

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Date: 14 January 2021

Reference Request for Proposal Number: RFP-217772-Edu-2020-0074 Market Assessment of non-state education sector in Kenya

Dear Offerors,

Please see below answers to the questions submitted catalyze.procurements@thepalladiumgroup.com.

No	Question	Answer
1	Is the market assessment expected to cover all education levels (pre-primary, primary, secondary, tertiary) or focus on some levels?	The assessment is expected to cover all education levels included in Basic Education definition of the READ Act. This includes pre-primary, primary, secondary, and learning for out of school adults (Note: it does not include Higher education, i.e. students that have graduated from a high school). For further guidance on this refer to USAID Education Policy and the accompanying implementation guidance note . That said, we are especially interested in exploring opportunities in registered primary schools in Kenya, so a greater focus of this assessment (e.g. additional field level visits to validate secondary data, key informant interviews, interviews with investors/funders, etc.) must be registered primary schools.
2	Can you confirm if there is a particular research focus in education level, i.e. primary, secondary, tertiary or all?	See above.
3	Does Catalyze have maximum LCP rates / ceilings pre-determined that can be shared, or can we propose individual rates and total budget, that is then compared within the proposal evaluation criteria?	CATALYZE does not have maximum LCP rates, as all LCPs are determined by prevailing market data in-country. Cost proposals, including all individual rates and total budget size, will be evaluated according to the criteria listed in the RFP.
4	Request if you can clarify on the tender eligibility, is the RFP meant for selected/closed bidders? Or is it open for firms and consultants who aren't part of the Offerors list?	This is an open solicitation for proposals; all are invited to apply.
5	Can you please indicate what the budget ceiling is for the bid?	The preferred/estimated ceiling for this RFP is USD \$75,000. Budgets will be evaluated for cost reasonableness and realism and compared to other proposals received.