

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Date: February 1, 2024

Reference Request for Proposal Number: RFP-CATALYZE-PHIL-2023-0003

Dear Offerors,

Please see below answers to the questions submitted to catalyze.procurements@thepalladiumgroup.com and received at the bidders conference on February 1, 2024.

No	Question	Answer
1	Has the program been active for 5 years? The RFP states that the duration of project is January-September. How has CATALYZE already been implemented and how it related to number of cohorts?	The overall CATALYZE contract has been active since 2020. CATALYZE Philippines has only been active since October and has not yet begun engagement with participants.
2	Is the intent to provide employment not just skills?	The main goal of this activity is employment, but also other things like health. There are numerous RFPs for CATALYZE Philippines focused on other aspects, including social preparation, skilling and employment, health and youth mentorship.
3	Background says offeror will codevelop curriculum with CATALYZE. What kind of level of engagement will there be for co-development? How closely will CATALYZE be involved?	CATALYZE recognizes there are existing modules. Co-development can take place during the negotiation phase of bidder selection and/or be included in the acceptance criteria for the deliverables.
4	Where in region IV-A will be covered?	In Metro it will be Pasig City; in IV-A it will be Naic-Cavite.
5	Mentors will come from the existing CATALYZE pool. What is the profile of these women and girls?	The first cohort will be recruited 18-24 years old. Mentors will come from the first cohort.
6	When will first cohort begin?	Enrollment and social prep stage to start in March-May for Pasig City. Naic-Cavite to start March-April. First cohorts to start program by May. Mentors to begin recruiting in June-July.
7	Are there any budget caps for the project?	No. Bidders are encouraged to submit cost proposals in line with their proposed technical approach.
8	How many people per cohort?	20 mentors per cohort per site. Each mentor will have at least 2 mentees.
9	Is there a budget template?	One will be provided upon request.
10	Personnel requirements?	RFP recommends make-up of personnel, but bidders may propose a different approach.
11	Will the participant groups in Scope A and B be different?	In Scope A, the mentors will come from the 18-24 year old cohort and mentees to be recruited will come from the 12-17 year old female adolescents from 4Ps households. In scope B, the cohort will be the 18-24 year olds.