Questions and Answers

Policy window 3: Designing impact evaluations for Gram Varta and Nodal Anganwadi Centre initiatives under SWASTH, Bihar

The questions listed in this document were received by 3ie as part of the request for proposals under 3ie’s Policy window 3: Designing impact evaluations for Gram Varta and nodal Anganwadi centre initiatives under Sector Wide Approaches to Strengthen Health (SWASTH) in Bihar. The questions have been summarised and rephrased to be more over-arching so that the guidance can be useful to all applicants.

Q1 Will only those research team(s) who qualify for the phase 1 (qualification and proposal preparation) be eligible for phase 2 (full impact evaluation application)? Or will participation in phase 1 be considered as conflict of interest for participating in phase 2?

A1. Yes, only those research teams that are selected in phase I will be eligible to submit full proposals for phase 2.

There will not be a second round of bid for phase 2. The main idea is that the teams that are selected for phase 1 will use the budget and time to prepare a full technical proposal for the main impact evaluation. If this proposal meets 3ie’s quality standards and if the proposal is accepted by reviewers then the team will get funding to conduct the impact evaluation of the programmes in phase 2.

Q2. In case there is no conflict of interest, would a research team, which qualifies for phase 1 be given preference for phase 2?

A2. As explained above, only those teams that are selected in phase 1 will submit the proposal for phase 2.

Q3. If a research team is unable to share impact evaluation reports or publications because of confidentiality/non-disclosure agreement with the clients, will it negatively impact the team’s credentials? In such cases, what documents would 3ie accept?

A3. 3ie requires that all reports and publications based on the findings of the impact evaluation be shared with 3ie. It’s 3ie policy to then make these reports publicly available.
Q4. Should the cover letter mention credentials and capabilities of the research team to manage the grants?

A4. Yes, the cover letter can mention the credential and capabilities of the teams to manage the grants.