health - New Sanitation Activity:** Can USAID please confirm the award/action type and anticipated release date for this opportunity?

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

**Global Health - TB Research I:** Would USAID be able to confirm if one award is planned through this procurement or is USAID considering multiple awards to support this activity?

**USAID Response:** This has not yet been determined as the award is still in the design stage.

**Global Health - TB Research II:** Would USAID be able to confirm if this procurement will be set-aside for small businesses? Will this award be the evaluation and research arm of TB Research I, or will this be a stand-alone activity?

**USAID Response:** This award is in the design stage and this information has not yet been determined.

**Global Health:** The final award for GH EVALS does not appear in FPDS or in the USAID Forecast. Can USAID please confirm the awardee, initial obligation, and total award amount?

a. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated award date?

**USAID Response:** This was awarded to ME&A with a start date of June 1, 2020 and a total estimated cost of \$39,000,000. The initial obligation was \$200,000.

**Global Health: GHPOD III:** Does USAID expect to release the solicitation as a Small Business Set-Aside?

**USAID Response:** We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. Unfortunately, further information cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.

**Global Health Professional and Organizational Development III -** Will USAID release an RFI or

draft scope of work? What is the anticipated type of award/procurement mechanism? Is a small business set-aside anticipated?

**USAID Response:** We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. Unfortunately, further information cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.

**Global Health - Support Initiative III Follow on:** Could USAID confirm if this activity would be released as a small business set-aside. Could USAID confirm if this activity may be released under a GSA-supported mechanism, such as OASIS-SB Pool 1?

**USAID Response:** We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. Unfortunately, further information cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.

**Global Health - Global Health Support Initiative IV:**

- a. Does USAID intend to issue a Request for Information for this opportunity?
- b. Could USAID please provide an update regarding the anticipated release date and contracting mechanism for this opportunity?
- c. Considering the size and scope of this contract, will USAID hold an industry day?
- d. Can USAID please confirm if this solicitation will be issued through OASIS?

**USAID Response:** We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. Unfortunately, further information cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.

**Global Health Support Initiative (GHSI) III follow-on (BF row 37):**

- a. Does the Government plan to release an RFI or market research for the Global Health Support Initiative (GHSI) III follow-on? If so, when will this be released?
- b. What vehicle is the Government considering for the Global Health Support Initiative (GHSI) III follow-on? Will the Global Health Support Initiative (GHSI) III follow-on be a small business set aside? If so, is the Government considering the OASIS Small Business vehicle for its procurement?

**USAID Response:** We are currently in the design stage of this procurement process. Unfortunately, further information cannot be provided at this time. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.

**Global Health:** Does USAID anticipate releasing a solicitation for the previous RFI “Catalytic Change for Cross Border Health,” originally released through USAID/Kenya? Can USAID provide an update on this anticipated award, such as timing, scope, award mechanism, and if this will



be a direct follow-on to the Cross-Border Health Integrated Partnership Project (CB-HIPP)?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not anticipate releasing a solicitation for this activity.

**Global Health:** Will USAID clarify timing and content for the Cote d' Ivoire Maternal Child Health (MCH) Family Planning (FP) solicitation?

**USAID Response:** The bilateral MCH/FP/MIP opportunity is now planned for FY2021. The content of the MCH/FP/MIP solicitation will include how to address the barriers of maternal, newborn and child health outcomes such as; the major delays that contribute to maternal and newborn mortality, management of common maternal, newborn and childhood infections, and prevention of vaccine-preventable causes of illness and death among children.

**Global Health - NPI COVID-19:** Can USAID/Global Health provide an update on the anticipated NPI COVID-19 Round, including anticipated release date, number of award(s) and activity scope?

- a. Will this be released as an RFA or RFP?
- b. Will this be a BAA process to procurement?
- c. Will this be a small-business set-aside?
- d. Please confirm the period of performance remains at one year.
- e. Will there be a large procurement component?
- f. Will this be a single award or multiple?
- g. Are there going to be priority countries? If so, would you please identify those countries?
- h. Will there be an objective focused on MEL?
- i. Does USAID have a new estimated release date for this RFA?
- j. Can USAID indicate the geographic scope to expect under this award?
- k. Can USAID confirm how many awards it expects to issue under this opportunity?
- l. Can USAID please confirm which type of partnership modality (as outlined in the APS) they intend to utilize this round?
- m. Can USAID confirm the amount of funding anticipated for this award?
- n. Could USAID provide any updates related to the NPI GH COVID-19 Round? This might include a revised anticipated release date, given that the date in the forecast is now past, as well as information regarding eligibility to apply.
- o. Can USAID please provide an updated release date for "NPI GH COVID-19 Round"?
- p. Will it be released as an addendum under the NPI APS?
- q. Have any countries been prioritized for this round?
- r. Will there be any restrictions on applicant eligibility?
- s. Could USAID please provide further information as to what percentage of the anticipated opportunity will go toward subawards?
- t. Could USAID please clarify expectations for how the anticipated opportunity will be expected to interact with recently allocated COVID awards?

- u. Could please USAID clarify if this mechanism will include funding to address economic impacts, such as livelihoods and/or food security?
- v. Could USAID please clarify if this round will have the same geographic scope as the NPI Global Health APS released last year?
- w. Can you please provide an update on the status of this opportunity and the (revised) anticipated solicitation release?
- x. Geographically speaking, are there any specific regions or countries that are being targeted?
- y. Can USAID provide an update on the solicitation release date and the anticipated award date?
- z. Can USAID provide more information on the NPI mechanism and eligibility for this anticipated NPI round?
- aa. Does USAID intend on maintaining a 12 month project length?
- bb. Can USAID provide more information on the number of possible awards? If more than one award, can USAID provide more information on whether separate awards will have different technical or geographical focus?

#### **USAID Responses:**

- a. It will be an Addendum under an Annual Program Statement (APS).
- b. No.
- c. No.
- d. USAID is discussing this internally.
- e. To Be Determined (TBD).
- f. TBD
- g. USAID is discussing this internally.
- h. TBD
- i. Updates to Business Forecast will be promptly made and will be posted to grants.gov.
- j. USAID is discussing this internally.
- k. USAID cannot confirm how many awards it expects at this stage.
- l. USAID cannot confirm at this stage. USAID may use any or all types of partnerships.
- m. USAID is discussing this internally.
- n. USAID is still finalizing these details.
- o. USAID will continue to update the Business Forecast.
- p. Yes
- q. USAID is discussing this internally.
- r. There will not be additional restrictions on eligibility beyond what is listed in the NPI Partnership Modality listed in the addendum
- s. TBD
- t. USAID is internally discussing the level of interactions.
- u. USAID does not intend to include food security or livelihood; however the program description is still being developed and is subject to change.
- v. USAID is discussing this internally.
- w. USAID will continue to update the Business Forecast.
- x. USAID is discussing this internally.
- y. USAID will continue to update the Business Forecast.

- z. USAID NPI has a link <https://www.usaid.gov/npi> to provide more information on the NPI Mechanism and eligibility.
- aa. USAID is discussing this internally.
- bb. USAID is discussing this internally.

**Global Health - Innovations That Could Support COVID-19 Response:** An RFI (RFI-2020-GH-CII-2) was issued on beta.SAM.gov by the Center for Innovation and Impact (CII) in late March 2020, however, there is no corresponding opportunity on the USAID Business Forecast. Is USAID expecting to issue any specific opportunities related to this RFI in the near future?

**USAID Response:** The RFI was for the purpose of collecting information. It will be used for future procurement planning which is not yet finalized.

**Global Health - Integrated Health Systems:** Is USAID expecti to release any task orders under the Integrated Health Systems IDIQ in the coming year? Can USAID update on the status of the HS4TB task order under this same IDIQ?

**USAID Response:** No new TO is planned to be released under ISH for the coming year yet. HS4TB has been awarded.

**Global Health - Next Generation Supply Chain Suite of Programs:**

- a. Will USAID release a draft SOO/SOW or pre-solicitation document for these opportunities?

**USAID Response:** USAID aims to do so.

- b. Does USAID anticipate holding a virtual bidders conference or industry day event?

**USAID Response:** USAID aims to do so.

- c. Can USAID provide the anticipated contract type for the four PSAs (e.g. CPFF or Time and Materials)?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- d. For the four PSAs, will there be consistency in scope in terms of services to be provided (i.e. forecasting, demand planning, or in-country capacity building)?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- e. Is USAID planning to request all bidders to provide their own IT systems for each IDIQ, or is for ex. the IDIQ Platform Control Tower expected to provide one IT system to be used by all other/PSA IDIQs?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- f. Can USAID share if there will be any conflict of interest (OCI) preventing a bidder from pursuing all of the programs? Does USAID intend to release draft SOWs for comment? If yes, when?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- g. Does USAID still intend to release draft statements of objectives and/or work for public comment for the Next Generation Global Health Supply Chain Suite of Programs, as stated in the responses to the FY2020 Q1 Q&A? If so, would USAID kindly provide an update on the anticipated timing of the release of these SOO/W(s)?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- h. Given that the award type and pricing mechanism can have a significant impact on the partnerships brokered and bidding decisions made by interested offerors, could USAID provide further information on the anticipated award type(s) (e.g. contract vs. cooperative agreement) and pricing mechanism(s) (e.g. CPFF, T&M, FFP or commercial pricing) for each of the anticipated solicitations under the Next Generation Global Supply Chain Suite of Programs?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- i. We note that in the most recent Mission Forecast (June 24<sup>th</sup>) the anticipated solicitation release dates for the Next Generation Global Health Supply Chain (GHSC) Suite of Programs Supply Chain Technical Assistance and Risk

Management and Mitigation opportunities have shifted to April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The remaining six Next Generation GHSC program opportunities have retained the anticipated October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 release date. Could USAID kindly confirm whether the anticipated release date for the remaining six programs will also shift to a later date or will remain October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- j. For offerors interested in responding to multiple solicitations, does USAID anticipate a conflict of interest (COI) between any of the programs within the Next Generation Global Health Supply Chain (GHSC) Suite of Programs that may preclude bidders from responding to and/or receiving an award for multiple programs within the Suite? For example, would an awardee of the Quality Assurance program be precluded from receiving an award for one of the PSAs? Understanding USAID's position regarding potential COI issues within the Next Generation GHSC Programs will help offerors more efficiently effectively prepare for, partner, and respond to USAID's anticipated solicitations.

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- k. In the June 24<sup>th</sup> update to the Mission Forecast, USAID increased the anticipated value of the Next Generation Global Health Supply Chain Control Tower Platform program from \$50-100M to \$100-299M. Could USAID kindly confirm whether this increase in anticipated funding indicates a change or expansion in the anticipated scope? If yes, could USAID provide additional information regarding the scope of the Control Tower Platform? For example, one key question by industry regarding the Control Tower Platform is whether that program will include an order management software system to be accessed and used by the Procurement Service Agent (PSA) awards or whether each PSA will be required to provide their own order management software solution that then provides data to the Control Tower Platform?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- l. Per the recent Request for Information related to the anticipated Next Generation Global Supply Chain Suite of Programs, Supply Chain Technical Assistance solicitation, can USAID provide any further information on its intentions to use a GSA schedule for this program?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- m. Are there plans to release any of the forecasted NextGen GHSC solicitations as small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- n. Can USAID please confirm that the anticipated release date for this suite activities remains October 2020? Also, is it still the Agency's intention to release all the solicitations simultaneously? Lastly does USAID anticipate using a co-creation process for some or all of the opportunities?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- o. Can USAID please specify the award type for Next Generation Global Health Supply Chain Suite of Programs (NextGen GHSC)?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- p. Can an organization bid as a prime and sub on multiple awards?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- q. Will PEPFAR targets for allocating 70% of funding to local organizations apply to the suite of NexGen Programs? If so, will this be required for the entire suite of programs or will PEPFAR have particular expectations for specific programs?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- r. Will PEPFAR targets for allocating 70% of funding to local organizations apply to the suite of NextGen programs? If so, will this be required for the entire suite of programs or will PEPFAR have particular expectations for specific programs (e.g. Technical assistance, in-country logistics, PSAs, QA)?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- s. What procurement mechanisms will USAID utilize: co-creation, concept note submission, or request for proposal direct to evaluation?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- t. Will USAID hold a bidders conference prior to release of the Next Generation of GHSC programs?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- u. Will any awards be issued under a GSA schedule? If so, which schedule does USAID anticipate using?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- v. Does USAID expect to change the scope of any of the current PSAs to explicitly include commodities for COVID-19?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- w. Will the award length for all of NextGen GHSC programs be a full 10 years or will it be broken into a base period and option period(s)?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- x. Could USAID specify if the NextGen GHSC Contracts will include a centralized strategic communications component? If so, could USAID confirm which procurement activity will include this component?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- y. What award type is expected for each of the NextGen GHSC programs?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- z. The current forecast includes a broad funding range for various components of the NextGen GHSC programs (e.g. Control Tower, QA , ICL and multiple of the PSAs). Can USAID narrow down the expected range based on anticipated plans? Or can USAID provide additional insight into the current thinking for the program for increased understanding?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- aa. Can USAID expand on the linkages with bilateral Mission programs that overlap with the scope of NextGen GHSC programs. For example, Uganda Mission has forecasted the release of a Not-For-Profit (PNFP) Supply Chain - Local Partner Procurement of HIV Commodities program. How would this and other bilateral programs be required to interact with the suite of NextGen GHSC programs?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- bb. Has USAID identified any potential organizational conflicts of interest between the Next Generation GHSC programs that would preclude offerors from being made an award (as a prime or sub) on an activity if they are awarded another activity within the suite?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- cc. How many awards does the Government plan to award for Supply Chain Technical Assistance (part of NextGen GHSC - BF row 46)?



**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

dd. How many awards does the Government plan to award for Control Tower Platform (part of NextGen GHSC) (BF row 38)?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

ee. What vehicle or vehicles is/are the Government considering for the Next Generation Global Health Supply Chain Suite of Programs (NextGen GHSC - BF rows 38-46)?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

ff. Is the Government planning any small business set-aside components for the NextGen GHSC awards? If the Government does plan to include small business set asides in the NextGen GHSC, is the Government considering the use of the OASIS Small Business vehicle for any of them (BF rows 38-46)?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

gg. We note that the latest Business Forecast does not envision the Technical Assistance component of the NextGen GHSC being launched until April 2021. Is USAID planning to hold a bidders' conference or other informational session and/or release a set of draft RFP(s) to provide additional details for the components of the NextGen GHSC procurements to include clarifying timing of release? If so, when will a conference take place and/or the draft RFP be released?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

hh. Can USAID clarify whether performance of any of the NextGen GHSC contracts would potentially preclude a contractor from holding any of the other contracts to be awarded under the NextGen GHSC procurements? For example, is it USAID's view that performance of the Control Tower and Procurement Service

Agent (PSA) work streams would create an impaired objectivity conflict given the expected PSA performance measuring and reporting requirements of the Control Tower program? If USAID does believe that such conflicts may exist among any of the anticipated procurements, can USAID provide guidance as to what mitigation measures might be accepted to avoid precluding a contractor from providing its services across these procurements?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- ii. Supply Chain Technical Assistance - For the NextGen GHSC Technical Assistance, a single contract could maximize the visibility of product and optimization of delivery services. Can USAID clarify how it intends to procure the envisioned NextGen GHSC Technical Assistance (TA) services? For example, is it USAID's current intent that these services will be procured through an IDIQ contract (either single or multiple award) or will these services be purchased through a single or through multiple GSA schedule procurements? Furthermore, can the Agency clarify how these awards will be focused (e.g., by region or by particular disease/health areas)?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- jj. Can USAID clarify how it intends to procure the envisioned NextGen GHSC Risk Management and Mitigation (RM&M) services? For example, is it USAID's current intent that these services will be procured through an IDIQ contract (either single or multiple award) or will these services be purchased through a single or through multiple GSA schedule procurements?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- kk. How many awards does the Government plan to award for Quality Assurance (QA) Award (part of NextGen GHSC - BF row 44)?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

- ll. How many awards does the Government plan to award for Risk Management and Mitigation (part of NextGen GHSC) - BF row 45?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

mm. USAID recently released a Request for Information related to the upcoming Supply Chain Technical Assistance activity. Will USAID release RFIs for the other programs under this suite of opportunities?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

nn. Are there plans for any other form of market engagement such as an industry day or bidder's conference?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

oo. Will international organizations, including U.S.-based organizations, be eligible to prime the In-Country Logistics opportunity, or will this be restricted to local prime organizations?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

pp. Quality Assurance: Will prime contractors on NextGen QA be conflicted from leading any of the other eight NextGen procurements?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

qq. Will sub- contractors on NextGen QA be conflicted from leading any of the other eight NextGen procurements?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

rr. Will there be an objective focused on MEL?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available.

Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

ss. PSA Diagnostics: Will there be an objective focused on MEL?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

tt. PSA Family Planning/Reproductive Health: Will there be an objective focused on MEL?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

uu. PSA HIV: Will there be an objective focused on MEL?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

vv. PSA Malaria: Will there be an objective focused on MEL?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

ww. Supply Chain Technical Assistance:

i. Will a revised RFI be circulated, if so, when is that anticipated to be released?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

ii. What is the estimated release date for the RFP?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

iii. Will there be an objective focused on MEL?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the

Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with beta.sam.gov.

- iv. Will this procurement be responsible for coordinating M&E across the other NextGen awards? If not, which of the nine procurements will coordinate M&E and conduct any cross-cutting lessons learned and best practices based on the M&E data collected in each procurement?

**USAID Response:** USAID continues to address these details internally. Updates to the Business Forecast will be promptly made once new/additional information is available. Please continue to monitor it along with beta.sam.gov.

**Global Health - Market Access and Innovative Financing for Global Health (BF row 26):**

- a. Is the Government considering a small business set-aside for this opportunity? If so, is the Government considering the OASIS Small Business vehicle for its procurement?
- b. The RFQ for the Market Access and Innovative Financing (MAIF) project issued by GH/CAII, mentions a planned, parallel project to be named: “Innovation Support and Digital Health”. Can USAID please provide any information about this new project such as the anticipated solicitation release date and the value?

**USAID Response:**

As noted, the RFQ for MAIF has already been issued (and closed, as of June 30, 2020) with details on mechanism and any applicable set-asides included on the solicitation itself. As a general practice, the Government considers small business set-asides to the maximum extent practicable for procurements. There is currently no additional information available for the potential Innovation Support and Digital Health project.

**Global Health Private Sector Health Systems:** Can USAID provide detail on the pending Private Sector Health Systems activity. In previous forecasts, USAID indicated that this is still in the design stage.

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates, the FHM program will build off of SHOPS Plus successes and will be USAID/GH's next generation procurement for health market development, PSE for health, and supporting private sector health systems investments, including service delivery, for FP/RH and other health areas.

**Global Health TB Research I:** on May 22, 2020 this opportunity was added to the Forecast with the award mechanism listed as an IDIQ. In a June 15, 2020 update, the mechanism was changed to “TBD.” Can USAID confirm when it will determine the mechanism and update the forecast? Can USAID please provide details on the intended award type for TB Research I?

**USAID Response:** The award mechanism listed as IDIQ on May 22, 2020 was an error. The mechanism has not been determined yet.

**Global Health TB Research I And TB Research II (BF rows 32-33):** Is the Government considering a small business set-aside for these opportunities? If so, is the Government considering the OASIS Small Business vehicle for their procurement?

**USAID Response:** This award is in the design stage and this information has not yet been determined.

**Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance Venezuela Monitoring, Verification and Reporting:** In May, BHA released an RFI for Monitoring, Verification and Reporting in Venezuela.

- a. Could USAID provide an update on the anticipated release date?
- b. Will this be a small business set-aside?
- c. Will this solicitation be released under OASIS?
- d. Could USAID kindly update the business forecast with information on this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** We are unable to provide an update on the anticipated release date at this time. We do not anticipate this to be a total small business set aside requirement and will add this to the Live Business Forecast. At the moment we will anticipate to release this under the GSA OASIS schedule.

**Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) - Office of Food for Peace:**

Can USAID confirm the countries for FY21 Development Food Security Activities?

**USAID Response:** At this time USAID/BHA cannot provide information regarding 2021 Development Food Security Activity procurement(s). Any information will be shared with the public via the Food Aid Consultative Group and Grants.Gov.

**Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance - COVID-19 Response:** Does USAID/BHA plan to forecast any competitive country specific COVID-19 opportunities for the coming months?

**USAID Response:** USAID/BHA has committed all of our funding for this fiscal year. BHA has not received a final budget for FY21 and is unable to forecast competitive COVID-19 opportunities until a final budget is approved.

**Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance - LAC Regional Disaster Assistance Program:**

- a. USAID issued an RFI for this opportunity on FBO.gov on 08/22/19, however the procurement is not yet added to the forecast. Could USAID please provide an update regarding the anticipated release date and contracting mechanism for this opportunity?
- b. Can USAID please confirm if this will be a small business set-aside?

- c. Does USAID expect to release the solicitation before the end of the year in 2020?
- d. Will USAID please add this opportunity to the Live Business Forecast?

**USAID Response:** Proposed Response: We anticipate the release date to be during the 2nd Quarter time frame of FY 2021. We do not anticipate this to be a total small business set aside requirement and will add this to the Live Business Forecast.

**LAC Bureau -Latin America:** Will USAID please confirm if you are planning for any competitive democracy and governance programs in El Salvador, Honduras, or Guatemala?

**USAID/El Salvador:** No further information is available at this time.

**USAID/Guatemala,** we are planning to release an updated SOO for a National Institution Strengthening project o/a Aug./Sept. 2020 for a target award date by Nov./Dec. 2020.

**USAID/Honduras** is planning to issue requests for application/ proposals for programming related to democracy and governance. Please see the business forecast for more information.

**LAC biodiversity (coastal/marine) opportunities:** USAID indicated in the Q2 Business Forecast Q&A that it is working on designs for future coastal/marine biodiversity activities. Could USAID provide any updates on future programming at this time?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not have additional information about this activity at this time.

**Bureau for Management/ CIO Data Analysis Tools & Software for Enhanced Evidence and Decisions (DataSEED) (BF row 51):** Is the Government considering a small business set-aside for this opportunity? If so, is the Government considering the OASIS Small Business vehicle for its procurement?

**USAID Response:** The RFQ was a total small business set-aside. The RFQ was issued on 11/13/2019 and proposals were due on 1/16/2020.

**Bureau for Management/ CIO Enterprise Infrastructure Solutions EIS (BF row 52):** Is the Government considering a small business set-aside for this opportunity? If so, is the Government considering the OASIS Small Business vehicle for its procurement?

**USAID Response:** USAID is currently soliciting this requirement under the GSA Multiple-Award (MA) Indefinite-Delivery/Indefinite-Quantity Contract (IDIQ) Enterprise Infrastructure Solutions (EIS) Best In Class vehicle. The GSA has set forth small-business subcontracting goals at the IDIQ

level. However, in coordination with USAID's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), M/CIO has inserted additional socio-economic, small-business subcontracting goals specific to USAID into the solicitation for this TO.

**Bureau for Management/ OAA Worldwide Training:** In the first quarter of FY20 business forecast Q&A, USAID specified that worldwide training "will be placed as originally set with a RFI as an OASIS small business award within FY20."

- a. Could USAID provide an update on the anticipated release date for this activity and update the business forecast accordingly?
- b. Does USAID still anticipate releasing this activity as a small business set-aside under OASIS?
- c. Could USAID provide details on the value range for this activity?
- d. Does USAID still anticipate releasing a follow-on contract for Worldwide Training?
- e. If yes, does USAID still plan to release the solicitation under OASIS Small Business Pool 1?

**USAID Response:** USAID is currently working with GSA for the procurement of a new worldwide training contract. For this reason, this procurement will no longer be listed on USAID's business forecast, since USAID will not make the procurement. So that interested parties can continue to track the release of the solicitation related to this work, the following information is provided:

- The likely name of this procurement will be: Global Learning Solutions and Services.
- The procurement will be made either under HCaTS or under OASIS.
- The procurement will likely NOT be set aside for small business.
- The anticipated value of this procurement is likely to be approximately \$150M over 5 years.
- The solicitation will likely be released by GSA in FY21, Q1.

**Middle East Regional:** Could USAID please provide information regarding any planned addenda to be released under the Middle East Regional Education APS?

**USAID Response:** At this time, no additional information is available.

**Middle East Regional Bureau Support Contract :** Does USAID anticipate releasing a follow-on opportunity to the current contract?

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

**PPL EVAL ME II IDIQ:** Would USAID be able to provide information on any upcoming task orders planned to be released under this newly awarded mechanism?



**USAID Response:** Formerly OFDA and FFP merged into the Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance on June 5, 2020. BHA will continue to focus on emergency health interventions based on global evidence, guidance, and best practices to achieve the highest public health impact in humanitarian settings, adhering to humanitarian principles. BHA supports the integration of health, nutrition, and WASH integration with health interventions wherever possible as these are intrinsically linked in humanitarian emergencies, especially when delivering life saving care.

## **Mission Business Forecast Questions**

**Afghanistan – Community Based Jobs for Peace (CJP)** On the business forecast the release date is listed as 6/1/2020. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date of this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipate a 4th Quarter FY 2020 release date.

**Afghanistan - Women’s Economic Development (WED)** As noted in the Q2 FY2020 Business Forecast Q&A, this opportunity was removed from the forecast due to delays in the design process. Could USAID provide updates on the status of this procurement?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates the release of the RFP in 4th quarter FY 2020 or 1st quarter FY 2021.

**Afghanistan:** Hope you are fine...can you give me information about UHI/NAHTAP projects in Afghanistan. Because 7th may was the award date of both projects but didn't award please kindly tell me the correct award date.

**USAID Response:** NHTAP project was awarded on July 9, 2020. We anticipate an award for UHI will be made during 4th quarter FY 2020.

**Afghanistan - Accessible and Quality Basic Education (AQBE):** Can USAID please update the forecast to reflect the Accessible and Quality Basic Education (AQBE) activity mentioned in Q1 forecast Q&A?

- a. Could USAID provide information such as anticipated timing of the solicitation, project scope, award mechanism, and award date?
- b. Does USAID anticipate the budget envelope will remain the same or will it increase given the expanded scope of work?
- c. Will this opportunity be released this quarter? If not, do you have an update on when it will be released?
- d. Does USAID have any updated information on target locations for this opportunity?
- e. What is the anticipated budget envelope for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** This initiative is still at a preliminary stage. Final decisions havenot been made due to priorities related to COVID.

**Afghanistan - Capacity Building for an Afghan Higher Education Intuition (HEI):** Will this be a full and open acquisition? Will the awardee be able to travel to Afghanistan to conduct the initial baseline assessment?

a. Could USAID please provide an update on the status of any awards made for the Advancing Higher Education for Afghanistan’s Development?

**USAID Response:** The RFI yielded strong feedback. This feedback is still under review and USAID has not made final decisions on the type of procurement.

**Afghanistan - Afghan Civic Engagement Program:** Is USAID planning to procure a follow on program to Afghan Civic Engagement Program? / Is USAID planning to procure a civil society strengthening program in Afghanistan?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not plan to procure a follow-on program to ACEP or a civil society strengthening program at this time.

**Afghanistan - Engineering Support II:**

- a. Will USAID add this opportunity to the Live Business Forecast?
- b. Does USAID intend to issue a follow-on?

**USAID Response:** Once a determination has been made, the Business Forecast will be updated.

**Afghanistan:** The Community Based Jobs for Peace opportunity has an anticipated release date of June 1, 2020 on the current forecast. As this date has now passed, can USAID kindly provide updates on the status of this procurement, including a release date?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates a release date during 4th quarter FY 2020.

**Afghanistan - Strengthening Afghanistan Local Administration and Municipalities (SALAM):**

- a. Would USAID kindly provide additional information regarding the anticipated timeframe for releasing this procurement? In the Q2 Business Forecast, USAID indicated that this procurement would be released in the “coming weeks.” Would USAID kindly add this opportunity to the Business Forecast?
- b. Could USAID kindly provide an update as to the value and anticipated RFP release date for the upcoming SALAM program? Does USAID intend to release an RFI or draft scope of work

for offerors' comment prior to RFP release?

**USAID Response:**

- a. This opportunity will be added to the Business Forecast;
- b. USAID does not intend to release an RFI or draft scope of work for comments prior to the release of RFP.

**Afghanistan - Enhanced Data Demand:** Does USAID plan to re-post the USAID Afghanistan Enhanced Data Demand and use procurement to the forecast?

**USAID Response:** No, this procurement has been cancelled.

**Afghanistan - Women in Civil Society (WiCS):** Would USAID kindly provide additional information regarding the anticipated timeframe for releasing this procurement? In the Q2 Business Forecast Q&A USAID indicated that this opportunity would be on the Business Forecast "soon." Would USAID kindly provide updates and add this opportunity to the Business Forecast if possible?

**USAID Response:** WICS was included in the Business Forecast during the last update.

**Afghanistan - Financial and Operational:** When can we expect the RFP to be released?

**USAID Response:** More information is needed in or to provide a substantive response.

**Afghanistan - Women's Economic Development program:** We noticed that the Women's Empowerment and Civil Society and Women in the Economy II opportunities have been removed from the mission forecast. Previous quarterly updates indicated that these RFPs would be released in late summer 2020 and that the opportunities would be returned to the forecast imminently. Could USAID kindly provide updates on the status of these procurements?

- a. Can USAID please provide the updated anticipated release date, award amount, and award type of Women's Empowerment and Civil Society in Afghanistan?

**USAID Response:** These activities were included in the Business Forecast during the last update. USAID anticipates the release of the RFPs during 4th quarter FY 2020 or 1st quarter 2021.

**Afghanistan - Counter Trafficking in Persons:** In July 2019, USAID released an RFI on Countering Trafficking in Persons. Will USAID please provide an update on the status of these procurements?

- a. When does USAID plan to release the RFPs?

- b. Does USAID plan to release pre-solicitations and draft scopes of work?

**USAID Response:** We anticipate issuing a RFP during the 4th quarter FY 2020 or 1st quarter FY 2021. There are no plans to release pre-solicitations or draft SOW.

**Angola - Health for All:** Does USAID anticipate a follow-on to the Health for All (HFA) Project?

- a. If so, could USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** At this time, no additional information is available.

#### **Armenia Labor Market Development**

- a. Does USAID intend to issue a single award or multiple awards for this APS?
- b. Can USAID confirm that the anticipated solicitation date remains August 13, 2020?

**USAID Response:**

- b. USAID intends to issue multiple awards under this APS.
- c. The revised anticipated solicitation date is September 14, 2020.

**Armenia - Civic Education:** For the Civic Education program in Armenia, can USAID confirm that this project is anticipated to be released in late August 2020? Will this project involve significant subgrants to local organizations?

- a. Can USAID confirm that this opportunity is expected to be released on August 27th, 2020, as is currently posted in the business forecast?
- b. What does USAID anticipate the submission process to be for this opportunity? Will applicants submit full proposals in the first stage, or will submissions be phased?
- c. Can USAID confirm that this opportunity will not be defined as a small business set-aside, or that submissions will be limited to local organizations?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The anticipated solicitation date is shifted to o/a late September 2020. Yes, the new activity will involve significant subgrants to local organizations.
- b. The submission process has not yet been finalised.
- c. This opportunity is not planned for a small business set-aside, the Mission currently intends for it to be limited to new and underutilized partners (NUPs), that include local entities, locally established partners, non-local organizations.

**Armenia - Rule of Law:** Does USAID plan to release a pre-solicitation or request for information for the Armenia Rule of Law solicitation? Will the Armenia Rule of Law solicitation be free and open for all bidders?

**USAID Response:** USAID plans to issue a Request for Information for Armenia Rule of Law activity o/a August, 2020. Armenia Rule of Law activity will be issued under a full and open competition.

**Armenia - Financing Self Reliance:**

- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 10/15/2020?
- b. Could USAID clarify whether this project is expected to be small business set-aside?
- c. Can USAID please clarify whether they plan to issue a RFI prior to the RFP release?
- d. Will the Armenia Financing Self-Reliance solicitation be free and open for all bidders?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The anticipated solicitation date remains 10/15/2020.
- b. No small business set aside will be used for this project.
- c. USAID intends to issue an RFI.

**Armenia - Business Enabling Environment** In the previous Business Forecast Q&A it was stated that “USAID/Armenia has decided to use a buy-in mechanism for this activity.”

- a. Can USAID please specify which mechanism it anticipates using for this opportunity?
- b. Could USAID update the anticipated solicitation release date?

**USAID Response:**

USAID/Armenia processed a buy-in into the Economic Development Governance and Enterprise Growth (EDGE) contract with International Development Group Advisory Services, LLC.

**Armenia - Labor Market Development:**

- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 8/13/2020?
- b. Could USAID clarify whether this project is expected to be small business set-aside?
- c. Can USAID provide more information about the scope of this project?
- d. Could USAID provide more information on the action type, non-GDA APS?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The revised anticipated solicitation date is September 14, 2020.
- b. No small business set aside will be used for this project.
- c. Currently the Mission is developing the Program Description for the activity.
- d. USAID/Armenia anticipates to implement this activity through assistance instruments, under an addendum to the Youth Power 2 Annual Program Statement.

**Bangladesh - Trafficking in Persons (TIP):** Will this be issued as an RFP or RFA?  
Is this opportunity still expected to be released on 12/31/2020?

**USAID Response:** TBD. Yes, the opportunity is still expected to be released by 12/31/20.

**Bangladesh:** Does USAID/Bangladesh plan releasing a new business enabling environment activity in FY20 or FY21? If yes, what is the anticipated scope for the activity?

**USAID Response:** TBD. This will be listed in the Business Forecast as appropriate.

**Bangladesh - Feed the Future Integrated Pest Management Activity:** Could USAID please confirm if the Feed the Future Integrated Pest Management Activity in Bangladesh still anticipated to be released on July 15, 2020.

**USAID Response:** The current A&A Plan expected solicitation date is July 30. This should already be in the forecast as July 30.

**Bangladesh - Youth Leadership Program:** Can USAID provide a general scope description for the Bangladesh Youth Leadership Program?

- a. Can USAID confirm the anticipated release date, is it still 10/01/2020?
- b. Can USAID advise when a more detailed program description will be available?
- c. Could USAID/Bangladesh provide more details about the Youth Leadership Program, especially regarding updates on the Award/Action Type, the Small Business Set-Aside, and further details of the program description?
- d. Can USAID provide updates on the description for this opportunity? Will it focus on: capacity strengthening of local youth led and youth serving partners or empowering youth? connecting youth directly to social and economic opportunities to improve their livelihoods and well-being? civic participation and governance by youth?
- e. Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI in advance of this solicitation?
- f. Does USAID anticipate a co-creation process?
- g. Please confirm whether the Bangladesh Youth leadership Program will be a contract or cooperative agreement?
- h. Is USAID able to provide additional information on this program including the scope of work?
- i. Is this a follow-on to an existing project?
- j. If yes, is the scope expected to continue a focus on political party strengthening as well?

**USAID Response:**

It is still under design; however, we will update the Business Forecast (BF) with additional information as soon as possible.

- a. Yes; however, this is subject to change.
- b. No. This is still under design.
- c. TBD.
- d. We will provide additional information in the BF as soon as possible.

- e. TBD; it will be considered.
- f. TBD.
- g. TBD. Once this is decided the BF will be updated.
- h. Yes, we will update the BF as soon as possible
- i. No.
- j. No, this would not be applicable.

**Bangladesh:** Shobai Miley Pori ("Everyone Reads Together") formerly "Learning Together" (Ekshathe Shikhi): It was advised in the previous Questions & Responses that the activity is being substantially revised and changed. Can USAID give an indication of the changes envisaged?

- a. Can USAID provide any updates to the scope of work based on the project's revised total estimated amount and award length?
- b. Can USAID confirm that the anticipated solicitation date of October 15, 2020 is accurate?
- c. Can USAID please provide any updates to the funding mechanism type?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The design of the activity and scope of work are in progress.
- b. The anticipated date is an estimate only.
- c. The selection of instrument has not been recommended or determined yet.

**Bangladesh - Esho Shikhi:** Can USAID provide the anticipated award date?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated award date is in August/September.

**Bangladesh - LocalWorks Civil Society Activity:** There is reference to networks of local organizations working at the community level.

- a. Will this activity consider organizations representing marginalized groups?
- b. Can USAID clarify the award/action type and whether there will be a small business set aside for the LocalWorks Civil Society Activity in Bangladesh (anticipated 9/1/20)?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes, the activity will include all eligible organizations considered under the LocalWorks Civil Society Activity.
- b. TBD.

**Bangladesh:** There are two very similarly-named opportunities on the forecast: 1.) **The Agricultural Infrastructure Support II**, and 2.) **The Bangladesh Agricultural Infrastructure Development Program II**. Both have the same solicitation release date but different project values, and appear to be distinct opportunities. We have the following questions about these

opportunities:

- a. Please confirm that these are indeed two distinct procurements.
- b. Please advise if the Agricultural Infrastructure Support II project is expected to be limited to Local Competition.
- c. Please advise if an IDIQ mechanism is being considered for the Bangladesh Agricultural Infrastructure Development Program II.
- d. Will USAID be releasing an RFI or presolicitation for either/both of these activities?

**USAID Response:** These 2 activities are now called 1. FTF Bangladesh Agricultural Infrastructure Design and Quality Assurance/Quality Control Support Activity, and 2. FTF Bangladesh Agricultural Infrastructure Development Activity.

- a. Yes
- b. TBD. The Business Forecast will be updated as appropriate.
- c. TBD. The Business Forecast will be updated as appropriate.
- d. TBD.

**Bangladesh:** Two previous opportunities listed in the business forecast - People to People Reconciliation Fund and the Promotion of Women's Equity and Rights – are no longer listed. Is USAID still planning for these procurements, and what are the new anticipated release dates?

**USAID Response:** Bangladesh was included in "People to People Reconciliation Fund call for concept note" notice in the first phase which ended. USAID Bangladesh submitted a concept note "Promotion of Women's Equity and Rights" for the W-GDP 2019 incentive funds to Washington. USAID/Bangladesh won the W-GDP 2019 incentive fund in-favor of this concept note. The concept note process was administered out of Washington.

**Bangladesh - Advancing Good Governance and National Integrity:**

- a. Please confirm whether the Advancing Good Governance & National Integrity project will be a contract or cooperative agreement? Does USAID intend to release this procurement as a full and open competition or small business set-aside?
- b. Please confirm whether the Local Works Civil Society Activity will be a contract or cooperative agreement?
- c. The Shobai Miley Shikhi Activity (formerly "Shobai Miley Pori") was originally marked as a contract with an anticipated five-year period of performance. Now, the program is marked as TBD. Please confirm whether the Shobai Miley Shikhi Activity will be a contract or cooperative agreement? Would USAID consider releasing a pre-solicitation to clarify the new scope of the program?
- d. Can USAID/Bangladesh kindly confirm the award/action type and whether the solicitation will be a small-business set-aside for the Bangladesh Advancing Development and Growth through Energy solicitation?

**USAID Response:**

- a. It is TBD



b. It is TBD

c. The selection of instrument has not been recommended or determined yet. The business forecast will be updated as soon as a mechanism has been approved. Yes, a draft solicitation document for industry review will be considered.

**Bangladesh - Agricultural Infrastructure Development Program II:**

- a. Would USAID please confirm that the release date remains 10/15/2020?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI ahead of the full solicitation?

**USAID Response: Now called FTF Bangladesh Agricultural Infrastructure Development Activity**

- a. Yes
- b. TBD

**Bangladesh - FtF Livestock and Nutrition Activity:**

- a. Would USAID please confirm that the release date remains 9/30/2020?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI ahead of the full solicitation?
- c. Does USAID/Bangladesh plan to release an RFI or draft scope of work for the anticipated Livestock and Nutrition Activity?
- d. What procurement mechanism will USAID use for this activity?
- e. Could USAID clarify whether the program will be a contract or a cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes
- b. TBD
- c. TBD
- d. TBD
- e. Award type is TBD. The range is already listed in the Business Forecast.

**Bangladesh - Advancing Development and Growth through Energy (BADGE):**

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the timing of this solicitation?
- b. Will an RFI be released in advance of the solicitation?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Expected solicitation date is August 31, 2020. Business Forecast updated.
- b. TBD.

**Bangladesh - PSE: Can USAID provide any additional details at this time regarding the Bangladesh PSE in RMG Supply Chain activity, including technical focus?**

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI in advance of this solicitation?
- b. Please clarify the award/action type (contract, cooperative agreement, etc.)

- c. Does USAID anticipate a co-creation process?
- d. When does Bangladesh anticipate releasing its RFP for the Private Sector Engagement in the RMG sector project?
- e. Please confirm if this is the award description: “A pilot a [sic] Private Sector Engagement (PSE) initiative with RMG sourcing brands and suppliers to develop worker skills, health, and livelihoods.”
- f. Additionally, can the Mission confirm RMG is an abbreviation for ready-made garments?

**USAID Response:** USAID is unable to provide further details at this time, but the Business Forecast will be updated as appropriate.

- a. USAID published an RFI in March 2020 and received responses.
- b. The award type is to TBD.
- c. Yes; co-creation will be considered.
- d. USAID anticipates to release an RFP or RFA sometime after June 2021.
- e. Yes, this is an initial description.
- f. Yes, RMG is an abbreviation for ready-made garments.

**Benin - health bilateral:** Does USAID anticipate a community health bilateral for Benin that may be open to both international and local partners? If so, could USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not anticipate a community health bilateral for Benin that will be open to both international and local partners.

**Botswana:** In a previous forecast, USAID shared that it anticipates releasing an HIV-focused solicitation in Botswana during the COP20 period that will be limited to local organizations. Can USAID provide any additional information about this opportunity, including an anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** There is no available information that could be shared at this time. We will update the Business Forecast in due time.

**Burkina Faso - Governance Activity:**

- a. What is the new release date for Burkina Faso Governance Activity/ Can USAID confirm that the Burkina Faso Governance Activity will be released on 08/12
- b. Will USAID share more detailed information about this activity?
- c. Can USAID confirm the budget amount?

**USAID Response:**

- a. 08/12/2020 is the anticipated release date.

- b. USAID has no plans to release more information than what is already on the business forecast prior to the NOFO release. The Bridge and RISE II technical approach papers are available on the USAID Senegal [website](#).
- c. \$19M.

**Burkina Faso - Education and Child Protection:** Does USAID intend to release a child protection and/or education opportunity in Burkina in FY 2020 or FY 2021? If yes, we would appreciate any information available about the solicitation timing and regions to be included.

**USAID Response:** No information is available at this time. The forecast will be updated as information becomes available.

**Burkina Faso - Integrated Health Systems (IHS):**

- a. Can USAID/Burkina Faso provide an update on the anticipated mechanism and scope for the Integrated Health Activity and if they are planning on releasing a draft scope of work or Request for Information
- b. Does the Mission anticipate releasing a sources sought notice (SSN), request for information (RFI), or draft scope of work (SOW) for this opportunity?
- c. Could USAID clarify what the Award Type for the Burkina Faso Integrated Health Services (IHS) Activity opportunity will be?
- d. How does USAID envision this award being distinct from and/or coordinating with the Impact Malaria award?

**USAID Response:**

- a. A determination on the instrument type has not been finalized and there is no plan to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information.
- b. No. There is no plan to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information.
- c. A determination has not been finalized.
- d. Impact Malaria Award is currently supporting the National Malaria Control Program on the Therapeutic Efficacy Test (TES). The outcome of the TES should lead to a change in policy, if policy is changed this mechanism will implement the new policy.

**Burma (Myanmar): Defeat Malaria Project** - This project is due to end in August 2021. Will there be a new competitive funding opportunity for malaria activities in Burma (Myanmar) in FY21? If so, can USAID provide details on:

- a. The type of award
- b. The financial, technical and geographical scope
- c. Any eligibility restrictions
- d. Projected release date

**USAID Response:** USAID/Burma has not yet made a decision about a successor activity to Defeat Malaria. Please continue to check the business forecast for updates.

**Burma (Myanmar)- Education:** Can USAID provide any information on an upcoming education opportunity?

**USAID Response:** Not at this time.

**Burma (Myanmar)- CTIP:** Is USAID planning to issue a re-bid of the standalone CTIP award for Burma? If so, when is its anticipated release date and funding mechanism?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Burma does not have updates as to whether there will be a stand alone CTIP award.

**Burma (Myanmar): HIV/AIDS Flagship Project** - This project is due to end in December 2021. Will there be a new competitive funding opportunity for HIV/AIDS activities in Burma (Myanmar) in FY21? If so, can USAID provide details on:

- The type of award
- The financial, technical and geographical scope
- Any eligibility restrictions
- Projected release date

**USAID Response:** USAID/Burma has not yet made a decision about a successor activity to its flagship HIV/AIDS activity. Please continue to check the business forecast for updates.

**Burma (Myanmar) - TB:** Does USAID intend to release any funding opportunities for TB in Burma (Myanmar) in FY20 or FY21? If so, can USAID provide details on:

- a. The type of award
- b. The financial, technical and geographical scope
- c. Any eligibility restrictions
- d. Projected release date

**USAID Response:** USAID/Burma updates the business forecast with new planned activities when sufficient decisions about activity design have occurred. Please continue to check the business forecast for updates.

**Burma (Myanmar)- health:** Does USAID anticipate any new opportunities for Burma focused on health?

- a. If yes, can USAID provide further information on the anticipated technical scope of the planned solicitation(s)?
- b. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated geographic scope of planned solicitation(s)?

c. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated timing of planned solicitation(s)?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Burma updates the business forecast with new planned activities when sufficient decisions about activity design have occurred. Please continue to check the business forecast for updates.

**Burundi:** Does USAID anticipate any procurements out of USAID/Burundi in 2020 or 2021?

**USAID Response:** There are no updates to provide at the moment. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast about future planned acquisition and assistance actions.

**Cambodia - CTIP:** Is USAID planning to release a standalone CTIP opportunity for Cambodia? If so, when is the anticipated release date and funding mechanism?

**USAID Response:** A standalone activity is not planned at this time. Please continue monitoring the business forecast for any updates.

**Cambodia:** Is USAID/Cambodia expected to solicit any RFP solicitations this year?

**USAID Response:** Yes - activity planning processes are ongoing. Please continue monitoring the business forecast for any updates.

**Colombia - Local Capacity Building Activity Stronger Together/Strengthening Together Activity:**

- a. What are the estimated release and award dates for the RFP?
- b. Will this be an RFP or RFA?
- c. Will this be a BAA procurement process?
- d. Will this be an F&O procurement or a small business set-aside?
- e. What contractual vehicle will the RFP be released under? (e.g., OASIS Unrestricted or OASIS SB Pool 1, PSS, etc.)
- f. Is there an incumbent contractor?
- g. Will this opportunity be restricted to local primes?
- h. What will be the anticipated value for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. An estimated release date has not yet been determined at this time but we are hoping for a release date in the first quarter of the 2021 Fiscal Year.
- b. It has not yet been determined whether this will be acquisition or assistance.
- c. This has not yet been determined.
- d. This has not yet been determined.

- e. This has not yet been determined.
- f. There is not an incumbent contractor.
- g. This has not yet been determined.
- h. The internal government cost estimate is still being finalized.

**Colombia:** Is the **Colombia Conflict Survivors Resilience Activity** still in the plans? The release date was anticipated to be on or around May 29, 2020.

**USAID Response:** This Activity was renamed to Weaving Lives and Hope (WLH). The WLH Activity was included in the Business Forecast on March 6th, 2020 and the NOFO was publicized on grants.gov on June 1st, 2020.

**Colombia:** Does USAID anticipate any new funding being allocated to energy programs in Colombia?

**USAID Response:** The Mission is considering options for its renewable energy programming with a focus on leveraging private sector investment

**Colombia - FEMPOW:** USAID recently released a RFI for this opportunity but it does not yet appear on the Business Forecast. Would USAID kindly provide additional information regarding the anticipated timing and award/action type for this opportunity? Would USAID kindly add this opportunity to the Business Forecast?

**USAID Response:** The Business Forecast was updated on July 2, 2020 to include this new activity. Anticipated release date and award type information is available. Please refer to the Business Forecast for further details.

**Colombia -Venezuela Response and Integration (VRI):**

- a. In April 2020, USAID/Colombia released an RFI for an anticipated Venezuela Response and Integration IDIQ. Could USAID/Colombia please confirm whether this RFI will result in a procurement opportunity and if so, what is the anticipated release date.
- b. The RFI indicated that USAID may choose to host an Industry Day related to this Activity. Could USAID kindly provide an update on any planned pre-solicitation engagements?
- c. Could USAID provide details on the value range for this activity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID/Colombia Response: This potential activity is still at the design stage and, as such, until all internal approvals have been obtained, it is not possible to confirm an exact date for the release of this procurement opportunity; however, it is expected that this solicitation is publicized in the Government Point of Entry during Q1 - FY2021.

- b. USAID/Colombia Response: If an Industry Day/Bidders' Conference is seen as a viable option, it is usually carried out 20-30 days after releasing the solicitation, in order to provide potential offerors and stakeholders sufficient time to familiarize with the contents of the RFP.
- c. The internal government cost estimate is still being finalized.

**Colombia Amazon Forests and Biodiversity:** Would USAID kindly confirm that this opportunity is expected to be released, per the current business forecast, in August 2020? Can USAID provide any updates regarding the scope and scale of this program?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to monitor the business forecast for further information about this activity.

**Cote d'Ivoire - CDI Maternal Child Health (MCH) Family Planning (FP):** Is there any news of when this opportunity will be released on the forecast? Can USAID confirm the funding mechanism they will use for this opportunity? Does USAID intend on releasing an RFI for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** The bilateral MCH/FP/MIP opportunity is now planned for FY2021. USAID anticipates that an RFI will be released by March 2021.

**Cote d'Ivoire:** Is USAID planning any new opportunities in the OVC sector for Cote d'Ivoire?

**USAID Response:** At this time, OVC opportunities are planned but not until FY 2021.

**Cote d'Ivoire - health:** In the FY20 Q1 and Q2 Business Forecast Q&As, **USAID/Cote d'Ivoire** mentioned that health procurements in FY20 focusing on malaria, maternal and child health, and family planning were in the design phase. Can USAID provide an update on where these activities are in the design process, and any additional information such as anticipated project scope(s), award mechanism(s), and anticipated release date(s)?

- a. Could USAID please provide additional information on the health procurements anticipated for Cote d'Ivoire for FY20? Is USAID planning to include the opportunities in the forecast anytime soon? This would allow more efficient organizational preparation and planning.
- b. The Q&A for the FY20 Q2 USAID Business Forecast call indicates that USAID intends to publish one or more health solicitations for Cote d'Ivoire. To date, no such solicitations appear in the forecast database. Could USAID kindly indicate how many health solicitations it anticipates, their technical and geographic scopes, intended mechanism(s), expected award size(s) and when the solicitation(s) will be released?
- c. Can USAID please provide any available information on the timing and content of the health bilateral for Cote d'Ivoire?
- d. In the Quarter 2 Forecast Q&A, USAID informed that health procurement(s) with focus

on malaria, maternal and child health and family planning would be anticipated. Has USAID been able to determine whether there will be an integrated health project with a malaria component, or whether one of those procurements will be for a malaria specific project? Could USAID please share any update on the anticipated timing of these procurements?

- e. How many different procurements are planned and what are their technical scopes?
- f. What are the expected award amounts and contracting mechanisms?
- g. What are the expected solicitation release dates?

**USAID Response:** . The design of the malaria, MCH and FP activities is progressing steadily. It is taking longer than expected because the USAID Health Team is conducting intensive stakeholder consultations to ensure that the activities respond well to country needs. With further delays in the design work caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Health Office expects to release an integrated MCH/FP/MIP activity in FY2021. We expect it to be a cooperative agreement. The scope of this activity will include tackling the major causes of maternal, neonatal and child mortality. It will also include malaria in pregnancy (MIP). A bilateral malaria service delivery activity is also being designed and will be released in December 2020.

- a. There is currently a stand-alone malaria service delivery activity under design. It is planned to be a cooperative agreement and will be released in December 2020.
- b. A bilateral malaria service delivery opportunity (planned as a CA) is expected to be released by December 2020. The activity is expected to be implemented in approximately 40 health districts in the eastern part of Cote d'Ivoire. The award size will be determined in due course.
- c. A bilateral malaria service delivery opportunity is planned to be released in December 2020 (see above). Another bilateral integrated MCH/FP/MIP opportunity is expected to be released in FY2021. Geographic scope and award size for this opportunity will be announced later.
- d. The Health Office plans to release two bilateral opportunities of which malaria will form a part: 1) A bilateral malaria service delivery opportunity (a cooperative agreement) with components of malaria diagnosis and treatment (clinical and community), distribution and promotion of use of LLINs and health behavior change interventions. This is expected to be released by December 2020 and will be implemented in about 40 districts in Eastern Cote d'Ivoire. 2) A bilateral integrated MCH/FP/MIP opportunity (cooperative agreement) to be released in FY2021. Geographic scope and award size yet to be determined.
- e. Total of 3 procurements: 1) Bilateral malaria service opportunity to be released by December 2020. 2) Integrated MCH/FP/MIP opportunity to be released in FY2021. 3) Bilateral OVC opportunity to be released in Q4 of 2021 (Details above)
- f. All opportunities will be cooperative agreements. Award amounts will be released later.
- g. The Health Office anticipates three procurements: 1) Bilateral malaria service opportunity to be released by end of 2020. 2) Integrated MCH/FP/MIP opportunity to be released in FY2021. 3) Bilateral OVC opportunity to be released in Q4 of 2021. This information could change during the design process so consult the Business Forecast for most accurate information.



**Cote d'Ivoire - Accountability for Development:** Can USAID provide an update on the Accountability for Development APS in Cote d'Ivoire? Have any awards been made for Round 1? If not, when does USAID anticipate making the awards?

**USAID Response:** USAID successfully made one award during Round 1. USAID does not anticipate any additional awards at this time.

**Cote d'Ivoire:** Could USAID provide any more information regarding the Cote D'Ivoire New Malaria, MCH and FP Activity?

**USAID Response:** The Health Office plans to release two bilateral opportunities of which malaria will form a part: 1) A bilateral malaria service delivery opportunity with components of malaria diagnosis and treatment (clinical and community), distribution and promotion of use of LLINs and health behavior change interventions. This is expected to be released by end of 2020 and will be implemented in about 40 districts in Eastern Cote d'Ivoire. 2) A bilateral integrated MCH/FP/MIP opportunity to be released in FY2021. Geographic scope and award size yet to be determined. Both bilateral opportunities (malaria and integrated MCH/FP/MIP) are intended to be awarded through a full and open competition. This information could change during the design process so consult the Business Forecast for most accurate information.

**Cote d'Ivoire - Resilience for Peace:** Can USAID please clarify the release date for the Resilience for Peace program in Côte d'Ivoire RFA?

**USAID Response:** The RFA release date for this activity has been updated to 7/24/2020 in the Business Forecast.

**Côte d'Ivoire:** USAID Mission Cote d'Ivoire: USAID-funded new malaria, maternal and child health (MCH) and family planning (FP) activity in Côte d'Ivoire, can the mission confirm that this is going to be full and open competition? What is the tentative publication of the NOFO, the tentative award amount?

**USAID Response:** The Health Office plans to release two bilateral opportunities of which malaria will form a part: 1) A bilateral malaria service delivery opportunity with components of malaria diagnosis and treatment (clinical and community), distribution and promotion of use of LLINs and health behavior change interventions. This is expected to be released by end of 2020 and will be implemented in about 40 districts in Eastern Cote d'Ivoire. 2) A bilateral integrated MCH/FP/MIP opportunity to be released in FY2021. Geographic scope and award size yet to be determined. Both bilateral opportunities (malaria and integrated MCH/FP/MIP) are intended to be awarded through a full and open competition. This information could change during the design process so consult the Business Forecast for most accurate information.

**Democratic Republic of Congo - Child and Youth Education Response Activity (CYERA):** Why was the cost sharing required in the CYERA RFA was 25%?

**USAID Response:** 25% cost share is a projection of how much "skin in the game" the planner estimates is needed to achieve the objectives of this activity.

**Democratic Republic of Congo - Public Policy:** Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated solicitation release date for the *Public Policy* opportunity?

**USAID Response:** There is no anticipated release date at the moment. Internal discussions are ongoing regarding the need and the added-value of this activity.

**Democratic Republic of the Congo - Foundational Literacy for Improved Educational Resilience (FLIER):**

- a. Can USAID update the expected award date?
- b. Why do they want a 1:1 leverage for the FLIER RFA?

**USAID Response:** The expected award date is April 2021. USAID/DRC removed the 1:1 leverage requirement from the FLIER APS through Amendment 1.

**Democratic Republic of Congo - Partnership for the Development of Eastern Congo:**

- a. When does USAID anticipate the release of the NOFO?
- b. Does USAID intend to make one award or multiple awards?
- c. If it is multiple awards, can USAID confirm if they will be divided geographically or by sector?
- d. Can USAID please confirm the Award/Action Type for any eventual award(s)?
- e. Can USAID provide an expected date of award(s) and expected size of award(s)?
- f. Will the PDEC APS come out under the New Partnership Initiative, or will applicants be expected to work toward the goals of the NPI by seeking to expand the partner base in Eastern DRC?
- g. This opportunity is not currently listed on the forecast, but an RFI was issued on February 6, 2020. Can USAID confirm whether it intends to issue a solicitation for this project?
- h. If yes, can USAID confirm the intended total estimated cost/amount range, anticipated solicitation release date, number of awards and mechanism?
- i. Does USAID plan to add this opportunity to the online forecast?
- j. Could USAID indicate how many RFAs/RFPs it expects to release under this opportunity and how many awards it expects to fund?

**USAID Response:**

A. USAID/DRC hopes to issue the notice of funding opportunity before the end of FY 2020.

- B. Subject to the availability of funds, USAID/DRC intends to make multiple awards and reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications.
- C. USAID/DRC cannot determine whether the awards will be divided geographically or by sector at this time, but the broad geographic focus of the activity will be eastern Congo.
- D. This award is planned as assistance.
- E. USAID/DRC intends to make multiple awards with the total amount not to exceed approximately \$60,000,000 over five years. USAID is still in the planning process of this activity, and will note the expected award date in the request for applications.
- F. PDEC will not come out under the New Partnership Initiative, but USAID/DRC aims to empower new and underutilized partners, many of which are local and locally established organizations, and will encourage applications from these organizations.
- G. It is now listed. Yes, USAID/DRC intends to issue a request for applications for this activity.

Questions H and I and J have already been answered.

**Democratic Republic of Congo: An Agriculture Diversification and Market Systems for Resilience Activity for DRC** was anticipated to be released on January 31, 2020. Has the activity been cancelled?

**USAID Response:** No, the activity has not been canceled. The RFTOP was released on December 17, 2019, and the deadline for proposals was on March 16, 2020. The Government is currently evaluating proposals.

**Democratic Republic of Congo:** Are there any updates as to the anticipated solicitation release date for the [Public Policy Support Activity](#) for DRC, which was set to be released June 15, 2020?

**USAID Response:** There is no anticipated release date at the moment. Internal discussions are ongoing regarding the need and the added-value for this activity.

**Democratic Republic of Congo - Monitoring Evaluation Coordination Contract II (MECC II):**

When does USAID intend to release the DRC Monitoring Evaluation Coordination Contract II (MECC II)? Does USAID intend to use the newly awarded EVAL-ME II IDIQ for this contract?

- a. Can USAID provide an update on when this RFP will be issued?
- b. Can USAID indicate what mechanism will be used for this solicitation?
- c. Would USAID be able to provide an update to the anticipated date of release set aside status, and (whether this forecasted opportunity will come through an existing procurement vehicle?
- d. Will this be released as a small-business set aside?
- e. At one point, the budget ranged listed on the forecast as \$500,000 - \$1,000,000. Can USAID confirm whether or not this was accurate?

**USAID Response:**

- A. The anticipated released date is September 2020.
- B. This is acquisition.
- C. This is a new procurement.
- D. It is also a Total Set Aside.
- E. The Budget ranges between 25 and 50 Million USD.

**Democratic Republic of Congo - Public Policy Activity:**

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated solicitation release date for the DRC Public Policy Activity?
- b. Can USAID provide further details as to whether the DRC Public Policy Activity will focus predominantly on national or local policy?
- c. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated solicitation release date and award type for the Sanitation Activity? Could USAID provide further details on the anticipated zones of intervention?
- d. Can USAID/DRC provide an updated anticipated award date for the DRC Bednet Distribution Activity?

**USAID Response:** There are no answers to these questions. Internal discussions are ongoing regarding the need and the added-value of this activity.

**Democratic Republic of Congo - Public Policy Support Activity:** Would USAID kindly provide an update to the anticipated release date for the DRC Public Policy Support Activity which is still listed as 6/15/2020 on the Business Forecast and is now past due.

**USAID Response:** Internal discussions are ongoing regarding the need and the added-value for this activity. The business forecast has been updated.

**Democratic Republic of Congo - Sanitation Activity in the DRC:** USAID recently released a RFI for this opportunity but it does not yet appear on the Business Forecast. Will USAID provide additional information on the anticipated timing and award/action type for this procurement following the pre-solicitation conference scheduled for 7/23/2020? Would USAID kindly add this new opportunity to the Business Forecast?

**USAID Response:** This activity is still in the early phases of its design.

**Democratic Republic of Congo - Sustainable WASH BAA:** Would USAID kindly provide an update on the status of this BAA process. Is the BAA still considered in progress? Does USAID anticipate making any awards as a result of the co-creation process held in March 2019?

**USAID Response:** Yes, this procurement is still ongoing. Yes, award(s) will be made.

**Dominican Republic:** The Dominican Republic Mission/Caribbean Development Program issued a Deferral of Threshold Determination for the Caribbean Energy Sector Modernization project, which referred to an implementation period of FY 2019-2025. Does USAID have any updated information about the timeline of this opportunity? Also, could USAID kindly confirm which might be the project's Implementing Operating Unit(s)?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Dominican Republic is working on the design of the Caribbean Energy Initiative "Promote self-reliance in USAID Caribbean partner countries by bolstering the resilience and performance of energy systems across the region". Currently, the final version of the PAD is expected to be approved by mid August, and subsequently, the core team will start the activity design and implementation process. The CEI will be housed under the Caribbean Development Program (CDP), managed by the Dominican Republic (DR) mission and is expected to benefit the following countries in the region: Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, and the Eastern and Southern Caribbean (ESC).

**East Timor:** Does USAID intend to solicit any RFPs this year stemming from a new Country Development Cooperation Strategy?

**USAID Response:** Yes. The new Country Development Cooperation Strategy for USAID/Timor-Leste is being developed. New activities will be solicited after the CDCS is in place. Please continue to monitor the USAID Business Forecast for more information.

**Ecuador:** Can USAID provide a timeframe and programmatic priorities for its procurement pipeline in Ecuador?

**USAID Response:** Interested parties should review Ecuador's New Partnership Initiative for the mission's programmatic priorities - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=327398>

**Ecuador:** The USAID/Ecuador New Partnerships Initiative APS has a topic for COVID-19 response, but states that funding is not currently available for COVID-19 specific activities. Since the release of the NOFO, has USAID/Ecuador identified, or does it expect to identify, funding for this topic?

**USAID Response:** Unfortunately USAID/Ecuador does not have control over how and when COVID-19 funds might be received. The mission is hopeful if COVID-19 funds are received, Concept Notes under this sector that once and if the Mission receives funding, awards could then be rapidly put into place based on the Concept Notes that have been already received and which show promise.

**Egypt - Services to Improve Performance Management, Enhance Learning and Evaluation**

**(SIMPLE):** In the first quarter FY20 business forecast Q&A, USAID specified that Egypt is in the process of determining if, and in what form, a potential follow-on to SIMPLE might take.

- a. Is there any further information on a SIMPLE follow-on project or other, similar activity at this time?
- b. What are the estimated release and award dates for the RFP?

**USAID Response:** There is no further information on this at this time as USAID/Egypt continues to plan for this activity.

**Egypt - Building Egypt's Skilled Workforce** On the business forecast the release date is listed as 6/28/2020. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date of this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** A synopsis was posted on June 25, 2020 and the solicitation will be posted at, or close to, the time frame allowed in the FAR.

**Egypt:** Please confirm if the anticipated release date for the Business Egypt RFP is October, 2020?

**USAID Response:** This is our best current estimate.

**Egypt:** Can USAID provide information related to a possible Business Egypt bridge program to continue some of the work performed under the predecessor program? Will a solicitation be released for such work and if so what time period?

**USAID Response:** There is no further information that is appropriate to release at this time.

**Egypt - Women's Empowerment:** Could USAID please clarify what the Award Type will be for the USAID/Egypt Women's Empowerment opportunity?

- a. Could USAID please update the anticipated solicitation release date for the USAID/Egypt Women's Empowerment opportunity?
- b. Would USAID provide details regarding the award/action type for this procurement? Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated solicitation release date for the Egypt Women's Empowerment activity which is still listed as 6/15/2020 and is now past due?
- c. Can USAID please clarify if the resulting award of the anticipated Egypt Women's Empowerment activity will be a contract or cooperative agreement?
- d. The release date on the forecast is 6/15/2020. Could you please provide an updated release date for this opportunity?
- e. Can you please confirm the award type for this opportunity?
- f. Can you please provide an award date for this opportunity?

- g. Can you please provide the expected award value for this opportunity?
- h. Does USAID anticipate a grants component for this program?
- i. Can USAID confirm that this opportunity will include a co-creation process? If so, can you please provide additional information about the anticipated co-creation process?
- j. Will UN Women be eligible to bid on this opportunity? Our understanding is that they usually partner with USAID through a Public International Organization award; therefore, they would not be bidding with other interested international partners. Can you please elaborate on the contracting mechanism they would be eligible for?
- k. With regards to the Women's Empowerment opportunity in Egypt, could you please clarify whether there will be a research or monitoring, evaluation and learning component of the proposed activity. Could you also please clarify the expected duration of the project?

**USAID Response:** This activity is still under design, but is expected to result in a Cooperative Agreement awarded after a co-creation process. The current expected award value is approximately \$39 million. We now expect release of the NOFO before September 1, 2020. Please keep in mind that we attempt to provide the partner community with the best information possible on release dates so that they can improve their planning; however, design of new activities is a challenging process with many components, so estimates are not perfect, especially now when we are struggling to work outside of our normal environment and have to prioritize emergency COVID responses over long-term activities. If the partner community prefers, we can change our practice and provide very conservative estimates of release dates to avoid having to update if circumstances change. No other additional information is available at this time.

**Egypt - Building Egypt's Skilled Workforce:**

- a. Could USAID/Egypt please provide an update on the anticipated release date for the Building Egypt's Skilled Workforce proposal, given that the anticipated release date currently listed on the USAID forecast is June 28, 2020, which has recently passed?
- b. Could USAID/Egypt please provide any updates on the anticipated award dates for the Egypt Economic Courts Activity, Integrated Management of Egypt's Cultural Tourism opportunity, and the Egypt Economic Governance Activity? Is it still USAID's intention to award these opportunities before the end of FY 2020?

**USAID Response:** a. The Workforce RFP was synopsised recently, which means that the solicitation is expected to be released consistent with the timeframe in the FAR. b. USAID/Egypt does expect to award all three of the awards referenced above before the end of the fiscal year.

**East Africa Regional Integration and Stronger Economies (RISE) IDIQ:** Can USAID please provide details on anticipated timing and scope of any future task orders under the East Africa RISE IDIQ?

**USAID Response:** USAID/KEA anticipates new request for task order proposal being issued by late 4th qtr FY2020 or early FY2021.

**El Salvador:** What solicitations does USAID El Salvador expect to release within the next year?

**USAID Response:** New El Salvador programs on citizen security, justice and economic growth are under discussion. Please monitor the business forecast for updates.

**El Salvador - New Higher Education Activity:** This opportunity was removed from the USAID Forecast. Is there any update on the anticipated size of the award, solicitation release date, or anticipated funding mechanism?

**USAID Response:** This activity has been cancelled.

**El Salvador:** USAID El Salvador had previously issued an RFI for the Power Efficiency and Reliability Improvement Activity on June 21, 2018, however no procurement was realized. Does USAID anticipate allocating any funding to energy programs in El Salvador for FY21?

**USAID Response:** This continues to be under review. A procurement is still uncertain.

**El Salvador - Economic Growth:** Does USAID anticipate releasing any Economic Growth programming in El Salvador? If so, what is the expected release date? If yes, does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or a Request for Information (RFI) for this program? Also if yes, can USAID clarify whether the programming will be in the form of a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?

**USAID Response:** New economic growth programs are under discussion, but any resulting solicitation will likely not be issued in the short term.

**El Salvador:** What is the status and anticipated release date of the El Salvador Citizen Security RFP?

**USAID Response:** New citizen security activities are under discussion. Please monitor [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov) and [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) for future opportunities.

**El Salvador:** Given recent funding announcements, could USAID/El Salvador please confirm whether the Mission anticipates releasing new solicitations and if so, could USAID/El Salvador please provide additional details on these potential opportunities?

a. Is USAID planning any youth workforce development or higher education activities?



- b. Can USAID please clarify a release date for the anticipated El Salvador primary education opportunity?
- c. Can USAID please clarify what early childhood development opportunities are on the forecast for El Salvador?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes, we are currently discussing a potential workforce development activity but not a higher education activity.
- b. New primary education programs are under design. We do not anticipate issuing a solicitation in the short term.
- c. New early childhood development activities are under discussion.

**El Salvador:** Does USAID/El Salvador intend to release a follow on to the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Initiative?

- a. If so, could you confirm the estimated release date?

**USAID Response:** A follow on activity is under consideration but a decision has not yet been made.

**El Salvador:** What is the status and anticipated release date of the Supporting Effective Justice in El Salvador RFP?

**USAID Response:** New justice programs are under discussion. Please monitor the business forecast for updates.

**El Salvador:** With the release of the Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report for 2020, does USAID anticipate new opportunities in El Salvador for FY20 or FY21?

**USAID Response:** A decision has not been made on this issue.

**Ethiopia:** Could USAID provide any updated information regarding potential solicitations to Ethiopia beyond what is on the current Business Forecast?

**USAID Response:** No all potential solicitations are listed on the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia - Empowered Communities for Better Health (ECBH) and Health System Strengthening (HSS):**

- a. Can USAID provide any new update on the HSS and ECBH Project Appraisal Document (HSS PAD) in Ethiopia? Does USAID anticipate releasing RFPs for these activities?

- b. What contractual mechanism will the RFP be released?
- c. Will there be more than one procurement for this award? If so, what contractual mechanism(s) will be used?
- d. What are the estimated release and award dates for the RFP?
- e. Will this be a BAA process?
- f. Please clarify the focus, solicitation release timeline, estimated value, award mechanism, and eligibility restrictions for each activity.
- g. Please clarify the geographic focus of each anticipated award
- h. Will USAID be updating the Project Appraisal Document given the coronavirus?
- i. Does USAID expect this to fall under NPI?
- j. Could USAID indicate how many RFAs they expect to release under each of these program descriptions?
- k. Could USAID please provide further detail on the targeted programmatic and geographic areas for each opportunity?
- l. Does USAID have an estimated date of release for these RFAs?
- m. Can USAID confirm the amount of funding anticipated for each award?
- n. Does USAID plan to add these opportunities to the online forecast?
- o. Will malaria be supported under either (or both) of these opportunities, or any other upcoming health bilaterals for Ethiopia?
- p. USAID/Ethiopia released the Empowered Communities for Better Health (ECBH) and Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) RFIs in February 2020. Can USAID/Ethiopia please clarify what procurements will be released under each of these broader strategies, along with the intended mechanism and anticipated release dates?
- q. In February 2020, USAID posted Requests for Information for the Empowered Communities for Better Health (ECBH) and Health System Strengthening (HSS) projects in Ethiopia. When does USAID anticipate posting the procurements for these opportunities?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ethiopia’s Empowered Communities for Better Health (ECBH) is a “project”. It will have multiple “activities”. These activities or procurements are in the initial stages of design. The focus of these anticipated activities (including technical and geographical focus), whether each activity will be competitively procured, the solicitation release timeline, estimated value, etc. are still being finalized. At the appropriate time, each activity slated for competitive procurement will be listed individually in the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia - CLA:**

- a. Can USAID provide clarification on the timing of the BAA process? Is the listed solicitation release date of October 30 the anticipated beginning of the BAA process (Stage 1) or will an EOI be requested prior to that date?
- b. Can USAID provide more information on the anticipated acquisition mechanism for this opportunity?
- c. Can USAID share an expected schedule for co-creation? Given current travel restrictions and health concerns regarding COVID-19, does USAID anticipate having virtual co-creation workshops?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ethiopia issued a Mission-wide Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) earlier this year. The Mission anticipates to release several addenda under the Mission-wide BAA. The CLA Platform is expected to be one such addendum under the BAA. We anticipate the addendum calling for expressions of interest (EOI) will be released by October 30, 2020. The acquisition is in design so the choice of instrument has not been chosen. If COVID-19 related concerns are still prevalent, the Mission anticipates holding a virtual co-creation workshop.

**Ethiopia - Broad Mission Announcement:** Does USAID intend to release any addenda under the Ethiopia Broad Mission Announcement? If so, could USAID please add the anticipated addenda to the Business Forecast?

**USAID Response:** Yes, the Mission anticipates to release several addenda under the Mission-wide Broad Agency Announcement (BAA). Each activity slated for competitive procurement/announcement via an addendum to the BAA will be listed individually in the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia - BMA:** Can USAID please advise on the anticipated sectors expected under the BMA 72066320BMA00001? Can USAID advise on the expected release date for the addenda?

**USAID Response:** The Mission-wide Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) is written against the Mission's CDCS' problem statements/development challenges. As such, it covers the Mission's entire portfolio and all sectors. Specific sectors are not determined at this time. Each activity slated for competitive procurement/announcement via an addendum to the BAA will be listed individually in the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia - upcoming youth programming:** Can USAID provide any additional details regarding upcoming youth programming in Ethiopia?

**USAID Response:** The Mission is anticipating several activities under its Ethiopia Youth Empowerment (EYE) Project. These activities are in the design stage. Each competitive activity will be listed as a separate action in the Business Forecast as soon as the information is available.

**Ethiopia - EiE and basic education opportunity:** Can USAID provide more information on:

- a. the timeline for solicitation release and award notification (2) number of awards (3) eligibility requirements
- b. funding mechanism
- c. total estimated amount of funding (6) regional focus?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ethiopia is in the design phase of activities in the Education portfolio. The focus of these anticipated activities (including technical and geographical focus), the

procurement/funding mechanism, the solicitation release timeline, estimated value, etc. are still under discussion. Once determined, each activity will be listed separately on the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia - Empowered Communities for Better Health:** Can USAID provide more information on:

- a. the timeline for solicitation release
- b. number of awards
- c. eligibility requirements
- d. funding mechanism
- e. total estimated amount of funding?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ethiopia’s Empowered Communities for Better Health (ECBH) is a “project”. It will have multiple “activities”. These activities or procurements are in the final stages of design. The focus of these anticipated activities (including technical and geographical focus), whether each activity will be competitively procured, the solicitation release timeline, estimated value, etc. are still being finalized. At the appropriate time, each activity slated for competitive procurement will be listed individually in the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia - Ethiopia Health System Strengthening:** Can USAID provide more information on:

- a. the timeline for solicitation release
- b. number of awards
- c. eligibility requirements
- d. funding mechanism
- e. total estimated amount of funding
- f. This opportunity is not currently listed on the forecast, but an RFI was issued on February 14, 2020. Can USAID confirm whether it intends to issue a solicitation for this project?
- g. If yes, can USAID confirm the intended total estimated cost/amount range, anticipated solicitation release date, number of awards and mechanism?
- h. Will USAID be updating the Project Appraisal Document given the coronavirus?
- i. Does USAID anticipate this to fall under the NPI?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ethiopia’s Ethiopia Health System Strengthening is a “project”. It will have multiple “activities”. These activities or procurements are in the final stages of design. The focus of these anticipated activities (including technical and geographical focus), whether each activity will be competitively procured, the solicitation release timeline, estimated value, etc. are still being finalized. At the appropriate time, each activity slated for competitive procurement will be listed individually in the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia - Ethiopia integrated Youth project:** Can USAID provide more information on:

- a. the timeline for solicitation release and award notification
- b. number of awards
- c. eligibility requirements

- d. funding mechanism
- e. total estimated amount of funding
- f. sectoral and regional focus

**USAID Response:** The Integrated Youth Empowerment Activity is in the design stage. It will be included in the Business Forecast as soon as the information is available.

**Ethiopia:** Does USAID/Ethiopia intend to issue a follow on to the Ethiopia Private Health Sector Project (PHSP)? If so, what is the anticipated timing and mechanism for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** Yes, USAID/Ethiopia plans to issue a follow-on to its Private Health Sector Project (PHSP) activity. This follow on is currently in the early stages of design. At the appropriate time, the follow-on will be listed in the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia - Empowered Communities for Better Health (ECBH):** In February 2020, USAID Ethiopia released an RFI for “Empowered Communities for Better Health (ECBH)”. What is the anticipated release date for the ECBH opportunity?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ethiopia’s Empowered Communities for Better Health (ECBH) is a “project”. It will have multiple “activities”. These activities or procurements are in the final stages of design. The focus of these anticipated activities (including technical and geographical focus), whether each activity will be competitively procured, the solicitation release timeline, estimated value, etc. are still being finalized. At the appropriate time, each activity slated for competitive procurement will be listed individually in the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia - Growth through Nutrition Activity:**

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow on?
- b. If yes, what is the anticipated release date?
- c. If yes, does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or RFI for the program?
- d. Could USAID clarify whether the program will be a contract or cooperation agreement and the size of the procurement?

**USAID Response:** This is under review . As soon as information is available, it will be shared on the Business Forecast, as appropriate.

**Ethiopia:** could USAID please confirm when it intends to add the anticipated HIV activities (OVC, Care and Treatment) it issued an RFI for to its business forecast and if USAID anticipates releasing these opportunities in the current fiscal year?

- a. Will the OVC and CHCT components be combined under the AS-HIV-ECA 2020-2025 opportunity?
- b. What is the anticipated release date of the AS-HIV-ECA opportunity?

c. What is the expected budget ceiling for the AS-HIV-ECA opportunity?

**USAID Response:** This is under review . As soon as information is available, it will be shared on the Business Forecast, as appropriate.

**Ethiopia:** could USAID confirm if the Empowered Communities for Better Health opportunity will be a single award or if USAID anticipates splitting up this activity either geographically or technically?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ethiopia’s Empowered Communities for Better Health (ECBH) is a “project”. It will have multiple “activities”. These activities or procurements are in the initial stages of design. The focus of these anticipated activities (including technical and geographical focus), whether each activity will be competitively procured, the solicitation release timeline, estimated value, etc. are still being finalized. At the appropriate time, each activity slated for competitive procurement will be listed individually in the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia - Achieving and Sustaining HIV Epidemic Control Activities (AS-HIV-ECA) 2020-2025:**

What is the anticipated solicitation release date for the AS-HIV-ECA RFA? Does USAID still anticipate making multiple awards? Does USAID still anticipate making both regional and national awards?

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated release and award date of HIV-focused assistance as well as its regional focus?
- b. Can USAID/Ethiopia provide an update on if there are anticipated programs in design from the draft Project Appraisal Documents and the Ethiopia HIV RFI? If so, can USAID provide information on potential mechanism(s), value, and anticipated release date(s)?
- c. Achieving and Sustaining HIV Epidemic Control Activities (AS-HIV-ECA) 2020-2025: Can USAID elaborate if this will be an RFA calling for full proposal or does USAID anticipate using a multi-phase process (e.g., with a co-creation workshop, concept paper, or something similar)?
- d. Ethiopia - Achieving and Sustaining HIV Epidemic Control Activities (AS-HIV-ECA) 2020-2025: Is USAID considering issuing this under the NPI Global Health APS?

**USAID Response:** These activities are under review . As soon as information is available, it will be shared on the Business Forecast, as appropriate.

**Ethiopia - follow on to Strengthening Institutions for Peace and Development (SIPED II):** Does USAID anticipate a follow on to SIPED II and if so, can you share anything about the anticipated timing of an RFI or solicitation?

**USAID Response:** There are no current plans for a follow-on to SIPED II.

**Ethiopia - Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM):** Can USAID confirm that there will be a follow-on

to the current Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) award?

- a. Will the next award remain focused exclusively on Nutrition and WASH response?
- b. Can USAID advise as to when further details about this anticipated activity will be added to the USAID Forecast?

**USAID Response:** This is still in discussion within the Mission. As soon as information is available, it will be shared on the Business Forecast, as appropriate.

**Ethiopia - youth programming:** Can USAID provide any additional details regarding upcoming youth programming in Ethiopia?

**USAID Response:** The Mission is anticipating several activities under its Ethiopia Youth Empowerment (EYE) Project. These activities are in the design stage, so no additional information is available. Each competitive activity will be listed as a separate action in the Business Forecast as soon as the information is available.

Please provide an update on the timing of this opportunity? Will USAID limit expressions of interest for addenda to single organizations or will it consider expressions from consortia?

**USAID Response:** Any specific response requirements will be included in the addenda when issued.

**Ethiopia:**

- a. Does USAID anticipate any procurements out of USAID/Ethiopia in 2020 or 2021?
- b. Can USAID please provide an update on its timing for the release of a draft scope of work for the upcoming Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Activity? Could USAID please add the solicitation to the Business Forecast?
- c. In the FY20 Q2 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID noted that a new market systems development activity was being designed. Could USAID please provide an update on this activity?

**USAID Response:** All procurements will be issued on the Business Forecast. With respect to the other activities, they are still in the design phase. As soon as information is available, it will be listed on the Business Forecast, as appropriate.

**Ethiopia - Market Systems and Resilience Activity:**

- a. In the previous forecast Q&A, USAID stated that a Market Systems and Resilience Activity was under design. Does USAID intend to add this opportunity to the Business Forecast?
- b. Does USAID intend to release an RFI or draft SOW for this opportunity?
- c. Would USAID confirm whether this Activity will be a follow-on to a previous program?

d. Could USAID clarify whether the program will be a contract or cooperation agreement, and the size of the procurement?

**USAID Response:** This activity is still in design. Additional information will be provided in the future.

**Ethiopia - Collaboration, Learning and Adapting (CLA):** Under the Ethiopia Collaboration Learning and Adapting BAA with the successful Implementing Partner be able to bid on procurements or will this create a conflict of interest?

a. Would USAID be able to provide an update on if this will be a small business set-aside?

b. Would USAID also be able to confirm if this procurement will result in a cooperative agreement or in the award of a contract?

c. According to the forecast, Ethiopia CLA Platform is to be released on 10/30/2020. Is that still the planned release date? Is this opportunity a follow-on to the Ethiopia EPMES activity or a separate activity?

d. Can USAID please confirm whether the USAID Ethiopia Collaboration, Learning and Adapting (CLA) Platform is a follow-on to the Ethiopia Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Services (EPMES) activity?

e. Per the forecast, USAID has indicated that this opportunity will come out under a Broad Agency Announcement. Could USAID provide additional information on why this Award/Action Type has been selected? It's an unusual mechanism for a mission support opportunity.

**USAID Response:** The CLA activity is in the initial stages of design. The focus of this anticipated activity including the solicitation release timeline, estimated value, etc. are still being finalized. At the appropriate time, this activity will be listed individually in the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia - Empowered Communities for Better Health (ECBH) and Health Systems Strengthening (HSS):**

a. Could USAID indicate how many RFAs they expect to release under each of these program descriptions?

b. Could USAID please provide further detail on the targeted programmatic and geographic areas for each opportunity?

c. Does USAID have an estimated date of release for these RFAs?

d. Can USAID confirm the amount of funding anticipated for each award?

e. Does USAID plan to add these opportunities to the online forecast?

**USAID Response:** Both of these projects will have multiple "activities". These activities or procurements are in the initial stages of design. The focus of these anticipated activities (including technical and geographical focus), whether each activity will be competitively procured, the solicitation release timeline, estimated value, etc. are still being finalized. At the appropriate time, each activity slated for competitive procurement will be listed individually in the Business Forecast.



**Ethiopia - Pastoralist Education Activity:** Can USAID please confirm whether this opportunity will be procured under the new Broad Mission Announcement mechanism?

a. Can USAID advise as to when further details about this anticipated activity will be added to the USAID forecast?

**USAID Response:** This activity is still in discussion within the Mission. As soon as information is available, it will be shared on the Business Forecast, as appropriate.

**Ethiopia - Communications for Health Follow On:** Can USAID confirm that there will be a follow-on to the current Communications for Health Activity?

a. Will the Mission utilize a global award mechanism to procure/fund any follow-on activities?

b. Can USAID advise as to when further details about this anticipated activity will be added to the USAID Forecast?

**USAID Response:** Yes, USAID/Ethiopia plans to issue a new SBCC activity. The new SBCC activity is currently under the early stages of design. The procurement mechanism, solicitation release timeline, estimated value, etc. are still under discussion. At the appropriate time, the follow-on will be listed in the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia - Organizational Development Services:**

a. Can USAID please confirm that the Ethiopia Organizational Development Services will be open to international implementers?

b. Can USAID also please clarify the intended mechanism and provide an updated release date?

c. Can USAID please confirm that the total estimated cost/budget range will be \$1M-\$3.99M as stated on the USAID Forecast?

**USAID Response:** Yes, we confirm that the upcoming Organizational Development Services addendum (under the Mission-wide Broad Agency Announcement [BAA]) is competitive (full and open) and all capable and interested organizations are encouraged to submit an expression of interest (EOI). The estimated budget for the activity is in the \$1M-\$3.99M range. The Mission anticipates releasing the addendum in the near future.

**Ethiopia Broad Mission Announcement (BMA):** Can USAID provide any more detail regarding the anticipated scope, scale, and timing of any opportunities released under the current Broad Mission Announcement (BMA)?

a. Can USAID provide any information regarding anticipated COVID-related procurements anticipated for Ethiopia?

b. Does USAID anticipate releasing Ethiopia procurements in FY2020 or FY2021 and will it add them to the Business Forecast?

c. Can USAID please provide an update on the timing of the forthcoming Critical Problem Addenda to be released under the BMA and what sectors USAID anticipates these addenda to address?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ethiopia anticipates several addenda to be released under the Mission-wide Broad Agency Announcement starting in July 2020. Please keep an eye on the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia - Empowered Communities for Better Health:** The 2nd quarter forecast states that further discussions and decisions for PAD approval are under process. Does the Agency have any updates on this and the anticipated solicitation release dates for the opportunity?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ethiopia's Empowered Communities for Better Health (ECBH) is a "project". It will have multiple "activities". These activities or procurements are in the initial stages of design. The focus of these anticipated activities (including technical and geographical focus), whether each activity will be competitively procured, the solicitation release timeline, estimated value, etc. are still being finalized. At the appropriate time, each activity slated for competitive procurement will be listed individually in the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia economic growth opportunities:** Can USAID provide any information regarding upcoming or planned resilience or economic growth procurements in Ethiopia? Does the Mission anticipate a new market systems development activity for FY 2021?

a. Can USAID confirm that it anticipates procuring a large-scale activity focused on economic empowerment and urban employment under its Private Sector-Led Economic Growth Project?

b. Can USAID advise on the timing of such a procurement and as to when further details about this anticipated activity will be added to the USAID Forecast?

**USAID Response:** These activities are still in discussion within the Mission. At the appropriate time, each activity slated for competitive procurement will be listed individually in the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia Urban Sanitation:** Would USAID provide details regarding the anticipated timing and award/action type for this procurement, and any details regarding scope for this activity? Does USAID intend to publish a draft statement of work or objectives in advance of the RFP?

**USAID Response:** This activity is under review.. At the appropriate time, each activity slated for competitive procurement will be listed individually in the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia:** Can USAID please clarify what the process would be for the BAA instrument for the CLA instrument in Ethiopia?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ethiopia issued a Mission-wide Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) earlier this year. The Mission anticipates to release several addenda under the Mission-wide BAA. The CLA Platform is expected to be one such addendum under the BAA. We anticipate the addendum calling for expressions of interest (EOI) will be released by October 30, 2020 but will aim for sooner. Selected EOIs will proceed to the Co-Creation stage.

**Ethiopia** - In the last business forecast Q&A, USAID/Ethiopia said it intended to release an RFI or pre-solicitation in Q3 for the Lowland WASH follow-on activity. Are there any updates on the procurement timeline, technical scope, mechanism, or budget?

a. When does USAID anticipate releasing the solicitation for the follow-on to the current Ethiopia Lowlands WASH project?

b. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on for the Lowland WASH Program? If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipated release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?

**USAID Response:** This activity is still in discussion within the Mission. At the appropriate time, this activity (if slated for competitive procurement) will be listed in the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia** - Does USAID/Ethiopia anticipate a follow-on to the Transform WASH activity? If so, are there any updates on the procurement timeline, technical scope, mechanism, or budget?

**USAID Response:** This activity is still in discussion within the Mission. At the appropriate time, this activity (if slated for competitive procurement) will be listed in the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia - Eliminate TB:** Can USAID provide any updated information on an expected award date?

**USAID Response:** This activity has already been awarded.

**Ethiopia - Development Food Security Activity:** Can USAID comment on the anticipated timing for the release of the RFA for the Ethiopia Development Food Security Activity?

**USAID Response:** This activity is still in discussion within the Mission. At the appropriate time, this activity (if slated for competitive procurement) will be listed in the Business Forecast.

**Ethiopia - EPMES:** For the Monitoring and Evaluation Platform Project (EPMES) follow on in Ethiopia, USAID has indicated a BAA will be published followed by addendums that are specific to EPMES. Could USAID pro

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ethiopia issued a Mission-wide Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) earlier this year. The Mission anticipates to release several addenda under the Mission-wide BAA. The CLA Platform is expected to be one such addendum under the BAA. We anticipate the addendum calling for expressions of interest (EOI) will be released by October 30, 2020 but will aim for sooner.

**Georgia:** For the Georgia Civic Education/Digital Learning Program, will USAID please specify the proposed award type?

**USAID Response:**

This activity is in the early stage of design, therefore this is still to be determined. At this point an assistance instrument is anticipated.

**Georgia:** The forecast recently had a concept note listed for Georgia Person-to-person Reconciliation, anticipated to be released on June 17. This is no longer on the forecast. Is USAID still planning to release a solicitation for this work?

**USAID Response:** The initial request for concept notes was issued on October 25, 2019. Currently, USAID/Georgia is at the final Phase 3 of the APS - the full application stage - and is issuing a request for full application to only one organization. Therefore we have removed this opportunity from the forecast.

**Georgia:** What is the anticipated release date of the Georgia Energy Security Program solicitation?

**USAID Response:**

The anticipated date of the solicitation is August-September 2020

**Georgia:** Can USAID help the market better distinguish among its forthcoming governance opportunities?

**USAID Response:**

USAID's new local governance activity will focus on enhancing the effectiveness, accountability, and citizen-responsiveness of target local governments in Georgia. This will be pursued through engagement with select local governments as well as central level agencies, but exclusively on the topics related to local government and with the aim of building systems at local level.

USAID's new national governance activity will aim at building transparency and accountability at national level through strengthening oversight capacity of the Parliament and State Audit Office; building transparency and internal control systems of the executive; strengthening public oversight of the government's performance; etc.

**Georgia:** For the Civil Society project in Georgia, can USAID please confirm the anticipated release date of late October 2020? Is there any additional information available about the scope of this project? Is there an incumbent for the Georgia Civil Society Program (anticipated release 10/31/20) and/or if it is considered a follow-on to another program?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated release date of the funding opportunity remains late October 2020. East West Management Institute (EWMI) is currently implementing the Advancing CSO Capacities and Engaging Society for Sustainability (ACCESS) program, which is scheduled to end in 2021. However, the new civil society program will not be a direct follow-on to ACCESS. The new program will enhance the capacity of formal and informal civic entities working at the local, regional and national levels to address citizen-identified issues; foster greater connectivity and collaboration between newly emerging grassroots groups and their national and regional level counterparts; engage the private sector in support of civic participation; and enhance the long-term sustainability and self-reliance of the civil society sector.

**Georgia Mid-Term Evaluation of USAID's YES-Georgia Project activity:**

- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 7/08/2020?
- b. Would USAID consider using full & open competition for this project?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Solicitation release date will be changed.
- b. Full and Open competition will not be used. It will be competed under EVAL ME-II IDIQ.

**Georgia:**

- a. Can USAID share the anticipated mechanism for the Georgia Civic Education/Digital learning Program?
- b. The USAID/Georgia Energy Program forecasted for July 1, 2020 is no longer on the forecast. Can USAID please provide an update on the status and anticipated release of this solicitation?
- c. Does USAID plan to release a pre-solicitation or request for information for the Georgia Local Governance Activity? Will the Georgia Local Governance Activity solicitation be free and open for all bidders?
- d. Does USAID plan to release a pre-solicitation or request for information for the Georgia New Governance Program? Will the Georgia New Governance Program solicitation be free and open for all bidders?
- e. Can USAID share the anticipated mechanism for the Georgia New Rule of Law Activity? Will the Georgia New Rule of Law Activity solicitation be free and open for all bidders?

**USAID Response:**

- a. This activity is in its early stage of design, therefore this is still to be determined. At this point

an assistance instrument is anticipated.

b. We will make sure this is on the forecast. The solicitation date has been changed and will be August-September 2020.

c. Yes, USAID plans to issue a pre-solicitation notice/RFI for this activity. The Local Governance Activity solicitation will be a full and open competition for all bidders.

d. The Georgia New Governance Program is in the early stage of design.

e. The anticipated mechanism for this program is a Cooperative Agreement. However, it is still in the early stage of design, and the procurement instrument might change.

**Georgia - Performance Evaluation of the Advancing CSO Capacities and Engaging Society for Sustainability Project (ACCESS):**

a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 7/08/2020?

b. Would USAID consider using full & open competition for this project?

c. Under which task order vehicle is the USAID/Georgia Performance Evaluation of the Advancing CSO Capacities and Engaging Society for Sustainability Project (ACCESS) anticipated to be secured?

**USAID Response:**

a. Solicitation release date will be changed.

b. Full and Open competition will not be used.

c. It will be competed under EVAL ME-II IDIQ.

**Georgia - Civic Education/Digital Learning Program:**

a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 11/30/2020?

b. Can USAID clarify the intended procurement mechanism for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:**

a. The anticipated solicitation release date for this project will be moved to January 2021.

b. This program is in its early stage of design. The intended procurement mechanism has not been decided yet, an assistance instrument is being considered at this stage.

**Georgia - Energy Program:** Has USAID determined the procurement mechanism for this project?

**USAID Response:** This will be procured under the new central Energy II IDIQ

**Georgia - Local Governance Activity:**

a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 9/15/2020?

b. Considering the budget range, does USAID plan to issue this project as a local source procurement?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The anticipated solicitation release date for this project might be delayed.
- b. No. USAID plans to issue a full and open competitive solicitation for this activity.

**Georgia - New Rule of Law Activity:** Will the Georgia New Rule of Law Activity be a contract or a cooperative agreement?

**USAID Response:**

The anticipated mechanism for this program is a Cooperative Agreement. However it is still in the early stage of design, and the procurement instrument might change.

**Georgia - New Integration Program:** Would USAID be considering issuing this project as a local source procurement?

**USAID Response:** USAID is anticipating using full and open competition for this activity.

**Georgia - USAID Industry-led Skills Development Program:** Could USAID provide an updated solicitation release date of this project?

- a. Would USAID please confirm the anticipated RFP release date of Georgia Industry-Led Skills Development Activity, as the forecasted date of 6/22/2020 already passed?
- b. Would USAID also please confirm the anticipated mechanism of the Activity?
- c. The anticipated solicitation release date for the Georgia Industry-led skills development activity was last updated to June 22, but the call is not out yet. Can we expect the call to be released soon? Do you have an updated release date? Still in FY 2020?
- d. Can USAID share an updated release date for the Georgia Industry-led Skills Development Program?
- e. At the time of submitting questions, the release date has passed (June 22). Can USAID provide an updated expected solicitation release date?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The anticipated solicitation date is late July-early August 2020.
- b. The anticipated mechanism will be acquisition
- c. Please see answer to question a.
- d. Please see answer to question a.
- e. Please see answer to question a.

**Georgia - Project Activity:** Under which task order vehicle is the USAID/Georgia Mid-Term Evaluation of USAID's YES Georgia Project activity anticipated to be secured?

**USAID Response:** It will be under the EVAL ME-II IDIQ.

**Georgia** - When does USAID anticipate announcing the results of the HICD Georgia competition?

**USAID Response:** Results will be announced in few months

**Georgia Industry-led Skills Development Program**

- a. On the business forecast the release date is listed as 6/22/2020. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date of this opportunity?
- b. Can USAID please clarify the anticipated award/action type for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The anticipated solicitation date is late July-early August 2020
- b. The anticipated mechanism will be acquisition

**Ghana - Evaluate for Health (E4H):**

- a. Will an RFI be released for this procurement?
- b. What are the estimated release and award dates for the RFP?
- c. Will this be an F&O procurement or a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** There is no follow-on for Evaluate for Health activity. Therefore, no RFI or RFP will be posted.

**Ghana - Systems for Health (S4H):**

- a. Does USAID intend to issue a follow-on award to the USAID Systems for Health Project?
- b. Will an RFI be released for this procurement?
- c. What are the estimated release and award dates for the RFP?
- d. Will this be an F&O procurement or a small business set-aside?
- e. What contractual mechanism will it be released under?
- f. Will this be a BAA approach to procurement?

**USAID Response:** There will be no follow-on for the USAID Systems for Health activity.

**Ghana - Trade and Investment Activity:**

- a. Can USAID share if the anticipated release date for the Ghana Trade and Investment Activity is still scheduled for August 12th?
- b. The mission recently released a request for information that also asked for small businesses to convey their interest in this activity. Yet, the forecast still says "N/A" in the



“Small-business set aside” field. Does USAID plan to procure this activity as a small-business set aside?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The USAID Business Forecast was recently updated to include an estimated RFP release date of October 1, 2020.
- b. The USAID Business Forecast is up to date regarding its procurement approach for this activity.

**Ghana - CDCS:** Can USAID please provide an update for when the new CDCS for Ghana will be released?

**USAID Response:** There is no update on the new CDCS is available at this time. As soon as it is released to the public, it will be included in this current list of approved CDCSs: <https://www.usaid.gov/results-and-data/planning/country-strategies-cdcs> .

**Ghana:** Does USAID have plans to continue private-health sector focused programming in Ghana?

**USAID Response:** Yes, USAID plans to continue private-health sector programming in Ghana. However, it may not be a standalone activity but a component embedded in any of the designs.

**Ghana - CDCS:** Can USAID provide an anticipated release date for the Ghana CDCS?

- a. Are forecasted procurements from the Ghana mission expected to be released following the issuance of the new Ghana CDCS?
- b. Can USAID provide updated information on the anticipated release date for the Ghana WASH for Health follow-on?

**USAID Response:**

- a. No update on the new CDCS is available at this time. As soon as it is released to the public, it will be included in this current list of approved CDCSs: <https://www.usaid.gov/results-and-data/planning/country-strategies-cdcs> .
- b. The Business forecast has been updated with information on the new Ghana WASH activity. Please refer to the website for specific details and timelines.

**Ghana -** Regarding the Ghana Trade and Investment activity, one of the three objectives of the activity is to increase investment , especially among small and medium enterprises (SME). Will AID be replicating in this activity the AID INVEST approach to investment generation? What percentage of the budget of this activity will provide capital to support trade and investment?

**USAID Response:** USAID recently released an RFI with the draft SOO on beta.sam.gov under USAID/Ghana Trade & Investment Activity. Please review it to better understand this activity's requirements.

**Ghana** - The USAID **Resilience for Peace (R4P)** activity from USAID Mission Ghana to strengthen resilience in Cote d'Ivoire was scheduled for an anticipated release date of 6/08/2020; however, the NOFO has not yet been released. Is USAID able to share additional information about the timeline and expected release date for this activity?

- a. Can USAID please provide clarity on when it will issue solicitation for the Resilience for Peace (R4P) activity?
- b. The Business Forecast lists an estimated budget range of \$10-\$25 million, with a period of performance of five years. Could USAID please confirm that the budget and period of performance for the forthcoming activity are unchanged?

**USAID Response:** The Request for Application release date has been updated to 7/24/2020 on the Business Forecast.

**Ghana:** Is Ghana considering a new education project?

**USAID Response:** Yes, Ghana is considering a new education project. At this time, USAID is unable to share specific information about the new education project since it is still being designed. Information will be shared through the Forecast as soon as it is available.

**Ghana** - Can USAID/Ghana provide an update on the timing of the release of its new CDCS? Does USAID/Ghana intend to wait for the new CDCS to release solicitations for any forecasted opportunities?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ghana is in the process of preparing a new CDCS. As soon as it is released to the public, it will be included in this current list of approved CDCSs: <https://www.usaid.gov/results-and-data/planning/country-strategies-cdcs>. Solicitations for forecasted opportunities will be released based on the individual procurement plans and related approval documents.

**Ghana - Learning Program:** According to USASpending.gov, we understand that Ghana Learning program received an extension through June 2021.

- a. Could USAID please advise if the next iteration of the program will be on the USAID business forecast?
- b. Could USAID also please provide information on the expected SOW, release date, and expected value for the upcoming Ghana Accountability and Learning program?

**USAID Response:** Yes, the Learning activity was extended through June 2021. Information on future education sector projects will be published in the forecast as soon as it is available.

**Ghana:**

- a. In the FY20 Quarter 1 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID/Ghana mentioned that they were planning health-related activities in 2020. Can USAID provide an update on these activities, such as anticipated date(s) of release, value(s), scope(s), and award mechanism(s)?
- b. Is USAID still expecting to release the Ghana Trade and Investment Activity on or around August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020?
- c. What is the status of the Mobilizing Financing for Agriculture BAA, and how will the activities under that award differ from those envisioned under Ghana Market Systems and Resilience Activity?
- d. Will technical documents related to the extension period of ADVANCE II be made publicly available?
- e. Could USAID provide an update on when the Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) will be released?
- f. Could USAID please specify the anticipated solicitation release date and award type for the upcoming Ghana WASH activity?
- g. Does USAID still have plans for a follow-on activity to the Partnership for Education and Learning activity? If so, will an RFI be released?
- h. Is USAID still expecting to release the solicitation for the Ghana Fisheries Recovery Activity on or around September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020? Will USAID share an update on the award type on the Business Forecast?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The USAID Business forecast has been updated to reflect 3 upcoming new Health activities; Enhancing WASH Activity, Resilience in Northern Ghana (RING II) and Accelerating Social and Behavioural Change Activity (ASBC).
- b. The USAID Business Forecast was recently updated to include an estimated RFP release date of October 1, 2020.
- c. The BAA continues to be in procurement. Currently, the Ghana Market SYstems and Resilience Activity is in design, and all updates will be posted in the USAID Business Forecast.
- d. All technical document reports should be available on the USAID Development Clearinghouse.
- e. All technical reports should be available in the USAID Development Clearinghouse.
- f. The Business forecast has been updated with details for Enhancing WASH Activity.
- g. Information on future education sector projects will be published in the forecast as soon as it is available.
- h. The USAID Business Forecast was recently updated to include an estimated RFP release date of November 4, 2020. Please continue to check the Business Forecast for the most up-to-date information about our upcoming activities. Any changes to our activities will be listed there after internal approvals are obtained.

### **Ghana - Market Systems and Resilience Activity:**

- a. Is USAID still expecting to release the Ghana Market Systems and Resilience Activity on or around October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020? Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information for this activity? Can USAID provide any further details on the anticipated award type, the size of the procurement and the size of the partial small-business set-aside?
- b. Can USAID provide further information on what value chains will be included in the eventual scope of the Ghana Market Systems and Resilience solicitation or whether the Contractor will determine which value chains to work in?
- c. Is the Ghana Market Systems and Resilience Activity envisioned to be a follow on to Agricultural Development and Value Chain Enhancement II (ADVANCE II) or Resilience in Northern Ghana (RING), or both?
- d. Will this be implemented through an IDIQ mechanism, for example, such that elements of the activity could be managed by small businesses?
- e. Can USAID/Ghana clarify the “partial small business set aside” designation in the forecast for Ghana Market Systems and Resilience? Is this anticipated to be a multiple holder award, with a set aside for small businesses?
- f. What is the anticipated award date?
- g. Could USAID clarify whether the program will be a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?
- h. The description of this activity indicates that it will focus on at least a few reform areas that are also part of the Trade and Investment Activity scope of work. Could USAID kindly provide a brief explanation of how it envisions these two activities will complement each other and why they are being procured as two separate activities? Also, why does USAID indicate that this will be a Partial Small Business Set Aside? Does that mean there will be multiple awards, at least one of which will be reserved for small businesses?

### **USAID Response:**

- a. The USAID Business Forecast was recently updated to include an estimated RFP release date of November 7, 2020 and to remove the partial small business set-aside requirement. We do not have any additional details on the award type or procurement size at this time. Please continue to check the Business Forecast for the most up-to-date information about our upcoming activities. Any changes to our programs or timelines will be listed there.
- b. You are encouraged to review the publicly-available USAID/Ghana Global Food Security Strategy Country Plan for more information about the value chains that our activities may support.
- c. A follow-on to ADVANCE II is not envisioned. Information has been posted on RING II. Please check the Business forecast for specifics.
- d. Please continue to check the Business Forecast for the most up-to-date information about our upcoming activities.
- e. See answer under (a) above.
- f. We cannot confirm at this time whether we will release a draft SOW or RFI. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast and [beta.sam.gov](http://beta.sam.gov).
- g. Please continue to check the Business Forecast for the most up-to-date information about our upcoming activities. Any changes to our activities will be listed there after internal approvals are obtained.

**Ghana - CDCS opportunities:** Can USAID confirm whether a new, updated 2020 Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) will be available soon? Does USAID plan to release the CDCS prior to releasing new procurements under the Ghana Global Food Security Strategy?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Ghana is in the process of preparing a new CDCS. As soon as it is released to the public, it will be included in this current list of approved CDCSs: <https://www.usaid.gov/results-and-data/planning/country-strategies-cdcs> . Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast and [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov) for any new procurements under the Ghana Global Food Security Strategy.

**Ghana - Fisheries Recovery Activity:** Would USAID provide details regarding the award/action type for this procurement?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to check the Business Forecast for the most up-to-date information about our upcoming activities. Any changes to our activities will be listed there after internal approvals are obtained.

**Ghana - Market Systems and Resilience:** Can USAID provide additional information on the award/action type for this procurement? Can USAID please clarify how it intends to use a partial small business set aside for this activity? Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI for this activity?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to check the Business Forecast for the most up-to-date information about our upcoming activities. Any changes to our activities will be listed there.

**Ghana - WASH opportunities:** Does USAID intend to release any new WASH opportunities in Ghana? Would USAID provide details regarding the anticipated timing and award/action type for any upcoming procurements?

**USAID Response:** The Business Forecast has been updated with details on the upcoming WASH opportunity for Ghana. Please check the Business Forecast for details.

**Ghana - Monitoring and Evaluation Activity (MEL):** Could USAID provide updates on the unexpected timing for the monitoring and evaluation contract for Ghana?

- a. Does USAID expect it to come out under the EVAL-ME IDIQ?
- b. Can USAID please confirm whether a follow-on will be released for the existing Ghana Monitoring and Evaluation Support Project contract?
- c. What will be the anticipated value for this opportunity?
- d. What is the set-aside status for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** This activity has been removed from the Business Forecast at this time.

**Ghana - Fisheries Activity:**

- a. Would USAID please confirm that the release date remains 6/15/2020?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI ahead of the full solicitation?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The USAID Business Forecast was recently updated to include an estimated RFP release date of November 4, 2020.
- b. We cannot confirm at this time whether we will release an RFI. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast and [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov).

**Ghana - Market Systems and Resilience Activity:** Would USAID please confirm the estimated release date of 10/22/2020 is still accurate?

**USAID Response:** The USAID Business Forecast was recently updated to include an estimated RFP release date of November 7, 2020.

**Guatemala:** Is USAID Guatemala considering a new education project?

**USAID Response:** Yes, USAID/Guatemala is planning a new education activity in FY 2021 taking into consideration Guatemala's learning needs post-COVID. This has not been designed, so please continue to monitor the business forecast for more information.

**Guatemala:** Is USAID going to restore funding to ongoing projects in Guatemala or are they going to end in September 2020?

**USAID Response:** The Mission is looking at each award on a case-by-case basis based on the available funding.

**Guatemala:** With the release of the Department of State's Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report for 2020, does USAID anticipate new opportunities in Guatemala in FY20 or FY21?

**USAID Response:** The Trafficking in Persons 2020 report does not necessarily trigger funding decisions as the report is produced independently from the budget process. Country-level resources are determined by a number of factors and the TIP report may be taken into consideration when making a budget justification to Congress. At this time the USAID/Guatemala Mission is not planning a new stand-alone TIP activity with 2019 resources and is still in the planning process for 2020 resources.

**Guatemala:** Is USAID planning to reduce funding to a minimum to Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras through its missions and operate only through DFC loaning mechanisms? Or is there going to be a mix between the two mechanisms?

**USAID Response:** USAID bilateral funding will not be redirected towards DFC at this time. USAID supports Guatemalan and Honduran entities to apply for DFC backed loans. Further questions about DFC funding should be directed to DFC directly.

**Guatemala:** Can USAID provide information concerning new economic growth and/or workforce development activities under design in Guatemala?

**USAID Response:** There are currently no new economic growth or workforce development activities under design.

**Guatemala - Northern Triangle:** Given the lifting of restrictions on funding for the Northern Triangle, are there any planned procurements for USAID/Guatemala in FY21?

**USAID Response:** At the current point in time we are considering working with some local organizations through the New Partnerships Initiative (NPI) and may have other opportunities. Please continue to check the business forecast, [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), and <https://fbohome.sam.gov/>.

**Guatemala:** In the FY20 Quarter 2 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID/Guatemala mentioned that they were awaiting funding priorities for an Improved Health and Nutrition project. Can USAID provide an update on this potential project, including anticipated project scope(s), mechanism(s) and anticipated release date(s)?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Guatemala expects to receive funds for this activity. We are working on the negotiation process for this new Cooperative Agreement which we expect to award before the end of the FY. This award is based on RFA 72052019RFA00001 from last year, which is the new project to be awarded this FY.

**Guinea - Health Service Delivery Project:** In the FY20 Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 Business Forecast Q&As, USAID/Guinea mentioned that a Health Service Delivery Project was in the design phase for a FY21 Q1 release.

- a. Can USAID provide an update on this anticipated award, including anticipated activity scope, mechanism(s), and anticipated release date?
- b. Are there any details on the scope for this solicitation or priority health areas?
- c. Is malaria expected to be supported under this project?

**USAID Response: Please see below:**

- a. USAID anticipates to release this opportunity in 3rd quarter FY21. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for any future updates, related to any relevant RFI or solicitation processes.
- b. The solicitation will cover maternal and child health, family planning, reproductive health, and malaria. It will also address health systems strengthening challenges and engage with the private sector and local partners.
- c. Yes.

**Haiti:** Does USAID still expect to release the RFP for Haiti Resilience and Agriculture Sector Advancement (HRASA) in October 2020? Is this anticipated to be a multi-phase solicitation?

**USAID Response:** USAID expects to release the RFP for the Haiti Resilience and Agriculture Sector Advancement (HRASA) Activity in October 2020 as indicated. It is not anticipated to be a multi-phase solicitation. The presolicitation was issued on Beta.Sam.Gov on May 18, 2020.

**Haiti - Domestic Resource Mobilization Program:** Can USAID please provide an update on the status on the upcoming Domestic Resource Mobilization Program in Haiti?

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

**Haiti:**

- a. Please provide an update on when the Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) will be released?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing a follow-on to closing governance programs in Haiti?
- c. Please provide an updated release date for the Haiti Domestic Resource Mobilization activity previously anticipated for May to June 2020 in the FY20 Q2 Q&A?
- d. The pre-solicitation for Haiti Resilience and Agriculture Sector Advancement Activity (HRASA) states that the contractor must coordinate with the FFP/DFSA's upcoming activities. Does USAID have additional details about the FFP/DFSA upcoming activities to allow implementing partners to begin to have a clearer vision as to how they would interact with those activities?
- e. Can USAID/Haiti provide an update on anticipated health procurements, including project scope(s), award mechanism(s), anticipated date(s) of release, and any restrictions?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The Haiti Mission is doing a Strategic Framework (SF) instead of a Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). The SF is a two year strategic document done when the Mission/Country context won't allow for the development of a full CDCS. The SF will cover December 2020 through December 2022. The Mission plans to develop a CDCS at the expiration of that SF, but it will depend on the Mission/Country context when it is time to make that



decision.

b. The current Award for improving governance in Haiti is scheduled to end in 2023 - at this time, the mission has no plans for a follow-on. The rule of law award is expected to end in February 2021 - at this time USAID/Haiti has no plans for a follow-on.

c. No release date is available at this time.

d. No additional information is available at this time.

e. There are three activities coming up in the next year. Please monitor the Business Forecast for anticipated release dates.

- SPOTLIGHT activity: Anticipated Mechanism: Cooperative Agreement. A Social Medicine, HIV Provider Stigma Prevention Project. The project purpose is to improve the quality of HIV services delivered by HIV provider teams nationwide at fixed facilities through a patient-centered service delivery approach.
- Social Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) Activity. Anticipated Mechanism: TBD, restricted to local organizations. A Social Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) Activity to promote Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (RMNCAH) knowledge, attitudes and practices across the childbearing age population using innovative communication strategies.
- Health Service Delivery Activity. Anticipated Mechanism: TBD. The overall purpose Health Service Delivery activity is to improve the health status of communities across Haiti by working in close collaboration with the Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Population (MSPP) both at the central and departmental levels and by advancing two interrelated objectives:
  1. Increase utilization of quality, essential health services in line with the MSPP's approved Package of Essential Services (PES) at both health care facilities and community levels; and
  2. Strengthen local management and operational capacities to deliver health services.

**Haiti - Feed the Future Resilience and Agriculture Sector Advancement (HRASA) Activity:** Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation document before the solicitation is released?

**USAID Response:** The Feed the Future Haiti Resilience and Agriculture Sector Advancement Activity presolicitation was released on Beta.Sam.Gov on May 18, 2020.

**Honduras:** Does USAID anticipate revisiting opportunities that had been previously listed on the forecast, but removed due to shifting US policy?

**USAID Response:** We encourage your review of the existing forecast for current and future opportunities.

**Honduras - Youth Employment for Migration Prevention Activity (YEMP):** Link to USAID Business Forecast available [here](#).

- a. Does USAID intend to work with a local partner for the Youth Employment for Migration Prevention Activity (YEMP), or will it be open to US-based INGOs?
- b. Will this activity include a mental health and psychosocial support component?
- c. Does USAID anticipate any change to the forecasted release date of 7/30/2020?

**USAID Response:**

- a. It is anticipated that the Youth Employment for Migration Prevention Activity (YEMP) will be a full and open opportunity. Local and US NGOs are encouraged to participate.
- b. This activity is currently in design, and its scope has not been finalized.
- c. Yes

**Honduras - YEMP:** Can USAID update the anticipated release date of this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** As indicated on the business forecast, the anticipated solicitation release date will be by 8/31/2020.

**Honduras - Agriculture Activity:**

- a. Would USAID please clarify if and when Honduras Agriculture opportunity is still expected to be released?
- b. Would USAID please provide the anticipated scope of the activity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes, it is anticipated that there will be a Feed The Future Activity (Honduras Food Security and Resilient Agriculture Market Systems Activity). The anticipated solicitation release date is before the end of September 2020.
- b. The purpose of the Feed The Future Honduras Food Security and Resilient Agriculture Market Systems Activity is to strengthen agricultural market systems to become more competitive, inclusive, and resilient to sustainably reduce poverty in Honduras.

**Honduras:** In 2019, USAID/Honduras had included a new violence prevention activity in the forecast, but it was later removed. Given recent funding announcements, could USAID/Honduras please confirm whether the Mission anticipates releasing new solicitations for upcoming citizen security and/or rule of law programs. If so, could USAID please confirm anticipated release and award date, award types, anticipated range, and project purpose?

**USAID Response:** At this time, the Mission is exploring the possibility of violence prevention, citizen security, and rule of law programming. The Mission will update the business forecast as this information becomes clear.

**Honduras - MEL/CLA:** Could USAID confirm whether it plans to procure the Honduras MEL/CLA

Activity as a Small Business Set-Aside?

- a. Could USAID confirm the anticipated solicitation release date of the Honduras MEL/CLA Activity?
- b. USAID/Honduras recently issued an RFI for the Honduras MEL and CLA opportunity. Will it be procured as a full and open solicitation or a small business set aside? If it'll be a small business set aside, is the Mission considering EVAL-ME II IDIQ as a potential vehicle?
- c. What are the estimated release date and award amounts for the RFP?
- d. Will USAID consider using full & open competition for this RFP?
- e. What will be the anticipated value for this opportunity?
- f. What is the set-aside status for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Honduras is in the early stages of designing a Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) and Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting (CLA) Activity. Therefore, we are not ready to publish any information in the Business Forecast at this time.

**Honduras - Feed the Future agriculture and economic growth opportunities:** Can USAID provide any additional updates regarding the status of funding and procurement timeline Feed the Future programming in Honduras?

- a. Can USAID provide information concerning the designing of any new Feed the Future activity within Honduras?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing the hold on Honduras Feed the Future Building Country Capacity solicitations in FY20?
- c. If yes, could USAID clarify whether BCC will be a contract or cooperative agreement, the size of the procurement, and the expected release date?

**USAID Response:** We anticipate that this activity will be in the procurement forecast in the coming weeks.

- a) Yes, USAID is designing the Feed The Future Honduras Food Security and Resilient Agriculture Market Systems Activity.
- b) The Feed the Future Building Country Capacity has been replaced by the Feed The Future Honduras Food Security and Resilient Agriculture Market Systems Activity.
- c) The Feed The Future Honduras Food Security and Resilient Agriculture Market Systems Activity is targeted for a solicitation release date of before the end of September 2020. It is anticipated to be a contract.

**Honduras - Nutrition Activity:** Does USAID anticipate releasing a procurement for a stand-alone nutrition-focused activity in Honduras, and, if yes, when?

- a. If yes, does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or RFI for the program?
- b. If yes, could USAID clarify whether the program will be contract or cooperative agreement and the size of the procurement?

**USAID Response:** No. At this time, the Mission does not plan on releasing a stand alone Nutrition activity.

**Honduras - democracy and governance opportunities:** Can USAID provide any additional updates regarding the status of funding and procurement timeline for opportunities previously on the Business Forecast, including the Integrated Violence Prevention Activity and the Strengthening Democratic Foundations activity?

**USAID Response:** At this time, the Mission is exploring a variety of democracy and governance related activities. The Mission will update the business forecast as this information becomes clear.

**Honduras:** When does USAID intend to release the Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning and Collaborating, Learning & Adapting Activity? What mechanism does USAID intend to use for this contract? Does USAID have an anticipated release date for this solicitation?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Honduras is in the early stages of designing a Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) and Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting (CLA) Activity. Therefore, we are not ready to publish any information in the Business Forecast.

**India - MOMENTUM:** The anticipated solicitation release date for the **MNHC Accelerator Round in India (under MOMENTUM)** has been pushed back multiple times, the last one to June 18, 2020, but it's not out yet. Can you comment and confirm a date?

- a. We see USAID released a Round 4 opportunity for MOMENTUM for India. What other countries will be targeted for MOMENTUM Round 4 funding? Does USAID anticipate additional rounds of funding for MOMENTUM?
- b. If yes, can USAID please elaborate on the anticipated award(s), including eligibility requirements, solicitation release timelines, estimated value, and action/award type?

**USAID Response:**

MNCH Accelerator, Round 4 under Momentum APS was launched on Grants.gov on June 18th. Interested applicants can visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), type in the APS number "7200AA19APS00002" as the search keyword and access the India Round 4 document under the "Related Documents" tab. One can also refer to the Synopsis under the "Version History" tab.

The deadline for submission of concept notes for this Round has been extended up to August 7, 2020. This change has been posted at Grants.gov on July 9, 2020.

**India - Support for Urban Water and Sanitation in India (SUWASI):** We had submitted our bid for the above opportunity. The anticipated award date is 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

- a. We would like to know the status of the evaluations and if any of the bidders have been

shortlisted for seeking clarifications on their bid.

b. Does the USAID expect any delay in award given the COVID-19 situation in India?

**USAID Response:**

a. USAID is currently evaluating the proposals and hopes to notify the Offerors soon.

B. USAID hopes to award by the anticipated award date, but reserves the right to extend if needed.

**India:** A previous opportunity listed on the business forecast called Air Pollution Partnerships is no longer listed. Is USAID still planning for this procurement, and what is the new anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** There has been a change in the Mission Priorities. Hence, as of now no new procurement is planned for Air Pollution Partnerships.

**Indonesia:** Can USAID please clarify whether the Accountability and Anti-Corruption Program in Indonesia will be released as a contract or a cooperative agreement?

**USAID Response:** The activity is in the early design phase and no determination has been made as to the selection of instrument. The Business Forecast will be updated when determined.

**Indonesia - DRG-Papua Governance Support Activity:** Will USAID please provide a description of the activities in DRG - Papua Governance Support Activity? What award type does USAID anticipate for this program?

**USAID Response:** The activity is in the early design phase. Additional information regarding the activity, including the determination of the selection of instrument, will be updated in the Business Forecast when available.

**Indonesia:** Does USAID intend to release funding for additional environment or forestry programming?

**USAID Response:** The new activity is in the procurement phase. The funding will be released once the award is made.

**Indonesia:** Does USAID/Indonesia intend to solicit any RFPs this year stemming from the new Country Development Cooperation Strategy?

**USAID Response:** Yes. Any subsequent government requirements that arise as a result of a new CDCS will be posted on the business forecast as appropriate.

**Indonesia:** Can USAID please provide an anticipated release date for the Indonesia Urban Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (IUWASH) follow-on? Can USAID please confirm the award?

- a. Please clarify the anticipated value/size of the program?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on for the IUWASH Program?
- c. If yes, can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipated release date, contract mechanism, and whether a pre-solicitation or FYI will be released?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Indonesia anticipates awarding a new five-year water, sanitation, and hygiene activity in approximately December 2021, representing an estimated investment of \$25-40 million. USAID/Indonesia will update the Business Forecast as new information becomes available.

**Indonesia - Jalin:** Can USAID kindly share whether there will be a follow-on to the Jalin project in Indonesia, and, if so, in what fiscal year?

- a. If no direct follow-on is planned, will there be a new health procurement expected?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Indonesia has not yet made a decision for any possible follow-on to the Jalin activity. USAID/Indonesia will update the Business Forecast as new information becomes available.

**Indonesia - APIK:**

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on to APIK?
- b. If so, could USAID provide information on the proposed scope and timing?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Indonesia is not anticipating to have a follow on to APIK.

**Indonesia - MEL:** Would USAID please provide an update on the award status of Indonesia MEL?

**USAID Response:** This procurement is currently in the selection phase.

**Iraq:** When does USAID intend to award the Performance Management and Evaluation Services Activity?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Iraq awarded this procurement on June 30, 2020. Please see [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov) for more details.

**Ivory Coast - Resilience for Peace:**

- a. USAID issued an RFI for this opportunity on FBO.gov on 08/22/19, however this procurement has yet to be added to the forecast. Could USAID please provide an update regarding the anticipated release date and contracting mechanism for this opportunity?
- b. Can USAID confirm if this will be a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** The RFA release date for this activity has been updated to 7/24/2020 in the Business Forecast.

**Jordan - SSAP:** Could USAID please provide information regarding any planned new task orders under the BRICC IDIQ?

**USAID Response:** Currently there are no plans for any additional tasks under BRICC for FY 2020. Should there be any new tasks identified for procuring in FY 2021, USAID will post those on the business forecast for FY 2021.

**Jordan - gender activities:** Is USAID planning follow on or other gender activities in Jordan?

**USAID Response:** Potential offerors and applicants should monitor the USAID Business Forecast for information on upcoming activities.

**Jordan - civil society strengthening activities:** Is USAID planning follow on or other civil society strengthening activities in Jordan?

**USAID Response:** Potential offerors and applicants should monitor the USAID Business Forecast for information on upcoming activities.

**Jordan - PFH Activity:**

- a. The Jordan PFH Activity description indicates this program will "complement an envisioned RMNCH PGS award." Can USAID please confirm if the referenced PGS award is in fact the five year Government-to-Government award held by the MOH which began last year? Is a further complementary award envisioned?
- b. Can USAID clarify the target population and geographical scope for that PFH Accelerator Activity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Please keep monitoring the business forecast for additional updates, the project description has been updated.
- b. The beneficiaries are women of reproductive age group and children under five. The geographic scope has not been determined yet. The design is in process and more details will be provided once issued. Some interventions might be implemented nationwide while others in specific governorates.

**Jordan - Economic Reform Activity:** For the Jordan Economic Reform Activity IDIQ Task Order 1, the Business Forecast shows an anticipated release date of September 1, 2020 and an anticipated award date of September 30, 2020.

- a. Can USAID please provide any updates to the anticipated timeline for awarding this opportunity?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing and awarding this task order before the end of 2020?
- c. Can USAID please confirm if the Jordan Economic Reform Activity IDIQ Task Order 2 will be added to the Business Forecast and if this opportunity is expected to be released in 2020?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The timeline remains unchanged
- b. The timeline per the business Forecast remains unchanged
- c. This opportunity is not expected to be released in FY 2020. USAID Jordan will update the Business Forecast as necessary.

**Jordan - Health Services Quality Accelerator:**

- a. Can USAID provide further information on the anticipated technical scope of the planned solicitation(s)?
- b. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated geographic scope of this opportunity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Please see response to above question. Beyond that, USAID/Jordan is unable to provide any further information. Please check the business forecast periodically for updates.
- b. The geographic scope has not been determined yet. The design is in process and more details will be provided once issued. Some interventions might be implemented nationwide while others in specific governorates.

**Jordan - Tourism Support Activity:** Can USAID provide any further information on the anticipated award mechanism for the Tourism Support Activity in Jordan? Can USAID please provide any additional information on whether this project might be set-aside for small businesses?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates awarding a contract for this activity. USAID is currently conducting market research to determine whether this may be a small business set-aside.

**Jordan - Public Accountability and Justice Strengthening Project:**

- a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 9/01/2020?
- b. Could USAID provide further detail on the anticipated scope of this activity?



c. Is USAID planning to issue this project as a small business set aside?

**USAID Response:** Please monitor the USAID Business Forecast for the latest information on this opportunity. USAID is conducting market research for this activity.

**Jordan - Technical Assistance Program:**

- a. Could USAID provide information regarding any planned small business utilization for the Jordan Technical Assistance Program?
- b. Can USAID indicate the anticipated award length for this project?

**USAID Response:**

- a) This will be a full and open procurement.
- b) Five years

**Jordan - Recycling in Jordan Activity:** Could USAID please provide an anticipated award date for this procurement, which is listed in the Business Forecast as 22 April 2020.

**USAID Response:** The procurement is ongoing. No award has been made. Once the award is made, it will be publicized.

**Jordan - Recycling in Jordan Activity:** Could USAID please provide an anticipated award date for this procurement, which is listed in the Business Forecast as 22 April 2020.

**USAID Response:** See response above.

**Jordan EDE – Tourism Support Activity:** Can USAID provide more information as to whether this will follow a co-creation process, similar to other USAID Jordan EDE procurements?

**USAID Response:** USAID will engage in a co-creation process that is appropriate for the needs of the Tourism activity.

**Kenya** Could USAID provide updated release dates for the Local Partner Service Delivery Activity (LPSDA) – HIV Clinical, OVC, Family Planning, Reproductive, Maternal Neonatal Child Adolescent Health (FP/RMNCAH) Activities and the Local Partner Service Delivery Activity (LPSDA) – Integrated HIV Clinical & OVC Activities?

**USAID Response:** The Local Partner Service Delivery Activity (LPSDA) opportunities have been revised to Kenya Health Partnerships for Quality Services (KHPQS). USAID anticipates that the solicitations for the KHPQS opportunities will be issued before August 1, 2020.

**Kenya:** Could USAID please confirm if it still intends to release a procurement related to Sustainable, Transformational, and Accessible WASH Interventions (STAWI) Activity RFI? If yes, could USAID please provide an anticipated timeline for release and mechanism?

**USAID Response:** USAID/KEA plans to release a solicitation related to the specified RFI. The anticipated procurement method is through a collaborative BAA process. We had initially planned for in person workshops to maximize co-creation and equity of opportunity among applicants. We expect that solicitation will be issued in FY20 Q4 or FY21 Q1. As a BAA is intended, we do not know at this time if it will result in acquisition or assistance instrument. Eligibility will be unrestricted.

**Kenya:**

- a. Is a health bilateral for Kenya being planned that may be open to both international and local partners?
- b. If so, could USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** Not at this time.

**Kenya - Empowering Youth:**

- a. Can USAID please clarify the anticipated award/action type for this opportunity?
- b. Does USAID anticipate that this opportunity will be restricted to Higher Education Institutions or local organizations?
- c. Is a co-creation or multi-phased proposal process envisioned for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** a. An Assistance award is being contemplated b. It will be restricted to Higher Education institutions in partnership with Kenya Higher Education institutions. C. Not at this time.

**Kenya -** Does USAID expect to forecast a separate **RMNCH project** in Kenya anytime soon? If so, will this be restricted to local organizations?

**USAID Response:** There will not be a separate RMNCH project. The activity has been incorporated in the KHPQS procurements.

**Kenya - Local Partners Service Delivery Activity:** when can we expect the LPSDA opportunities to go live? The Business Forecast stated early June.

**USAID Response:** The Local Partner Service Delivery Activity (LPSDA) opportunities have been revised to Kenya Health Partnerships for Quality Services (KHPQS). USAID anticipates that the solicitations for the KHPQS opportunities will be issued before August 1, 2020.

**Kenya - (STAWI):** When will the solicitation for the Kenya STAWI opportunity be released?

- a. Do you anticipate this will be a cooperative agreement or contract?
- b. Will international organizations be eligible to apply?

**USAID Response:** USAID/KEA plans to release a solicitation related to the specified RFI. The anticipated procurement method is through a collaborative BAA process. We had initially planned for in person workshops to maximize co-creation and equity of opportunity among applicants. We expect that solicitation will be issued in FY20 Q4 or FY21 Q1. As a BAA is intended, we do not know at this time if it will result in acquisition or assistance instrument. Eligibility will be unrestricted.

**Kenya - Empowerment Youth Activity:**

- a. When does USAID anticipate that a decision will be made regarding the firms selected for full proposal phase for the Western Kenya WASH BAA? Will the co-creation occur virtually?
- b. What is the status of the Kenya Sustainable Transformational and Accessible WASH project? Is there an anticipated release date, award ceiling/mechanism, and any restrictions on eligibility expected?

**USAID Response:** These questions do not relate to the Kenya Empowering Youth activity. See answers to the previous question.

**Kenya:** Does USAID Kenya intend to issue a funding opportunity related to the **Scaling Up Community Led Conservation in Amboseli and Tsavo RFI** from February 2020?

**USAID Response:** Yes, USAID Kenya and East Africa still intends to issue a solicitation related to the subject RFI.

**Kenya - Countering Violent Extremism:**

- a. Can USAID/Kenya please clarify the anticipated release date, dollar value, brief scope, and mechanism for the USAID/CMM/Kenya opportunity (formerly Kenya CVE Activity)?
- b. In a previous Q&A, USAID/KEA responded that it was planning to issue a CVE award this fiscal year. This opportunity has not yet appeared on the USAID Business Forecast. Could USAID/KEA please provide an update on whether it is still planning for a CVE activity and, if so, its anticipated release date and mechanism type?

**USAID Response:**

- a. CMM has no planned CVE activity opportunities this year.
- b. KEA still plans to issue a CVE solicitation or NOFO this year. The mechanism is to be determined.

**Kenya: Environment - Regional Agriculture Market Systems (RAMS):** When does USAID anticipate awarding the Regional Agriculture Market Systems (RAMS) Task Order under the Regional Integration Stronger Economies (RISE) IDIQ?

**USAID Response:** The Task Order is anticipated to be awarded by August 31, 2020

**Kenya - Sustainable, Transformational and Accessible WASH Interventions (STAWI):** When does USAID anticipate releasing the solicitation for the “Sustainable, Transformational and Accessible WASH Interventions (STAWI)” project in Kenya?

**USAID Response:** USAID/KEA plans to release a solicitation related to the specified RFI. The anticipated procurement method is through a collaborative BAA process. We had initially planned for in person workshops to maximize co-creation and equity of opportunity among applicants. We expect that solicitation will be issued in FY20 Q4 or FY21 Q1. As a BAA is intended, we do not know at this time if it will result in acquisition or assistance instrument. Eligibility will be unrestricted.

**Kenya - East Africa Evaluations, Assessments, and Analyses IDIQ:** Would USAID be able to provide an update on when task orders might be expected under this mechanism? In addition, we wonder if the contract period of performance will need adjusting considering we are several months into the award with no activities anticipated.

**USAID Response:** We anticipate task order requests in FY2020. A period of performance extension is not being considered at this time.

**Kenya - Empowered Youth Activity:** The release of this opportunity has been pushed back a few times. Can USAID confirm if the currently listed solicitation release date of 7/30/2020 is accurate or provide a new anticipated release date? Can USAID confirm the procurement mechanism?

**USAID Response:** Release will be before the end of the current fiscal year.

**Kenya - Can USAID/Kenya provide an update on the procurement timelines for the Western Kenya WASH Activity and STAWI?** They have been removed from the forecast.

**USAID Response:** USAID/KEA plans to release a solicitation related to the specified RFI. The anticipated procurement method is through a collaborative BAA process. We had initially planned for in person workshops to maximize co-creation and equity of opportunity among applicants. We expect that solicitation will be issued in FY20 Q4 or FY21 Q1. As a BAA is intended, we do not know at this time if it will result in acquisition or assistance instrument. Eligibility will be unrestricted.

**Kenya - Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene activities:** Could USAID please confirm if still intends to release a procurement related to Western Kenya Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Activities RFI? If yes, could USAID please provide an anticipated timeline for release and mechanism?

a. Can USAID provide more information on the WASH Activities anticipated for FY20

mentioned in Q1 FY20 Q&A?

- b. When will the solicitation for the Western Kenya WASH opportunity be released?
- c. Do you anticipate this will be a cooperative agreement or contract?
- d. Will international organizations be eligible to apply?

**USAID Response:** USAID/KEA plans to release a solicitation related to the specified RFI. The anticipated procurement method is through a collaborative BAA process. We had initially planned for in person workshops to maximize co-creation and equity of opportunity among applicants. We expect that solicitation will be issued in FY20 Q4 or FY21 Q1. As a BAA is intended, we do not know at this time if it will result in acquisition or assistance instrument. Eligibility will be unrestricted.

**Kenya - Western Kenya Water Sanitation and Hygiene opportunity:**

- a. With Covid-19 and the challenges around in-person co-creation sessions, will USAID/K still develop this proposal as a BAA, or will it be released as an RFA or an RFP?
- b. When does USAID expect to release the Western Kenya Water Sanitation and Hygiene Activities?
- c. Can USAID provide any information about timing of the anticipated release date, contract mechanism and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released?
- d. If an organization submits a concept note as a prime and is invited to the co-creation session, is the organization committed to being a prime? Or, can they join another consortium?
- e. Is an organization exclusive to the consortium that is presented in the concept note, or can partnerships change during co-creation?
- f. Can an organization submit a concept note that only deals with one the project goals (e.g., sanitation but not water) and still be considered for participation in the co-creation session?

**USAID Response:** USAID/KEA plans to release a solicitation related to the specified RFI. The anticipated procurement method is through a collaborative BAA process. We had initially planned for in person workshops to maximize co-creation and equity of opportunity among applicants. We expect that solicitation will be issued in FY20 Q4 or FY21 Q1. As a BAA is intended, we do not know at this time if it will result in acquisition or assistance instrument. Eligibility will be unrestricted. We are unable to answer questions e and f at this time.

**Kenya:** Can USAID please clarify the intended mechanism and release date for the anticipated Kenya CVE opportunity?

**USAID Response:** KEA still plans to issue a CVE solicitation or NOFO this year. The mechanism is to be determined.

**Kenya - Kenya Empowered Youth (KEY) activity:**

- a. Can USAID confirm the award type/action for this opportunity?
- b. Can USAID please provide the anticipated mechanism for the Kenya Empowered Youth (KEY) activity?

- c. Are any further delays expected regarding the anticipated solicitation release date of 7/30?
- d. Can USAID please confirm whether the opportunity will be released in August 2020?
- e. What is the set-aside status for this opportunity?
- f. Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated Award/Action Type for the Kenya Empowered Youth (KEY) Activity? The Award/Action Type is currently TBD. Does USAID have any information to share about what the anticipated mechanism will be for the Kenya Empowered Youth activity? Are any further updates to the release date planned by USAID?
- g. In the last quarterly forecast call, USAID indicated that the procurement mechanism, timing, and eligibility (whether this might be restricted to local entities or universities) were all still under discussion. With the anticipated release date of 7/30, can USAID provide an update regarding the anticipated mechanism and eligibility?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Assistance Mechanism
- b. By the end of September 2020
- c. See above
- d. See above
- e. Eligibility will be restricted to Higher Education Institutions
- f. See above
- g. See above

**Kenya - Early Grade Reading Program:** Does USAID anticipate releasing for an early grade reading program in Kenya?

**USAID Response:** Next fiscal year.

**Kenya - democracy and governance opportunities:** Does USAID intend to release any new procurements focused on supporting the devolution process in Kenya? In the Q2 Business Forecast call USAID indicated that a follow on to the Kenya AHADI program was under development? Does USAID anticipate adding new opportunities to the Business Forecast and could it provide an update on timing, scope and anticipated award/action type?

**USAID Response:** KEA is in the process of finalizing documentation for approval of a new integrated Governance and Accountability program. The new program will focus on addressing corruption, deepening devolution, support to election and democratic processes, strengthening civil society and promoting freedom of the media. KEA plans to issue the competition in the next 4 months.

**Kenya - Western Kenya Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Activities:** Would USAID please confirm the anticipated release dates for these opportunities?

**USAID Response:** USAID Response: USAID/KEA plans to release a solicitation related to the specified RFI. The anticipated procurement method is through a collaborative BAA process. We had initially planned for in person workshops to maximize co-creation and equity of opportunity among applicants. We expect that solicitation will be issued in FY20 Q4 or FY21 Q1. As a BAA is intended, we do not know at this time if it will result in acquisition or assistance instrument. Eligibility will be unrestricted.

**Kenya:** Would USAID please confirm the anticipated release dates for the following USAID/EAF opportunities:

- a. Local Partner Service Delivery Activity (LPSDA) - OVC Activities
- b. Local Partner Service Delivery Activity (LPSDA) - HIV Clinical, OVC, Family Planning, Reproductive Maternal Neonatal Child Adolescent Health (FP/RMNCAH) Activities
- c. Local Partner Service Delivery Activity (LPSDA) - Integrated HIV Clinical and Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Activities
- d. Given the current COVID-19 pandemic, does USAID anticipate the outcomes for these solicitations to be significantly different from the RFIs that were released?
- e. Does USAID anticipate that the geographic clusters for the three Kenya OVC bids currently on the forecast will be different in the RFA/RFP when released?

**USAID Response:**

- a) Before August 1, 2020
- b) Before August 1, 2020
- c) Before August 1, 2020
- d) There are some anticipated changes to what was released in the RFI.
- e) Please review the solicitation, once released, for additional information.

**Kenya - “[Local Partner Service Delivery Activity HIV Clinical and OVC](#)”:**

- a. In the RFI, under local partner eligibility, it stated that the local partner must a. be 75% beneficially owned by individuals who are citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents Kenya; and b. have at least 75% of the entity’s staff (senior, mid-level, support) as citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of Kenya; and c. have at least 75% of the entity’s senior staff (i.e., managerial and professional personnel) as citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of Kenya **by September 30th, 2018**. Could USAID confirm that a partner meeting these criteria any time before the date the opportunity is released would be eligible? If not, could USAID confirm the date (i.e. September 30th 2018, September 20th 2019) that would be used?
- b. Could USAID confirm which mechanism (RFA or RFP) will be used for this opportunity?
- c. Could USAID confirm whether there is a new anticipated solicitation date for this opportunity?
- d. The Local Partner Service Delivery for OVC Services has been delayed several times. When will this be released?
- e. Can you please share if it will require a full proposal or concept note?

**USAID Response:**

- a) Please review the eligibility criteria that will be included in the solicitation.

- b) NOFOs for all opportunities
- c) See a,b, and c of the previous question.
- d) See a,b, and c of the previous question.
- e) Full Application

**Kenya - “[Local Partner Service Delivery Activity - HIV Clinical, OVC, and Family Planning](#)”:**

- a. In the RFI, under local partner eligibility, it stated that the local partner must a. be 75% beneficially owned by individuals who are citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents Kenya; and b. have at least 75% of the entity’s staff (senior, mid-level, support) as citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of Kenya; and c. have at least 75% of the entity’s senior staff (i.e., managerial and professional personnel) as citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of Kenya **by September 30th, 2018**. Could USAID confirm that a partner meeting these criteria any time before the date the opportunity is released would be eligible? If not, could USAID confirm the date (i.e. September 30<sup>th</sup> 2018, September 20<sup>th</sup> 2019) that would be used?
- b. Could USAID confirm which mechanism (RFA or RFP) will be used for this opportunity?
- c. Will each of these bids be released as an individual award or multiple awards divided by health districts as previously indicated in the RFI?
- d. Could USAID confirm whether there is a new anticipated solicitation date for this opportunity?
- e. Given that several current HIV/AIDS programs have recently received extensions from USAID, can USAID share the updated planned release dates for the three awards (which were forecasted for release June 5, 2020)?
- f. Does USAID anticipate releasing all three procurements simultaneously, or will they be staggered?
- g. Does USAID anticipate a significant shift in the scopes from the original RFIs that were released in July 2019, either in content area or target geography/counties, in the full procurements? If so, could USAID please describe? This would help local prime organizations prepare to submit higher quality applications.
- h. Will all three funding opportunities remain restricted to only local prime organization applicants?

**USAID Response:**

- a) Once it is released, please review the eligibility criteria in the solicitation.
- b) NOFO mechanisms
- c) Multiple NOFOs, and multiple awards under each NOFO
- d) Before August 1, 2020
- e) Before August 1, 2020
- f) We don’t know if they will be staggered.
- g) Please review the solicitation, once released, for additional information.
- h) Yes, local primes only



**Kenya:** In Q1 & Q2, FY2020 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID noted that a new Kenya devolution and governance activity is in the planning and design stage. Could USAID please provide an update on this activity?

**USAID Response:** KEA plans to synopsise the new Governance and Accountability Program in the next 4 months. KEA has completed the design phase and is moving soon to selection of instrument and synopsis.

**Kenya:** Can USAID provide an update on anticipated follow on activities for the AHADI activity or other governance activities in Kenya?

**USAID Response:** The new Governance Program will not be a follow-on, but is a cross-sectoral with a focus on addressing corruption, deepening devolution, support to election and democratic processes, strengthening civil society and promoting freedom of the media.

**Kosovo Export-Led Growth:** Can USAID provide any update regarding the anticipated time frame for award?

**USAID Response:** USAID is concluding the technical evaluation and anticipates to determine next steps over the next two weeks.

**Kosovo:** Is the Kosovo Energy solicitation still expected to be released on July 1?

**USAID Response:** The Mission is anticipating release of the Kosovo Energy solicitation in mid-July, 2020.

**Kyrgyz Republic:** Does the Mission plan to fund a follow-on activity for the recently completed Collaborative Governance Program?

**USAID Response:** The Mission is reviewing its design and plans for its Democracy and Governance portfolio. At this time, it is unlikely that a follow-on to CGP will move forward in FY21 or beyond. However, elements from CGP may be incorporated into future activities.

**Laos:** This has reference to the business opportunity “Lao PDR Energy Security Project” which was listed as a business forecast on your website. I would like to understand the current status of the opportunity as it does not appear under business forecast anymore.

**USAID Response:** This procurement of this Activity is underway and will be awarded as a task order under the Energy II IDIQ using Small Business Set-Aside authority.

### **Laos Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

- a. With the RFI that was released in November of 2018, does USAID plan on adding the USAID/Laos Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship opportunity to the forecast and, if it does, what is the estimated solicitation release date?
- b. Can USAID please confirm if the objectives for the USAID/Laos Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship opportunity will be changed prior to its release, as well as if there will be any other information on the opportunity available prior to release?

### **USAID Response:**

- (a) USAID/Laos is still discussing a potential activity in this area. If a solicitation is released, it would likely not occur before Q2 of FY21.
- (b) USAID/Laos is still working to define USAID's role to contribute to business innovation and entrepreneurship. Once there is a clearer picture of a planned activity, USAID will update the Business Forecast with additional information.

### **Laos - health:**

- a. In the FY20 Quarter 2 Q&A, USAID/Laos mentioned that they are contemplating health-related activities in FY21. Can USAID provide an update on these activities, including anticipated project scope(s), release date(s), value(s), and award mechanism(s)?
- b. Is USAID/Laos expected to solicit any RFPs this year?
- c. Can USAID provide further information on the anticipated technical scope of the planned solicitation(s)?
- d. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated geographic scope of this opportunity?

### **USAID Response:**

- (a) USAID/Laos is still refining its overall health strategy. For FY21, Laos is currently considering a new five-year Maternal and Child Health activity. The Business Forecast will be updated to reflect this upcoming activity once USAID is able to determine the funding level and confirm that this will be part of the Laos health strategy.
- (b) No RFPs are anticipated for Laos during FY20.
- (c) USAID will update the Business Forecast with further information on any FY21 activities as information becomes available.
- (d) USAID/Laos is transitioning from an office under the direction of USAID/RDMA to an independent Country Representative post. Future USAID/Laos activities will be bilateral activities focused on Lao PDR provinces likely selected with input from the Government of Laos.

**Laos:** Can USAID please provide an update on timing and focus for any new solicitation in design for Laos for any sector?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Laos does not anticipate issuing any further solicitations during Q4. Please monitor the Business Forecast for any FY21 opportunities which will likely be added to the Business Forecast during Q1/Q2 and awarded during Q3/Q4 of FY21.

**Laos:** Is USAID planning to issue a re-bid of the standalone CTIP award for Laos? If so, when is its anticipated release date and funding mechanism?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Laos is currently reviewing its bilateral CTIP strategy. Please monitor the Business Forecast for any new opportunities in this sector.

**Lebanon:** Could USAID please provide an update on the expected award date and any other changes for the Initiative to Deliver Essential Assistance and Services (IDEAS) activity?

**USAID Response:** The IDEAS BAA has been solicited in four rounds on a rolling basis according to the schedule as stated below:

Open Period: March 18, 2020 to March 17, 2021 17:00 EST

Round 1 Due: April 24, 2020 at 17:00 EST (closed): AOI 2: Solid Waste Management

NPI Addendum Due: July 6, 2020 at 17:00 Beirut time (closed)

Round 2 Due: October 1, 2020 at 17:00 EST AOI 3: Renewable Electricity Supply

Round 3 Due: January 3, 2021 at 17:00 EST: AOI TBD

Round 4 Due: March 17, 2021 at 17:00 EST: AOI TBD

**Lebanon - Water Sanitation and Conservation (WSC) Project:** Does USAID plan to release any further information about this contract prior to release of the call in September?

**USAID Response:** Not at this time but please continue to monitor [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov) for any updates on this future opportunity.

**Lebanon - Water Sanitation and Conservation (WSC) Project:** Based on the political and economic situation in Lebanon, does USAID still anticipate an RFP release in mid-September 2020? Does USAID intend to publish a draft Statement of Work in advance of the RFP?

**USAID Response:** Yes, USAID does anticipate issuing the RFP for WSC in mid-September 2020. USAID does not intend to publish a draft Statement of Work in advance of the RFP as this time. Please monitor [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov) for any updates on this future opportunity.

**Liberia:** There are 7 items on the Liberia mission forecast and none of them is planned as a small-business set aside. Given the need for the mission to meet mission-level small-business utilization goals and contribute to the Agency's overall small-business utilization goals, does it

have plans to change any of the currently listed activities to small-business set aside, or add new procurements that are small-business set asides?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Liberia will review all future solicitations to determine if any can be set aside for small businesses. Please keep reviewing the business forecast.

**Liberia - Strategic Analysis:**

- a. Will an RFI be released for this procurement?
- b. What are the estimated release and award dates for the RFP?
- c. Will this be an F&O procurement or a small business set-aside?
- d. Will the focus of any of the objectives be on a) M&E, b) CLA, c) KM, and/or d) Data analytics?

**USAID Response:** LSA is still an active award. The future activity is now being designed.

**Liberia:** The **Liberia Community Health Activity** was anticipated to be released on June 30, 2020. Is it expected to be released in the upcoming days? Also, can you confirm it will be split into two activities as anticipated in the Q&A document from Q2? Can you elaborate on that?

**USAID Response:** This solicitation is scheduled to be issued within the next 30 days as a single activity.

**Liberia:** Could USAID/Liberia provide any update on funding mechanism for New Youth Activity?

**USAID Response:** We anticipate that this will be an acquisition mechanism.

**Liberia - LEAD:** Does USAID envision the *Liberian Elections and Democracy (LEAD) Activity* being operational before the December 2020 election?

- a. Could USAID please confirm that the anticipated release date of the Liberia Elections and Democracy Activity (LEAD) is July 17, 2020?

**USAID Response:** The LEAD solicitation is expected to be released within the next 30 days.

**Liberia - New Youth Activity:** Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated Award/Action Type for the Liberia New Youth Activity? The Award/Action Type is currently TBD.

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates that the Liberia Youth activity will be an acquisition instrument.

**Liberia - Civil Society Activity:**

- a. Does USAID anticipate awarding contract(s) or cooperative agreement(s) for this activity?
- b. Can USAID provide guidance/preferences on partners and more specifically consortiums including international organizations?

**USAID Response:** This activity is still under design and not yet finalized with regards to the approach or type of instrument.

**Liberia - Community Health Activity:** Can USAID please advise on the anticipated release date for the solicitation?

- a. Does USAID intend on issuing a call for concept notes and holding a co-creation?
- b. Does USAID still intend on having an award start date 30 Sept 2020?

**USAID Response:** The Liberia Community Health Activity solicitation should be released within the next 30 days. We do not intend to issue a call for concept notes but will look for opportunities to co-create if necessary.

**Liberia - WASH:** Can USAID provide additional information on the anticipated Liberia WASH project? Will USAID release an RFI? Is there an anticipated release date, award ceiling/mechanism, and any restrictions on eligibility expected?

- a. Does USAID anticipate overlap between the Liberia WASH activity and Liberia Community Health Activity?
- b. Does USAID have any information to share about what the anticipated mechanism will be for the Liberia New Youth opportunity? Are any further updates to the release date planned by USAID?

**USAID Response:** USAID recently awarded a WASH activity. The future WASH activity is in an embryonic design stage. There is no overlap with the Liberia Community Health Activity. The Youth Activity will be an acquisition instrument.

**Liberia - Community Health:** The Liberia Community Health opportunity was supposed to be released on June 30. Does USAID have any more information as to whether the release date will be changed?

**USAID Response:** Yes, the Community Health solicitation will be released within the next 30 days.

**Liberia/CHA:** Could USAID provide an update on the status of the forecasted *Community Health Activity* opportunity in Liberia? When does USAID anticipate releasing a solicitation for CHA?

**USAID Response:** The Community Health solicitation will be released within the next 30 days.

**Liberia:** For the proposed civil society activity in Liberia, does USAID consider this opportunity as a follow-on to or continuation of the LAVI program, or is USAID seeking a different approach to supporting civil society actors in Liberia? Can USAID also clarify whether this project would be a contract or a cooperative agreement?

**USAID Response:** This activity is still under design and not yet finalized with regards to the approach or type of instrument.

**Liberia:** Can USAID please clarify the anticipated release date for the LEAD project in Liberia?

**USAID Response:** The LEAD solicitation will be released within the next 30 days.

**Liberia - New Youth Activity:** Can USAID provide any information on the main criteria for an organization to be considered a local NGO?

**USAID Response:** The NGO must be a locally registered entity.

**Liberia - New Youth Activity:** Does USAID anticipate this award to be a cooperative agreement or a contract? If a contract, will USAID permit grants under contract (GUCs)?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates that the Liberia Youth activity will be an acquisition instrument. It is possible that there will be GUCs.

**Liberia:** Does USAID intend to procure a follow-on to the Liberia Strategic Analysis contract that is scheduled to close in November 2020? If so, when is that procurement intended to be released? Will it be a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** The replacement LSA activity is still in design.

**Liberia:**

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated solicitation release date and award type for the Transforming the Education System for Teachers and Students in Liberia (TESTS) Activity?
- b. Is USAID still expecting to release the Liberia Customary Land Management (CLMA) Activity on or around July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020? Will this be a small business set aside?
- c. Is USAID still expecting to release the Liberia Civil Society Activity on or around July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020? Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated award type?

- d. Is USAID still expecting to release the Liberia Media Activity on or around July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020? Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated award type?
- e. Can USAID confirm if the Liberia Media and the Liberia ReCOVER Activities are the same projects as they have the same activity description? If these are not the same activities, does USAID plan on re-posting the Liberia ReCOVER activity that was removed from the Business Forecast?
- f. The RFI for the upcoming Liberia New Youth Activity initially outlined three counties for interventions – Montserrado, Grand Bassa, and Lofa. The recent Liberia CDCS notes that “in order to maximize USAID’s investments, the strategy focuses on the six central counties of Liberia that represent the majority of the population (Montserrado, Margibi, Lofa, Nimba, Bong, and Grand Bassa).” Can USAID please clarify which counties will be included in the Liberia New Youth Activity?
- g. Both the CDCS and the Liberia New Youth Activity RFI from August 2019 do not provide any clear insights on whether the Activity will focus more on service-oriented sectors or agricultural sectors. Could USAID please provide greater clarity concerning whether the service sector or the agricultural sector will have a more central role in the Activity?
- h. Can USAID inform implementers as to whether the intermediate results for the Liberia New Youth Activity have changed since the release of the RFI in August 2019, particularly in light of the COVID-19 pandemic? If so, can USAID provide details concerning how they have changed?
- i. The CDCS for Liberia mentions results-based financing several times. Can USAID please elaborate on how they expect results-based financing to be part of the New Youth Activity?

#### **USAID Responses:**

- a. Transforming the Education System for Teachers and Students in Liberia (TESTS) Activity solicitation should be released in the next 60 days.
- b. The Liberia Customary Land Management (CLMA) Activity is expected to be released in the next 60 days. This will be a full and open competition.
- c. The Liberia Civil Society and Media Activities are still in design and no determination of types of award have been made.
- d. The Liberia Media and the Liberia ReCOVER Activities are not the same activities.
- e. Three counties - Montserrado, Grand Bassa, and Lofa - will be included in the Liberia New Youth Activity.
- f. The Liberia New Youth Activity will focus on both service-oriented and Agriculture sectors.
- g. The intermediate results for the Liberia New Youth Activity have not changed since the release of the RFI in August 2019.
- h. Results Based Financing: Offerors will be expected to propose the best way to receive the expected result of the New Youth Activity. Results based financing is not anticipated to be part of this activity.

**Liberia opportunities:** USAID has seven procurements listed on the Business Forecast scheduled for release before the end of August. Would USAID please advise if the anticipated release dates for these programs continue to be accurate and that the procurements are likely to be released in the order that they are currently scheduled?

**USAID Response:** All information has now been updated on the business forecast.

**Liberia Civil Society Activity:** Could USAID provide details regarding the anticipated action/award type for this procurement?

a. Can USAID confirm the award type/action for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** this activity is still being designed and updates will be posted on the business forecast.

**Liberia: Feed the Future agriculture and economic growth opportunities:** Can USAID provide an update regarding any upcoming Feed the Future procurements anticipated for Liberia, including status of the procurement, anticipated award/action type, and likely timeframe for release? Per the Q2 Business Forecast Q&A, new procurements were expected in late 2020.

a. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or FRI?

b. Could USAID clarify whether the programming will be in the form of a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?

**USAID Response:** Liberia's FTF activities are still being designed and the Mission will consider issuing an RFI.

**Liberia - New Youth Activity:** The Q2 Q&A stated that this opportunity is expected to be a contract, but it is still listed as "TBD" on the Forecast. Can USAID confirm that this is still planned as an RFP?

**USAID Response:** Yes, this is still planned as an acquisition instrument.

**Libya:** Does USAID/Libya anticipate releasing any solicitations in 2020 or 2021?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Libya has begun designing two solicitations that are planned to be released in mid-2021. The first one is an economic growth activity designed to support entrepreneurs of vulnerable populations. The second one is a stabilization activity. They have both been added to the Business Forecast.

**Malawi: Basic Education Activity:** Could USAID provide information on the scope, release date, award mechanism, and value of the anticipated primary education program?

**USAID Response:** Anticipated scope to focus on improving early grade reading, building upon USAID's current investments in Malawi's National Reading Program to achieve marked improvement in student performance in reading. The anticipated release date is in the fall of



2020. USAID/Malawi has not made a decision on which type of mechanism the award will be, and the award value will be determined in the final design stages.

**Malawi:** Early grade reading program: Could USAID provide information on the expected release date, award mechanism, and value of an anticipated early grade reading program in Malawi?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated release date is in the fall of 2020. USAID/Malawi has not made a decision on which type of mechanism the award will be, and the award value will be determined in the final design stages.

**Malawi:** Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM): Can USAID confirm that this opportunity will not be limited to applications led by US higher education institutions?

**USAID Response:** No. This opportunity will be limited to applications led by US higher education institutions. Collaboration with other institutions is possible.

**Malawi:** Expanding Degree Opportunities: Can USAID confirm that this opportunity will not be limited to applications led by US higher education institutions?

**USAID Response:** No. This opportunity will be limited to applications led by US higher education institutions. Collaboration with other institutions is possible.

**Malawi:** Does USAID have any further information on the planned Malawi primary grade reading activity? Could USAID please add the solicitation to the Business Forecast?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not have any further information to share on the planned Malawi primary grade reading activity.

**Malawi:** Does USAID plan to procure a new agriculture and resilience activity? If yes, what is the expected release date? Does USAID plan to release an RFI for it?

**USAID Response:** There are no plans in 2020.

**Malawi:** Feed the Future agriculture and economic growth opportunities: In the last forecast call, USAID indicated that this program was under design, with possible release of an RFI in late 2020.

Can USAID kindly provide an update regarding the status of this opportunity, including likely scope and award/action type, as well as a revised timeline?

Will a draft scope of work or FRI be released?

Will the programming be in the form of a contract or cooperative agreement? What will the size of the procurement be?

**USAID Response:** Due to the COVID pandemic, no agriculture or economic growth RFI's are planned in 2020. We would expect an RFI for a contract to be released in 2021. The size is yet to be determined.

**Malawi:** Would USAID please confirm whether the Malawi Agricultural Commercialization Activity or other agriculture activity will be added to the forecast for 2021?

**USAID Response:** Yes, an agriculture activity RFI will be released sometime in 2020.

**Malawi - Learn to Perform:** Would USAID provide an update on the status of this procurement and its release date? This opportunity is no longer listed on the Business Forecast. Does USAID still anticipate its release? Can USAID please also clarify if this opportunity will be released as a Task Order under the EVAL ME II mechanism or if it will be a standalone contract?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Malawi is in the final stages of key stakeholder consultations and analysis of information obtained from the market research the mission conducted. Procurement decisions related to type of instrument and whether it will be competed as a standalone or will be a task order under an existing IDIQ will be made once the analysis has been completed and activity design has been framed.

**Malawi:** Would USAID please confirm the intended timeline for publishing the new CDCS?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Malawi is in the final stages of analyzing its strategic future in alignment with the Government of Malawi priorities. Information related to the strategy and programmatic long-term focus will be made known to the public on a case by case basis.

**Malawi - Implementing Partners Assessment, Audit and Technical Assistance Activity:** An RFI (RFI-612-TA-20-001) was issued on Grants.gov in October 2019, however, there is no corresponding opportunity on the USAID Business Forecast. Can USAID please provide an update to the anticipated solicitation release date for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Malawi is in the final stages of analyzing market research information to inform the activity design. Issuance of a solicitation will depend on the strategic consideration of the inputs received from the market.

**Malawi - Leveraging Local Capacity to Strengthen Health Service Delivery Project:** The 2nd quarter forecast states that addendum to this APS are anticipated to be released around April/May 2020. Are there any updates on the timeframes for releasing addendum to the APS?

**USAID Response:** The addendum was released on June 19th and will close on July 27th, 2020.

**Malawi:** Can USAID provide an update on the expected follow-on to the USAID/Malawi Organized Network of Services for Everyone's (ONSE) Health Activity? Will this be issued as one award or multiple awards? If multiple awards, how will it be divided (geographic, technical, other?) Could USAID provide information on anticipated scope(s)? Could USAID provide information on the timing of the solicitation(s)? Could USAID indicate the expected funding mechanism? Could USAID indicate whether this follow-on is expected to be a bilateral award? Will the contract end in March 2021 or September 2021

**USAID Response:** USAID's ONSE Health Activity ends in March 2021. USAID/Malawi is holding internal discussions and will conduct external key stakeholder consultations to inform follow-on activities. USAID expects to decide on these activities in the near future.

**Malawi:** LGAP Performance Evaluation: Under which task order vehicle is the USAID/Malawi LGAP Performance Evaluation anticipated to be secured?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Malawi had intended to award the task order under MECLAK in South Africa, however the ceiling of that mechanism was unexpectedly reached. USAID/Malawi is currently exploring other options.

**Mali: Peace and Stabilization II:**

- a. Will USAID add this opportunity to the Live Business Forecast?
- b. Does USAID intend to issue a follow-on to the current Mali Peacebuilding, Stabilization and Reconciliation opportunity?
- c. When does USAID anticipate releasing this opportunity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. No, there is no plan to add this opportunity to the Live Business Forecast.
- b. USAID does not intend to issue any follow-on to the current Mali Peacebuilding, Stabilization and Reconciliation opportunity. This was awarded two years ago and is still ongoing.
- c. As mentioned in response b., there is no anticipated release date.

**Mali - MEL:**

- a. Please provide an update on when this RFP will be issued.
- b. Can USAID indicate what mechanism will be used for this solicitation?

- c. What is the anticipated solicitation date?
- d. Will there be a small business set aside?
- e. Will the solicitation be released under EVAL ME II?
- f. Could USAID update the business forecast?

**USAID Response:** This forecast is on hold until further notice.

**Mali:** Can USAID please clarify the status of the various Mali opportunities that were previously forecasted but have been since removed?

**USAID Response:** If opportunities were removed, probably they have been already awarded or removed completely from the forecast.

**Mali - NPI:** The forecasted award, *Conflict Prevention in Mali*, is slated to be part of the New Partner Initiative (NPI). Will Locally Established Partners, as defined by the NPI, be eligible to submit a proposal for this award?

**USAID Response:** Yes, both "Locally" Established Partners and "Local" Established Partners as defined by the NPI, will be eligible to submit applications.

**Mali - WASH:** Will the forecasted award, "Mali Rural water Infrastructure Governance Activity," focus on WASH education activities as well as governance?

**USAID Response:** The Mali Rural Water Infrastructure Governance (RWIG) activity is still in design, and therefore all of its components have not been finalized.

**Mali** Is USAID still planning to release an RFA for **Social Marketing in Mali**? If so, what is the expected release date?

**USAID Response:** This activity will be removed from the forecast as USAID plans to use an existing Global Health Bureau's centrally funded mechanism.

**Mali - Quality of Care/Quality Improvement Activity:**

- a. Is the release date for this still September 30, 2020?
- b. Does USAID anticipate any change to the timeline or scope of this opportunity, given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic?
- c. Can USAID provide more information on the proposal process for this opportunity? Specifically, should implementing partners anticipate a multi-phased proposal process, including co-creation?
- d. Can USAID confirm the geographic scope for this project? Will it be national in scope, or

region(s)-specific?

- e. Can USAID provide any further details on the scope of work currently listed in the forecast?
- f. Will this HRH/QI project be the follow-on to a single existing project or the combination of existing projects that are ending soon?
- g. When can we expect this opportunity to be released?
- h. Will there be an RFI before the RFA is released?
- i. Can USAID provide more information about the focus of this activity. Will this project focus on 1) the national level with an emphasis on HRH and quality policies, 2) the decentralized management level (regions and districts), or 3) the service delivery levels (facilities and communities)?
- j. What will be the geographic focus?
- k. Given that many USAID-funded projects in Mali have quality and HRH components, what would be the expected results and objectives of this project?
- l. Does USAID have any further information to share about the SOW or award description for the anticipated quality of care opportunity in Mali?
- m.

**USAID Response:** USAID will no longer proceed with the Quality of Care program as the issue of quality service delivery will be adequately covered through two activities about to be awarded (HCH and HSS).

**Mali:** Could USAID please provide more information about the **Mali Rural Water Infrastructure Governance Activity**. Specifically:

- a. Could USAID advise if a contract mechanism is being contemplated for release of this forthcoming activity, and if so, which IDIQ?
- b. Will USAID be releasing an RFI or presolicitation for this activity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID/Mali currently anticipates that this procurement will be a full and open Acquisition mechanism, not under an IDIQ.
- b. USAID/Mali has not made a decision on whether this activity will include any informational sessions for potential offerors prior to the formal release of a solicitation.

**Mali:** Will USAID clarify timing and content for the Mali Family Planning (FP) and private sector focused solicitation?

**USAID Response:** USAID plans to use an existing Global Health Bureau's centrally funded mechanism to procure this work. Therefore this activity will be removed from the forecast.

**Mali - Rural Water Infrastructure Governance Activity:**

- a. Does USAID intend to publish a draft statement of work or objectives in advance of the RFP?
- b. Will an RFI be released in advance of the solicitation?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID/Mali has not made a decision yet.
- b. USAID Response: USAID/Mali has not made a decision on whether this activity will include any informational sessions for potential offerors prior to the formal release of a solicitation.

**Mali - Education:** Does USAID intend to release an education opportunity in Mali in FY 2020 or FY 2021? If yes, we could appreciate any information available about the solicitation timing and regions to be included.

**USAID Response:** No, there is no plan to an education opportunity in Mali in FY 2020. USAID may have some opportunities in 2021.

**Mali - Agricultural Market Systems (GFSS Implementation – Feed the Future)** Can USAID confirm the award date for the USAID Mali GFSS Implementation (2020-2025) as 9/30/2020?

**USAID Response:** The planned award date is September 30, 2020 barring any unforeseen circumstances.

**Mexico:** Does USAID anticipate any new funding being allocated to energy programs in Mexico?

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

**Moldova:**

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the status of the Moldova Tourism solicitation that used to be on the forecast? Does USAID still anticipate releasing a solicitation for this activity? If so, can USAID provide an update on anticipated solicitation type and timing?
- b. With ongoing competitiveness and high-value agriculture activities scheduled to close in the coming months, does USAID anticipate releasing new opportunities under Moldova CDCS IR 2.2: Improved Private Sector Competitiveness of Selected Industries?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID/Moldova is in the process of developing its five-year Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). The Moldova Tourism opportunity was removed from the Business Forecast as the Mission is reviewing all new activities to ensure they align with its new strategy and the priorities of Moldova's new government.

b. The referenced activities both have over a year remaining until they close. USAID/Moldova is assessing future needs as part of its new CDCS development. Please monitor the business forecast for future opportunities.

**Morocco - Reading for Success:**

- a. Can USAID/Morocco please provide any updates on the intended Morocco Reading for Success- Teacher Training for Inclusive Education opportunity, including any updates to the anticipated release date or value? This was originally included on the Business Forecast with a release date of May 29, 2020; however, it is no longer on the Business Forecast.
- b. Does USAID/Morocco anticipate releasing any solicitations in 2020 or 2021?

**USAID Response:**

a. The name of this opportunity has been changed to read: **Inclusive Education Teacher Training**.

This anticipated activity is still in the design phase.

The purpose of Inclusive Education Teacher Training (formerly Reading for Success-Teacher Training for Inclusive Education) is to improve the quality of education for deaf children and youth in Morocco. This purpose will be achieved through sustainably improving the performance and capacity of Moroccan Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and regional teacher training centers (CRMEFs) to provide quality teacher preparation and professional development in bilingual deaf education.

b. USAID/Morocco anticipates releasing a solicitation for this activity by the end of September 2020. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates on other upcoming opportunities with USAID/Morocco.

**Morocco Socio-Economic Inclusion APS in Marrakech-Safi:** This opportunity is no longer listed on the Business Forecast. And according to the USAID Second Quarter Business Forecast responses, the activity was still in the design phase. Could USAID please provide a status update for this APS?

**USAID Response:** The Morocco Inclusive Socio-Economic Development (ISED) opportunity in Marrakech-Safi is still in the design phase.

USAID/Morocco is planning to release an RFI posted in Grants.gov in advance of the solicitation. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for updates on this and other upcoming opportunities with USAID/Morocco.

**Mozambique:** Does USAID plan to procure a new agriculture and resilience activity? If yes, what is the expected release date? Does USAID plan to release an RFI for it?

**USAID Response:** USAID plans to procure a new agriculture and resilience activity in January, 2021. We may or may not issue an RFI.

**Mozambique - CHEGAR:** Can USAID provide an update on its plans for the CHEGAR 4 PLs opportunity mentioned in the FY20 Q2 forecast?

a. Will USAID issue an RFI for the CHEGAR 4 PLs?

**USAID Response:** USAID issued an RFI, followed by an RFP from which proposals were received. The proposals received are currently under evaluation.

**Mozambique - OVC Locally-led Opportunities:** Can USAID please provide an update on planned OVC procurements, including the anticipated release date and award amounts?

**USAID Response:** We do not have this information at this time.

**Mozambique - Local Governance and Decentralization in WASH:** When does USAID anticipate releasing the “Local Governance and Decentralization in WASH” bid for Mozambique?

a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a WASH activity *in addition* to the “Local Governance and Decentralization in WASH” bid in Mozambique?

**USAID Response:** Yes

**Mozambique - WASH opportunities.** Does USAID intend to procure any new WASH opportunities in Mozambique in the coming year?

a. Can USAID clarify the expected date of release and mechanism of the WASH and Gender opportunity?

**USAID Response:** Yes- Transform WASH is expected to be released this calendar year with an anticipated award in mid 2021. Mechanism yet to be determined.

**Mozambique:** Are there any anticipated procurements expected out of USAID Mozambique in 2020 or 2021?

**USAID Response:** Yes

**Mozambique:** We understand that any opportunities focused on WASH in Mozambique are in the planning stages. However, a) Can USAID provide an update on its planned WASH procurement and confirm for which province(s) it will be focused? b) Can USAID provide an update about timing of the anticipated release date and whether a pre-solicitation or RFI will be released? c) Can USAID please confirm whether eligibility to prime the WASH activity will be restricted to local organizations?



**USAID Response:** Please refer to our response above. USAID Mozambique is planning projects nationwide. USAID plans to submit an RFI for Transform WASH by the end of August. No restrictions to local organizations are anticipated at this time.

**Mozambique:** Does USAID Mozambique anticipate any opportunities within the agricultural sector in 2020? If yes, in what regions? What are the anticipated activities and timeline? Is it expected to be restricted to local organizations to prime based on USAID's Journey to Self-Reliance?

**USAID Response:** USAID Mozambique anticipates two activities, an Integrated Resilience Activity and a Markets System Activity in Nampula, Zambezia and Sofala provinces. Anticipated award dates is mid 2021. Any restrictions to eligibility have not yet been determined.

**Mozambique:** We understand the current USAID-funded project in Mozambique, "Communication for Improved Health", ends March 2021. Will there be a continuation and is it expected to be restricted to local organizations to prime?

**USAID Response:** This information is not available at this time.

**Mozambique:** Regarding the USAID/Vamos Ler! Project in Mozambique, we understand the project is expected to end by July 2021. Could USAID share any relevant details (expected timing of release, size and SOW) about any new opportunities for a possible follow-on procurement and/or other education procurements in the pipeline for Mozambique? Also, based on USAID's Journey to Self-Reliance, please confirm if USAID anticipates one or more education-related solicitations to be restricted to local organizations.

**USAID Response:** Yes, USAID/Mozambique expects to release a new opportunity between September-December 2020 and details are still in discussion. In response to the USAID's Journey to Self-Reliance Policy, USAID Mozambique intends to restrict some education related solicitations to local organizations.

**Mozambique:** Can USAID provide more information on the agriculture project currently in design in Mozambique that was mentioned in the FY20 Q1 Forecast Q&A Conference Call? What is the expected release date? Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or a Request for Information (RFI) for this project? Can USAID clarify whether the project will be a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?

**USAID Response:** Please refer to our response related to the Markets System Activity. The implementation mechanism has not been determined. The estimated activity value is \$25M over 5 years.

**Mozambique:** Can USAID provide information if USAID/Mozambique is designing a market system resilience opportunity related to the 2019 cyclones' economic recovery?

**USAID Response:** Please refer to USAID's response related to the Integrated Resilience Activity.

**Nepal:**

a. Could USAID/Nepal provide any information about whether there will be a follow-on for the Nepal Early Grade Reading Project being implemented by RTI that ends soon? Is there an anticipated release date for the Early Grade Learning (EGL) opportunity in Nepal and are there any additional details on the program?

b. Will there be a cost or no cost extension of the current project that would delay any follow-on?

**USAID Response:**

a. USAID/NEPAL intends to release a solicitation to continue to support the Government of Nepal to implement high quality early grade learning and improve learning outcomes. However, the timeline of a new solicitation is under revision.

b. USAID/Nepal has recently awarded a two-year cooperative agreement to RTI International, the Early Grade Reading Transition Support Activity (EGRTS). This will support the Government of Nepal to roll out the National Early Grade Reading Program in the final years of the School Sector Development Plan Program. The end date of EGRTS is May 2022.

**Nepal - Suaahara II:**

a. Does USAID still anticipate posting a follow-on project for Suaahara II on the forecast sometime in Q3 of 2020?

b. When can bidders expect a solicitation to be released for the follow-on?

**USAID Response:** No, USAID doesn't anticipate soliciting Suaahara II follow-on in quarter three of 2020. Currently the Suaahara II follow-on project is postponed and scheduled for the second quarter of the FY 2022.

**Nepal - Trade and Competitiveness** With the RFI that was released in May 2020, does USAID plan on adding the Nepal Trade and Competitiveness opportunity to the forecast and, if it does, what is the estimated solicitation release date?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Nepal does not plan to add the Trade and Competitiveness activity to the business forecast at this time.

**Nepal:** Can USAID please confirm the anticipated release date and additional details, including award mechanism, for a follow-on to the Hariyo Ban activity?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Nepal intends to announce a new activity in Quarter 2 of Fiscal Year 2021 that will combine aquatic and terrestrial conservation. The award mechanism has not been determined at this time.

**Nepal:** In the last quarter's Business Forecast Q&A, USAID stated a new or follow-on biodiversity and natural resource governance activity would be released in March 2021. Can USAID please confirm whether this opportunity is a follow-on to Hariyo Ban or PAANI? If this is a separate opportunity, can USAID confirm an anticipated release date and award mechanism?

**USAID Response:** : USAID/Nepal intends to announce this new activity in Quarter 2 of Fiscal Year 2021 that will combine aquatic and terrestrial conservation. The award mechanism has not been determined at this time.

**Nepal:** Can USAID please confirm the mechanism for the Trade and Competitiveness opportunity? Can USAID confirm that this opportunity will be separate from the Nepal Agriculture Inputs referenced in the last quarter's Business Forecast Q&A?

**USAID Response:** The T&C activity is different from the Nepal Agriculture Inputs activity (now called Transforming Agriculture Input Systems activity). USAID/Nepal does not plan to add the Trade and Competitiveness activity to the business forecast at this time.

**Nepal:** Can USAID please confirm if there is an intention to release a Feed the Future activity in FY21?

**USAID Response:** USAID intends to release the Transforming Agriculture Input Systems activity in FY21.

**Nepal:** Could USAID please clarify if the Feed the Future II strategy released last summer is still under revision or if it is considered final?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Nepal's Feed the Future Strategy (GFSS) was finalized and released in 2017. It is not under revision.

**Nepal - Civil Society and Media Activity:**

- a. Will USAID issue a Request for Information before the release of this RFA?
- b. Will USAID share more detailed information about this activity?
- c. Can USAID confirm the budget amount?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes, USAID will issue a Request for Information (RFI) before the release of the RFA or RFP.
- b. Please refer to the RFI for detailed information or in the RFA or RFP about this activity.
- c. Please refer to the RFI or in the RFA/RFP regarding the budget amount.

**Nepal - Adolescent FP/RH Project:** In Nepal, the suspension of all international and domestic flights has been extended until 22 July, except for emergency flights. The current first phase of the government's reopening plan has also been extended until 22 July. Given the inability to travel to Nepal to meet with MOH and colleagues and prepare for the bid, how will USAID adjust the procurement process to enable a broad competitive environment ?

**USAID Response:** Due to the current situation, USAID Nepal has postponed the planned solicitation date to the last quarter of FY 2020. Thus, the Business Forecast for the Adolescent FP/RH activity has been updated accordingly.

**Nepal - Adolescent Reproductive Health/Family Planning:** Does USAID have an updated release date for the Nepal Adolescent Reproductive Health/Family Planning opportunity?

- a. Is this designed as a new program or a follow-on?
- b. Will USAID consider using a BAA mechanism for this procurement?
- c. Could USAID please confirm the anticipated release date of the Adolescent Reproductive Health/Family Planning activity?
- d. Please confirm the July 6 solicitation release date remains accurate. If not, can USAID provide an updated date for release?
- e. Can USAID provide further information on the anticipated technical scope of the planned activity?
- f. Can USAID provide further information on the anticipated geographic scope of the planned activity?

**USAID Response:** Yes, the Business Forecast for the Adolescent FP/RH activity has been updated.

- a. This activity is designed as a new program.
- b. No, USAID doesn't have plans to use the BAA mechanism for this procurement.
- c. USAID Nepal has postponed the planned solicitation date to the last quarter of FY 2020. Thus the Business Forecast for the Adolescent FP/RH activity has been updated accordingly.
- d. The revised forecasts release date is last quarter of FY 2020.
- e. Please check [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov) and [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) regularly for further information including all the information on the anticipated technical scope of the planned activity.
- f. Please check [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov) and [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) regularly for further information including all the information on the anticipated geographic scope of the planned activity.

**Nepal - MEL:** Would USAID provide a confirmation on the release date of July 27, 2020? Would USAID also please confirm that the procurement will be released as a women-owned small

business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** Due to the urgency of COVID-19 related actions and response activities, the release of the solicitation has been delayed. As a result, the planned solicitation date is postponed to the first quarter of FY 2021. Please check regularly the business forecast for updated information. At this time, USAID still anticipates that the procurement will be released as a women-owned small business set-aside.

**Nepal - Civil Society and Media Strengthening Activity:** Does USAID anticipate issuing an RFI prior to the solicitation for the Nepal Civil Society and Media Strengthening Activity? If so, does USAID have an anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates issuing an RFI prior to the solicitation or RFA for the Nepal Civil Society and Media Activity. The anticipated release date of the RFI is August 01, 2020.

**Nepal - MEL Activity:** The release of this opportunity has been pushed back a few times. Can USAID confirm if the currently listed solicitation release date of 7/27/2020 is accurate or provide a new anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** Due to the urgency of COVID-19 related actions and response activities, the release of the solicitation has been delayed. As a result, the planned solicitation date is postponed to the first quarter of FY 2021. Please check regularly the business forecast for the accuracy of the estimated release date.

**Nepal -** Is there any special opportunity for Nepali firms (e.g private consulting company)?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Nepal encourages the participation of all qualified companies and organizations.

**Nepal -** What are the pros and cons of Nepali firms going mutually exclusive with international agencies?

**USAID Response:** Nepali firms may lack experience in the administration of USAID awards. Going mutually with international firms will result in experience and also help to better achieve the results of the program; since the Nepali firms have knowledge in the development needs of its country.

**Nepal -** Does USAID/Nepal anticipate a follow-on to the Paani Program? If so, are there any updates on the procurement timeline, technical scope, mechanism, or budget?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Nepal intends to announce a new activity in Quarter 2 of Fiscal Year 2021 that will combine aquatic and terrestrial conservation. The award mechanism has not been determined at this time.

**Nepal** - In the last business forecast Q&A, USAID/Nepal said that it was looking to release an RFI and solicitation for a new activity focused on agricultural inputs in or around September 2020. However, this activity is not yet reflected in the business forecast. Are there any updates to the timeline or subject matter for this procurement?

**USAID Response:** USAID plans to announce this new activity during the second quarter of FY21.

**Nepal** - In the last business forecast Q&A, USAID/Nepal said it “anticipates an Integrated Nutrition Activity which may be advertised in the last quarter of FY 2020,” but no details have been provided on the business forecast. Are there any updates or additional information available regarding this procurement?

- a. Could USAID comment on the expected timing for the release?
- b. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or RFI?
- c. Will it be a contract or cooperative agreement? What will the size of the procurement be?

**USAID Response:** This activity is expected to be solicited in FY 2022. Thus, business forecast is updated accordingly.

- a. The anticipated release date for this activity is second quarter of FY 2022, Please check regularly to the business forecast for the accuracy of the estimated release date.
- b. At this time, this is still in the design phase, thus USAID Nepal advises to visit [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov) and [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) regularly for any type of information.
- c. USAID has no additional information regarding the procurement at this time.

**Nepal:** In May 2020, an RFI was released for the USAID Nepal Trade and Competitiveness Activity.

- a. Will USAID add this opportunity to the business forecast and what is the anticipated release date?
- b. Can USAID confirm the procurement release date, vehicle, and expected dollar value?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Nepal does not plan to add the Trade and Competitiveness activity to the business forecast at this time.

**Nepal - Early Grade Reading Program:** Could USAID please provide an updated timeline of the anticipated solicitation release as it is no longer included on the forecast?

**USAID Response:** USAID/NEPAL intends to release a solicitation to continue to support the Government of Nepal to implement high quality early grade learning and improve learning outcomes. However, the timeline of a new solicitation is under revision. A new solicitation will support activities following the Early Grade Reading Transition Support Activity (end date May 2022) and under the new School Sector Development Plan (expected date July 2021). The expected award date for a new activity will be aligned with these activities.

**Nepal:**

- a. Does USAID/Nepal intend to solicit any RFPs this year stemming from the new Country Development Cooperation Strategy? TBD
- b. The Nepal Early Grade Learning Activity recently fell off of the USAID business forecast, and RTI International was awarded a cooperative agreement for the Early Grade Reading Transitional Support project? Does USAID still intend to release a solicitation for the Nepal EGL Activity? What is the anticipated release date of the Nepal EGL solicitation?
- c. How might the Early Grade Reading Transitional Support cooperative agreement impact the scope and timing of the Nepal EGL Activity?
- d. Is there an anticipated release date for its new Nepal agriculture program? Can USAID please clarify the anticipated value/size and award type of the program? Would USAID consider releasing a pre-solicitation or request for information prior to the solicitation?
- e. This opportunity was removed from the forecast. Does USAID intend to put it back in the forecast?

**USAID Response:**

USAID/NEPAL intends to release a solicitation to continue to support the Government of Nepal to implement high quality early grade learning and improve learning outcomes. A new solicitation will support activities following the EGRTS Activity (end date May 2022) and under the new School Sector Development Plan (expected date July 2021). The expected solicitation and award date for a new activity will be aligned with these activities. However, the timeline of a new solicitation is under revision.

Early Grade Reading Transition Support (EGRTS) Cooperative Agreement will support the Government of Nepal to roll out the National Early Grade Reading Program in the final years of the School Sector Development Plan Program. A new solicitation will support activities following the EGRTS Activity and under the new School Sector Development Plan (expected date July 2021). The expected solicitation and award date for a new activity will be aligned with these activities.

The anticipated release date for the Transforming Agriculture Input Systems activity is second quarter (early)FY21. \$24.9M, releasing a pre-solicitation or request for information prior to the solicitation is yet to be decided.

USAID/Nepal does not plan to add the Trade and Competitiveness activity to the business forecast at this time.

**Nepal - Trade and Competitiveness activity:** In the previous quarter's Business Forecast, USAID stated the intended award date for the Agriculture Inputs activity would be March 2021.

- a. Could USAID please confirm the anticipated release date and award date? Can USAID also please clarify if this opportunity is separate from the Nepal Trade and Competitiveness opportunity?
- b. When is this RFP expected?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated release date for the Transforming Agriculture Input Systems activity is second quarter FY21. This activity will be separate from a Trade and Competitiveness activity.

**Nepal:** Can USAID provide any updated details regarding timing for the release of a Nepal early grade reading program?

**USAID Response:** USAID/NEPAL intends to release a solicitation to continue to support the Government of Nepal to implement high quality early grade learning and improve learning outcomes. However, the timeline of a new solicitation is under revision. A new solicitation will support activities following the Early Grade Reading Transition Support Activity (end date May 2022) and under the new School Sector Development Plan (expected date July 2021). The expected award date for a new activity will be aligned with these activities.

**Nepal:** Is the RFP for USAID/Nepal Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Activity (Nepal MEL) still anticipated to be released on July 27, 2020?

**USAID Response:** Due to the urgency of COVID-19 related actions and response activities, the release of the solicitation has been delayed. As a result, the planned solicitation date is postponed to the last quarter of FY 2020. Please check regularly the business forecast for the accuracy of the estimated release date.

**Nepal:** Can USAID please clarify the timing of the anticipated solicitation release date for the Nepal Trade Competitiveness activity?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Nepal does not plan to add the Trade and Competitiveness activity to the business forecast at this time. The anticipated release date for the Transforming Agriculture Input Systems activity is second quarter FY21. This activity will be separate from a Trade and Competitiveness activity.

**Nepal:** When does USAID intend to release the Nepal M&E contract? Does USAID intend to use the newly awarded EVAL-ME II IDIQ for this contract?



**USAID Response:** Due to the urgency of COVID-19 related actions and response activities, the release of the solicitation has been delayed. As a result, the planned solicitation date is postponed to the last quarter of FY 2020. Please check regularly the business forecast for the accuracy of the estimated release date. At the moment, USAID has not determined whether it will use the EVAL-ME II IDIQ.

**Niger:** Does USAID plan to issue any health procurements for Niger in the current or upcoming FY? If so, could USAID provide information on the anticipated technical focus, mechanisms, and release dates?

**USAID Response:** No information is available at this time. The forecast will be updated as information becomes available.

**Niger - education:** Can USAID provide any details about upcoming education programming in Niger, including timing, value, and solicitation type?

**USAID Response:** No information is available at this time. The forecast will be updated as information becomes available.

**Niger - early grade reading:** Can USAID provide any details regarding timing for the release of a Nepal early grade reading program?

**USAID Response:** No information is available at this time. The forecast will be updated as information becomes available.

**Niger Resilient Governance:** Though the opportunity is no longer on the business forecast, is there any indication of when an award will be made as the application process closed on January 27, 2020?

**USAID Response:** The proposed award is currently in progress and may be completed before the end of the fiscal year.

**Niger:** Can USAID provide any details about upcoming education programming in Niger, including timing, value, and solicitation type?

**USAID Response:** No information is available at this time. The forecast will be updated as information becomes available.

**Niger - Prevention of Early and Forced Marriage Activity from Niger:** Can USAID confirm whether an award has been made for the Senegal Prevention of Early and Forced Marriage

Activity for Niger (72068519AP00001)?

**USAID Response:** The award process is currently in progress.

**Nigeria - Leveraging Education Assistance Resources in Nigeria (USAID/LEARN):** Could USAID please provide an updated timeline of the anticipated solicitation release as it is not currently included on the forecast?

- a. Is there any update on the anticipated size of the award?
- b. Is there any update on the solicitation release date?
- c. Is there any update on the anticipated funding mechanism?
- d. Has there been any additional thought around the three tiers outlined in the RFI:

“USAID/Nigeria’s current considerations involve three “tiers” of states: a) those where USAID/Nigeria has made significant recent bilateral investments in primary grade reading (Bauchi and Sokoto), b) those where a rapid expansion of the USAID financed Mu Karanta (“Let’s Read”) reading program in Hausa might be of benefit to students not currently receiving reading support from another sector actor, and c) any other state participating in the World Bank-financed Better Education Service Delivery for All (“BESDA”) program that might need to make specific consulting requests in order to best leverage its Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC)-provided funding and/or other revenue to improve students’ reading outcomes.”

Will the anticipated project still be expected to reach states in all three tiers or have there been any changes to the geographic priorities?

- e. After receiving RFI responses from implementing partners, does USAID anticipate that there will be significant changes from the sub-IRs currently listed in the RFI?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The planned size of the proposed award is between \$50 million and \$55 million
- b. The solicitation is expected to be released during the 4th quarter
- c. It will be a Contract
- d. Yes, the project is expected to reach all three tiers. There are no changes to the geographic priorities.
- e. LEARN to Read will provide technical assistance to states of the Nigerian federation, with the greatest need to improve learner reading outcomes, that have non-USAID funds to leverage to expand its early grade reading. Seventeen states have been identified as eligible recipients of World Bank funds for this purpose under the Better Education Service Delivery for All (BESDA) activity. Of the 17 states that can access World Bank funds, Tier 1 will support Bauchi and Sokoto as “graduating states”. Tiers 2 will support 1 state of the remaining 15 as a “launching state”. Tier 3 will support any variety of states not classified as “graduating” or “launching”, funds permitting, with on-demand support related to improving reading outcomes. There is also a fourth component of the LEARN to

Read activity that focuses on high-level policy engagement to strengthen reading outcomes that involves federal level actors, with nationwide implications. The fourth component was not highlighted in the RFI for external stakeholder input, but was reflected in the original concept note approved by the Mission senior leadership.

**Nigeria - Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Activity:** When does USAID intend to release the Nigeria Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning contract? What mechanism does USAID intend to use for this contract?

- a. Please provide an update on when this RFP will be issued.
- b. Can USAID indicate what mechanism will be used for this solicitation?
- c. When is USAID planning to release this solicitation?
- d. anticipated date of release,
- e. budget window,
- f. set aside status, and
- g. whether this forecasted opportunity will come through an existing procurement vehicle?
- h. anticipated value
- i. Will the solicitation be released under the EVAL ME II IDIQ?

**USAID Response:** A contract cannot be released until the procurement process is completed which starts with the issuance of a solicitation. The expected issuance date of the solicitation is September 2020.

USAID/Nigeria intend to issue a Cost-Plus-Fixed Fee Completion Contract.

- a. The RFP will be issued in September 2020.
- b. As stated above, the mechanism to be used is a Cost-Plus-Fixed Fee Completion Contract.
- c. As stated above, the anticipated solicitation release date is September 2020.
- d. The award release date is yet to be determined.
- e. The budget window is 5 years.
- f. The award will be a Small Business Set Aside.
- g. No. This forecasted opportunity will not come through an existing procurement vehicle.
- h. The anticipated award value is between \$18 Million and \$20 Million.
- i. No. The solicitation will not be released under the EVAL ME II IDIQ.

**Nigeria - Education Initiative Plus:** According to USASpending.gov, we understand that the Nigeria Education Initiative Plus ends October 2020. Could USAID please confirm if the Leveraging Education Assistance Resources in Nigeria will be on the USAID forecast?

- a. Could USAID also please provide information on the expected SOW, geographic scope, release date, and expected value for the upcoming program?
- b. Could USAID provide an update on the anticipated release date, award type, and procurement size of the Nigeria Leveraging Education Assistance Resources in Nigeria (LEARN)

Activity previously slated for the third quarter of FY2020?

**USAID Response:** It is anticipated that the NEI Plus activity will be extended to May 25, 2021.

- a. The expected Performance Work Statement will have the same geographic scope as described in the RFI. The expected value is between \$50 million and \$55 million.
- b. The expected Performance Work Statement is expected to be released during the 4th quarter and will have the same geographic scope as described in the RFI. The expected value is between \$50 million and \$55 million. \$53 million. Also please see answer above regarding proposed changes to the IRs.

**Nigeria:**

- a. Could USAID provide an update on when the Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS) will be released?
- b. When will mid-term and final reports of the Northern Education Plus (NEI+) Activity be made publicly available on the Development Experience Clearinghouse?
- c. Does USAID still anticipate release a Feed-the-Future Innovation Lab for Fish Activity in Nigeria? Could USAID specify the anticipated solicitation release date and anticipated award type?
- d. Does USAID/Nigeria anticipate releasing any new health programs in FY20 and FY21 related? If so, would USAID/Nigeria provide any available information on anticipated program scope(s), release date(s), value(s) and mechanism(s)?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Anticipated release date for USAID/Nigeria CDCS is August 2020.
- b. Due to the extension of the NEI Plus activity until May 2021, the final report will come sometime after that. Thank you for alerting us that the midterm report is not in the DEC and we will rectify that immediately.
- c. USAID/Nigeria is not proposing any solicitation on Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Fish in Nigeria. This may be a USAID/ Washington centrally - funded activity.
- d. As at now USAID/Nigeria has no plans to release any new health programs for the remaining portion of FY 20 and FY 21.

**Pakistan:** This month (June 2020) the Business Forecast identified a Citizen's Engagement Activity in Pakistan as a new opportunity not previously forecast, with an anticipated solicitation release date of 11/29/2020. Is this still the anticipated release date as the solicitation appears to be no longer included in the Business Forecast? Secondly, the activity was described as working primarily in priority geographies to support Pakistani democratic institutions in their efforts to be more transparent and inclusive and strengthen citizen's constructive participation in governance and ability to hold the government to account. Does the inclusion element specifically include supporting people with disabilities, who are often marginalised from these processes, to be able to fully participate in governance processes?

**USAID Response:** The Citizen's Engagement activity is still in the design stage; more information will be provided at a later date.

**Pakistan:** There are 4 items on the Pakistan mission forecast and none of them is planned as a small-business set aside. Given the need for the mission to meet mission-level small-business utilization goals and contribute to the Agency's overall small-business utilization goals, does it have plans to change any of the currently listed activities to small-business set aside, or add new procurements that are small-business set asides?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Pakistan continues to review all activities with an eye to US Small Business engagement. We are evaluating anticipated activities for set-aside as possible.

**Pakistan - Performance Management Support Contract:** In the second quarter of FY20 business forecast Q&A, USAID specified that it does not intend to issue a follow-on contract to the Pakistan Performance Management Support Contract, but a new activity is under design.

- a. Could USAID kindly update the business forecast with this opportunity?
- b. Will it be reserved for local organizations?

**USAID Response:** This activity is new and will be designated for local organizations only. There was an RFI for the new activity entitled Pakistan Monitoring and Evaluation Services (PMES) number RFI-2020-00001 that was published in beta.SAM.gov on April 24, 2020. A Blanket Purchase Agreement for local organizations is anticipated.

**Pakistan:** The Power System Improvement Activity in Pakistan was last updated in the forecast on May 12, 2020 with a July 31, 2020 anticipated solicitation release date, but was not included in USAID's recent Business Forecast FY20 Q3. Please explain the discrepancy. Does USAID still intend to release the solicitation as an RFTOP, and if so, what is the anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** The activity is currently under redesign. USAID intends to release this as a RFTOP solicitation under the Energy II IDIQ. USAID/Pakistan anticipates the solicitation to be issued sometime in FY21 Q1. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.

**Pakistan:** In reference to RFI-2020-00001 for [Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Services \(PMES\) Activity](#) in Pakistan, are there any updates to the forecast on:

- a. Timeline for an anticipated solicitation release date?
- b. Anticipated procurement vehicle, including any small business set-asides?
- c. Anticipated budget?

**USAID Response:**

- a. This PMES activity is new and will be designated for local organizations only. The date for the PMES solicitation is not yet determined. Information regarding the PMES solicitation release will be provided as and when it becomes available.
- b. A Blanket Purchase Agreement for local organizations is anticipated.
- c. The budget is yet to be decided.

**Pakistan - MEL/MES:** What is the estimated solicitation release and award date?

**USAID Response:** The date for the PMES solicitation is not yet determined. Information regarding the PMES solicitation release will be provided as and when it becomes available. Award date has not been determined.

**Pakistan - Advancing Citizen Centered Governance:**

- a. Are any further delays expected regarding the anticipated solicitation release date of 11/29?
- b. Can USAID provide an update on this opportunity as it disappeared from the live forecast?
- c. Can USAID provide an update on the timing of this solicitation?

**USAID Response:** The Citizen's Engagement activity is still in the design stage; more information will be provided at a later date.

**Pakistan - Power Sector Improvement Project:** The previously forecasted Power Sector Improvement Project has been dropped from the forecast.

- a. Is this activity still an active opportunity expected to be released under the USAID Energy II IDIQ?
- b. If so, could USAID please provide an updated schedule for RFTOP release?
- c. Is there a release date for the Pakistan Power Systems Improvement Activity?

**USAID Response:** The activity is currently under redesign. USAID intends to release this as a RFTOP solicitation under the Energy II IDIQ. USAID/Pakistan anticipates the solicitation to be issued sometime in FY21 Q1. Please continue to monitor the business forecast for future updates.

**Pakistan - Citizen's Engagement Activity:**

- a. The Pakistan Citizen's Engagement Activity was originally marked as a cooperative agreement and is now listed as TBD. Please confirm whether this program will be a contract or cooperative agreement?
- b. Citizen Engagement Activity - Could USAID please confirm that the Citizen Engagement Activity has been designed and confirm the release date?
- c. What award type does USAID anticipate for this program?

**USAID Response:** The Citizen's Engagement activity is still in the design stage; more information will be provided at a later date.

**Pakistan:** Is the Mission planning any new education activities?

**USAID Response:** At this time, the Mission has not finalized new education activities.

**Pakistan KP Revenue Mobilization Activity:** Could USAID provide an updated anticipated award date for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** The award date is anticipated to be in the 4QFY 2020. Any changes will be listed in the Business Forecast for any updates.

**Pakistan Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Support Activity:**

- a. Can USAID provide an estimated release date for this solicitation?
- b. Does USAID plan to release this opportunity as full and open competition, for local firms only or only for firms registered in Pakistan?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Additional information regarding the PMES solicitation release for PMES will be provided as and when it becomes available.
- b. This PMES activity is anticipated for local firms only.

**Pakistan Investment Promotion Activity (IPA):** Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation document before the solicitation is released?

**USAID Response:** This has not yet been determined.

**Papua New Guinea -** Can USAID provide information on the anticipated mechanism for the Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands Forest Governance Program?

**USAID Response:** This is still in design. USAID will update the Business Forecast as soon as the information is available.

**Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands - Forest Governance Program:** Can USAID please clarify whether it intends to issue a draft statement of work or objectives or an additional RFI for the Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands Forest Governance Program in advance of solicitation release? Can USAID please add an indication of the award/action type for this

activity to the Business Forecast?

**USAID Response:** This is still in design. USAID will update the Business Forecast as soon as the information is available.

**Papua New Guinea:**

- a. The business forecast mentions a solicitation release date for the Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands Forest Governance Program as July 30, 2020. With this date quite close, please clarify if this will be a contract or cooperative agreement?
- b. Is there an anticipated award date of the Papua New Guinea Electrification Activity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. This is still in design. USAID will update the Business Forecast as soon as the information is available.
- b. The anticipated award date is August 30, 2020. Please regularly check the business forecast for updates.

**Papua New Guinea - HIV:** Is USAID planning new procurements for HIV in PNG?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast. The Mission will post new opportunities on the Business Forecast.

**Papua New Guinea - HSS:** Is USAID planning new procurements for HSS in PNG?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast. The Mission will post new opportunities on the Business Forecast.

**Peru:** When will the missions be receiving their COVID funding? We applied for the [Peru NPI](#) opportunity under the 5<sup>th</sup> objective, COVID-19 response, and were told their mission hasn't received funding yet.

**USAID Response:** COVID-19 funds are not guaranteed at the mission level. As soon as we are informed that USAID/Peru will be receiving funds, we will review the Concept Notes that were submitted under the COVID-19 objective of the APS.

**Peru - Environment:** Could USAID provide any update on freshwater, commodity-driven deforestation, conservation crime, or other funding opportunities resulting from the Amazon Environment Programming RFI from January 2019?



**USAID Response:** USAID/Peru is continuing to review the requirements to possibly develop an activity.

**Peru - Transnational Conservation Crimes:** In January 2020, USAID/Peru released an RFI for an anticipated Transnational Conservation Crimes in the Amazon opportunity. This opportunity was posted on the business forecast in early 2020 but has been removed.

- a. Could USAID/Peru please confirm whether this RFI will result in a procurement opportunity and if so, what is the anticipated release date?
- b. Could USAID please provide an update on the status/timing for release of the SOL for this opportunity?
- c. Can USAID advise on the contract mechanism and total estimated award amount for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** Release of an RFI does not guarantee that a solicitation will be issued. Interested parties are encouraged to ensure that they are registered to receive updates to the USAID Business Forecast at: <https://www.usaid.gov/business-forecast>

**Philippines - Operating Unit - Cities for Enhanced Governance and Engagement (CHANGE):**

Not sure if we have missed it, we would like to know the likely date of release of the solicitation for the above-mentioned opportunity. The date advertised in the business forecast is 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

**USAID Response:** The CHANGE solicitation (72049220R00008) was posted in betaSAM on June 15, 2020 and an RFP Amendment 1 was recently posted on July 7, 2020 to provide response to questions received. The link to the solicitation is at [https://beta.sam.gov/opp/a379935ba1354df293af5bcdd9380756/view?keywords=72049220R00008&sort=-relevance&index=&is\\_active=true&page=1](https://beta.sam.gov/opp/a379935ba1354df293af5bcdd9380756/view?keywords=72049220R00008&sort=-relevance&index=&is_active=true&page=1) and this link was also reflected in USAID Philippines website (under opportunities).

**Philippines Locally Led Development BAA, Addendum 1:** When will USAID communicate its decisions about concept papers related to Local Giving; Conflict, Post-Conflict, NPEs; and Effective Partnerships tracks?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates making this announcement by September 2020.

**Philippines Quality Education and Skills Training – Philippine Qualifications Framework (QUEST – PQF)**

- a. Does USAID anticipate that this opportunity will be restricted to Higher Education Institutions?
- b. Can USAID please clarify the anticipated award/action type for this opportunity?
- c. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation document before the solicitation is

released?

**USAID Response:**

- a. No
- b. This opportunity is under re-design. A determination is still under consideration.
- c. This opportunity is under re-design. A determination is still under consideration.

**Philippines:** Would USAID please clarify if the **Pacific Sustainable Coastal Fisheries Management** activity will be released under the New Partner Initiative (MPI) or if it will be released separately?

**USAID Response:** To be determined.

**Philippines - PACAP:** The Pacific-American Partnership Fund (PACAP) opportunity no longer appears on the forecast. It was previously slated to be released on 5/39/2020. Does USAID/Philippines still intend to release this opportunity, and when?

- a. Can USAID please provide an anticipated release date for the previously forecasted Pacific-American Partnership Fund opportunity?
- b. The RFI for PACAP was released in January 2020 with a due date of February 28, 2020. The opportunity was in the forecast until May 2020 and currently it has been taken off the website. Can USAID confirm whether it plans to release this opportunity and when?

**USAID Response:** The Mission is reconsidering the procurement approach for this activity given recent events in the region.

**Philippines - Pacific American-Partnership Fund:** An RFI was released by USAID/Philippines in February 2020 for the Pacific-American Partnership Fund, and this opportunity was added to the business forecast. As of June 30, this opportunity has been removed from the forecast. Is USAID still planning for this procurement, and what is the new anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:** The Mission is reconsidering the procurement approach for this activity given recent events in the region.

**Philippines - Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands Forest Governance Program:**

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the contract mechanism for this opportunity?
- b. A preliminary RFI was released on February 23rd, will USAID release another pre-solicitation notice in advance of the RFP release?
- c. Can USAID provide an update on the timing of this solicitation?

**USAID Response:**

- a. To be determined.

- b. No.
- c. USAID anticipates to release the solicitation on August 7, 2020. Please regularly check the Business Forecast for any updates.

**Philippines:**

- a. Pacific-American Fund: This opportunity had previously been forecasted for release in late-May 2020, however, has since disappeared from the Forecast. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated solicitation release date for this opportunity?
- b. PNG Electrification Activity: Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated award date? Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated project start date?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The Mission is reconsidering the procurement approach for this activity given recent events in the region.
- b. The anticipated award date is August 30, 2020. Please regularly check the business forecast for updates.

**Philippines:** For the newly forecasted opportunity entitled **Natural Resource Security and Governance - Addendum 2 and Natural Resource Security and Governance – Addendum 3**, in the Philippines:

- a. Could USAID please advise if a contract mechanism is being contemplated for release of this forthcoming activity, and if so, which IDIQ?
- b. Will USAID be releasing an RFI or presolicitation for this activity?
- c. There are two Natural Resource Security and Governance Addenda. The Award Descriptions are identical, but one activity is \$10-\$25m and the other is \$1m-\$4m. Can USAID please provide additional information on these two activities?
- d. Please confirm what specific natural resource management sectors and locations are being considered for Addendum 2 and Addendum 3?

**USAID Response:** The Natural Resource Security and Governance (NRSRG) project is a funding opportunity posted as an Annual Program Statement (APS): (a) all activities under this APS are contemplated to be implemented via assistance instruments (i.e., cooperative agreement); (b) the APS is open until February 2, 2021, and we do not plan to release any RFI even for the individual addendum for specific activities under the APS; (c) Addendum 2 and 3 are still in the planning phase and thus no information can be provided at this point; (d) same response as (c).

**Pacific American Fund:**

- a. Can USAID provide an update on this solicitation as it disappeared from the live forecast?
- b. Can USAID provide an update on the timing of this solicitation?

**USAID Response:** The Mission is reconsidering the procurement approach for this activity given recent events in the region.

**Rwanda:** Does USAID anticipate any health projects in the pipeline for Rwanda for the next fiscal year?

**USAID Response:** The Mission is currently designing new activities and projects in the health sector. Although the Mission does anticipate at least two health activities in the pipeline, we cannot provide more detail at this time.

**Rwanda - OVC:** Is USAID planning any new opportunities in the OVC sector for Rwanda?

- a. Can USAID please confirm whether this will be a full and open opportunity, or restricted to local primes?
- b. How many awards are anticipated?
- c. Can USAID provide any updated information regarding the timing, size, and mechanism for a Rwanda OVC opportunity?

**USAID Response:** The Mission does not anticipate any new business opportunities in the OVC sector for Rwanda.

**Rwanda - Isuku:** Can USAID provide information on the follow-on for the Rwanda Sanitation/Isuku Iwacku project? Is there an anticipated release date, award ceiling/mechanism, and any restrictions on eligibility expected?

- a. Do you anticipate there will be a follow-on opportunity for the current Isuku Iwacu Program?
- b. If so, when is this forecasted to be released?

**USAID Response:** There are no further updates to provide at the moment. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast about future planned acquisition and assistance actions.

**Rwanda - ACHIEVE:** We note that the ACHIEVE Project is starting up activities in Rwanda with the goals of preventing new HIV infections and reducing vulnerability among orphans and vulnerable children and adolescent girls and young women in selected high burden districts.

- a. Does USAID still anticipate issuing a separate OVC-focused award in Rwanda – and if so, is there an update on expected timing – or, does the ACHIEVE activity fulfill USAID Rwanda OVC program goals under the new CDCS?
- b. If a separate OVC program is planned, can USAID provide any updated information regarding the timing, size, and mechanism?

**USAID Response:** USAID does not anticipate a separate OVC program.

**Rwanda - Twiyubake – Integrated Strengthening for Vulnerable Populations:** opportunity as well as request it to be added on the USAID Business Forecast as mentioned in the [USAID FY2020 Qtr 2 Q&A?](#) Could we also ask for clarity on whether the same opportunity is being referenced in questions 244 and 246 below or they are different opportunities?

**USAID Response:** There are no further updates to provide at the moment. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast about future planned acquisition and assistance actions.

I am copying the Q&A for quick reference below:

*244. Rwanda: Twiyubake – Integrated Strengthening for Vulnerable Populations*

*a. Will there be a follow-on to the ISVP program?*

*b. when does USAID anticipate releasing a solicitation for this follow-on activity, and would there be a pre-solicitation?*

*USAID Response: The mission recently received approval of its CDCS; and, accordingly, has initiated significant project and activity design efforts. At this time, the mission has no further updates on future requirements until it completes activity design and receives authorization to begin the pre-solicitation process. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for information about future planned acquisition and assistance actions.*

*246. Rwanda: OVC*

*a. What is the anticipated release date of this opportunity?*

*b. Can USAID please confirm whether this will be a full and open opportunity, or restricted to local primes?*

*USAID Response: The mission recently received approval of its CDCS; and, accordingly, has initiated significant project and activity design efforts. At this time, the mission has no further updates on future requirements until it completes activity design and receives authorization to begin the pre-solicitation process. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for information about future planned acquisition and assistance actions.*

**Rwanda:** Could we kindly inquire about an update on the timing of the *Gikuriro-Integrated Nutrition and WASH Activity (INWA)* follow on opportunity as well as request it to be added on the USAID Business Forecast as mentioned in the [USAID FY2020 Qtr 2 Q&A?](#)

**USAID Response:** There are no further updates to provide at the moment. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast about future planned acquisition and assistance actions.

I am copying the Q&A for quick reference below:

*242. Rwanda: Does USAID/Rwanda anticipate any new or follow-on WASH activities in FY20?*

*USAID Response: The mission recently received approval of its CDCS; and, accordingly, has initiated significant project and activity design efforts. At this time, the mission has no further updates on future requirements until it completes activity design and receives authorization to begin the pre-solicitation process. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast for information about future planned acquisition and assistance actions.*

- a. In the last USAID Business Forecast call, we learned that the CDCS that includes projects in Rwanda was recently approved. Could USAID please provide information regarding the follow-on for the Gikuriro project and/or other health solicitations that the Mission is considering?
- b. Do you anticipate there will be a follow-on opportunity for the current Gikuriro Program? If so, when is this forecasted to be released?

**Rwanda - Nutrition/WASH opportunities:** Does USAID intend to procure any new nutrition/WASH opportunities in Rwanda in the coming year?

**USAID Response:** The Mission continues to design activities necessary to execute its strategy. At this time, it is premature to discuss potential new nutrition and/or WASH opportunities in Rwanda.

**Rwanda - Facilitate Investment Required for Sustainable Export (FIRST) Activity:**

- a. Would USAID please confirm that the release date remains 8/04/2020?
- b. The USAID forecast currently states that the Rwanda Feed the Future Facilitate Investment Required for Sustainable Export (FIRST) opportunity will be released on August 4, 2020. Can USAID/Rwanda please verify if this timing is still accurate?
- c. Does USAID intend for the FIRST Activity to work in all agricultural export value chains, or does it intend to focus on beans, peppers, chili, and high value tea only?

**USAID Response:** The revised release date of the solicitation for the planned FIRST Activity is o/a 9/15/2020. The proposed target value chains for FIRST are: horticulture, spices, tea, coffee, dairy, hides and skins, and processed foods. These are in line with the cross-ministerial Government of Rwanda (GOR) investment priorities which are being promoted by Rwanda Development Board (RDB) and others. FIRST Supported value chains may be amended based on market opportunities and/or evolving USAID/Rwanda priority crops in other activities.

**Rwanda:** In the FY20 Quarter 2 Business Forecast Q&A, **USAID/Rwanda** mentioned that they recently initiated project and activity design for potential health procurements. Can USAID provide an update on these potential projects, including anticipated project scope(s), release date(s), value(s), and award mechanisms? Does USAID/Rwanda anticipate any new or follow-on activities in WASH, agriculture, governance, or youth during FY 2020 or 2021? If so, are there any updates on the procurement timeline, technical scope, mechanism, or budget?

**USAID Response:** At this time, the Mission cannot provide additional updates because the Mission remains the very beginning phases of project and activity design.

**Senegal: Bridge: Youth Jobs and Skills for Niger and Burkina Faso:** This opportunity was removed from the forecast. Does USAID still intend to release this opportunity, and if so, when

is the anticipated solicitation release date?

**USAID Response:** This opportunity was released on April 14, 2020 through NOFO #72068520RFA00005 which was posted on grants.gov, and closed on June 12, 2020.

**Senegal Mission-Wide Monitoring and Evaluation Project:**

- a. Does USAID have an updated anticipated release date for this contract?
- b. Has USAID determined whether this contract will be released as full and open or as a small business set-aside?
- c. Will this opportunity be added to the USAID forecast?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The anticipated release date is August/September 2020.
- b. USAID has not determined if it will be released as a full and open or a small business set-aside.
- c. This opportunity will be added to the forecast, if appropriate.

**Senegal:** Is there going to be a follow-up for the Senegal GoTAP project? What is the mission planning for G2G support?

**USAID Response:** Yes, USAID/Senegal anticipates a follow-up mission-wide mechanism including the Health, WASH and Education sectors, G2G planning is ongoing.

**Senegal:** Is there an anticipated release date for the Senegal APS and/or CDCS?

- a. Will USAID release RFIs or draft solicitations for the upcoming Senegal APS? Will the three components [1) Central Health Systems (\$15 million); 2) Integrated District Health (\$50 million); 3) Dakar Urban Health (\$8 million)] be released at the same time? Could USAID provide estimated release and award dates for each?

**USAID Response:** The anticipated release date of the APS is September 2020, following approval in accordance with USAID internal processes.

- a. USAID will release a Draft APS/RFI for all components o/a July 17, 2020.

**Senegal:** Can all Senegal project reports be added to USAID's DEC? There seem to be a few that are missing.

**USAID Response:** USAID/Senegal is in the process of adding additional reports to the DEC.

**Senegal - Sahel Regional Office:**

- a. With the current security situation in Mali, does USAID still expect to release the Mali

Rural Water Infrastructure Governance Activity on or around December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020?

- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing a follow-on to closing education projects in Senegal?
- c. Does USAID still anticipate releasing the Senegal Nutrition Services Activity that was removed from the Business Forecast? Could USAID specify the anticipated release date and award type?
- d. Can USAID/Senegal provide an update on timing for the anticipated suite of health system strengthening activities? Is USAID planning to release a draft scope of work or Request for Information prior to RFA release?

**USAID Response:**

- a. No information is available at this time.
- b. No information is available at this time. The forecast will be updated as information becomes available.
- c. No Nutrition Services Activity is anticipated at this time.
- d. The Draft APS/RFI will be released o/a July 17. The solicitation will be released in September 2020.

**Senegal - Health Systems Strengthening:** Per the Q2 FY20 Forecast Q&A #256, USAID intends to release a solicitation for USAID/Senegal Central Health Systems, to be released September/October 2020. Will this opportunity announcement be published on the USAID Business Forecast?

**USAID Response:** Yes, when the internal approval process concludes, this opportunity will be added to the Forecast.

**Senegal - Mission Wide Monitoring and Evaluation Project (MEL):**

- a. Can USAID provide an update to the anticipated solicitation release date for Senegal's Mission-wide Monitoring and Evaluation project? Will it be released in August 2020?
- b. Can USAID indicate what mechanism will be used for this solicitation?
- c. Can USAID confirm that this will be a full and open competition? Does USAID intend to issue a procurement for the follow-on of the Senegal Monitoring and Evaluation Project?
- d. Does USAID intend to procure any new democracy and governance or WASH opportunities in Senegal in the coming year?
- e. Will this solicitation be released under the EVAL ME II IDIQ?
- f. Can USAID update the business forecast?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The anticipated release date of a solicitation is August/September 2020.
- b. USAID anticipates issuing a Task Order against an IDIQ.
- c. Please see (b) above.
- d. Yes, USAID intended to procure new democracy and governance and WASH activities next fiscal year. These opportunities will be added to the Forecast as they enter the design phase.



- e. USAID cannot confirm this information at this time.
- f. Yes, USAID will update the Business Forecast as applicable.

**Senegal - ACCES:** Does USAID intend to release a solicitation for a follow-on to Senegal ACCES?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Senegal may release a solicitation for a new \$21M- \$27M Water and Sanitation activity following the end of the current WADI IDIQ in the first quarter of FY22.

**Senegal - Health, Population and Nutrition:**

- a. Can USAID please share when it expects to release its Components for the new 2021 - 2016 program for Health, Population and Nutrition Office (HPNO) and confirm whether each Component will be its own award?
- b. Is Component 2 expected to cover all regions or will it be focused on certain priority regions?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The estimated release date with all components is September 2020. As stated above, USAID anticipates releasing a Draft APS/RFI o/a July 17, 2020. Each component will be its own award, however awards may be combined if one IP is successful in multiple components.
- b. Component 2 will focus on Kedougou, Tambacounda, Kolda, Sedhiou and Diourbel.

**Senegal - Upcoming APS with Central Health Systems, and Integrated District Health, and Dakar Urban Health:**

- a. Does USAID plan to add these opportunities to the online forecast?
- b. Does USAID have estimated release dates for these RFAs?
- c. Does USAID plan to issue RFIs or draft program descriptions for these opportunities? If so, could USAID provide an estimated issue date?
- d. Can USAID confirm the amount of funding anticipated for each award?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes, USAID will add these opportunities to the Forecast.
- b. The estimated release date is September 2020.
- c. USAID anticipates releasing a Draft APS/RFI o/a July 17, 2020.
- d. The approximate amounts are estimated at Central HSS: \$20M, Integrated District Health: \$12.5M, Urban Health: \$55.5M

**Senegal - Education and Child Protection:** Does USAID intend to release a child protection and/or education opportunity in Senegal in FY 2020 or FY 2021? If yes, we would appreciate any information available about the solicitation timing and regions to be included.

**USAID Response:** USAID/Senegal has no information at this time.

**Senegal: Health APS** USAID's Q&A for Quarter 2 indicated that the anticipated release date of the APS is September/October 2020. Could USAID please confirm if this anticipated timeline is still valid?

**USAID Response:** Yes, the anticipated timeline is still valid.

**Senegal:** Would USAID please provide an update on the award status of **Senegal Entrepreneurship Promotion and Business Investment Activity**?

**USAID Response:** The evaluation process is ongoing, USAID/Senegal's tentative award timeframe will be Q1 FY2021.

**Serbia – New Agribusiness Competitiveness Project:** This opportunity was removed from the forecast. Does USAID still intend to release this opportunity, and if so, when is the anticipated solicitation release date?

**USAID Response:** No update can be provided at this time. The mission is reviewing programmatic needs. As soon as new information becomes available, the forecast will be updated.

**Serbia:** In regards to the Fund for Media Innovation Activity in Serbia, what type of award mechanism does USAID envision using for this activity (contract, cooperative agreement, etc.)?

**USAID Response:** The procurement package is still under development, therefore a choice of instrument memo is not ready yet.

**Serbia - New Agribusiness Competitiveness Project:**

- a. Would USAID please confirm that the release date remains 9/30/2020?
- b. Would USAID please provide the anticipated scope of the project?
- c. Will the New Agribusiness Competitiveness Project be free and open to all bidders?
- d. Can USAID provide an update as to whether this opportunity will be a small business set aside?
- e. Can USAID please confirm that the Serbia New Agribusiness Competitiveness Project will not be a small business set aside?

**USAID Response:**

- a. The date is under review and will be updated as soon as possible.

- b. It is not yet ready, thus can't be provided.
- c. It has not been decided.
- d. We cannot.
- e. We cannot confirm.

**Somalia:** Given the recent award of EVAL-ME2 IDIQ, is USAID planning to procure forecasted MEL work, such as the USAID DRC Monitoring, Evaluation, & Coordination Contract ([MECC 2](#)) or Somalia Evaluation, Learning, & Monitoring Initiative ([ELMI](#)) through this IDIQ, versus as full and open competition?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Somalia intends to issue the Somalia Evaluation, Learning, & Monitoring Initiative (ELMI) IDIQ through full and open competition

**Somalia - MEL:** Would USAID kindly provide an updates regarding:

- a. anticipated date of release,
- b. budget window,
- c. set aside status, and
- d. whether this forecasted opportunity will come through an existing procurement vehicle?
- e. Would USAID clarify if the states mentioned in the April 2019 RFI are still anticipated to be relevant for ELMI and if an office is expected outside of Nairobi?

**USAID Response:**

- a. August 2020
- b. Not to exceed \$24,000,000
- c. Full and Open Competition
- d. USAID/Somalia intends to issue this through full and open competition
- e. ELMI must be flexible enough to monitor/verify activities throughout all regions/states of Somalia, though geographic location of site visits will ultimately be determined by where USAID activities are implemented. USAID does not anticipate requiring a project office outside of Nairobi at this time.

**Somalia: Locally Legitimate Solutions:**

- a. Will USAID disclose the type of Award/Action that will be used for this solicitation?
- b. Does USAID expect to release the solicitation on August 31, 2020?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Acquisition Instrument
- b. The target release date remains late August. This will be updated as necessary as more information is available.

**Somalia - Evaluation, Learning, and Monitoring Initiative:** Can USAID confirm if a follow-on is expected to be released for this contract? What is the estimated solicitation release and award date?

**USAID Response:** August 2020

**Somalia - agriculture and economic growth opportunities:** Does USAID intend to procure a follow on to the Somalia GEEL IDIQ and/or other agriculture and economic growth opportunities?

**USAID Response:** Yes. A design for the GEEL follow-on has been initiated. USAID does not currently have an anticipated release date for the solicitation but will add it to the business forecast as soon as more information is available.

**Somalia:** The USAID Business Forecast lists the anticipated solicitation release date for the Somalia Evaluation, Learning, & Monitoring Initiative (ELMI) as 6/30/2020.

- a. Are there any anticipated updates to this timing?
- b. Can USAID please confirm this solicitation will be full and open or issued under a mechanism?
- c. Can USAID confirm whether this opportunity will be a small business set-aside?
- d. Can USAID provide any guidance on whether program operations will be based out of Nairobi or Mogadishu?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Solicitation release is anticipated in August 2020
- b. Full and Open Competition
- c. This is not planned to as a small business set-aside
- d. Project operations will be based out of Nairobi.

**Somalia:** Can USAID please clarify the intended mechanism and release date for the anticipated Locally Legitimate Stabilization opportunity?

**USAID Response:** The intended mechanism for LLS is a contract. The target release date remains late August. This will be updated as necessary as more information is available.

**Somalia - GEEL II:** On the last forecast call, USAID made reference to GEEL II. Is GEEL II still in design?

- a. Can USAID please advise on the anticipated release date for the GEEL II Activity?
- b. Can USAID please advise on the anticipated award mechanism for GEEL II?

**USAID Response:**

- a. This activity is still in the early stages of design and does not currently have an anticipated release date.
- b. The mechanism for this activity has not yet been determined.

**Somalia:**

- a. Has a release date for the Somalia Growth, Enterprise, Employment and Livelihoods (GEEL) follow-on been determined yet? Could USAID please add the solicitation to the Business Forecast?
- b. Can USAID provide an updated release date and award value for Somalia Locally Legitimate Stabilization (LLS)?

**USAID Response:**

- a. This activity is still in the early stages of design and does not currently have an anticipated release date. It will be added to the Business Forecast as soon as more concrete information is available.
- b. The target release date remains late August. This will be updated as necessary as more information is available.

**South Sudan:** Can USAID provide an update on anticipated health procurements?

**USAID Response:** The Mission expects to solicit for a small PEPFAR community surveillance mechanism that will be set aside for local organizations. No other new health solicitations are currently anticipated.

**South Sudan - SWIFT 5:** Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated award date for the current SWIFT Task Order?

**USAID Response:** OAA anticipates end of July 2020 award date.

**South Sudan - Monitoring and Evaluation Support Project Follow-on:**

- a. Will USAID share if it plans to release a follow-on to the latest iteration?
- b. Can you USAID provide an estimated release date?
- c. Does USAID plan to release this opportunity as a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** a. Yes, the Mission plans on issuing a follow-on. b. We estimate the end of 2020/beginning of 2021. c. This is still under discussion.

**South Sudan - Health Opportunity:**

- a. Can USAID clarify the expected date of release and mechanism of the Health opportunity?
- b. Can USAID clarify if this opportunity will be openly completed or utilize a global mechanism?

**USAID Response:** a. Assuming this is for the previous “iHealth” activity, this is now being done through different mechanisms. b. Please see the previous response.

**South Sudan - Supporting Learning Outcomes (SLO):**

- a. Can USAID confirm if the SLO activity is still delayed until 2021?
- b. Does USAID anticipate using the same instrument as the recently released EPRR?

**USAID Response:** a. Confirmed. b. Yes.

**South Sudan - PCEP:** Can USAID please advise on the timeline to making an award on PCEP activity from 2019?

**USAID Response:** USAID South Sudan anticipates making an award before the end of the fiscal year.

**South Sudan - RMNCH:** We acknowledge last quarter's update indicating that USAID no longer intends on issuing a RMNCH health award. Does USAID intend on issuing any solicitations for health in South Sudan?

**USAID Response:** The Mission expects to solicit for a small PEPFAR community surveillance mechanism that will be set aside for local organizations. No other new health solicitations are currently anticipated.

**South Sudan - Supporting Learning Outcomes:**

- a. For Supporting Learning Outcomes in South Sudan, although it doesn't figure on the Business Forecast, when do you expect the opportunity to be released? Is this something still in the works for USAID?
- b. In the Q&A for the Education for Peace, Recovery, and Resilience (EPRR) opportunity, USAID indicated that Supporting Learning Outcomes (SLO) in South Sudan Opportunity was delayed until 2021. Can USAID provide a more specific update on the timing of the SLO opportunity?
- c. EPRR did not appear on the forecast before it was released. Does USAID anticipate that SLO will appear on the forecast before it is released?
- d. Can USAID provide an update on the timing, scope, award amount, and geographic priorities for the South Sudan Supporting Learning Outcomes activity?

**USAID Response:** a. We expect it to be released at the beginning of 2021. b. Release is anticipated at the beginning of 2021. c. Yes. d. Not at this time.

**South Sudan - MEL:** What is the status of the USAID/South Sudan MEL activity?

**USAID Response:** The Mission is currently designing the follow-on activity.

**South Sudan - MEL:**

- a. Is USAID anticipating releasing a follow-on to the existing South Sudan Monitoring & Evaluation Support Project (MESP)?
- b. If USAID is anticipating releasing a follow-on, what are the estimated solicitation release date and award mount for the RFP?
- c. If USAID is anticipating releasing a follow-on, will USAID consider a full and open solicitation?

**USAID Response:** a. Yes. b. We estimate the end of 2020/beginning of 2021 with an estimated order of magnitude between \$25 and \$50 million. c. This is still under discussion.

**South Sudan:** Does USAID have any update on the anticipated award date of the South Sudan Promoting Civic Engagement and Peace (PCEP) activity?

**USAID Response:** USAID/South Sudan anticipates that award will be made before the end of the fiscal year

**South Sudan - Resilience Programming:** In the Q2 FY2020 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID indicated a South Sudan resilience activity.

- a. Can USAID provide any update on whether they are still planning to release a new multi-year RFA/RFP for Resilience programming in South Sudan?
- b. Can USAID provide more detail on the proposed scope of the activity? We wish to confirm whether the recently released EPRR activity is the same activity.
- c. Could USAID clarify whether the program will be a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?

**USAID Response:** a. Yes, the Mission is still planning to release this solicitation. b. The activity is intended to focus on resilience programming, including agriculture programming. EPRR is not the same activity. c. Neither of these decisions have been finalized.

**South Sudan: Toward Enduring Peace II:**

- a. Does USAID intend to issue a follow-on to Towards Enduring Peace in Sudan?
- b. If yes, when does USAID expect to release the solicitation?

c. Will USAID please add this opportunity to the Live Business Forecast?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Sudan is still considering all options for the follow-on to Towards Enduring Peace in Sudan. We will update the Business Forecast when the final decision is made.

**Southern Africa: Promoting Social Cohesion.** This opportunity was previously scheduled to be released April 30, 2020. I have two questions regarding this opportunity:

a. When is the new anticipated release date?

b. I noted when looking for information on this opportunity that there appears to be no information on the Business Forecast for this or any other opportunity for South Africa. Can you confirm whether or not the information on the Business Forecast for South Africa (e.g., no current opportunities) is accurate?

**USAID Response:**

a. NOFO No. 7206742ORFA00011, Promoting Social Cohesion and Preventing Collective Violence, was posted on grants.gov on June 8, 2020.

b. As new opportunities arise, USAID/Southern Africa will ensure they are listed on the USAID business forecast.

**Southern Africa - Power Africa:** Does Power Africa plan to release any more task orders? Will there be any upcoming small business set-asides under the Power Africa IDIQ?

**USAID Response:** As soon as any new anticipated Task Orders are approved for design they will be added into the Business Forecast. At present, there is nothing new to report on.

**Southern Africa:** Can USAID/Southern Africa provide any details about the anticipated mechanism, value, and release date for the anticipated Support to the Kingdom of Eswatini Government Condom Program led by the Ministry of Health, for which an RFI was released in January?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Southern Africa is still considering all options for this procurement. We will update the Business Forecast when the final decision is made.

**Southern Africa:**

a. Does USAID anticipate to release any COVID-19 related bids for South Africa during COP19 or COP20?

b. Does USAID anticipate to release any HIV or RMNCH related bds for South Africa during COP19 or COP20?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Southern Africa does not anticipate releasing any solicitations related



to COVID-19, HIV or RMNCH for the South Africa Health Office during COP19 or COP20.

**Southern Africa - TB:**

- a. When can we expect the solicitation release?
- b. Will this project be restricted?
- c. What will the mechanism be?
- d. Can USAID share further information on the anticipated geographic scope of this opportunity?
- e. Can USAID provide an expected award date and expected award size?
- f. Can USAID say whether applicants/bidders will be required to name Key Personnel or not?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Southern Africa has not made any final decisions related to a follow-on TB activity for South Africa.

**Southern Africa - Monitoring and Evaluation to Collaborate, Learn, Adapt, and Knowledge Management Activity (MECLAK) IDIQ:**

- a. When does USAID anticipate releasing task orders under?
- b. Will there be a forecast released for that mechanism?
- c. Are any RFTOPs planned under this mechanism?

**USAID Response:** A Mission recently issued a task order utilizing the entire ceiling of the IDIQ.

**Southern Africa:** Given that there are very few opportunities included in the Forecast for South Africa, could USAID please ensure all opportunities from both PEPFAR and OHA are included from the USAID Mission in South Africa and include information about timing, focus and size?

**USAID Response:** As new opportunities arise, USAID/Southern Africa will ensure they are listed on the USAID business forecast.

**Sri Lanka:** When does USAID expect to release the Private Sector Development Activity? What procurement mechanism will USAID use?

**USAID Response:** At this time there are no plans for an open solicitation for a Private Sector Development activity. The Business Forecast has been updated accordingly. Sri Lanka recently utilized a field support mechanism to satisfy this requirement.

**Sri Lanka - Good Governance Program:**

- a. Could USAID provide more details on the scope and anticipated focus of this Program?
- b. The second question relates to SRI LANKA Governance Strengthening Project where the forecast lists the Award/Action Type as Collaborative Agreement – can you please clarify what

is meant by Collaborative agreement.

**USAID Response:** a. The Sri Lanka Good Governance activity was solicited and awarded through the Global Elections and Political Transitions LWA.  
b. This record has been removed from the Business Forecast.

**Sri Lanka:** SRI LANKA Private Sector Development Activity- where the forecast lists the Award/Action Type as Cooperative Agreement – would USAID consider changing the same to Contract.

**USAID Response:** At this time there are no plans for an open solicitation for a Private Sector Development activity. The Business Forecast has been updated and the record removed. Sri Lanka recently utilized a field support mechanism to satisfy this requirement.

**Sri Lanka - Transparent Investment & Efficiency Project** With the RFI that was released in December 2018, does USAID plan on adding the Sri Lanka Transparent Investment & Efficiency Project opportunity to the forecast and, if it does, what is the estimated solicitation release date?

**USAID Response:** No. The Sri Lanka Transparent Investment and Efficiency activity was awarded through a PFM II IDIQ task order solicitation.

**Sri Lanka and Maldives:**

- a. Is USAID/Sri Lanka and the Maldives expected to solicit any free and open contract solicitations this year?
- b. Is USAID/ Sri Lanka and the Maldives planning to release an RFP or RFTOP for an energy project and if so can you confirm the anticipated size and solicitation release date?
- c. Is USAID/ Sri Lanka and the Maldives designing or does it anticipate soliciting any energy procurements in 2020?
- d. What is the timeline on the establishment of a separate USAID/Maldives Mission?

**USAID Response:** a. Yes. The Sri Lanka Rule of Law activity is expected to be a full-and-open solicitation.

b. We are in the pre-planning stage of a Sri Lanka energy-related activity. We have not determined the solicitation type or the anticipated release date.

c. We are in the pre-planning stage of a Sri Lanka energy-related activity. We have not determined the solicitation type or the anticipated release date.

d. Currently there are no plans to establish a separate USAID/Maldives Mission. All Maldives activities will be awarded and implemented through the USAID/Sri Lanka and Maldives Mission.

**Syria:** Can USAID provide any updates to plans for FY21 programming in government-controlled

areas of Syria?

**USAID Response:** For the USAID/START platform, there are currently no new funding opportunities planned. We encourage you to continue watching [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov) and the USAID Business Forecast.

**Tajikistan - Feed the Future Sustainable Agriculture and Land Tenure (SALT) Activity:**

a. On the business forecast the release date is listed as 3/21/2020. Can USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date of this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** The RFTOP was released on 4/7/2020 under the STAR II IDIQ contract. It is still in procurement.

**Tajikistan:** Can USAID provide an update regarding the anticipated award date for the Healthy Mother Healthy Baby Activity?

**USAID Response:** USAID/CA awarded a contract for Healthy Mother, Healthy Baby activity on July 1, 2020.

**Tanzania** - USAID recently forecasted the Comprehensive client-centered HIV/TB care in Northern Region of Tanzania. The anticipated award date for this opportunity, according to 2nd Quarter 2020 Forecast Q&A, is July 31, 2021. Can USAID confirm this award date and whether the RFP will be released on October 1, 2020 as currently stated on the forecast?

**USAID Response:** USAID is diligently working toward meeting those dates. As things evolve, the forecast will be updated accordingly.

**Tanzania** - USAID indicated in 2nd Quarter 2020 Forecast Q&A that the RMNCAH activity will be awarded on June 30, 2020. This opportunity does not currently appear on the forecast. Can USAID confirm the release date of this solicitation?

**USAID Response:** This was a typo. This award will be made in June 2021.

**Tanzania** - Can USAID provide any update on the status of Boresha Afya follow-on? How will the Boresha Afya follow-on be different from the forecasted RMNCAH and HIV/TB Activities?

**USAID Response:** Interested parties will have to wait until the draft requirements documents are released for comment to see the difference and compare that with the information on the DEC.

**Tanzania - WASH:** I was wondering if the new WASH activity in Tanzania is still on target for the August 28, 2020 release?

**USAID Response:** At this time, it is unclear whether August 28, 2020 will be the release date. When we have more information, we will update the forecast.

**Tanzania - education:**

- a. Does USAID anticipate releasing a Tanzania education solicitation? If so, what is the approximate timeframe for release and the expected mechanism for the opportunity?
- b. Can USAID provide information on the follow-on to Tusome Pamoja in terms of award mechanism and release date?

**USAID Response:** USAID will use the GSA Multiple Award Schedule to procure a follow-on to Tusome Pamoja, which is the only education procurement currently anticipated. The procurement will be completed by the end of the current fiscal year.

**Tanzania:**

- a. Can USAID provide additional information on the recently forecasted 'Acquisition and Assistance Support Services'? Is this related to the Financial Management sources sought that was released in 2019? Is this expected to be released through NPI Expand?
- b. Can USAID provide additional information on the new education activity that was mentioned in the last forecast, which is expected to focus on policy work at the national level? Will USAID release an RFI? Is there an anticipated release date, award ceiling/mechanism, and any restrictions on eligibility expected?
- c. Can USAID provide additional information on the follow on to Tusome Pamoja, including whether it's still anticipated to be limited to small businesses and an anticipated release date?
- d. Does USAID/Tanzania have any additional information on the forecasted WASH Activity, including when an RFI might be released?

**USAID Response:**

- a. No, this is not related to the Financial Management sources sought notice. It is not expected to be released through NPI Expand. It is an institutional support contract for A&A services to help increase OAA's capacity to support the USAID/Tanzania mission.
- b. At this time USAID is determining the scope and feasibility of the policy work at the national level. Should this activity continue, we will issue a draft requirements document for feedback.
- c. Tusome Pamoja will be awarded through the GSA schedule and will not be limited to small businesses.
- d. An RFI was released a couple of months ago.

**Tanzania - RMNCAH:** Can USAID provide any information on potential follow-on projects to the

current global health projects in Tanzania that end in 2021?

**USAID Response:** USAID intends to award one RMNCAH contract by the end of June 2021. We will update the business forecast with more information as we progress through the activity design phase. A draft PWS will be released as soon as possible for feedback.

**Tanzania - RMNCH:** Could USAID please share any information about the planned Tanzania RMNCH opportunity, e.g. anticipated timing, award amount, number of awards, and technical/geographic focus?

**USAID Response:** USAID intends to award one RMNCAH contract by the end of June 2021. We will update the business forecast with more information as we progress through the activity design phase. A draft PWS will be released as soon as possible for feedback.

**Tanzania:** Can USAID provide any updates regarding potential solicitations in the following technical areas; RNMCH, TB and HIV, and HIV service delivery?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates awarding three new contracts - one for RMNCAH and two for TB/HIV to be awarded in the summer of 2021. We will share draft requirements documents as soon as possible.

**Tanzania - Kizazi Kipya:** Can USAID confirm plans to re-bid this project?

a. What is the anticipated release date and will this opportunity be full and open or restricted to local primes?

**USAID Response:** USAID intends to restrict the follow-on activity to local organizations.

**Tanzania - Horticulture Activity:**

a. Would USAID please confirm whether an updated CDCS will be published prior to the release of this opportunity?

b. Would USAID please confirm that 10/30/2020 is still the expected release date?

c. The USAID forecast currently states that the Tanzania Horticulture opportunity will be released on October 30, 2020. Can USAID/Tanzania please verify if this timing is still accurate?

d. Is the release date for the Tanzania Horticulture Activity still 10/30/2020?

**USAID Response:**

a. We anticipate an updated CDCS will be approved.

b. At this time, USAID is not sure and will make any changes to the business forecast as activity design plans progress.

c. At this time, USAID is not sure and will make any changes to the business forecast as activity design plans progress.

d. At this time, USAID is not sure and will make any changes to the business forecast as activity design plans progress.

**Tanzania:** When will USAID release the winner of the Tanzania Vector Control RFP?

**USAID Response:** In July 2020.

**Tanzania - Financial Management Services:** In the Q2 FY2020 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID indicated that the USAID/Tanzania mission is still trying to determine whether the services under the Financial Management Services activity were still needed.

- a. Has USAID/Tanzania made a determination either way?
- b. The opportunity no longer appears on USAID forecast. Can USAID please confirm whether it will be released during the September 2020 timeframe?
- c. Additionally, will it be released as full and open or will it be released as a task order under IDID, specifically PFM?
- d. What will the anticipated value be for this opportunity?
- e. What is the set-aside status for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** USAID will not procure a financial management services contract. The answers to b. Through e. Are N/A.

**Tanzania:**

- a. Can USAID please give an updated anticipated solicitation release date for the Tanzania Jifunze Uelewe activity and add it to the Business Forecast?
- b. Can USAID please indicate if the ten target districts for the Tanzania Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene activity have been determined? Does USAID intend to continue supporting a portion of the 20 WARIDI-supported districts, or to work in new districts?
- c. In the Q2 FY2020 Business Forecast Q&A, USAID indicated a policy-focused education project to be procured in later FY 20 or early FY 21. Can USAID provide an update on the scope and timing of this project?
- d. Can USAID/Tanzania provide an update on the anticipated “TDB 2 Comprehensive Client Centered Care” activity on the forecast and whether they are planning on releasing a draft scope of work or Request for Information? Can USAID provide details on:
  - i.the anticipated number of awards;
  - ii.the technical scope; and
  - iii.any eligibility restrictions?
  - iv.Can USAID issue an RFI for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID will use the GSA Multiple Award Schedule to procure a follow-on to Tusome Pamoja, which is the only education procurement currently anticipated. The procurement will be completed by the end of the current fiscal year.

- b.
- c. The procurement of a policy-focused education project is currently being reviewed due to funding reductions.
- d.

**Tanzania - Comprehensive Community Cascade:** Can USAID confirm that it no longer plans to issue a procurement for the Comprehensive Community Cascade for Epidemic Control Among Key and Vulnerable Populations (CCC-KVP) activity, for which an RFI was released in 2018?

**USAID Response:** USAID confirms this activity will not be procured.

**Tanzania - Infrastructure Support Activity:** Will USAID provide an update on the Infrastructure Support Activity, which no longer appears on the USAID forecast. Specifically:

- a. Is this activity still being planned?
- b. If USAID plans to release an RFP for this activity, could USAID please provide information on the timing of the solicitation?
- c. Is a contract mechanism being contemplated for release of this forthcoming activity?
- d. Will USAID be releasing an RFI or presolicitation for this activity?

**USAID Response:**

- a. No this is no longer being planned.
- b. N/A
- c. N/A
- d. N/A

**Tanzania - Improve Conservation of Marine Biodiversity:** Could USAID provide more information on the Improve Conservation of Marine Biodiversity opportunity in Tanzania. Specifically:

- a. Could USAID please advise if a contract mechanism is being contemplated for release of this forthcoming activity, and if so, which IDIQ?
- b. Will USAID be releasing an RFI or presolicitation for this activity?
- c. Will USAID consider this opportunity as a small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID has not yet made a determination.
- b. An RFI or presolicitation will be issued as early as possible.
- c. If a decision is made that this is acquisition, then a SB set-aside will be considered.

**Tanzania - Boresha Afya:**

- a. This project is due to end in September 2021. Building on this work, will there be competitive opportunities for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, maternal newborn and child health, and family planning in Tanzania in FY21?
- b. If so, will these awards be integrated based on geography (as Boresha Afya) or separate awards by health areas?
- c. Can USAID provide details on a) the types of award; b) the financial, technical and geographical scopes; and c) any eligibility restrictions?
- d. In the FY20 Quarter 2 Q&A, USAID/Tanzania mentioned that an RMNCAH activity was in the design phase with an anticipated award date of June 30, 2021 to replace the Boresha Afya follow-on Lake and Western Zone award. Can USAID provide an update on this anticipated activity, including anticipated activity scope, value, mechanism, and anticipated release date?
- e. Does USAID/Tanzania have any additional information on the forecasted RMNCAH program that is expected to replace the Boresha Afya Lake and Western Zone award, including when USAID might release an RFI?
- f. Would USAID please provide an update on Tanzania Boresha Afya? And other RMNCAH activities in Tanzania?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Yes USAID is planning two HIV/TB awards and one RMNCAH award.
- b. At this time we do not have the answer to this question.
- c. Contracts and USAID will update the business forecast to answer the remaining questions.
- d. This will be a contract and we will update the forecast once we have the answers to the remaining questions.
- e. At this time no, however, we will definitely release a draft requirements document.
- f. Boresha Afya Southern Zone and North/Central Zone awards end December 31, 2021. The Boresha Afya Lake and Western Zone award will end September 30, 2021.

**Tanzania - Education:** Could USAID please provide an updated timeline on the anticipated solicitation release and award mechanism for the new education activity in Tanzania?

- a. Does USAID anticipate two separate procurements for education programming?
- b. Can USAID confirm if one or both procurements will be small-business set-asides?

**USAID Response:**

USAID will use the GSA Multiple Award Schedule to procure the education activity. The procurement will be completed by the end of the current fiscal year.

- a. USAID currently only anticipates one procurement for education programming.
- b. The procurement will not be a SB set-aside.

**Tanzania: Acquisition and Assistance Support Services:**

- a. Can USAID provide additional information about this opportunity?
- b. Does USAID expect to release the solicitation as a Small Business Set-Aside?
- c. Does USAID anticipate releasing the solicitation under a GSA schedule? If so, which?



**USAID Response:**

- a. This is an activity to provide institutional support to the OAA team for up to three years.
- b. No
- c. Yes

**Tanzania:** Can USAID please clarify if it intends to release an Agricultural Education and Development activity in Tanzania in FY21?

**USAID Response:** At this time , no information is available regarding such an activity.

**Tanzania - TB/HIV:**

- a. Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated release date, estimated value, award/action type, and potential scope of the upcoming TB/HIV activity?
- b. Does USAID plan on issuing an RFI for these activities?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID anticipates issuing two contracts and will update the business forecast as the activity design phase progress.
- b. Yes.

**Tanzania - HIV/TB:**

- a. An opportunity was recently added to the forecast for 'Comprehensive client centered HIV/TB care in the northern regions' in Tanzania.
- b. Does USAID also plan to release a separate HIV/TB opportunity focused on the Southern regions? Will iNGOs be eligible to prime new PEPFAR bids?

**USAID Response:**

- a. No question was stated here.
- b. USAID will release two separate HIV/TB opportunities for regions covered by USAID. It is anticipated that one opportunity will be open to iNGOs.

**Tanzania:** In the previous quarter's Business Forecast Q&A, there was mention of an upcoming USAID Tanzania RMNCAH activity.

- a. Could USAID please provide a projected release date?
- b. Is it still USAID's intention to release an RFI for this opportunity?
- c. Is there an update on timing, budget, and mechanism for this opportunity?
- d. Could USAID please provide additional information about the technical and geographic focus of this opportunity?
- e. In the June 2020 NPI Newsletter, USAID mentioned an award for a 5-year \$25 million program to Christian Connections for International Health for The Americares Community Partnership for Respectful Care project in Tanzania and Liberia with the goal of improving

access to and demand for high-quality, community-based healthcare for mothers, newborns, and children; family planning; nutrition, and respectful maternity care. Could USAID clarify whether this program is the same as the previously forecasted RMNCH opportunity, or if it is in addition to it?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID will share information as the activity design process progresses.
- b. Yes.
- c. No
- d. USAID will share the draft PWS once it is finalized.
- e. No it is not the same as the previously forecasted RMNCAH opportunity.

**Tanzania:** Does USAID Tanzania still anticipate an August 28, 2020 release date for the upcoming WASH Activity?

**USAID Response:** At this time it is not clear if this will be released on August 28, 2020. We will update the forecast when we have more information.

**Thailand - CTIP:** Is USAID planning to issue a re-bid of the standalone CTIP award for Thailand?  
a. If so, when is the anticipated release date and funding mechanism?

**USAID Response:** USAID/RDMA is currently reviewing its bilateral and regional CTIP strategy. Please monitor the Business Forecast for any new opportunities in this sector.

**Thailand (RDMA) - Regional CTIP:** Is USAID planning to issue a re-bid of the Asia Regional CTIP LWA? If so, when is its anticipated release date and funding mechanism?

**USAID Response:** USAID/RDMA is currently reviewing its bilateral and regional CTIP strategy. Please monitor the Business Forecast for any new opportunities in this sector.

**Thailand (RDMA):** Will there be any regional health strengthening opportunities released this year in Asia?

**USAID Response:** There are currently no plans for these opportunities this year.

**Thailand (RDMA) - EDGE:** Why is the USAID South East Asia EDGE opportunity not included in the forecast as indicated – is this still a planned procurement?

- a. The release date was estimated for the end of March 2020 but didn't come out yet. Can you please clarify the intended release date?

**USAID Response:** USAID/RDMA removed the SE Asia EDGE activity from the forecast because we needed to adjust our strategy and respond to USAID Washington recommendations, and no longer anticipated making this award during FY20. We recently secured approval for our revised design, and will update the Business Forecast with an overview of our revised flagship EDGE activity soon.

**Thailand (RDMA) - TB via the Regional Development Mission** - Does USAID intend to release any funding opportunities for TB via the Regional Development Mission for Asia (RDMA) in FY20 or FY21? If so, can USAID provide details on

- a. The type of award
- b. The financial, technical and geographical scope
- c. Any eligibility restrictions
- d. Projected release date

**USAID Response:** There are currently no plans for these opportunities this year or FY21.

**Thailand (RDMA)- Program Cycle Monitoring Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Support Activity:**

- a. What is the estimated release date for the RFP for this opportunity?
- b. What mechanism will this be released under?
- c. What geographic codes will be available for this solicitation?
- d. What USAID missions and countries will be able to use this mechanism?
- e. What is the relative percentage of usage for regional missions and for the RDMA mission itself?

**USAID Response:** The estimated release date for the RFP is July - August. The mechanism is anticipated to be a multiple-holder indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contract. Competition for this is anticipated to be limited to organizations qualifying as a US Small Business. USAID Missions across Asia will be able to issue task order against this IDIQ contract with no specific percentage of work assigned. Please monitor the Business Forecast for more information.

**Tunisia - Civil Society and Good Governance:** the description of the opportunity references the New Partnership Initiative.

- a. Does USAID anticipate this opportunity being released as an NPI?
- b. Can USAID please specify the award type of the Civil Society and Good Governance in Tunisia opportunity?
- c. Could USAID update the Small Business Set-Aside Status?
- d. The anticipated release date was noted earlier as November 30, 2020 but this was later changed to August 14th 2020. Can USAID please confirm its intention to indeed release in August or closer to that date, rather than later in the year?

**USAID Response:**

- a. At this time, USAID does not anticipate this opportunity being released under an NPI

mechanism and has removed the reference from the Business Forecast.

- b. The Business Forecast has been updated to reflect the award type.
- c. The Business Forecast has been updated to reflect the small business set aside status.
- d. The Business Forecast has been updated to reflect the most updated dates.

**Tunisia:** Regarding the Tunisia Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Project, when will AID release an RFI? In addition to an RFI, will AID provide other information on this project?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Tunisia plans on releasing a combined Request for Information / Sources Sought solicitation which will provide a draft description of the planned activity and request feedback from potential offerors and stakeholders. It will also request capability statements from interested parties. The Request for Information (RFI) is scheduled to be released by the end of July 2020.

**Tunisia - democracy and governance opportunities:** Can USAID kindly provide an update regarding the award/action type for upcoming democracy and governance opportunities. Both the Tunisia Legislative Strengthening and Tunisia Civil Society Strengthening procurements are listed as TBD. Please confirm the release date.

**USAID Response:** The Business Forecast has been updated to reflect the most updated dates. The Business Forecast now also reflects the award type for Civil Society and Good Governance. Legislative Strengthening is currently in the early design stages with an award type being TBD at this time.

**Tunisia - Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Project:**

- a. Will USAID release an RFI in advance of this opportunity?
- b. Will this opportunity be under the Energy II IDIQ?

**USAID Response:**

- a. USAID/Tunisia plans on releasing a combined Request for Information / Sources Sought solicitation which will provide a draft description of the planned activity and request feedback from potential offerors and stakeholders. It will also request capability statements from interested parties. The Request for Information (RFI) is scheduled to be released by the end of July 2020.
- b. USAID/Tunisia is currently planning on procuring this award through a full and open competition and not through the Energy II IDIQ.

**Tunisia - Civil Society and Good Governance activity:** Can USAID provide any further information on the anticipated award mechanism for the Civil Society and Good Governance activity in Tunisia?

a. Prior to the most recent update of the forecast, the Legislative Strengthening Activity was expected on August 14, 2020, whereas the Civil Society and Good Governance one was expected on November 14, 2020. With this most recent update, USAID flipped the release dates for the two opportunities, yet the expected award dates for each of the two respectively remained unchanged. Could USAID please confirm the expected release dates for each of the two opportunities?

**USAID Response:** The Business Forecast has been updated to reflect the most updated dates. The Business Forecast now also reflects the award type for Civil Society and Good Governance. Legislative Strengthening is currently in the early design stages with an award type being TBD at this time.

**Tunisia - Visit Tunisia:** The Visit Tunisia activity is listed as “N/A” in terms of being set aside for small businesses.

- a. Can USAID please explain why they think setting this project aside is not applicable?
- b. Will USAID consider setting this project aside for small businesses?
- c. Is USAID anticipating releasing the Visit Tunisia Activity solicitation on August 6, 2020, as indicated on the forecast?
- d. Does USAID intend to release a pre-solicitation document before the solicitation is released?

**USAID Response:**

- a. and b. Based on our market research and the complexity and size of this activity, a set aside is not applicable to this activity.
- c. There have been significant delays in the development of this design process due to COVID-19 and other factors that may delay the release of the solicitation by 6-8 weeks.
- d. A Request for Information (RFI) was released on December 20, 2019. No other pre-solicitation documents are planned to be released.

**Timor Leste - AVANSA:**

- a. Does USAID anticipate a follow-on project to AVANSA?
- b. If so, could USAID provide information on the proposed scope and timing?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates new agriculture programming after the Avansa activity ends. Please keep monitoring the Business Forecast for more information.

**Timor Leste - agriculture:** Can USAID provide an update on the anticipated agricultural project in Timor Leste?

- a. Does USAID intend to release a draft scope of work or a Request for Information (RFI) for this project?
- b. Can USAID clarify whether the project will be a contract or cooperative agreement, and the size of the procurement?

**USAID Response:** The design of future agriculture programming for Timor-Leste is ongoing in conjunction with the Missions new 5-year strategy. USAID plans to make use of proactive engagement with interested parties through means such as RFIs and draft SOW/FODs. Please keep monitoring the Business Forecast for more information.

**Uganda - PMI Malaria Control Activity:** Could USAID kindly provide an update on the anticipated release date, mechanism, and additional relevant technical details regarding this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Uganda has determined that this will be a Contract. Please check the Business Forecast for more information.

**Uganda:** The USAID forecast currently states that the PMI Uganda Malaria Control Activity will be released on August 31, 2020. Can USAID/Uganda please verify if this timing is accurate and also please clarify what the intended mechanism will be?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Uganda is striving to ensure compliance with all the estimated dates in the Business Forecast however, please note that the dates on the Business Forecast are “estimates” subject to change from time to time, please keep checking the Business Forecast for updates and for all the information requested.

**Uganda - Malaria Control Activity:** To aid implementing partners in their capture efforts for the upcoming PMI Uganda Malaria Control Activity, would USAID please consider sharing the latest quarterly and annual reports for the Malaria Action for Districts Program (MAPD) on the Development Experience Clearinghouse? Currently, only the project’s baseline reports and midterm evaluation are available publicly. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

**USAID Response:** As required under “AIDAR 752.7005 Submission Requirements for Development Experience Documents (Sept 2013)”, the Implementing Partner MAPD will be reminded to submit all relevant information to the DEC.

**Uganda - Strengthening Systems and Public Accountability:** Can USAID please explain why the Strengthening Systems and Public Accountability (SSPA) activity in Uganda will be released as a contract?

- a. Is the award affected by slow downs at DFID?
- b. Does USAID still intend to issue a pre-solicitation announcement?
- c. Can USAID confirm whether the anticipated solicitation release date of 7/31/2020 accurate or provide an updated release date?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Uganda after a careful analysis has determined that an acquisition (contract) instrument is most suitable for this type of activity.

- a. USAID/Uganda is not aware of any impacts to SSPA resulting from this issue.
- b. USAID/Uganda intends to issue a pre-solicitation announcement this quarter.
- c. The dates on the Business Forecast are “estimates” subject to change from time to time, please continue to check the Business Forecast for updates.

**Uganda:** When does USAID anticipate an award for the Uganda HIV bid from 2019?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Uganda Local Service Delivery for HIV/AIDS Activity is under evaluation, please keep checking the Business Forecast for updates.

**Uganda:** Will USAID confirm the contract mechanism type for PMI Uganda Malaria Control Activity?

- a. Can USAID provide any additional information on the anticipated timing of this opportunity?
- b. Has the award/action type been determined yet?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Uganda has determined that this will be a Contract. Please check the Business Forecast for more information.

- a. USAID/Uganda will provide additional information as part of the Solicitation, please keep checking the Business Forecast.
- b. Yes, USAID has determined that this will be a Contract.

**Uganda - Institutional Systems Strengthening:**

- a. Could USAID provide an updated release date for Uganda Institutional Systems Strengthening (ISS), as the solicitation is currently listed with a target release date of June 30, 2020? Furthermore, is USAID able to provide a more specific anticipated value within the \$10-25 million range on the forecast?
- b. Is USAID planning on designing a combating wildlife crime and corruption activity in Uganda?
- c. Can USAID provide an updated release date and award value for Uganda Strategic Investment for Inclusive Development (SIID)?
- d. Can USAID/Uganda provide an update on the anticipated Malaria Control Activity, including award mechanism, value, and anticipated release date?

**USAID Response:**

- a. Uganda Institutional Systems Strengthening (ISS) solicitation release date was revised to August 31, 2020. See Business Forecast for details. Anticipated Total Estimated Cost is \$19.5M.
- b. USAID/Uganda finalized the sourcing process for Combating Wildlife Crime Activity and will not be conducting another procurement.

- c. Uganda Strategic Investment for Inclusive Development (SIID) anticipated updated solicitation release date is 10/31/2021, and the estimated award value is \$10M. The Activity title name has been changed to USAID/Uganda Strategic Investment Activity.
- d. USAID/Uganda has determined that this will be a Contract. Please check the Business Forecast for more information.

**Uganda:** Can USAID confirm if the funding amounts shown under the Local Partner Transition Awards under SOCY/BOCY are only for the transition period?

- a. The Local Transition Awards - JCRC and Local Transitional Awards - TASO are no longer on the forecast. Can USAID confirm that it will no longer be releasing these two opportunities?

**USAID Response:** Subject to availability of funds, the listed funding amounts under the Local Partner Transition awards emerging from SOCY and BOCY are for the entire period of performance under the new awards.

- a. USAID received applications from TASO and JCRC's and these two opportunities were taken off the Business Forecast.

**Uganda:** When can we expect USAID to announce the awardee for the Uganda Local Service Delivery (LSD) opportunity?

**USAID Response:** USAID will announce the award Recipient after the ongoing evaluation is completed and all mandatory internal reporting requirements have been met. Please keep checking the Business Forecast for updates.

**Uganda - Rights and Justice Activity (RAJA):** Can USAID please provide more detail in the Activity Description about the anticipated Rights and Justice Activity?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Uganda provided detailed information on RAJA as part of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) No.72061720RFA00010 which was issued on June 11, 2020 and closed July 13, 2020.

**Uganda RHITES:** Can USAID confirm if all Uganda RHITES programs will be solicited as local transition awards?

- a. Will RHITES-East Central be re-bid? If so, will iNGOs be eligible to prime?

**USAID Response:** At this point, USAID has not determined whether all RHITES activities will be solicited as transition awards. This is still in the planning stages. Please keep checking the Business Forecast for any updates.



**Ukraine** - Can USAID please provide additional detail on the description/scope of work for OH: Furthering Health System Reforms in Ukraine? Has the award/action type been determined yet?

a. Can USAID provide anticipated dates of when opportunities for the 2021 Ukraine business forecast may be posted?

**USAID Response:** Not at this time. The activity is still in design. Further updates will be provided through the Business Forecast.

**Ukraine - Furthering Health Reform:** The current USAID Forecast does not provide a description of the Ukraine Furthering Health Reform activity (only the title); can USAID please provide a description?

**USAID Response:** Not at this time. The activity is still in design. Further updates will be provided through the Business Forecast.

**Ukraine - OEG: State-owned Enterprise (SOE) Reform Activity:**

a. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 7/30/2020?

b. Given the Mission's channeling immediate SOE reform activities through the current Competitive Economy Project (CEP) and the new SOE Rapid Response (SOERR) Activity through the regional EDGE project, should we expect to see changes in the original scope for the State-Owned Enterprise Reform Activity?

**USAID Response:**

a. The Anticipated Solicitation Release Date has been updated to August 10, and the Mission will continue to update the Business Forecast if plans change.

b. RFI-121-19-000001 included a draft statement of work (SOW) for public comments to inform the design process, and the SOW has been updated to reflect the continued design process.

**Ukraine:** Can USAID provide an update on planned health procurements for Ukraine in 2021? Can USAID provide anticipated dates of when opportunities for the 2021 Ukraine business forecast may be posted?

**USAID Response:** All known and planned procurements are listed on the Business Forecast.

**Ukraine - Decentralization Activity:**

a. Can USAID share the anticipated mechanism for the USAID Decentralization Activity in Ukraine? Does USAID plan to release a pre-solicitation or request for information for this opportunity? Does USAID expect this be released as scheduled on August 14, 2020, and run concurrently with the ongoing DOBRE program?

- b. Can USAID/Ukraine provide an update on the anticipated award mechanism for the Furthering Health System Reforms in Ukraine program and if USAID is planning to release a draft scope of work prior to RFP/RFA release?
- c. Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 8/14/2020?
- d. Has USAID determined the procurement mechanism for this project?
- e. Does USAID plan to release a pre-solicitation or Request for Information for this opportunity?
- f. Can USAID kindly provide an update regarding the award/action type for the upcoming Ukraine Decentralization Activity. Could USAID provide any more details on the anticipated statement of work for this activity? Does USAID plan to release a RFI in advance of the solicitation?
- g. Could USAID/Ukraine provide any more detail on scope of work, size of award anticipated, or funding mechanism for the Decentralization Activity in Ukraine?

**USAID Response:**

- a) The anticipated mechanism for the Decentralization Activity has been updated in the Business Forecast. We anticipate a pre-solicitation notice approximately two weeks before the RFP is issued. We will not issue an RFI. USAID expects to issue the RFP on time in August and, yes, if awarded, it will run concurrently to the DOBRE program.
- b) Not at this time. The activity is still in design. Further updates will be provided through the business forecast.
- c) Confirmed for the Decentralization Activity.
- d) The anticipated mechanism for the Decentralization Activity has been updated in the Business Forecast.
- e) We anticipate a pre-solicitation notice approximately two weeks before the RFP is issued. We will not issue an RFI.
- f) The anticipated mechanism for the Decentralization Activity has been updated in the Business Forecast. Please check the Business Forecast for further updates. We will not issue an RFI.
- g) Not at this time. The activity is still in design. Further updates will be provided through the business forecast.

**Vietnam - Counter Wildlife Tracking:** Is there an incumbent currently performing this work?

- a. When can we expect the RFP to be released?
- b. Will this be a full and open acquisition?

**USAID Response:**

We do not consider that this is a follow-on to an existing activity, although TetraTech and RTI are currently working with USAID/Vietnam in the CWT sector.

- a. We expect the solicitation to be released late in the first quarter or early in the second quarter of FY21.
- b. We anticipate this to be a competitive process. Whether this will be acquisition or assistance is not presently known and the business forecast will be updated in due course.

**West Africa:** Can USAID please clarify the impacts COVID-19 will have on opportunities already on the forecast, as well as planned future activities not yet on the forecast?

**USAID Response:** Each activity is affected differently by COVID-19 so please consult the Business Forecast for opportunities, and individual RFA and RFPs for further details.

**West Africa - Bridge program:** Can the mission confirm that there are currently CVE activities that are being designed under the BRIDGE program? If yes, when can we see those activities posted on the business forecast website?

**USAID Response:** At this time, the mission is not designing any CVE activities under the Bridge program.

**West Africa Regional Mission:** Given the release of the West Africa Biodiversity and Low Emissions Development (WABiLED) Request for Information, could USAID provide an update on the anticipated release date, award type, and size of the procurement?

**USAID Response:** Please continue to consult the USAID Business Forecast for updates on this procurement.

**West Africa - Evidence for Development:** Would USAID kindly provide updates regarding:

- a. anticipated date of release,
- b. budget window,
- c. set aside status,
- d. whether this forecasted opportunity will come through an existing procurement vehicle, and
- e. if the opportunity will include the same six countries previously served under the activity or if the places of performance are slated to change
- f. Will an RFI be released for this procurement?
- g. What are the estimated release and award dates for the RFP?
- h. Will the mission confirm that this is going to be a small-business set-aside?
- i. What contractual mechanism will it be released under?
- j. Will this be a BAA approach to procurement?

**USAID Response:** There are no updates regarding the Evidence for development activity. USAID does not intend to procure a follow-on to the activity at this time. This activity will be removed from the Business Forecast.

**West Africa - Partnerships for Peace:** Does USAID anticipate releasing a follow-on solicitation in

FY2020 for FY2021 to the West Africa Partnerships for Peace activity, currently scheduled to close in August 2021?

**USAID Response:** USAID anticipates to process a follow-on task order through the applicable procedures.

**West Africa:** Can the mission confirm that there are currently programs that are being designed for Cameroon in the governance and rule of law sectors? If yes, will those opportunities be released this fiscal year and what would be the mechanism used by the mission?

**USAID Response:** At this time, USAID is unable to confirm information about programs that may be in design for Cameroon. Information will be shared through the Forecast as soon as it is available.

**West Africa - Moderate Voices:** Does USAID anticipate releasing a follow-on solicitation in FY 2020 or FY 2021 to the West Africa Moderate Voices/Voices for Peace activity, currently scheduled to close in September 2021?

**USAID Response:** At this time, the mission has not determined whether a follow-on opportunity for Voices for Peace activity will be announced and how soon. Information will be shared through the Forecast as soon as it is available.

**West Africa - E4D:** Can the mission confirm the upcoming procurement of the follow-on to the Evidence for Development (E4D), its release date and, whether or not it is going to be a full small business set-aside?

**USAID Response:** At this time, a follow-on for the Evidence for Development activity is not anticipated.

**West Africa - Evidence for Development Activity:** Does USAID intend to procure a follow-on to this activity?

**USAID Response:** At this time, USAID does not intend to procure a follow-on to the activity.

**Yemen:** Can USAID provide any updates to plans for FY21 programming in Yemen?

**USAID Response:** There are no updates currently available. We encourage you to continue to watch the USAID Business Forecast and [beta.sam.gov](https://beta.sam.gov) for opportunities. We will provide updates as program designs progress.

**Zambia - G2G:** Can USAID/Zambia please provide additional details on the anticipated social protection G2G TA award, including an anticipated release date, timeline, award ceiling, award mechanism and any eligibility restrictions? Does USAID plan to release an RFI?

**USAID Response:** We intend to use a central mechanism for these services. Therefore, the activity will be removed from the Business Forecast.

**Zambia:** can USAID confirm if the release date for the "HIV Prevention Activity" in the current business forecast is for a Request for Information? If so, does USAID have an anticipated timeline for issuing a full RFA?

**USAID Response:** The date in the business forecast is the anticipated solicitation release. Updates have been to the business forecast on the anticipated timelines and we encourage you to continue monitoring the business forecast, [beta.SAM.gov](https://beta.SAM.gov) and [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) for updates on this activity.

**Zambia - HIV Prevention Activity:** Can USAID please confirm if it plans to issue an RFI prior to the RFA release for the Zambia HIV Prevention Activity?

a. Can USAID confirm the award mechanism?

**USAID Response:** Confirmed, USAID intends to issue an RFI for this activity. A definitive decision has not been made on the award mechanism.

**Zambia -** The USAID **HIV AIDS Prevention Activity for Zambia** has been delayed on various occasions over the past year, with most recent updates on 6/16/20 extending the anticipated release date to 7/23/2020. Is USAID able to share additional information about the timeline and expected release date for this activity? Link to USAID Business Forecast available [here](#).

**USAID Response:** Activity still going through internal approvals, thus unable to provide firm timelines. However, dates in the business forecast have been updated to reflect new projections.

**Zambia - Domestic Resource Mobilization:** Could USAID confirm that the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date for this project remains 8/14/2020?

**USAID Response:** No, the anticipated solicitation release date has been updated to 09/15/2020.

**Zambia - Alternatives to Charcoal:** Would USAID kindly provide an update on the anticipated

timing of an award for this activity which was listed in the Business Forecast as 6/8/2020?

**USAID Response:** The Anticipated Award Date is 10/05/2020.

**Zambia - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene – Governance Institutions and Policy (WASH-GIP):**

- a. Could USAID please provide more information about the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene - Governance Institutions and Policy (WASH-GIP). Specifically:
- b. Could USAID advise if a contract mechanism is being contemplated for release of this forthcoming activity, and if so, which IDIQ?
- c. Will USAID be releasing an RFI or presolicitation for this activity? Does USAID plan to release an RFI for the “Water, Sanitation and Hygiene – Governance Institutions and Policy (WASH-GIP)” contract in Zambia?
- d. Will a pre-solicitation for the Zambia Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene – Governance Institutions and Policy activity be released, if so, when?
- e. Does USAID/Zambia intend to issue an RFI or any additional information prior to a solicitation for the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene – Governance Institutions and Policy (WASH-GIP) activity?
- f. Will an RFI be released in advance of the solicitation?

**USAID Response:** USAID contemplates an acquisition mechanism for this Activity. An RFI or presolicitation notice will be issued prior to release of the solicitation. The activity is still in design, we currently do not have much information or specific dates at the moment to share but will make updates to the business forecast and encourage you to continue monitoring the business forecast and beta.SAM.gov., for future updates.

**Zambia - DRM:** Does USAID anticipate releasing an RFI or a pre-solicitation for the upcoming Zambia DRM project?

**USAID Response:** Yes.

**Zambia - “HIV Prevention Activity”:** Could USAID confirm which mechanism (RFA or RFP) will be used for this opportunity?

**USAID Response:** Not able to confirm at the moment as the activity is going through internal approvals. We encourage you to continue monitoring the business forecast, beta.SAM.gov and grants.gov for updates on this activity.

**Zambia:**

- a. Will a pre-solicitation for the Zambia Domestic Revenue Mobilization activity be released, if so, when?
- b. Domestic Resource Mobilization: Does USAID anticipate releasing a draft scope of work

and/or RFI for this activity prior to the anticipated solicitation release date of August 14, 2020?

**USAID Response:** Yes, USAID intends to issue an RFI o/a 08/15/2020 and we made updates to the anticipated solicitation release date to 09/15/ 2020 in the business forecast.

**Zimbabwe:** The USAID forecast currently states that the ZAPIM II opportunity will be released on August 17, 2020. Can USAID/Zimbabwe please verify if this timing is still accurate?

**USAID Response:** Yes, this is our intent. If the timeline changes we will update the Business Forecast.

**Zimbabwe -**

a. Can USAID/Zimbabwe provide an update on the procurement timeline, technical scope, mechanism, or budget for the Building Locally Owned, Self-Reliant, and Effective Private Sector Associations Activity, for which an RFI was released in December 2019?

b. In December 2019, USAID issued an RFI for “Building Locally Owned, Self-Reliant, and Effective Private Sector Associations.” However, this has not appeared on the forecast. Can USAID provide an update as to whether this activity is planned, and if so, any additional information about timing, size, scope, and/or eligibility?

**USAID Response:** There is no current plan to procure an activity as a result of this RFI. The Business Forecast will be updated if that changes.

**Zimbabwe:** does USAID anticipate re-bidding DREAMS activities under the current Adolescent Girls and Young Women for Life 360 project in the next 12 months? If so, will this procurement be restricted to local organizations?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Zimbabwe will continue to work with local organizations for PEPFAR funded activities to the maximum extent practicable. Any new procurements will be added to the business forecast when there is information to share.

**Zimbabwe:** Can USAID provide an update on the Zimbabwe Building Locally Owned, Self-Reliant, and Effective Private Sector Associations activity? Is the activity still planned, and could USAID provide information on the expected release date, award mechanism, and value? Could USAID please add the solicitation to the Business Forecast?

**USAID Response:** There is no current plan to procure an activity as a result of this RFI. The Business Forecast will be updated if that changes.

**Zimbabwe:** Can USAID provide updates on the Zimbabwe LocalWorks/Youth opportunity for which an RFI was released in December 2019?

- a. Does USAID anticipate posting this opportunity to the Forecast?
- b. Does USAID have any updated information regarding the anticipated funding mechanism and amount?

**USAID Response:** USAID/Zimbabwe anticipates that competition will be limited to local organizations.