

FY 2017, 4th Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses

Background

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

General Business Forecast Questions

- 1. Budget:** How might the anticipated new budget impact current projects in the Forecast?
USAID Response: Decisions are still underway and we will update the forecast as soon the change is known. Given the "live" feature, our goal is to allow our partners to have the latest information.
- 2. Origination Date:** Can USAID add the origination date of forecasted opportunities to the business forecast? This will greatly help to know the date an opportunity is first posted if it can be added to the area where the "Last updated" is stated.
USAID Response: We appreciate the feedback and will look into this suggestion.
- 3. Short Turn-Around Time:** We have recently noticed that several new opportunities not previously forecast have appeared on the live forecast with a 4-6 week time period between when they are posted and when the solicitations are expected. It is difficult for partners to prioritize and mobilize teams to work on proposals with such short notice. Can USAID please provide an update on whether going forward, implementing partners should expect more limited amounts of time between when a procurement is initially announced and when the solicitation is released?
USAID Response: We will continue to encourage our staff to provide as much advance notice as possible.
- 4. Notification of Opportunity Release:** Other than searching on FBO.gov and Grants.gov, is there a way to tell if a specific opportunity on the Forecast has been released or not?
USAID Response: We will continue to ask staff to include the solicitation number within the Forecast as soon as it is available.
- 5. Removal After Release:** We have noticed that sometimes opportunities are updated on the Forecast even though they have already been released on either FBO or Grants.gov. Is there a reason that these opportunities are being updated rather than being removed from the forecast?
USAID Response: If the opportunity is posted on FBO.gov or Grants.gov and has not closed for proposal acceptance, then the opportunity may be updated on the Forecast.

- 6. Mexico City Policy:** Is it possible for USAID to indicate on the Forecast whether or not the Mexico City Policy applies to specific opportunities?
USAID Response: USAID developed a new standard provision, “Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance (May 2017),” and it has been incorporated within ADS 303 standard provisions. The applicability of the provision is included in the preamble of it--one should be able to determine based on program description and the preamble if it would likely be applicable in the ultimate award. At present, NOFOs usually have a link to all standard provisions and the applicable ones are determined at time of award. Please feel free to check with the cognizant Agreement Officer/specialist on any posted NOFOs.
- 7. Mexico City Policy:** Does USAID anticipate producing and distributing FAQs on the new Mexico City Policy? If so, when will these be released?
USAID Response: It is undetermined at this time if FAQs will be posted on this provision. We are in the process of working through questions we are receiving.
- 8. Updated Status:** Regarding opportunities that have been on the Forecast come up repeatedly as “new” despite not being new and often having no changes. Can you encourage staff to update the status of action?
USAID Response: Yes, we will continue to encourage staff to update the status of the action.
- 9. TOs/DOs:** When TO/DOs are included, can the announcement include the name of the IQC in an accessible field?
USAID Response: If a forecasted TO/DO will be issued under an IDIQ or GSA schedule, we direct staff to include the mechanism that is going to be used in the Award Description section. We will continue to reinforce this message.
- 10. Incumbent:** There are several listings that do not contain an Incumbent entry, but don’t say they are a new opportunity that wasn’t previously on the forecast. We would be grateful if the procuring entities would update each of the fields for clarification and understanding.
USAID Response: We will continue to encourage staff to update the forecast. More specific updates are discussed below and or may have updates directly to the forecast. You may also reach out to the POC listed if your questions are not addressed here.
- 11. TEC Range:** In previous Business Forecast Q&A calls, USAID indicated that the Agency intended to narrow the dollar range provided for anticipated value to allow bidders to plan and design effective programming in the pre-RFP stage. Given that we continue to see numerous programs in the \$50-\$99.99M range, could USAID please provide implementers with an update on plans to narrow this information.
USAID Response: We will look into further narrowing the TEC range. If there are specific recommendations, please send them to businessforecast@usaid.gov.

12. IDIQs + IQCs: Could USAID elaborate on anticipated future use of Indefinite Quantity Contract (IQC) and Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) mechanisms?

USAID Response: USAID plans to use IDIQs when most appropriate and based upon the most current priorities. If you have specific questions if a program will be recompleted, please contact the administering CO for the existing or expired IDIQ.

13. Task Orders: Please consider posting open TOs publicly on FBO.gov. Please consider posting the award of TOs on FBO.gov.

USAID Response: USAID has advanced ahead of other federal agencies to include task orders in its Forecast. USAID complies with the FAR, which does not require posting of the task order opportunity on FBO.gov and direct the task order to the current IDIQ holders.

Washington Business Forecast Questions

1. **BFS:** Resilience and Economic Growth in Sahel - Enhanced Resilience (REGIS-ER) -- Is a follow on solicitation planned for the REGIS-ER program?
USAID Response: USAID is in the process of assessing and designing future resilience programs for the Sahel and will announce funding opportunities at a future date.

2. **BFS:** Feed the Future Knowledge-Driven Agricultural Development (KDAD) -- The current USAID Feed the Future Knowledge-Driven Agricultural Development (KDAD) project is slated to end in 2018. Is USAID planning to extend or renew this mechanism, or to develop a similar follow-on effort? If so, are there plans to release a draft solicitation for comment?
USAID Response: USAID has discussed a recompetete but has not made a final decision as to whether that is happening or when a solicitation would be issued. Unfortunately, no additional information is available at this time.

3. **BFS:** Agri Food Systems IDIQ
 - a. Is September 1, 2017 still the expected release date for the Agri-Food Systems IDIQ?
 - b. Does USAID anticipate releasing a draft scope of work or pre-solicitation Request for Information/Expression of Interest?
 - c. Does USAID anticipate releasing a task order with the IDIQ mechanism?
 - d. Can USAID please provide any information regarding the potential scope of work for the partial small business set-aside award(s)?
 - e. Related to this and the respective large and small business awards scopes of work, does USAID anticipate an organizational conflict of interest between large and small business awards that would preclude organizations from leading and/or joining consortia pursuing both awards?
 - f. The forecast shows BFS is behind on releasing (2) other activities including: PRIL (5/30) and Technology and Commercialization Partnerships (6/30); there are also (2) more activities (AWEF and Seed Systems Support) that are slated respectively for 8/7 and 8/1. Will this impact the anticipated solicitation release date of BFS Food Systems IDIQ?

USAID Response:

- a. September 1, 2017 seems unrealistic for a solicitation release date. A revised release date will be discussed with the team, and the Business Forecast will be updated accordingly. I would fully expect the solicitation to be issued before November 2017.
- b. No, a draft scope of work was issued with the sources sought notice.
- c. No, it is not USAID's intention to issue a Task Order with IDIQ award. If that changes it will be reflected in the Request for Proposals.
- d. This is undetermined at this time.
- e. Conflict of interest issues are still being discussed with General Counsel.

- f. The other opportunities listed have no impact on the release of the RFP for the Agri Food Systems IDIQ.

4. BFS: Seed Systems Support

- a. Can USAID confirm that the anticipated release date for this opportunity is still August 1, 2017?
- b. Could USAID please provide additional information on the scope of work for the opportunity?
- c. Does USAID anticipate releasing a draft scope of work or pre-solicitation Request for Information/Expression of Interest?
- d. Can you provide any more details on the type of activity that is planned including: focus geography; and is the plan to be a technical assistance program or direct implementation?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID can confirm that the anticipated release date is not August 1, 2017. The business forecast will be updated to reflect the revised date as soon as possible.
- b. This is anticipated to be an assistance award. No draft will be issued.
- c. No, USAID does not anticipate releasing a draft scope of work or pre-solicitation.
- d. Focus countries will include Feed the Future countries, as found at www.feedthefuture.gov.

- 5. BFS: FTF Marketing to Scale -- Can USAID please provide additional information regarding the cancellation of SOL-OAA-15-00064, Feed the Future Marketing to Scale released by the Bureau for Food Security? Specifically, why was this cancelled post submission? For small business IPs, there are limited resources to prepare a bid and when a bid is cancelled post submission, it means these resources have been lost and the ability to prepare other proposals is impacted. While we know it is always the government's discretion to make an award or not, is it possible for USAID to make bid cancellation decisions long before submission deadlines?"**

USAID Response: This was not an easy decision for USAID to make, as we know a lot of time and resources, including a significant amount of money, go into assembling a team and preparing a proposal, especially when they go on for longer than 1.5 years. Unfortunately, as time progressed, the Agency's need for the Marketing to Scale services was no longer present. We understand the the timing on notification of cancellation was very late in the process, however we notified the public within hours of the final determination being made.

6. BFS: Advancing Women's Empowerment Framework (AWEF) --

- a. Please confirm that USAID/Bureau for Food Security is only considering releasing the Advancing Women's Empowerment Framework (AWEF) activity through the GSA Professional Service Schedule (PSS) SIN 874-1, as indicated in the Sources Sought notice?

- b. Does USAID still expect to release this as a small-business set aside and GSA Task/Delivery order, or has this strategy changed following the Sources Sought process?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID is currently conducting market research to determine if GSA PSS SIN 874-1 is the most advantageous way for the agency to procure these services. That being said, it is our intention to use PSS if it is determined to be the most appropriate approach. Market research is also being conducted to determine if a small business set aside is appropriate.
- b. As mentioned above, we are still conducting market research to determine if a small business set aside is appropriate. If it meets the criteria set forth in the FAR for small business utilization, then the agency will set this aside for small businesses.

7. **BFS:** Food Security Peanut Research Innovation Lab -- For the Bureau for Food Security Peanut Research Innovation Lab opportunity, will there be an opportunity to propose the integration of peanut varieties and essential medicines?

USAID Response: Please review the Notice of Funding Opportunity located on [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov)

8. **BFS:** Inclusive Finance Activity -- Could USAID please clarify the status of the Inclusive Finance Activity, which appeared on the FY17 Quarter 1 USAID Washington Business Forecast?

USAID Response: The Inclusive Finance Activity was removed from the Business Forecast because it is no longer being procured. If that changes, it will be added back to the business forecast.

9. **DCHA:** Learning, Evaluation, and Research (DRG-LER) -- We do not see a follow-on program for the DCHA bureau's Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance: Learning, Evaluation, and Research (DRG-LER) Activity listed on the forecast. Does USAID intend to re-compete this opportunity? If so, what is the timing, how many awards does USAID envision, and can you provide information on whether the opportunity will be a small business set aside?

USAID Response: In FY 2018, the DRG Center intends to design and procure services that will continue to advance the Center's learning, evaluation and research agenda to provide critical data on the impact of USAID's DRG activities worldwide. Findings from this research will support implementation of the DRG Learning Agenda and inform future programming choices by the DRG Center and the DRG worldwide cadre. The Center expects to make up to three awards including a small-business set aside.

10. **DCHA:** Program Development Quickly III (PDQIII) IQC

- a. Can USAID please indicate whether it plans to release a follow-on for the Program Development Quickly (PDQ) contract and, if so, if it will be a small-business set aside issued as a task order?
- b. If it is a task order, under which mechanism will it be released, and when?
- c. Does USAID anticipate releasing any task orders under this mechanism in Quarter 4?
- d. Since the PDQ III mechanism is set to expire in October 2017, does USAID plan to procure a follow on IQC? And, if so, what is the anticipated release date for that procurement?

USAID Response: USAID/OTI is currently conducting market research to determine the best mechanism through which to contract the services currently provided through the PDQ III IQC. At this time USAID/OTI does not have an anticipated release date for any possible follow-on to PDQ III.

- 11. DCHA:** FEWS NET 7 IDIQ -- Would USAID please provide an update on the FEWS NET 7 IDIQ? Does USAID have a target date by which this IDIQ will be awarded?

USAID Response: USAID is in the process of reviewing all proposals. USAID do not have a target date by which this IDIQ will be awarded.

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

- a. Is there any update on ACES in terms of scope or timing?
- b. Will there be a TO with the ACES RFP?
- c. The forecast lists the RFP release date for Active Communities-Effective States (ACES) as September 1, 2017. Can you please confirm that this is still the anticipated release date?
- d. Also, it's been nearly three years since USAID first released the DRAGON IDIQ draft scope of work. We therefore request that USAID issue a draft SOW in advance of the RFP so the bidders may be able to prepare more responsive proposals.
- e. Does USAID anticipate the release of a new pre-solicitation and/or the conduct of a bidders' conference, and when?

USAID Response: No TO is anticipated with the RFP. A new pre-solicitation conference is not anticipated. In accordance with FAR part 5, a pre-solicitation notice/synopsis of proposed contract action will be posted to FBO.gov and a draft SOW may be included at that time. We are working to try and release the RFP by the 1st of September.

- 13. DCHA:** When is an award anticipated on Democracy and Governance Analytical Services (DGAS) IV IDIQ, for which bids have been closed?

USAID Response: The anticipated date is 11/13/2017.

- 14. DCHA:** Empowerment & Inclusion Support Mechanism (EISM) -- The EISM was cancelled a few days before the closing date due. Does USAID intend to re-release the opportunity

in the future? Is there any possibility that it will be forecasted again in the future (FY2018)?

USAID Response: Currently there is no new information other than what was provided in the amendment to the RFA cancellation.

15. DCHA/OTI: When is the release of solicitations for PDQ expected, and is it anticipated that this will be small-business set-asides?

USAID Response: USAID/OTI is currently conducting market research to determine the best mechanism through which to contract the services currently provided through the PDQ III IQC. At this time USAID/OTI does not have an anticipated release date for any possible follow-on to PDQ III.

16. DCHA/OTI: When is the release of solicitations for PDQ and START expected, and is it anticipated that these will be small-business set-asides?

USAID Response: USAID/OTI is currently conducting market research to determine the best mechanism through which to contract the services currently provided through the PDQ III IQC and START IQC. At this time USAID/OTI does not have an anticipated release date for any possible follow-ons to PDQ III or START.

17. E3: LEAP III -- Does USAID still intend to release LEAP III as a small business set-aside?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID does still intend to release LEAP III as a small business set-aside.

18. E3: Energy II IDIQ

- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date of the Energy II IDIQ?
- b. If that date is still not fixed, explain why and provide us some indication of when we can expect to see an RFP?
- c. Will USAID issue a presolicitation?
- d. Can USAID confirm whether a Task Order will be issued with the IDIQ?
- e. Could USAID provide a revised estimated release date for the Energy II IDIQ?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates releasing the RFP for the Energy IDIQ in the fourth quarter. USAID intends to issue a presolicitation notice in the first week of August. A task order will be issued with the IDIQ.

19. E3: Can USAID speak to what's driving the apparent lack of opportunities in the forecast from the water and sanitation sector?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

20. E3: Water and Development (WADI) IDIQ -- Does USAID expect a follow-on to the Water and Development (WADI) IDIQ?

USAID Response: USAID has yet to determine whether there will be a follow-on to the Water and Development (WADI) IDIQ.

21. E3: Data & Evidence for Education Program (DEEP)

- a. What is the status of the activity?
- b. Could USAID please provide an updated release date?
- c. Is the anticipated release date of the Data and Evidence for Education Program (DEEP) still 9/1/17, and does USAID plan to release any kind of presolicitation?
- d. Could USAID please indicate under which IDIQ, if any, it intends to release the opportunity?
- e. USAID lists the opportunity's small business set-aside type as TBD. Could USAID please confirm if DEEP will be released as a small business set-aside, full and open competition, or if the decision is still pending?
- f. Could USAID please confirm the anticipated award length?
- g. Could USAID please confirm if the opportunity's envisioned data management component is to include data on programs within all three (3) of the USAID Education Strategy goals, including Higher Education and Workforce Development (HEWFD)?
- h. Could USAID please provide more information on the type and scale of activities under the 'analysis of quantitative and qualitative data' component?
- i. Could USAID please provide information on the activity's anticipated staffing structure and expected key personnel?
- j. Does USAID envision key personnel being embedded at USAID, or being based at the awarded contractor's site?

USAID Response: This activity is in the design phase. The information on the Forecast is the most up to date information. We are unable to confirm the procurement plan and specifics of the activity.

22. E3: FORECAST Mechanism -- Can USAID provide an update on the whether it intends to issue a successor IDIQ mechanism to FORECAST II?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

23. E3: Advancing Basic Education Access for All (ABE ACCESS IDIQ) -- The ABE ACCESS IDIQ has had very few task orders released. Does USAID anticipate any upcoming task orders for this mechanism?

USAID Response: No information is available at this time.

24. E3: Global Environmental Management Support (GEMS) -- Does USAID intend to re-compete the Global Environmental Management Support (GEMS) contract and if so, could it provide bidders with estimates on the anticipated solicitation release and award dates?

USAID Response: No information regarding a re-competition of the GEMS contract is available at this time.

25. E3: Gender Learning Strategy -- Has the USAID gender learning strategy task order been awarded and under what contract vehicle?

USAID Response: The Gender Learning Strategy was issued as a RFTOP under the ADVANTAGE IDIQ. An award has not yet been made.

26. E3: Technical & Administrative Support Staffing -- E3's New technical and administrative support staffing Contract is listed as an 8(a) set-aside on the forecast. Will it be a competitive 8(a) with a solicitation released on August 15 or a sole-source 8(a)?

USAID Response: USAID is planning on issuing a competitive task order under GSA Schedules that will be set-aside for 8(a) firms.

27. Global Health: Youth Power IDIQ -- The YouthPower IDIQ period of performance will conclude in 2020. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on? If so, what is the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: If USAID plans to release a new solicitation, it will be posted on the Business Forecast in a timely manner. No further information is available at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast & FBO.gov.

28. Global Health: GH Technical Professionals (GHTP) -- The Forecast indicates an anticipated release date of 3/30/2017. Since this date has passed, could USAID please provide an updated anticipated release date for this procurement?

USAID Response: USAID is currently in the design stage of the GHTP procurement and anticipates releasing the solicitation in the first quarter of FY18.

29. Global Health: What is the release date of the Infectious Disease Detection and Surveillance (IDDS) RFP?

USAID Response: An exact release date has not yet been determined. We would anticipate either releasing the solicitation early in FY2018.

30. Global Health: Child Blindness Program [MCHN]

- a. This was formerly a relatively small-scale program, funding a limited number of projects each year (we understand that between 5-22 projects have been funded in each round during the last few years), through small contracts up to a value of around \$250,000. Are we correct in thinking that the program has been changed to become something of a much bigger scale, with larger contracts being made over a longer implementation period? Can USAID advise on how many contracts are expected to be awarded, and their size?
- b. Can USAID advise if it will remain a global program, without any specific regional or country focus?
- c. Can USAID advise if there is any preference for direct funding to tertiary facilities?
- d. If this program is now taking a different approach, how will it complement projects funded under the last round?

USAID Response:

- a. The current Child Blindness Program is a contract (AID-OAA-C-13-00088) that includes a grants under contracts component that issues small grants for child blindness activities. It is anticipated that this component of the program will be maintained. The size/scale of the program is not significantly increasing. One contract is anticipated to be awarded, though there may be multiple grants under contracts included after contract award.
- b. The program is anticipated to remain a global program.
- c. There is no preference for tertiary facilities. The CBP funds a variety of activities, there is no preference for one vs. another.
- d. The approach under the new CBP is similar to previous years, but it is anticipated that this activity will build on the lessons learned from previous projects as well as use findings to potentially scale up and expand approaches where sufficient evidence exists.

31. Global Health: Health Finance & Governance Program

- a. Could USAID please give an update on the successor program to the Health Finance and Governance program?
- b. Can USAID clarify whether this is being designed as a follow-on to the Health Finance and Governance Project ending in September 2018, or if it is being designed as a new program?
- c. Can USAID provide more details on the potential scope?
- d. Can USAID provide an anticipated date or time frame for when the solicitation will be released?

USAID Response: The successor program will not be designed as a follow on to the Health Finance and Governance Project, but rather will be designed as a new program. The new project is expected to take an integrated approach to health systems strengthening (across the health systems building blocks). USAID expects to issue the solicitation in the fall.

32. Global Health: The Evidence Project -- Does USAID plan to release a follow-on to The Evidence Project? Does USAID intend to re-compete this opportunity? If so, could it provide an update on the timing of the release?

USAID Response: If USAID plans to release a new solicitation, it will be posted on the Business Forecast in a timely manner. No further information is available at this time. Please continue to monitor the Business Forecast & [Grants.gov](https://www.usaid.gov/grants).

33. Global Health: Applying Science to Strengthen and Improve Systems (ASSIST) -- Does USAID plan to release a follow-on to the Applying Science to Strengthen and Improve Systems (ASSIST) program?

USAID Response: The successor program will not be designed as a follow on to the Applying Science to Strengthen and Improve Systems Project, but rather will be designed as a new program. The new project is expected to take an integrated approach to health systems strengthening (across the health systems building blocks). USAID expects to issue the solicitation in the fall.

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

- a. The anticipated solicitation release date was 7/14/17. Could you please provide an update on the timing of this activity?

USAID Response: The Solicitation for MTaPS will be posted in the next couple weeks.

35. Global Health: Accelerating Scale-Human Centered Design

- a. Which mechanism will USAID use to procure the forecasted Accelerating Scale-Human Centered Design opportunity?
- b. Will the RFP/RFQ be a full and open competition?
- c. Is the EngageHCD partnership the mechanism for GSA to award this task/delivery order? If not, can more information be provided about which GSA contracting mechanism will be used?

USAID Response: USAID will utilize the GSA Professional Services Schedule for this competition.

36. LAC: Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI) IDIQ -- We did not see a follow-on program for the Monitoring and Evaluation for Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI) IDIQ listed on the forecast. Does USAID intend to re-compete this opportunity? If so, what is the timing, how many awards does USAID envision, and can you provide information on whether the opportunity will be a small business set aside?

USAID Response: This IDIQ was awarded and administered by USAID/DR. At this time there is no plan to re-compete this award.

37. LAC: Monitoring & Evaluation Services

- a. The Forecast indicates an anticipated release date of 6/02/2017. Since this date has passed, could USAID please provide an updated anticipated release date for this procurement?
- b. How many awardees does USAID anticipate selecting for this IDIQ?

USAID Response: The solicitation was released on June 2 and has closed. We anticipate awarding one task order.

Mission Business Forecast Questions

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

- a. Can USAID please confirm that the Afghanistan Value Chain-Crops activity will be released on/a September 30, 2017, as currently anticipated?
- b. Can you provide further information of the type of award mechanism that will be used?
- c. Will the opportunity include specific geographic locations in Afghanistan? If so, which provinces or geographical areas will be targeted?

USAID Response:

- a. The Value Chain-Crops' RFP anticipates to be released on/a September 30, 2017.
- b. The type of award mechanism is a contract. The type of the contract is TBD.
- c. As it states in the activity's SOO: the activity must work in all of the economic zones of Afghanistan.

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

- a. Can USAID please confirm that the Afghanistan Value Chain-Livestock activity will be released on/a September 30, 2017, as currently anticipated?
- b. Can you provide further information of the type of award mechanism that will be used?
- c. Will the opportunity include specific geographic locations in Afghanistan? If so, which provinces or geographical areas will be targeted?

USAID Response:

- a. The Value Chain-Livestock's RFP anticipates to be released on/a September 30, 2017.
- b. The type of award mechanism is a contract. The type of the contract is TBD.
- c. As it states in the activity's SOO: the activity must work in all of the economic zones of Afghanistan.

3. **Afghanistan: Investing the Endowment and Managing the Women's University**

Scholarship Program -- In August 2016 USAID/Afghanistan Mission requested Expressions of Interests from interested organizations for Investing the Endowment and Managing the Women's University Scholarship Program. Can USAID please provide an update on whether or not a solicitation will be released in the near future? If so is there an anticipated release date and/or scope of work?

USAID Response: No additional information is available at this time. Please keep checking the forecast and FBO.

4. **Afghanistan: Capacity Building and Extension Activity**

- a. Will the opportunity include specific geographic locations in Afghanistan? If so, which provinces or geographical areas will be targeted?
- b. What type of award mechanism will be used?

USAID Response: Please refer to the public version of the AGRICULTURE CONSOLIDATED PROJECT APPRAISAL DOCUMENT (PAD) located here:

<https://www.usaid.gov/documents/1871/project-appraisal-document-pad>

5. **Armenia:** Energy Market Liberalization & Regional Trade Program -- Will the Armenia Mission place the Energy Market Liberalization and Regional Trade Program project as a woman-owned small business set aside as it's a five-year project under \$10M? What about an updated release date?

USAID Response: There is no women-owned set aside for this program. USAID/Armenia is proceeding full and open competition for the activity. The release date was updated to 08/08/2017.

6. **Azerbaijan:** Performance Evaluation of Azerbaijan support to Agriculture Activity (ASAP) -- Why has ASAP been cancelled? Will it be included in future forecasts?

USAID Response: The following issues were taken into consideration: The decreased budget for Azerbaijan. Additionally, information on ASAP is not open for public and the evaluation team would not be able to meet with government or other donors to discuss the project. This would affect the quality and usefulness of the final product.

7. **Bangladesh:** There is a discrepancy between the award title (Community Health Workers Program) and project title (System Strengthening for Family Planning) for the Bangladesh bid. Can USAID clarify the title for the proposed project, the anticipated release date, the anticipated procurement mechanism, and proposed program design?

USAID Response: The Community Health Workers Program and System Strengthening for Family Planning Activity are one and the same program. USAID has subsequently renamed the activity once again to Accelerating Universal Access to Family Planning (AUAFP). The anticipated solicitation release date is November 30, 2017; a Notice of Funding Opportunity-RFA is the anticipated mechanism. This opportunity will be removed from the FY 17 Business Forecast and placed on the FY 18 Business Forecast.

8. **Bangladesh:** Community Health Workers Program

- a. Can USAID confirm the mechanism for this procurement?
- b. Can USAID confirm that this program will be released as an APS for a concept note OR a RFA for a full proposal?
- c. Does USAID intend to release RFI?
- d. Does USAID still intend to release the CHW Program on August 1st as it states on the forecast? If it is going to be delayed, could USAID let us know the approximate date that it intends to release the CHW Program?
- e. Does USAID expect that interventions of the CHW Program will extend beyond the community and community clinic (CC) level to linkages with and capacity building for other levels of health facilities, e.g., for referrals and improving readiness of facilities to provide FP services as intended per their level?
- f. Does USAID anticipate to work with Community Clinic network and its volunteer management system?

- g. We note the change in procurement title to emphasize CHWs. Will the scope of the procurement be limited to CHWs?
- h. Does the Mission anticipate work to be primarily in the public sector, or have equal emphasis between public and private sectors?
- i. Can USAID confirm that the work will take place in urban, peri-urban, and rural/remote locations?

USAID Response:

- a. The selection of instrument has not been determined at this time.
- b. We anticipate the release of an RFA.
- c. No
- d. The anticipated solicitation release date is November 30, 2017. This opportunity will be removed from the FY 17 Business Forecast and placed on the FY 18 Business Forecast.
- e. Yes. The project will focus more on capacity-building, the ultimate outcome is to contribute to expanding access to family planning services.
- f. This activity will engage individuals and organizations that support the service delivery system.
- g. No. The title has been changed to Accelerating Universal Access to Family Planning (AUAFP).
- h. This activity will work mainly in the public sector. The private sector will also be included on a smaller scale.
- i. Yes, in all locations mentioned, i.e., urban, peri-urban, and rural/remote locations.

9. Bangladesh: Promoting Advocacy & Rights (PAR) Activity

- a. Does USAID intend to release the RFA at the end of September as noted in the business forecast?
- b. Did USAID decide to drop the Expressions of Interest phase of this solicitation?
- c. Can USAID provide more information on the scope of this activity?
- d. Will there be a large sub-grants component with this project?
- e. Does USAID plan to release a request EOIs first for the Promoting Advocacy and Rights (PAR) Activity in Bangladesh, or will it go straight to an RFA?
- f. Would USAID be able to clarify when the NFO for the Promoting Advocacy and Rights (PAR) Activity in Bangladesh is anticipated to be released? The Award Descriptions says "USAID anticipates releasing a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NFO) around July 16, 2017 for this activity" while the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date is listed as 9/20/2017.
- g. Previously, the Forecast included a Workforce Development Program in the health sector for USAID/Bangladesh, which was removed from the Forecast without any explanation. Does the Mission still intend to release a solicitation for this opportunity? If not, has it been combined with the System Strengthening for Family Planning project?

USAID Response:

- a. Yes, that is correct

- b. No, the Notice for Expressions of Interest is anticipated to be released in September.
- c. The forthcoming Notice of Expressions of Interest will provide more information on the scope of the activity. As a natural civil society strengthening activity, USAID has chosen to restrict eligibility to only local or international non-profit organizations (including universities and research institutions). USAID believes these organizations effectively showcase a culture of non-partisanship, demonstrate a promotion of social capital, and create an enabling environment for dialogue among civil society and democratic institutions. USAID, with co-funding from DFID, has increased the Total Estimated Amount to \$7 million over 5 years.
- d. In order to facilitate receiving a variety of approaches, USAID and DFID will not provide prescriptive language in the Project Description, thereby, allowing applicants to provide a variety of approaches that may include the offering of sub-grants. Irrespective of the specific approach presented by applicants, USAID and DFID strongly encourage broad and diverse local and international partnerships to achieve the activity's objectives.
- e. The Notice of Expressions of Interest will be open for 10 days, thereafter, a Notice of Funding Opportunity will be released to eligible organizations who responded to the Expressions of Interest.
- f. The September 20, 2017, Anticipated Solicitation Release Date is correct.
- g. The Workforce Development Program is distinct from the Accelerating Universal Access to Family Planning activity. USAID/Bangladesh still intends to release a solicitation for the activity, currently in the design stage. The anticipated release date is after the end of Fiscal Year 17, which is why the opportunity was removed from the FY 17 Business Forecast.

10. Bangladesh: Systems Strengthening for Family Planning

- a. Could USAID explain the rationale behind changing the title of "System Strengthening for Family Planning" to "Community Health Workers Program"?
- b. Are these separate or the same opportunity, or are they separate?
- c. Additionally, could USAID confirm the release date of 8/1/17 remains accurate?
- d. Does USAID have additional details regarding the award/action type?
- e. Would USAID please clarify if the technical scope of this forecasted opportunity has also changed and if the business forecast will be updated accordingly?

USAID Response:

- a. See response to question 8e. The activity has been renamed to Accelerating Universal Access to Family Planning.
- b. This is the same opportunity; now renamed to Accelerating Universal Access to Family Planning.
- c. The anticipated solicitation release date is November 30, 2017. This opportunity will be removed from the FY 17 Business Forecast and placed on the FY 18 Business Forecast.
- d. The selection of instrument has not been determined at this time.

e. The technical scope of this forecasted opportunity has not changed.

11. Benin: Integrated Health/Family Planning -- Is USAID still planning on releasing an integrated health/family planning bid in Benin? It is no longer appearing on the forecast. Can USAID please confirm the release date and if there will be a draft SOW released?

USAID Response: There is no Integrated Health/Family Planning activity on Benin Business forecast

12. Benin: RH/MCH/Malaria -- The Benin Integrated RH/MCH/Malaria activity was recently removed from the forecast. Could USAID please confirm the status of this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID is still planning on releasing the New Integrated RH/MCH/Malaria Activities solicitation in Benin during FY 2018.

13. Benin: ELAN Private Sector Health Partnership --

- a. Can USAID confirm the release date for the ELAN – Private Sector Health Partnership Activity?
- b. Do you anticipate that there will be a component that will address the demand-side of health services or is this opportunity strictly for the supply-side. If the latter, will there be another opportunity to address the demand-side for quality health services?
- c. Has USAID made a decision regarding the funding mechanism for the Benin ELAN opportunity? If not, when is a decision on mechanism anticipated?

USAID Response:

- a. Anticipated date is September 2017
- b. Yes, predominantly supply side
- c. Discussions are still ongoing

14. Bosnia/Herzegovina: Is USAID planning any additional procurements for Bosnia/Herzegovina at this time?

USAID Response: USAID/BiH does not anticipate any additional procurements in this fiscal year.

15. Burma: The previously forecasted Burma HIV/AIDS Project opportunity is not included in FY17 Qtr 4 Business Forecast. Is this opportunity canceled?

USAID Response: Yes, this has been canceled.

16. Burma: Does USAID anticipate any procurements coming out of the USAID/Burma mission and/or anything planned for FY18?

USAID Response: Any planned activities for USAID/Burma will be added to the forecast in Q1 FY18.

17. Burma: Development Food Security Activities -- Is USAID planning on an RFA for Development Food Security Activities in Burma in FY18?

USAID Response: No.

18. Burma: Does USAID hold any current expectations for education programming in FY18?

USAID Response: Not at this time.

19. Cambodia: Does USAID intend to issue a child protection activity to complement UNICEF's PROTECT activity?

USAID Response: USAID/Cambodia does not plan to issue any new programs related to this activity.

20. Cambodia: Social and Behavior Change

- a. For the Cambodia Social and Behavior Change activity, the mechanism is TBD, is more information available on what mechanism will be selected at this time? For some organizations, eligibility and/or fit is affected mechanism so if it is a contract (for example) we would not want to waste resources pursuing.
- b. The "Cambodia Social Behavior Change Project" is anticipated to be released on October 1, 2017. Does USAID still intend to release the solicitation on that date?

USAID Response:

- a. Continue monitoring the Business Forecast for updates.
- b. The date in the Business Forecast is our best projection.

21. Cambodia: Eastern Plains Landscape -- activity has been removed from the Business Forecast following a recent update.

- a. Could USAID confirm that this activity has not been canceled?
- b. Can USAID confirm a solicitation for this opportunity was released?
- c. USAID had noted in the last Business Forecast that they were considering making an award under restricted eligibility for this activity. Did USAID do this?

USAID Response: This activity has been approved for procurement under restricted eligibility per ADS 303.3.6.5. An RFA has not been released to the identified source at this time.

22. Central America: USAID/Central America Strengthening Care and Treatment Cascade is not on the current forecast. Can USAID provide more information on the anticipated release date and the procurement mechanism?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date of this RFA is o/a August 29, 2017.

23. Central America: Can USAID please provide more information on the PASCA 3.0 Central American Project for Sustaining and Championing the Human Rights Response to HIV opportunity?

USAID Response: The RFA for this Funding Opportunity was issued through www.grants.gov on July 24, 2017. The due date for submission of applications is September 7, 2017. Due date for Questions was July 31, 2017.

24. Central Asia: In Central Asia, does USAID expect any new funding or forecast opportunities that focus on women's empowerment and CVE? If so, what types of programming in these areas does USAID intend to design?

USAID Response: The Mission does not anticipate / envision any new women's empowerment and CVE procurements in this fiscal year.

25. Colombia: When does USAID expect awards will be made for the FY2017 Conflict Mitigation and Reconciliation Programs and Activities?

USAID Response: At some point before September 30, 2018.

26. DRC: Social & Behavior Change

USAID DRC Note: This activity is still in the planning stages and the Mission may decide to use a centrally funded Washington award for implementation. No final decision has been made to date.

a. Could USAID please clarify how this award will complement the proposed DRC Integrated Health Program, which contains a significant SBC component, as well as other programming that relates to the adoption of health behaviors?

USAID Response: The SBC activity would support the design and implementation of high-quality, evidence-based SBC interventions, including SBC efforts of the IHP-DRC and other USAID activities. While the IHP-DRC would directly implement community and facility-level SBC interventions, this activity is designed to inform and complement those efforts by 1) implementing an operational research agenda aimed at determining the socio-cultural barriers to practicing key accelerator and other behaviors; 2) designing, testing, and disseminating SBC tools for use by IHP-DRC and other USAID implementing partners and the host country; and 3) providing technical assistance to the host country institutions charged with developing and implementing evidence-based SBC interventions. Given the potential contributions from governance, education, and social protection sectors, this program will engage much more than the health sector.

b. Can USAID provide more detail on targeted intervention areas for this award: will it primarily support DO 1, DO 2, or DO 3 areas?

USAID Response: The SBC mechanism will primary influence health-seeking behaviors that link most directly to DO2/ service delivery. Given the large health investments in the TO3 geographic zone as well as the collaborative efforts between health and social protection (notably sexual and gender-based violence prevention) , this program will also be heavily involved in TO3 as well.

27. DRC: Workforce Development -- Is the Mission planning a workforce development activity for Democratic Republic of the Congo?

USAID Response: No, the Mission is not.

28. DRC: Youth Integrated Development Activity

- a. Would USAID be able to provide a bit more detail and the anticipated scope of work for the recently posted DRC Youth Integrated Development Activity?
- b. Is there an incumbent program for the DRC Integrated Youth Development Activity and if so, can you please share the name?
- c. Also for this activity, will the focus be on primary education, secondary education, vocational training or a combination of all?
- d. And will the target be focused on retention or re-enrollment?
- e. Can you please confirm that the solicitation would be released on 15th August with award expected less than 4 weeks later on 11th September?
- f. Can you please advise on the geographic targeting within Eastern DRC for this solicitation?
- g. Can you please provide a more precise indication of the anticipated budget for this solicitation?
- h. Could you confirm that this will be a cooperative agreement and that this will not be a RFTOP under the YouthPower IDIQ?

USAID Responses:

- a. Not at this time the Program Description is still being finalized. This will be an Assistance award.
- b. This is a new program, there is no incumbent.
- c. While the activity is still under design, it is anticipated to focus on the provision of non-formal basic education and vocational training for youth who may have had limited or no access to formal primary schooling.
- d. This is not specifically a “school only” based program and will not strictly focus on retention or re-enrollment.
- e. These dates have been updated.
- f. TO3 Priority zones in South Kivu: Walungu, Kabare, and Kalehe including Bukavu. To a lesser extent there may be compelling rationale for interventions in Priority 2 Zones: North Kivu: Masisi, Walikale and Goma; South Kivu: Mwenga and Namoya.
- g. Budget information is still being finalized and subject to change.
- h. The anticipated award type is a cooperative agreement. (Assistance)

29. Egypt: Egypt Macro-economic Stabilization and Reform Activity

- a. The anticipated solicitation release date is 7/31/17. The RFI response is also due on 7/31/17. It is our understanding that the RFI response is intended to inform the procurement. Could you please provide an update on the timing of this activity?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation date has been moved to 8/31/17.

- 30. Egypt:** Multiple procurements have been added to the Business Forecast for Egypt in recent months. Could USAID/Egypt please provide potential implementers with an update on the status of its Country Development Cooperation Strategy (CDCS). In preparation for multiple potential opportunities, it would assist potential offerors to

better understand USAID's goals for the country. At present, there is no information posted at USAID's CDCS website.

USAID Response: USAID/Egypt does not currently have a CDCS. Additional information about USAID/Egypt's work can be found in the Congressional Budget justification submissions, located here: <https://www.usaid.gov/results-and-data/budget-spending/congressional-budget-justificatio> as well as on the Eygptwebsit: <https://www.usaid.gov/egypt>.

31. Egypt: Will the Egypt Mission place the Macroeconomic Technical Assistance project under the PFM II IDIQ and making it a small business set aside as it's a five year project under \$25M?

USAID Response: Egypt Mission is planning for a full and open competition.

32. Egypt: Family Planning

- a. Is the proposed project intended to focus entirely on revitalizing the public sector, or will it also include enhancing the role of private and NGO sectors in FP service provision?
- b. Will the proposed project have a research component?
- c. Can USAID confirm if the anticipated solicitation date remains as forecast for release o/a August 1, 2017?
- d. Will eligibility be open to all organizations, local and international? Can USAID confirm whether registration in Egypt is required prior to submitting an application?
- e. Can USAID provide additional information on the geographic scope of this activity?
- f. Can USAID confirm if the estimated value of the project remains as forecast at \$10-25M?

USAID Response: The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this project was posted on grants.gov on August 2, 2017. Please review the NOFO and any additional questions may be addressed to the Mission per the instructions provided in the NOFO.

33. Egypt: Egypt Value Added Solutions (EVAS) -- USAID recently released a Request for Information due July 31. Would USAID please confirm that the anticipated release date for EVAS remains 8/31/2017?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date currently remains 8/31/2017.

34. Egypt: Economic Security, Regional Business, & Trade Development -- Would USAID please confirm that the anticipated release date is 10/01/2017?

USAID Response: The anticipated release date currently remains 10/01/2017.

35. Egypt: Family Planning Activity -- What has happened with the family planning activity in Egypt? On the 23rd of July the Forecast showed that the budget almost doubled but in on the 25th of July's version is not appearing. The NOFO has not come out yet. Is it cancelled? If so, why?

USAID Response: The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this project was posted on grants.gov on August 2, 2017. Please review the NOFO and any additional questions may be addressed to the Mission per the instructions provided in the NOFO.

- 36. El Salvador:** USAID/El Salvador competed the Strengthening Local Governance for Security and Development in El Salvador activity under the Making Cities Work IDIQ earlier this fiscal year, with proposals due on 3/14/2017. This opportunity is no longer on the Business Forecast. Could USAID/El Salvador please provide offerors with an update on the status of this procurement and the anticipated award date?

USAID Response: Action has been put back on the Forecast report. Anticipated having an award in place by September 30, 2017.

- 37. El Salvador:** Could USAID please provide a short summary of the Regional Integrated Trade project's purpose?

USAID Response: The purpose of the Activity is to strengthen trade capacity and regional trade competitiveness by supporting the Central American countries, with emphasis in the Northern Triangle, to respond to the new global competition challenges and reduce the time and cost of trading across borders.

This Activity will support the implementation of key elements under the World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement and the regional Customs Union already subscribed by Honduras and Guatemala, and soon to be joined by El Salvador and Nicaragua.

- 38. El Salvador:** Child Protection Activity

- a. Can USAID El Salvador confirm the 9/20/17 release date for this bid?
- b. Is this a new activity or a follow-on to an existing activity?
- c. In light of Congressional guidance on DRG choice of instrument and the 2016 update on ADS304, can USAID confirm that the El Salvador Child Protection Activity, under the Democracy Human Rights and Governance sector, will come out as an RFA? Can you confirm the award type?

USAID Response:

- a. Revised date for release of the solicitation is 1/16/2018.
- b. This is a new activity.
- c. The award type is still being determined.

- 39. El Salvador:** Regional Integrated Trade -- The Regional Integrated Trade in El Salvador forecasted budget has doubled since Q2/2017. It has now a similar budget to the one it had in Q1/2017. How likely it is that the current indicative budget changes again?

USAID Response: The range reflected on the Forecast Report is what the Mission is planning. However, funding levels are subjects to change.

- 40. Ethiopia:** EHIP Water Supply and Management Activity

- a. Can USAID confirm if this activity is still under consideration? It is listed as a “new opportunity” yet has been on the forecast for quite some time with a shifting solicitation release date.

USAID Response: At this time, it is hoped that the listed release date will be met.

- 41. Ethiopia:** HIV Key and Priority Populations Activity Can USAID please provide an updated timeline for the activity and any additional information?

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

- 42. Ethiopia:** Ethiopia Electronic Information System to Improve Health Outcomes -- USAID recently released an RFI for this opportunity, but it doesn't yet appear on the forecast.

- a. Could USAID provide an estimated solicitation release date for the full RFA?
- b. Could USAID provide the estimated amount range?

USAID Response: This potential opportunity is still in the design phase and there is no further information available at this time.

- 43. Ethiopia:** PRIME II

- a. An entry for a follow-on to the PRIME program was included in May and then removed. Can USAID provide any further details on plans for follow-on activities?
- b. Does USAID still intend to release this solicitation? If so, is there an anticipated release date?
- c. Does USAID anticipate releasing a draft scope of work or pre-solicitation Request for Information/Expression of Interest?

USAID Response: This potential opportunity is still in the design phase and there is no further information available at this time.

- 44. Gambia:** Does USAID anticipate an agriculture-sector-focused development opportunity in Gambia within the next year?

USAID Response: No additional information is available at this time. Please continue to check the Business Forecast for future opportunities.

- 45. Georgia:** Georgia Economic Security -- USAID previously released an RFI for the Georgia Economic Security activity, but this does not appear on the USAID forecast. Could USAID add an entry for this opportunity, and/or provide information on likely timing, award type, and funding amount?

USAID Response: Anticipated timing of the RFP release is Q1 or Q 2 of FY 2018. Type: Contract, funding amount - \$15m. Forecast updated.

- 46. Georgia:** REAP Program -- The Georgia REAP program is scheduled to come to close in September 2018. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on procurement? If so, what is the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The direct follow-on is not considered. The similar program will be Georgia Economic Security. See above. Forecast updated.

47. Ghana: Is USAID/Ghana planning any follow-on activities for any of the agriculture-related programs in Ghana, some of which are expected to end in early 2018?

USAID Response: No plans as of yet

48. Ghana: Enhancing Coordination and Integration within Ghana's Justice Sector: The Activity lists an Anticipated Solicitation Release Date of 6/12/2017 (which has passed). Does USAID/Ghana have any updates on the anticipated release date of this activity? In addition, can USAID confirm that this Task Order will be released under the Rule of Law IQC?

USAID Response: USAID is anticipating a solicitation release date of August 4, 2017 (this was changed in the A&A Plan a couple of weeks ago, but I guess not in time for it to be publicized in the Business Forecast) to be under the Rule of Law IDIQ.

49. Ghana: Ghana Energy Development Program (GEDP) -- The Ghana Energy Development Program (GEDP) is listed as a Task Order/Delivery Order. Which IDIQ or BPA will it be released under? Will it be released under the Power Africa Expansion IDIQ? Can USAID please provide the IQC or IDIQ under which it is expected to be released?

USAID Response: This is probably going to be solicited as a full and open competition opportunity.

50. Ghana (West Africa): Peace through Learning, Evaluation, and Adapting Activity (PELA)

- a. The USAID business forecast still has the anticipated solicitation date for Peace through Learning, Evaluation, and Adapting Activity (PELA) as 05/31/2017. Can USAID please provide an update as to when it anticipates to release and award the solicitation?
- b. Can USAID please confirm that the Peace through Learning, Evaluation, and Adapting Activity (PELA) will be solicited as a contract under full and open competition?
- c. Can you please update the Small Business set aside field?

USAID Response:

- a. The anticipated solicitation release date has been changed to 09/05/2017, and the anticipated award date to 11/06/2017.
- b. The Mission is considering soliciting this activity through an IDIQ.
- c. This is not a small business set aside.

51. Guatemala: National Institution Strengthening for Accountable Governance

- a. The Anticipated Solicitation Release Date has changed on several occasions. Can USAID confirm whether this activity is budgeted for Fiscal Year 2017 and is anticipated to be procured before FY 2018?

USAID Response: RFP is estimated to be released before the end of August 2017.

52. Guatemala: Can USAID/Guatemala confirm the currently forecast portfolio of projects will remain intact and that these opportunities are currently anticipated to be released?

Recent updates to the forecast have shown a lot of fluctuation in anticipated release dates, or opportunities appear to have stalled.

USAID Response: The Plan is forecasted quarterly. Once projects are designed, Guatemala will update the Forecast Report and solicitations will be prepared. The Forecast dates are estimates. We will do our best effort.

53. Guatemala: Sustainable Forest Management & Water Activity

- a. Could USAID please confirm the RFP release date for the Guatemala Sustainable Forest Management and Water Activity is still 8/31/2017?
- b. What mechanism does USAID intend to use to issue the Sustainable Forest Management and Water Activity (no SOL # listed yet)? It is currently listed as TBD in the Business Forecast.

USAID Response:

- a. It is anticipated that an RFP will be released the second quarter of FY 18.
- b. USAID Guatemala is still in discussions regarding the most appropriate mechanism. This will be updated in next forecast.

54. Guatemala: Sustainable Forest Management & Water Activity -- The Guatemala Sustainable Forest Management and Water Activity has been listed on the Business Forecast for some time with an anticipated release date of 8/31/2017. The award/action type is still listed as TBD. Given that this opportunity is now roughly one month away from its anticipated release date, could USAID/Guatemala please provide offerors with an update on the anticipated mechanism choice? Does USAID/Guatemala intend to issue a RFI or pre-solicitation notice in advance of the release of this solicitation? Is there an update to the current anticipated release date of 8/31/2017?

USAID Response: Release date will be changed, as mentioned above, it is anticipated that an RFP will be released by the second quarter of FY 18.

55. Guatemala: Biodiversity Project -- A pre-solicitation notice was released for the Guatemala Biodiversity Project on FBO.gov on 7/10/2017. However, there was no reference made to the anticipated solicitation release date. The Business Forecast was updated for this opportunity on 7/17/2017 with the anticipated release date still listed as 5/26/2017. Could USAID/Guatemala please provide offerors with an updated estimate of the release date for this solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID/Guatemala estimates to release this solicitation before the end of August 2017.

56. Guatemala: Strengthening Care and Treatment Cascade Program

- a. Could you please share the anticipated release date?
- b. What is the anticipated total amount of this opportunity?

USAID Response:

- a. The anticipated release date of this RFA is o/a 8/29/2017.
- b. USAID anticipates that the Total Estimated Cost of this Funding Opportunity will be between \$10.0M to \$24.9M.

57. Guatemala: Protecting Endangered Flora + Fauna -- The opportunity release date of May 26, 2017 has passed. Could USAID please provide an updated estimate for the release date for this solicitation?

USAID Response: USAID/Guatemala estimates to release this solicitation before end of August 2017. This project name is now changed for this Business Forecast Report to: USAID/Guatemala Biodiversity Project.

58. Guatemala: Development Food Security Activities -- Is USAID planning on an RFA for Development Food Security Activities in Guatemala in FY18?

USAID Response: USAID/Guatemala does not anticipate anything.

59. Haiti: Mission CDCS -- Can USAID please provide a timeline of when an updated CDCS will be released for Haiti?

USAID Response: USAID/Haiti's CDCS development process is currently on hold. The Mission intends to produce a two-year strategic framework sometime during this year (CY2017) which will update the Mission's strategic outlook for 2018-2020.

60. Haiti: Improving Governance in Haiti Initiative (IGHI) -- (RFI No. SOL-521-17-000015) activity does not appear to be listed in the current USAID Business Forecast.

- a. Can USAID please provide an update as to the timeframe for anticipated solicitation release date and the anticipated award date for this activity?
- b. Will this activity be added to the Business Forecast?

USAID Response: Haiti conducted the RFI as a preliminary stage of information gathering in the design process, with the intent of increasing stakeholder engagement through improved outreach with the partner community. The solicitation timeframe will be developed after completion of design. We will add the activity to the Business Forecast after completion of design.

61. Haiti: Youth Civic Engagement

- a. In February 2017 USAID/Haiti held a public consultation meeting and issued an RFI (RFI-521-17-000002) on the topic "Youth Civic Engagement". Could USAID provide an update regarding this opportunity? It is not currently on the forecast.
- b. Is this a follow-on to any activities in Haiti?

USAID Response: We will add this activity after completion of design.

62. Haiti: Improving Governance in Haiti

- a. USAID recently released an RFI (Sol No. SOL-521-17-000015) for the Improved Governance in Haiti Project, but this does not appear on the USAID forecast.
- b. Could USAID add an entry for this opportunity, and/or provide information on likely timing, award type, and funding amount?
- c. Will this activity be added to the Business Forecast?
- d. Could USAID kindly provide additional detail as the scope of this upcoming procurement?

USAID Response: There are no details to provide at this time.

63. Haiti: SME Investment Mobilization Platform

- a. Can USAID Haiti confirm the 8/30/17 release date for this bid?
- b. The Award Type was recently changed from Assistance to TBD. Can USAID explain why this change was made and whether the final solicitation will be assistance or acquisition?
- c. Could USAID please provide an award description?
- d. Does USAID anticipate releasing a draft scope of work or pre-solicitation Request for Information/Expression of Interest?
- e. What about the planned mechanism?

USAID Response:

- a. The 8/30/17 release date for the solicitation is an estimate.
- b. The instrument type was identified prematurely. Any reference to an RFA was removed on July 5, 2017. The Forecast will be updated once the instrument type is confirmed.
- c. An award description has been added.
- d. USAID held two consultation conferences to encourage wide participation by and consultation with interested parties and to encourage an exchange of information to improve the design of the Investment Mobilization Platform project. The conferences were advertised on www.fbo.gov and grants.gov and a concept note was posted on these sites.
- e. USAID is in the design phase. No decision has been made about the instrument type.

64. Honduras: Civil Society and Media Activity

- a. Can USAID Honduras Confirm the 9/30/17 release date for this bid?
- b. Can USAID Honduras provide any additional details on the scope of this upcoming opportunity?
- c. In light of Congressional guidance on DRG choice of instrument and the 2016 update of ADS304, can USAID confirm that the Honduras Civil Society and Media, under the Democracy Human Rights and Governance sector, will come out as an RFA? Will this be assistance or acquisition?
- d. Could USAID also please provide a short summary of the project's purpose?

USAID Response: USAID/Honduras has decided to use an associate award for this activity and thus have removed it from the Business Forecast.

65. Honduras: Transforming Market Systems

- a. The USAID/Honduras Transforming Market Systems opportunity does not currently appear in the USAID Business Forecast even though the related RFI was released in June.
- b. Could you provide an update in regards to the anticipated release date of the opportunity as well as advising if it is anticipated that bids are to be submitted by

consortia and if that is the case will an organisation be able to be a consortia member on a number of bids or only one?

- c. Could USAID kindly clarify the anticipated solicitation release date and anticipated award date for this opportunity?
- d. What is the solicitation's anticipated award ceiling?
- e. When will questions and comments to the RFI receive a response from USAID/Honduras?

USAID Response: This activity has been added to the Business Forecast, providing an award description, anticipated solicitation and award dates, and range for the total estimated cost. Any specific guidance regarding involvement in consortia will be in the RFP. As stated in the cover letter to the RFI, USAID/Honduras will not directly provide responses to inquiries based on the RFI.

66. Honduras: Honduras Governance for Citizen Security -- This opportunity is still listed after a submission date of May 3, 2017. Please clarify if this is a mistake or an indication of no decision being made to date?

USAID Response: This task order has been awarded and the activity has been removed from the Business Forecast.

67. Honduras: Tertiary Violence Prevention Activity -- For the FY 2017, 3rd Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses, USAID indicated this activity "is currently in design Phase [and that] no further information is available." Can USAID please provide a description, the anticipated solicitation release date, and the anticipated award date for this activity?

USAID Response: Additional information this activity has been added to the Business Forecast, providing an award description, anticipated solicitation and award dates, and range for the total estimated cost

68. Indonesia: The Business Forecast currently lists the Indonesia TB Private Sector activity as a TBD mechanism. Can USAID provide additional details as to whether this activity will be released as a contract or cooperative agreement?

USAID Response: This activity is currently under design and a determination of selection of instrument has not yet been made.

69. Indonesia: Indonesia CVE Activity

- a. Can USAID provide anymore information/a SOW about this planned activity including geographic scope?
- b. Could USAID please provide an anticipated award description for the opportunity?
- c. What about type of award?
- d. Does USAID intend to release a request for information or draft scope of work?
- e. Will the opportunity be competed full and open, or will it be limited competition?

USAID Response: This activity is currently in the initial design phase, and is anticipated to be competed full and open. As additional information becomes available, this will be provided in the Business Forecast and potentially through issuance of an RFI.

70. Jordan: Is USAID Jordan planning to release any education opportunities?

USAID Response: USAID Jordan anticipates releasing education opportunities in FY 2018.

71. Jordan: There are no current projects in the Business Forecast for Jordan that are under a Full and Open mechanism. Does the mission anticipate releasing what is in the pipeline soon and if so, which quarter?

USAID Response: USAID Jordan has no Full & Open mechanisms currently to announce.

72. Jordan: Creating Economic and Employment Opportunities CEEO Procurement

- a. Does USAID expect to release a solicitation to meet the development needs described within the RFI?
- b. Given that USAID/Jordan cancelled the planned CEEO procurement, can USAID provide any additional information as to whether an opportunity to replace CEEO is being designed?
- c. If no, does USAID/Jordan plan to issue any other workforce or economic growth-related procurements?
- d. If yes, can USAID advise as to the anticipated timeline?

USAID Response: USAID/Jordan does not anticipate releasing a solicitation. At this time there is no additional information available.

73. Kenya (East Africa): Regional Intergovernmental Organization System Strengthening (RIGO)

- a. Does USAID still intend to release the solicitation on 7/31/17? If the release will be delayed, what is the new anticipated release date?
- b. What is the funding level for this opportunity?
- c. If cuts will be made to the funding level, does USAID anticipate making changes to the proposed scope of work – such as reducing the implementation timeline or targets?

USAID Response:

- a. Solicitation was released on 8/4/17 on FBO.gov, SOL-623-17-000004;
- b. TEC range is \$8-12 million.;
- c. Please review current SOW as detailed in RFP for scope of work;

74. Kosovo: New Civil Society -- Can USAID confirm if this opportunity will be open to international organizations?

USAID Response: Unknown at this time.

75. Kyrgyz Republic: The AgroHorizons project is scheduled to end in September 2018. Does USAID intend to release a follow-on procurement? If so, what is the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: We will update the Business Forecast when the Mission is ready to initiate new activities.

76. Kyrgyz Republic: Youth Development Activity -- Can USAID please provide an update on the Youth Development Activity in the Kyrgyz Republic? Has this activity been officially canceled or is it delayed?

USAID Response: This procurement has not been canceled. It is ongoing.

77. Laos: Can USAID please clarify if there are any upcoming opportunities for Laos?

USAID Response: Please continue to monitor the business forecast as all funding and partnership opportunities are reported on the business forecast - current and upcoming.

78. Lebanon: Does USAID/Lebanon anticipate any additional new activities in the WASH sector?

USAID Response: Not in the immediate future. The Business Forecast will be updated if and when this programming materializes.

79. Lebanon: Is USAID Lebanon planning to release any education opportunities?

USAID Response: Not in the immediate future. The Business Forecast will be updated if and when this programming materializes.

80. Liberia: Liberia Policy Dialogue Project

- a. Will USAID confirm that the forecasted Liberia Policy Dialogue Project will be an IDIQ?
- b. If so, does USAID anticipate making multiple awards?
- c. Would USAID supply an award description?
- d. Will it be a full and open competition, or will it be limited to local entities?

USAID Response:

- a. This effort is anticipated to be an award to existing IDIQ holders under an existing IDIQ program.
- b. USAID does not anticipate making multiple awards.
- c. It is not likely that the description of this project will be released prior to the release of the solicitation.

81. Liberia: Phase 2 Beyond the Grid -- Regarding Phase 2 Beyond the Grid, due to its small award amount will it be issued as a small business set-aside.

- a. Has the market research to see if this can be set-aside for a small business already been conducted for this activity?
- b. Will the Liberia Mission place the Liberia Phase 2 Beyond the Grid project as a woman-owned small business set aside as it's under \$4M?

- c. Can USAID provide any updates on the planned mechanism for the Phase 2 Beyond the Grid program?

USAID Response: Liberia is considering the restriction of this solicitation to local businesses only as a fixed price award.

- 82. Liberia:** READ Liberia! -- Is the expected award date for READ Liberia! still the end of July 2017? If this has changed, what is the new expected award date?

USAID Response: Award is anticipated on or before August 31, 2017.

- 83. Liberia:** Liberia for Youth and WASH -- The most recent Forecast Q&A document mentions 2 potential upcoming opportunities in Liberia for Youth and WASH. Does USAID/Liberia have any new information regarding scope, value or timing of these opportunities?

USAID Response: There is no funding yet identified for this initiative. As such, this activity will be removed from the business forecast.

- 84. Macedonia:** The current forecast does not include any entries for Macedonia; could USAID please clarify if this was intentional or if the mission intends to include new opportunities on the forecast at a later date?

USAID Response: The forecast will be updated when new opportunities are anticipated.

- 85. Madagascar:** USAID/Madagascar competed the Enhanced Enabling Conditions for Biodiversity Conservation (Hay Tao) activity early this fiscal year, with proposals due on 10/31/2016. This opportunity is no longer on the Business Forecast. Could USAID/Madagascar please provide offerors with an update on the status of this procurement and the anticipated award date?

USAID Response: This procurement is currently under the pre-competitive range determination process. At this time the award is anticipated on/about October 30, 2017.

- 86. Madagascar:** Mikolo Project -- Can USAID provide any updates on whether a follow-on for the Mikolo project is expected in Madagascar?

USAID Response: Yes, a follow-on for the Mikolo project is contemplated at this time.

- 87. Madagascar:** Site-based Conservation (Mikajy) -- Could USAID please provide an update on this opportunity?

USAID Response: USAID Response: Solicitation No. SOL-687-17-000001 was posted on 6/13/2017. The due date for receipt of proposals is August 8, 2017 (5:00 p.m. local Antananarivo time).

- 88. Madagascar:** Total Market Initiative for Health Product Support (TMI-HPS) -- Could USAID please provide an update on the release date for the USAID/Madagascar Total Market Initiative for Health Product Supply (TMI-HPS)?

USAID Response: Release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) is anticipated on/about September 30, 2017.

89. Malawi: National Technical Assistance Support

- a. Does USAID expect the National Technical Assistance Support opportunity to be released as a small business set aside?
- b. Can USAID provide more information on the content focus for this technical assistance support? What type of technical assistance is USAID envisioning?
- c. Could USAID please elaborate on the description of this procurement?

USAID Response:

- a. Not at this time.
- b. USAID envisions providing technical review of curricular materials developed by Malawi's flagship education program; implementing the National Reading Program's (NRP) Strengthening Early Grade Reading in Malawi (SEGREM), an activity developing education materials to support the NRP implementation as well as providing technical assistance to education strategy/policy development and planning for a new five-year Education Strategy (ESIP III); and setting reading benchmarks aligned with the Early Grade Reading (EGRA) component of the strategy.
- c. To provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) to implement the five-year National Reading Program(NRP). This activity will assist USAID, MoEST and collaborating partners in the implementation of the National Reading Strategy in Malawi through the roll-out of the National Reading Program launched in 2017. It will also provide evidence-based data for decision making and evaluation of the NRP implementation.

90. Mali: GLEE -- Mali GLEE is no longer listed on the forecast. What is USAID's expectation for when this will be awarded?

USAID Response: USAID/Mali anticipates an award for GLEE and can confirm that administrative processes are underway. Any award date would be highly speculative at this time.

91. Mali: Mali 2018 Elections Support

- a. Can USAID please confirm that the RFA will be released at the end of August?
- b. Can USAID please confirm that this will be openly competed?
- c. Can USAID please provide an updated and more robust description of the anticipated scope of work?
- d. Do you anticipate that it will be part of any additional funding for Mali elections or governance programming?
- e. Can USAID please provide any additional details about the forthcoming Mali 2018 Elections Support Program, including the geographic scope of the program and whether it will include any electoral administration support to the Government of Mali?

- f. In light of ongoing security concerns in Mali, would USAID consider releasing a draft program description so that applicants can understand the range of activities that USAID seeks to support in relation to security and operational considerations?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID/Mali anticipates release by this date.
- b. Yes, this will be full and open competition.
- c. This activity is currently in the initial design phase, and is anticipated to be competed full and open. As additional information becomes available, this will be provided in the Business Forecast.
- d. Not at this time.
- e. USAID/Mali anticipates a nationwide program.
- f. This is not anticipated at this time.

92. Mali: Mali Peace & Stabilization Program

- a. With reference to the FY 2017 3rd Quarter Business Forecast Questions and Responses, does USAID/Mali still intend to release a pre-solicitation or RFI prior for the Mali Peace and Stabilization program?
- b. Is USAID able to confirm the anticipated release date of September 1, 2017 as currently noted in the forecast?
- c. Does USAID intend to release this opportunity under full and open competition, or will it be released under an existing IQC mechanism?
- d. Is this opportunity intended to be a follow-on project to the current USAID ACCORD Project?

USAID Response:

- a. Not anticipated at this time.
- b. USAID/Mali anticipates release by that time.
- c. Full and Open.
- d. No. This opportunity will be new and totally different from ACCORD.

93. Moldova: Does USAID anticipate releasing an opportunity to support a local governance program in Moldova? If so, could USAID please provide more details on the anticipated scope of work, award value, duration, expected release date, and award type (contract or cooperative agreement) for this program?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates releasing a NOFO for a local governance program in Moldova in Q4 of FY17. The expected award type is Cooperative Agreement. For additional information please monitor Business Forecast.

94. Moldova: Earlier iterations of the Business Forecast indicated that USAID/Moldova had a local governance focused program under development. There are currently no opportunities for Moldova on the Business Forecast. Could USAID/Moldova please provide offerors with any updates on the status of future programming in this area?

Does USAID have an anticipated timeline for releasing information about any planned procurements for Moldova?

USAID Response: USAID anticipates releasing a NOFO for a local governance program in Moldova in Q4 of FY17. The expected award type is Cooperative Agreement. For additional information please monitor Business Forecast.

95. Morocco: Electoral Processes and Citizen Engagement Project -- Can USAID please clarify if this forecasted bid will be routed through the CEPPS LWA?

USAID Response: Yes, it is expected that this will be bid under the Global Elections and Political Transitions (GEPT) Leader with Associates (LWA) award.

96. Morocco: Follow on activity for HICD/IDRT

- a. Can USAID provide additional details on this project's scope of work?
- b. The Forecast indicates that the current incumbent is N/A. Could USAID please confirm Institute for Disabilities Research and Training is currently the incumbent for the existing project?
- c. The Award Description within the Forecast notes, "Follow on activity for HICD/IDRT." Could the Mission elaborate on the description?
- d. Could the Mission clarify if there is a relationship between the Follow on Activity for HICD/IDRT procurement and the "Quality assurance for expansion of IDRCT activities (External M&E Support" procurement?
- e. Can USAID also confirm this opportunity will be released under the HICDPro mechanism?

USAID Response: There are currently two different projects. The first one is called the HICD Analysis of Morocco Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training. This award has been completed and there will be no follow on activity.

The second project is called the "Moroccan Sign Language Assistive Technology for Deaf Children's Reading Improvement" and is being implemented by Institute for Disabilities Research and Training, Inc. (IDRT). This award has been extended by one year and it is unclear how and when any follow up activities will be considered.

The activities entitled "Quality assurance for expansion of IDRT activities (External M&E Support)" and "Mid-term evaluation of Reading For Success Project" have been revised and combined into one evaluation of the Education portfolio. This evaluation will evaluate both the specific activities that are active in Morocco as well as their impact on the education strategy of USAID/Morocco.

We have made several corrections to the A&A Plan to reflect these explanations.

97. Mozambique: Efficiencies for Clinical HIV Outcomes (ECHO) Activity

- a. Can USAID please confirm the release date for the opportunity?
- b. Is the program intended to be a 9-year program as listed in the forecast?
- c. Will the activity include a commodities component?

USAID Response:

- a. A release date is still being discussed, as it is pending internal Mission clearances.
- b. The period of performance is still pending internal Mission discussions.
- c. No commodities will be included in this activity.

98. Namibia: Namibia DREAMS Initiative -- An RFI was released for the Namibia DREAMS Initiative, but it has not yet been included in the Business Forecast live feed. Could USAID please provide further information on the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: This activity is still under design. As soon as we have an anticipated release date we will update the Business Forecast.

99. Nepal: Does USAID hold any current expectations for education programming in FY18?

USAID Response: Yes. A new inclusive education activity is under design.

100. Niger: DFSA -- Can USAID confirm if Niger is still being considered for a FY18 DFSA? If so, will this be a combined program with Burkina Faso?

USAID Response: USAID is in the process of assessing and designing future resilience programs for the Sahel and will announce funding opportunities at a future date.

101. Nigeria: In the current forecast, we observe no entries for USAID/Nigeria related to private sector health, family planning, and/or child health. Could USAID please indicate if it plans to issue solicitations involving private sector health, family planning, and/or child health in the coming quarters? If so, could USAID elaborate on the types of programs and their anticipated release dates?

USAID Response: Due to uncertainties regarding family planning budgets for Nigeria, private sector family planning projects are on an indefinite hold. Other reproductive health, child health, and maternal health programs are encompassed in the Integrated Health Project which is under procurement.

102. Nigeria: Can USAID please provide an updated timeline for the release of the opportunities listed for Nigeria, as several of the expected release dates have passed?

USAID Response: Release dates for all of the Mission's new procurement actions have been updated in the Forecast with current information.

103. Nigeria: Nigeria Urban WASH -- Last quarter's Q&A indicated Nigeria Urban WASH is planned with a June 2017 release date.

- a. Is that still USAID's intention?
- b. Why does this opportunity not appear on the USAID Forecast?
- c. Does USAID/Nigeria have any updates on its planned RFP release dates?
- d. Is the Nigeria E-WASH program still anticipated for release under the WADI mechanism? Is there an updated release date?

USAID Response:

- a. It is USAID/Nigeria's intention to release the E-WASH solicitation (RFTOP) next quarter.

- b. E-WASH is not listed on the Business Forecast because the award mechanism is a Task Order under an IDIQ.
- c. E-WASH solicitation will be a RFTOP and not an RFP.
- d. E-WASH will be issued under the WADI IDIQ mechanism and the RFTOP will be transmitted only to the WADI IDIQ holders.

104. Nigeria: State-to-State Local Governance Project -- The project is past its release date. Can USAID please inform us of the new anticipated solicitation release date? What is the anticipated award date?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation date of October 2, 2017 has been reflected in the Business Forecast.

105. Nigeria: Addressing Education in Northeast Nigeria

- a. Can USAID please provide an updated timeline for the “Addressing Education in Northeast Nigeria” opportunity?
- b. Can USAID please confirm whether the Addressing Education in Northeast Nigeria Activity will be awarded in its entirety or divided into multiple awards?

USAID Response:

- a. The Anticipated solicitation release date for this action is mid September, 2017, and this update has been reflected in the Business Forecast.
- b. Details regarding number of awards will be specified in the solicitation document.

106. Nigeria: Rural Resilience Program

- a. Could you please confirm whether the anticipated release date for this solicitation remains July 31st 2017? If not, could you please advise of the new forecast release date?
- b. Could you please confirm the geographic targeting within Nigeria for this solicitation?
- c. Could you please provide more information on the scope of work of this solicitation?
- d. Does USAID anticipate releasing a draft scope of work or pre-solicitation Request for Information/Expression of Interest?
- e. Can you please confirm that there will still be only one award for this solicitation?
- f. In a previous forecast it was mentioned that an information sharing conference may be held before the solicitation is released. Is this still planned and if so, could you please share the timeline for this?
- g. Could you please provide a more precise indication of the anticipated budget for this solicitation?
- h. A number of recent solicitations released by USAID have had very short timelines between the solicitation release date and the deadline for submission of applications. Can you please advise how many weeks we might expect to have to submit the application following the release of the solicitation?

- i. Can you please confirm that consortia are encouraged for this solicitation?

USAID Response:

- a. Anticipated solicitation release date has been updated to October 2, 2017 in the Business Forecast.
- b. The geographic target states for this procurement is North-East Region of Adamawa, Borno, Gombe and Yobe.
- c. The detailed scope work for this procurement will be available in the solicitation.
- d. This is still to be determined.
- e. Confirmed.
- f. USAID does not anticipate holding a conference prior to solicitation release. The solicitation will be released based on the timeline in the Business Forecast, see a.
- g. The anticipated budget is approx. \$30M.
- h. A minimum of 4 weeks.
- i. Confirmed.

107. Nigeria: Agricultural Competitiveness (AgCompete)

- a. Does USAID have any update on the status of the re-design of the scope of work for the Agricultural Competitiveness (Ag Compete) project?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing a draft scope of work or pre-solicitation Request for Information/Expression of Interest?
- c. What is the anticipated solicitation release date and award date for the Nigeria Agriculture Competitiveness (AgCompete) activity?
- d. Are there any changes in technical scope of work for the activity?
- e. What is the anticipated value for this activity?

USAID Response:

- a. The revised scope of work has not been finalized.
- b. Not at this time.
- c. Anticipated solicitation release date has been updated to October 2, 2017 in the Business Forecast.
- d. Yes. The technical scope has shifted and therefore design is being reworked.
- e. \$65 - 72M

108. Nigeria: Agri-Business Investment Project

- a. Can USAID please provide an updated solicitation release date for USAID/Nigeria Agri-Business Investment Project? The forecast currently has June 1st, 2017 as the anticipated release date.
- b. Does USAID plan to issue a draft scope of work or presolicitation prior to the RFP?

USAID Response:

- a. Anticipated solicitation release date has been updated to October 2, 2017 in the Business Forecast.
- b. Not at this time.

109. Nigeria: OVC Program

- a. Can USAID please confirm if there will be a new OVC program for Nigeria, and what the anticipated solicitation release date will be?
- b. Can USAID provide additional details on this programming such as anticipated timing of the solicitation, mechanism, project scope, and award date?
- c. Will an RFI be released first?
- d. There are two upcoming new OVC activities in Nigeria –USAID and CDC. Could USAID please confirm these are separate procurements. What is the anticipated date for the release of the USAID procurement?
- e. Has USAID determined whether an acquisition or assistance instrument will be used?

USAID Response:

- a. USAID anticipates new OVC programming in the first quarter of next fiscal year.
- b. USAID/Nigeria anticipates one or more bilateral Assistance awards. Please refer to the Strategic Direction Summary and Approval Meeting Outbrief of the Fiscal Year 2017 Country Operational Plan for Nigeria (available at www.pepfar.gov/countries/cop/fy2017/index.htm) for information on the technical scope of activities serving orphans and vulnerable children in Nigeria. The geographic scope of these activities will focus on the Local Government Areas prioritized for the scale-up of HIV care and treatment in Akwa Ibom, Cross River, Lagos, and Rivers.
- c. We do not anticipate releasing an RFI.
- d. USAID cannot confirm procurements of other agencies. See responses above for further information.
- e. USAID has not determined the instrument, however an assistance award is anticipated, but subject to change.

110. Pakistan: Let Girls Learn -- Is the expected award date for Pakistan Let Girls Learn still July 31, 2017? If this has changed, what is the new expected award date?

USAID Response: Expected award date is now August 31, 2017. The Forecast has been updated to reflect this revised date.

111. Pakistan: Given the success of the ongoing Punjab Enabling Environment Project (PEEP), why has the previously forecasted Sindh Enabling Environmental Activity (SEEA) in Pakistan been cancelled? Is there any chance it will be forecasted in the future (FY 2018)?

USAID Response: The mission is currently undergoing its CDCS design and all future activities are on hold until the CDCS design process is completed. At this time it is not known if this activity will be on the forecast in FY 2018.

112. Peru: Promotion of Best Environmental and Social Management Practices -- Are there any updates or additional details that USAID Peru can share on the scope of work for this activity? Is the intent to still release a solicitation in August?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation date will change to September 15, 2017. There are no further updates at this time.

113. Peru: Amazon Knowledge & Learning Platform

- a. For the Amazon Knowledge and Learning Platform opportunity, the forecast mentions the “Amazon Vision.” Can USAID please clarify whether this is the EU Amazon Vision or something else?
- b. Is USAID planning to release a draft Scope/Statement of Work, virtual Industry Day, or other request for feedback in advance of the January 15th release date?
- c. At the moment, the small business set-aside field on the forecast lists TBD. Is the agency getting closer to defining the award strategy and is there any plan to solicit feedback from implementing partners on this topic?

USAID Response:

- a. This is not an EU Amazon Vision. USAID developed an Amazon Vision of which the main purpose is to Conserve biodiversity and the benefits provided to all people by ecosystems in the Amazon Region. A full text of the USAID's Amazon Vision will be included as an annex in the resultant solicitation of USAID Regional Activities once officially released.
- b. There are no plans to release a draft Scope/Statement of Work or any advance information. Note: updated solicitation release dates is planned for on or about January 15, 2018.
- c. Currently there is not a plan to solicit feedback from implementing partners however; the activity is under design.

114. Peru: There are multiple South America Regional opportunities on the Business Forecast. The most recent release of the South America Regional SERVIR program was ahead of the anticipated solicitation release date on the Business Forecast. The next procurement scheduled to be released is the Promotion of Best Environmental and Social Management Practices, currently listed for release on 8/15/2017. Could USAID/South America please confirm that this date is accurate?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date for "Promotion of Best Environmental and Social Management Practices" activity will change to on or about September 15, 2017. No pre-solicitation notices are planned for any of Environmental Sustainable Growth (ESG) activities.

115. Peru: Promoting Green Growth

- a. The Promoting Green Growth in Peru has disappeared from the mission forecast website, but it still shows up if you download the mission forecast xlsx workbook.
- b. Can you confirm that this is a technical glitch and that the Promoting Green Growth opportunity in Peru is still anticipated to be released on or about August 15th of this year?

USAID Response: Due to budget uncertainties, this activity has been removed from the Business Forecast until USAID/Peru ESG has further guidance and budget information.

- 116. Philippines:** Could USAID/Philippines please indicate if they are planning any new activities for FY18?
USAID Response: Yes, all new activities are in the Business Forecast. More will be listed as they become identified.
- 117. Philippines:** USAID’s Philippines Mission stated that three of its four entries listed in the Business Forecast face uncertainty due to budget constraints. Could the mission indicate if it will provide an update on these procurements by the FY18 Q1 forecast, and/or if it will provide updates on an ongoing basis?
USAID Response: We will provide updates to the Business Forecast on an on-going basis.
- 118. Philippines:** There is no procurement on the Forecast for the Philippines follow-on to the regional integrated health projects. Can USAID confirm there will be a follow-on project? If there will be a follow-on project, can USAID please let us know when they think they will add it to the forecast?
USAID Response: To be determined.
- 119. Philippines:** Early Grade Reading TA Support
- a. Can USAID confirm in which quarter the Early Grade Reading and TA Support (currently under design) will appear again on the forecast?
 - b. Does USAID expect that Mindanao will be included in the target geography for the Early Grade Reading and TA Support opportunity?
 - c. Can USAID please clarify what type of mechanism this solicitation will be released under?
- USAID Response:**
- a. This is in the early stages of design. A redacted concept paper is forthcoming and will be posted in the USAID/Philippines website. Please expect an update shortly.
 - b. Mindanao is expected to be included.
 - c. To be determined.
- 120. Philippines:** With the COMPETE contract in the Philippines scheduled to close in April 2018, does USAID intend to release a follow-on procurement?
USAID Response: To be determined.
- 121. Philippines:** Does USAID/Philippines have a maternal, newborn, and child health project in the forecast?
USAID Response: To be determined.
- 122. Philippines:** Philippines Environment Sector Activity
- a. Can USAID please provide an update on the status and timing?
 - b. Could USAID/Philippines please provide offerors with an update on the status of the Environment Sector Activities, and clarify what is meant by the statement that these award(s) are “on hold due to budget uncertainty.” Does this mean that

these opportunities are on hold internally? For example, has a Project Appraisal Document (PAD) been developed for these award(s) following the development of the Concept Note?

USAID Response: The Business Forecast has been updated. Please visit the Business Forecast website for updates on this action.

- 123. Philippines: TB Health System Strengthening** -- Philippines TB Health System Strengthening opportunity – will International NGOS be eligible to apply as prime recipients (Patient-Centered TB Care Project)?

USAID Response: Restricted to Philippine organizations.

- 124. Rwanda: Rwanda Health Service Delivery Activity** -- Can USAID please confirm the release date for the activity and provide any additional information?

USAID Response: The anticipated solicitation release date has been changed to February 28, 2018 and the anticipated award date has been changed to August 31, 2018. The total estimated amount range has also been revised to \$25M-\$49.99M. There is no further information to provide at this time.

- 125. Rwanda: Orora Wihaze**

- a. Would USAID please confirm that the anticipated release date remains 8/31/2017?
- b. Does USAID anticipate releasing a draft scope of work or pre-solicitation Request for Information/Expression of Interest?

USAID Response: This procurement has been postponed indefinitely. USAID/Rwanda does not anticipate releasing a draft scope of work or presolicitation RFI.

- 126. Rwanda: Nguriza Nshore** -- Does USAID expect to make revisions to the contract value or scope of the Nguriza Nshore opportunity resulting from USAID's recent postponement of the anticipated RFP release date to October 2nd, 2017? Is October still the intended release date?

USAID Response: As noted previously in the RFI, Nguriza Nshore will facilitate the emergence of a dynamic off-farm sector that can generate greater employment at a higher wage for the broad majority of Rwandans who are currently engaged in subsistence agriculture and other marginal economic activities. Since receiving responses to the RFI, USAID has added more specificity to the scope of the contract: Nguriza Nshore specifically aims to invest in small to medium SMEs that support the agricultural sector and add value to agricultural commodities, such as those firms that provide storage, processing, transportation, or leasing of farming implements. October 2 is still the intended release date for this RFP.

- 127. Senegal:** Can USAID confirm any anticipated education programming that will be coming in FY18?

USAID Response: USAID/Senegal anticipates issuing a solicitation for Equitable Access to Education in Southern Senegal.

128. Senegal: USAID recently released the solicitation for the Feed the Future Cultivating Nutrition Activity that included agriculture development activities within the scope. Does USAID anticipate a more directly agriculture-focused opportunity in Senegal?

USAID Response: USAID/Senegal anticipates the release of a new value chain services activity (value: ~\$40M) in early CY 2018. The Mission is still in the early planning stages and the value, as well as solicitation release date, are subject to change.

129. Senegal: Entrepreneurship & Vocational Development Services -- Would USAID please provide procurement details for the opportunity, including anticipated solicitation release date, anticipated funding amount/cost range, award type, etc.?

USAID Response: USAID/Senegal currently has no plans for another entrepreneurship and vocational development services procurement.

130. Senegal: Equitable Access to Education in Southern Africa program -- This program was cancelled this last quarter. Are there plans to revive this potential activity?

USAID Response: The USAID/Senegal Mission has revived its plan to issue a solicitation for Equitable Access to Education in Southern Senegal.

131. Serbia: Anti-Corruption -- The solicitation date of this opportunity has not been changed since June and the NOFO has not yet been released. Could USAID please provide an update on the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: Release will occur before the end of the FY.

132. Somalia: Education Project

a. Could USAID/Somalia release any additional details on the scope of work for its anticipated Education project?

b. Given the length of time on the forecast and the size of the opportunity, does USAID intend to release a draft SOW or pre-solicitation prior to its full release?

USAID Response: The Education project is still under development. After the full assessment of needs, a determination will be made regarding release of draft SOW or pre-solicitation.

133. South Africa: South Africa released an RFI for their entire PEPFAR portfolio and there have been some recent notifications about upcoming bids. However, these still aren't on the forecast. Will the South Africa mission update the forecast accordingly? Or is the fact the forecast does not include these bids an indication of higher uncertainty about an RFP release?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID/Southern Africa has updated the Business forecast and will keep updating it accordingly.

- 134. South Africa: Scaling Up Health for Everyone (SHESHA)**
- a. Can USAID please confirm that the expected 9/1/2017 release date for the TBD Care and Treatment Activity, SHESHA – Scaling up Health for Everyone, is accurate, especially given the RFI release and early August due date for comments?
 - b. Can USAID please provide more information on whether more than one award is expected as a result of the SHESHA – Scaling up Health For Everyone solicitation?
 - c. Does USAID anticipate making more than one award? If so, will awards be divided by geography or another factor?
 - d. What types of organizations will be eligible to prime the opportunity? Specifically, will INGOs be eligible to prime the forthcoming solicitation?

USAID Response:

- a. The anticipated solicitation release date for SHESHA (Care and Treatment) is September 5, 2017.
- b. Yes, multiple awards will be issued.
- c. Yes, awards will be divided geographically (provincial and district level).
- d. Full and Open competition with no restriction.

- 135. South Africa: USAID noted several new opportunities in the South Africa global health portfolio. Can USAID share the anticipated release date, estimated funding, procurement type, and the eligibility (i.e. local organization) for the following bids:**
- a. USAID New Key Populations (KP) Activity 2018-2023
 - b. USAID New Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Activity 2018-2023

USAID Response:

- a. USAID New Key Populations (KP) Activity 2018-2023. TBD
- b. USAID New Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Activity 2018-2023. TBD

- 136. South Africa: Power Africa -- When does USAID anticipate awarding Power Africa IDIQ?**

USAID Response: Power Africa recently established the competitive range. Power Africa anticipates awarding the IDIQ in December/January.

- 137. South Africa: Resilient Waters Project -- Does USAID/Southern Africa intend to issue a revised Scope of Work or presolicitation to the anticipated Resilient Waters project?**

USAID Response: No.

- 138. South Africa: HIV Epidemic Control & Care and Treatment Services -- Would it be possible to know more details about the 2 recently forecasted cooperative agreements on HIV epidemic control and care and treatment services in South Africa? How are they both related? What is the difference besides different budget?**

USAID Response: The RFI, HIV Epidemic Control & Care and Treatment Services and the Program Description (SHESHA Care and Treatment) are one and the same thing.

139. South Africa: HIV -- For the HIV opportunity in South Africa, will this remain as one grant, or be divided into several grants?

USAID Response: SHESHA (HIV -- For the HIV opportunity in South Africa), USAID will issue multiple awards.

140. South Africa: TBD OVC

- a. Can USAID please confirm that the expected 9/1/2017 release date for the TBD OVC activity is accurate as indicated for the Care and Treatment opportunity highlighted in the current live forecast?
- b. Can USAID please confirm only one award is anticipated for the TBD OVC Activity?
- c. Will USAID be releasing a draft scope of work or RFI for the TBD OVC Activity?

USAID Response:

- a. The release date for OVC is TBD.
- b. USAID anticipates issuing multiple awards.
- c. USAID anticipates releasing a Program Description/Statement of Work.

141. South Africa: Swaziland Ready, Resourceful, Risk Aware (Triple R): OVC, Adolescent Girls and Young Women -- Can USAID/South Africa kindly confirm if it intends to release Draft Program Descriptions for the "New USAID Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) and Prevention Activity 2018-2023" referenced in the recent SHESHA Draft Program Description? The activity is said to be in a "competitive procurement" process.

USAID Response: The planned Triple R award is not linked to the "New USAID Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) and Prevention Activity 2018-2023". That anticipated award - SHESHA - rests with the South Africa bilateral Health Program, not the Regional HIV/AIDS Program; therefore, it is part of a completely different procurement.

142. South Africa: South Africa OVC -- For the South Africa OVC opportunity, is it possible to share who the incumbent is and will a Request for Comments or Draft Program Description be released?

USAID Response: The OVC portfolio currently has several incumbents. USAID anticipates releasing a DRAFT Program Description/Statement of Work for comments.

143. South Africa: GBV and VMMC Opportunities -- We have heard of a potential GBV opportunity and VMMC opportunity for South Africa but neither are on the Forecast. Are any details available for these procurements such as mechanism, timing for release, and funding value?

USAID Response: The GBV opportunity will be posted on the Business forecast. The VMMC Opportunity is closed and award was issued.

144. South Africa: GBV Procurements -- Can USAID/South Africa kindly confirm if it intends to release Draft Program Descriptions for the "USAID New Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Activity 2018-2023" referenced in the recent SHESHA Draft Program Description? The activity is said to be in a "competitive procurement" process.

USAID Response:

- a. The New Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Activity 2018-2023 and the SHESHA (Care and Treatment) are two separate procurements.
- b. USAID will not release a draft Program Description for the New Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Activity 2018-2023.

- 145. South Africa: HIV, OVC, GBV, and VMCC** -- For the upcoming HIV, OVC, GBV, and VMCC opportunities in South Africa, will any of these be restricted to local primes only or will INGOs be eligible to apply?

USAID Response:

- a. The upcoming SHESHA (HIV) and OVC opportunities in South Africa will be Full and Open Competition with no restrictions.
- b. The GBV opportunity will be posted on the Business forecast.
- c. VMCC has been awarded.

- 146. South Africa:** USAID/South Africa has issued multiple updates to the anticipated solicitation release dates for the Southern Africa Wildlife Crime and the Southern Africa Resilient Waters Projects over the last month. Could USAID/South Africa please confirm that the current release dates of 8/30/2017 and 9/7/2017, respectively, are accurate.

USAID Response: The dates on the Business Forecast are accurate to the best of our knowledge at this time. Please note these dates are estimates and may continue to change.

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

- a. Can we please get an updated timeline for the release of this opportunity?
- b. Does USAID anticipate that this IDIQ will entail opening an office in-country?
- c. How many awardees does USAID anticipate selecting for this IDIQ? Does the mission intend to issue a single-award IDIQ or multi-award IDIQ?
- d. Has USAID made a determination as to the acquisition strategy?
- e. Is it anticipated to be local only, or full and open?
- f. Does the mission expect any small business requirements as part of the RFP?
- g. Given the time that has passed, does the mission anticipate any changes in scope since the overall requirements were released in December 2016? Will a revised draft scope of work be released prior to the release of the RFP?
- h. Following the FY 2017, 1st and 2nd Quarter Business Forecasts, USAID was asked whether the IDIQ was intended for local firms or a full and open competition could be expected. The response then, was that a determination had not been made at the time. Has a determination been made since, in this regard?

USAID Response:

- a. The solicitation is planned for an FY17 release.
- b. This is not specified in the SOW as the Government leaves it to the Contractor to propose an appropriate management structure for the contract.
- c. Multi-award.
- d. TBD.
- e. Full and open.
- f. Yes.
- g. There may be some changes to the scope; it is not envisioned that a revised scope of work will be released prior to the RFP.
- h. Yes, full and open; the RFP will require II offerors to include local subs.

148. Sri Lanka: Social Cohesion & Reconciliation Program

- a. Does USAID still anticipate releasing the “Social Cohesion and Reconciliation Program” on July 28th?
- b. If not, can USAID please provide an updated anticipated release date?
- c. Can USAID provide more information on the scope of this activity?
- d. The RFI listed an expected award value of \$12 million. Could USAID please confirm whether this is still the expected award value?

USAID Response: The USAID Business Forecast has been updated to reflect an ‘Anticipated Solicitation Release Date’ of 25 September 2017. An RFI (RFI-383-GVP-17-002) was issued on www.grants.gov which contains limited additional information. No synopsis has been issued. The expected award value remains at \$12M.

149. Sri Lanka: Sri Lanka Civil Society

- a. Could USAID please confirm the expected funding mechanism for the Sri Lanka Civil Society Support project?
- b. Can USAID please clarify if this will be assistance or acquisition?

USAID Response: USAID/Sri Lanka expects to award one (1) cooperative agreement for the Civil Society Organization Program.

150. Swaziland: The Triple R solicitation mentioned a potential capacity development activity that would be awarded in FY18 but provided no other details. Can USAID please provide an update on plans for this activity, including the project’s focus, value, release date, and whether it will be released through a limited competition mechanism?

USAID Response: If this potential capacity development activity is pursued, information will be available on a future business forecast.

151. Tanzania: Agricultural Education & Development

- a. Can USAID/Tanzania please provide additional details for the Agricultural Education and Development activity?
- b. Is this a follow-on to a current project, or a new opportunity?
- c. Are August 1st, and August 15th, 2017 accurate solicitation release and award dates?

- d. Does USAID anticipate releasing a draft scope of work or pre-solicitation Request for Information/Expression of Interest?

USAID Response:

- a. The purpose of the Agricultural Education and Development (AgED) activity is to ensure the sustainability of the Tanzanian agricultural education and training (AET) system to produce a skilled agricultural workforce that meets labor market needs to contribute to agricultural productivity, income generation, and food security. The activity addresses the challenge of an AET system in Tanzania that is weak and disconnected from labor market demand. This disconnect has led to agricultural practitioners lacking the necessary competencies, so that they may contribute their full potential to agricultural productivity, nutrition, and resilience in the country. USAID/Tanzania's development objective of inclusive, broad-based economic growth through agricultural productivity and profitability will be bolstered by ensuring the sustainability of in-country capacity to generate competent agricultural practitioners, particularly women and youth, to meet labor market needs.
- b. This is a new opportunity
- c. Expected solicitation date is August 19, 2017 and expected award date is November 10, 2017
- d. No, USAID does not anticipate releasing a draft scope of work or pre-solicitation Request for Information/ Expression of Interest

152. Tanzania: Malaria Surveillance, Monitoring and Vector Control Activity

- a. Could USAID please confirm the release date?
- b. What kinds of vector control interventions will be prioritized (i.e. bednets, indoor residual spraying, etc.)?
- c. Will USAID be releasing an RFI or more project information?

USAID Response:

- a. September 29,2017 is the planned solicitation release date
- b. The kind of vector that will prioritised is indoor residual spraying including innovative vector control approaches
- c. USAID will release RFA and not RFI. USAID will not release more activity information.

153. Tunisia: Youth and Community Resilience Project --

- a. Does USAID plan to release the anticipated Tunisia Youth and Community Resilience activity under the Youth Power IDIQ?
- b. Can USAID please confirm that the Tunisia Community Resilience project will be solicited as a contract under full and open competition? Or under an IDIQ -- If so, which one?
- c. If so, will USAID use a contract or cooperative agreement mechanism?
- d. Can USAID please provide an update on the timeline for which it anticipates to release and award the solicitation?
- e. Does USAID intend to release a request for information or draft scope of work?

- f. Will USAID provide a draft scope of work or presolicitation notice prior to the RFP release?
- g. Also, has there been any update on the foreseen budget range between \$10-25M?
- h. Can you please update the update the award/action type and small business set-aside fields of the Tunisia Youth and Community Resilience procurement?

USAID Response: Youth and Community Resilience Project is still in the design process. No determinations have been regarding the type of instrument, set-aside, or the final estimated budget range. USAID/Tunisia will consider releasing a draft SOW/PD, but is not at that stage of the process yet.

- 154. Uganda:** For USAID's Uganda Mission, we noted that information regarding the Uganda Strengthening Decentralization for Sustainability (SDS) Program, STRIDES for Family Health, Community Connector follow-on, and the Strengthening Uganda's Systems for Treating AIDS Nationally (SUSTAIN) project are not detailed on the business forecast. Further, we noted an absence of agriculture programs forecasted for Uganda. Could the Uganda Mission please provide some guidance on its plans for the above listed programs, as well as agriculture programming more generally? Could USAID please indicate how implementing partners can gather information on these potential procurements?

USAID Response: The forecast will be updated as soon as the Mission has information about these activities.

- 155. Uganda:** Can you share when you expect the successful applicant of the "Expanding and Strengthening Family Planning Service Options" RFA to be announced?

USAID Response: We don't have any updates at this time. Please continue to check the forecast.

- 156. Uganda:** Evaluation of the OVC Activities -- Could the Uganda Mission also confirm that the expected release date for the Evaluation of the OVC Activities will be 08/01/2017? If it will be released later, could USAID please provide an updated release date? Further, will USAID issue pre-solicitation documents or a draft scope of work in advance of the RFP?

USAID Response: We have updated the release date to August 20, 2017. An RFI was issued on December 14, 2016 as AID-617-RFI-17-00002.

- 157. Uganda:** Professional A&E Services
- a. Is this opportunity limited to local engineering firms only?

USAID Response: Yes.

- 158. Uganda:** Does USAID Uganda anticipate any new development opportunities or follow-on projects in the food security and/or agriculture sector?

USAID Response: Please continue to check the forecast to future opportunities.

- 159. Uganda: Community Connectors** --
- a. Is USAID/Uganda still anticipating releasing a Community Connectors re-bid, i.e. ICAN?
 - b. Can USAID please provide information on a potential release date?
 - c. Can USAID provide an update on follow on activities to FTF Uganda activities including the Community Connector project?
 - d. Could you provide more information on whether a draft statement of work be released, and anticipated solicitation release date?

USAID Response: Yes, we anticipate putting ICAN on the forecast. However, at this time it is in design and we are unable to predict when the design process will conclude. Once the design reaches a more advanced stage, and we have more information, we will put it on the forecast.

- 160. Uganda: Uganda Health Systems**
- a. Does USAID intend to release a Uganda Health Systems Opportunity, referred to in the CDCS, in the coming fiscal year?
 - b. Can USAID/Uganda please advise if the health system project, referenced in the recent CDCS to be designed afresh under phase one of the process, would include the work currently organized under the Strengthening Decentralization for Sustainability project?

USAID Response: Yes, we have just added it to the forecast. This is a new activity. It is not a follow on and there is no incumbent.

- 161. Uganda: FARM Activity**
- a. Can USAID please provide additional information regarding the USAID/Uganda FARM activity?
 - b. Is USAID still contemplating issuing this solicitation as a small business set-aside?
 - c. Does USAID have an anticipated solicitation release date in mind?

USAID Response: This is not on the forecast. We do not have information about this activity. Please continue to check the forecast for updates.

- 162. Uganda: Sanitation for Health** -- This opportunity is no longer on the Business Forecast. Could USAID/Uganda please provide offerors with an update on the status of this procurement and the anticipated award date?

USAID Response: This procurement is ongoing. We anticipate an award by October 2017.

- 163. Uganda: Technical Support Services Contract** -- The USAID Uganda/Technical Support Services Contract seems to no longer be listed on the USAID Business Forecast. Can USAID please confirm that the Uganda Mission intends to solicit a technical support services type contract?

USAID Response: This procurement has been placed on hold. At this time, we do not have any additional information about it.

- 164. Uganda: Strengthening Decentralization for Sustainability (SDS)**
- a. Does USAID plan to issue the SDS project in Uganda?
 - b. If so, could USAID provide the expected solicitation release date and other relevant forecast details?
 - c. Is USAID still planning to release a follow-on to SDS, and if so, what is the anticipated release date?

USAID Response: The Mission does not currently have plans for a SDS follow on activity. Please continue to check the forecast for updates.

- 165. Ukraine: Ukraine Health Reform Support Program** anticipated solicitation release date is 8/1/17. The Ukrainian Parliament did not vote on the Health Reform Package. As a result, the Ukrainian Parliament will not vote on the legislation until they are back in session next September.
- a. Will USAID still issue this procurement before the Ukrainian government has had a chance to vote on the Health Reform Package?
 - b. If so, could you please provide an update on the timing of this activity?

USAID Response: This requirement was released under SOL-121-17-000009.

- 166. Ukraine:** Does USAID intend to release any agricultural or economic growth opportunities in Ukraine in 2018?

USAID Response: No.

- 167. Vietnam:** Could USAID/Vietnam please indicate if they are planning any new activities for FY18?

USAID Response: USAID/Vietnam is currently in a design process for planning new activities in Economic Growth sector, Health information, and in Disabilities which are anticipated to become procurement actions.

At this time, the Mission's Business Forecast lists a planned award for a new disability activity (Rehabilitation System Support) for FY 2018.

- 168. West Africa:** USAID/West Africa Agir pour la Planification Familiale (Agir PF) is slated to end July 2018. Can USAID provide more information on the follow-on for the project including estimated release date, funding amount, geographic focus, and award description?

USAID Response: The activity is in the design phase, currently slated to be a \$15M, 5-year, 4-country project (amount could change depending on a number of parameters including funding level and a separate field support buy-in for SBC interventions). An RFI is planned some by the end of the month and prospective applicants will be able to contribute. Expected date of release of NOFO is the end of October, early November 2017

- 169. Zambia: Research, Evaluation, Assessment, and Data (READ)** -- Formerly, the forecast listed an opportunity called Zambia Research, Evaluation, Assessment, and Data

(READ). The opportunity was then removed from the forecast, and when we asked about it in a previous round of questions, USAID said it may still be released. However, it is not listed on the forecast. But, there is an opportunity in Zambia on the forecast now called USAID Education Data that has a somewhat similar, though different, scope of work and a smaller estimated value. Can USAID confirm whether these two opportunities are the same and if Education Data is meant to replace READ? Also, the Education Data award is listed as a small business set aside that is to be released as a task order. Can USAID please clarify under which mechanism this solicitation will be released?

USAID Response: Research Evaluation Assessment and Data (READ) has been changed to Education Data. This procurement is at solicitation stage. IDIQ Assistance to Basic Education Learn to Read Now (ABE LEARN) will be the Mechanism used to release the solicitation.

170. Zambia: Let's Read -- Can USAID provide any updates regarding the scope or anticipated solicitation date for the Zambia Let's Read procurement? As of July 25, 2017, it does not appear on the mission forecast.

USAID Response: This procurement is in design and please check the business forecast for updates.

171. Zambia: Accountable Governance for Improved Science Delivery (AGIS) -- USAID/Zambia competed the Accountable Governance for Improved Service Delivery (AGIS) activity earlier this fiscal year, with proposals due on 1/6/2017. This opportunity is no longer on the Business Forecast. Could USAID/Zambia please provide offerors with an update on the status of this procurement and the anticipated award date?

USAID Response: The procurement is in progress. The anticipated award date is October, 2017.

172. Zambia: Evidence for Health Activity -- Can USAID please confirm the release date for the opportunity and provide any additional information? Can you please provide more information about the award description?

USAID Response: We have updated the solicitation release date to September 27, 2017 and the Anticipated Award date to April 20, 2018.

173. Zambia: Sustainable and Effective Education Delivery (SEED)

- a. The previous quarter business forecast questions and responses stated that USAID was then in the design process and would provide further updates as they became available. However, this solicitation remains unlisted on the Forecast.
- b. Can USAID provide an update regarding the status of this solicitation, including providing any known information on the Forecast?

USAID Response:

- a. SEED has now been changed to Let's Read Zambia. Updates on this procurement have been made and will appear on the forecast.
- b. Refer to response above.

174. Zambia: Scaling Up Nutrition -- Technical Assistance

- a. Can USAID please provide an updated timeline for the “Scaling Up Nutrition – Technical Assistance” opportunity? It does not appear on this iteration of the Forecast.
- b. What is the anticipated release date?
- c. What about the Industry Day event?
- d. Could USAID/Zambia release any details of the USG funding sources for the anticipated SUN-TA project? Award type?
- e. Total estimated amount/range? Does it remain at \$50-99M?
- f. Can USAID provide any further information regarding the scope of work and anticipated contract value?

USAID Response:

- a. Updates have been made and should appear in the next iteration of the business forecast.
- b. We have updated the Solicitation release date to September 20, 2017.
- c. No decision has been made to have an industry day. Should it be determined that one is required, an announcement will be made.
- d. The Mission will not release funding information at this stage of the procurement. The activity is envisioned to be a Cost Plus Fixed Fee Completion Type Contract.
- e. Yes.
- f. No further information will be provided besides what is publicly available. See presolicitation notice (AID-611-17-SUNTA) on FBO.gov.

175. Zambia: YouthPower IDIQ -- Does USAID/Zambia plan to issue a Task Order under the YouthPower IDIQ? If yes, can USAID provide additional information regarding the anticipated scope and release date?

USAID Response: This activity is still in design and no decisions have been made to that effect. Please continue to check the business forecast for updates.

176. Zambia: Stop GBV II Activity

- a. Can USAID please confirm that the expected release date for the Stop GBV II Activity, September 15, 2017, is accurate?
- b. Can USAID confirm if it is PEPFAR funded?
- c. Can USAID/Zambia confirm if the STOP GBV II award is a consolidation of the three USAID GBV-focused activities implemented in Zambia?
- d. Does USAID/Zambia intend to release a Draft Program Description for this activity prior to issuance of an open and competitive RFA?

USAID Response:

- a. Confirmed.
- b. Any necessary information will be made available in the solicitation.
- c. USAID cannot confirm. This is a next-generation STOP-GBV Activity to be implemented in Zambia.
- d. No decision has been made yet. Please continue to monitor (www.grants.gov).

177. Zimbabwe: New Integrated Maternal Child Health & Family Planning Program --
Does USAID still anticipate releasing the “New Integrated Maternal Child Health and Family Planning Program” on July 24th? If not, can USAID please provide an updated release date?

USAID Response: The date is revised to August 8, 2017.