

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Date: October 10, 2024

Reference Request for Proposal Number: **RFP-CATALYZE-Ethiopia-2024-0110**

Terms of Reference: **Positive Impact Case Study Data Collection**

Dear Offerors,

Please see below answers to the questions submitted to ethiopiams4g.procurement@thepalladiumgroup.com

No	Question	Answer
1	Our company was established in 2016 E.C which has nearly one year experience but has experts or professionals who do have more than 16 years' experience in different fields, especially in research and consulting. Hence can we participate in this RFP please?	As indicated on page 6 of the RFP, the bidders "Must be a registered legal entity in Ethiopia for a minimum of one year." Hence, if the company has been registered for over a year, it is eligible; if it has not been registered for that period, it is not eligible.
2	Is it possible to add some extra days of final bid proposal submission?	That is not possible because of the time needed to evaluate bidders, time needed to do the data collection, and time needed to write the positive impact report.
3	Regarding the scope, is it possible to apply for a single region? For example, can a firm who is in Hawassa apply to do the Positive Impact Case Study Data Collection in the Southern part?	We would like to sign agreement with one winning firm that can do the Positive Impact Case Study Data Collection in regions where MS4G has been supporting (Southern Ethiopia, Oromia, Amhara, Tigray and Addis Ababa). Thus, bidders are advised to apply taking all regions into consideration.
4	Do you think the performance period, 5 (five) weeks enough) enough?	As indicated in the RFP the assignment is for a five-week period.
5	What are the regions where the intervention occurred/the data collection sites? What is the level of intervention in each area or project location? (How do you see the sample size in each region)	The regions are mostly Oromia, former SNNPR, Amhara, Tigray and Addis Ababa.
6	On RFP page 9 and 10, it indicates population size and sampling requirement, under the sampling requirement, what does "No" indicate?	"No" indicates the whole population will be considered in the study/data collection. i.e., Population size = Sample size.
7	Related to Financial Institutes what is to be considered in the study? The Branches or the head quarter?	The headquarters that is well acquainted with the work. So, if the headquarters or the financial institution are in Addis Ababa you can do the interview in Addis Ababa.
8	Why do not you put the sample needed to conduct the assessment in RFP?	The bidders should put appropriate and technically valid methodology and sampling technics for each intervention. So, this should be the focus area for the bidders.