Q&A document

TW12: Improving Adolescents’ Lives in South Asia

Request for Qualifications: impact evaluations of initiatives aimed at improving adolescents’ lives in South Asia

Deadline for applications: 23.59 GMT, 26 March 2015

Q1: I am extremely interested to submit a proposal regarding a youth employability-skills training programme. Can I apply under this window?
A1: The present RFQ is strictly about the evaluation of UNICEF-IKEA Foundation programmes in Afghanistan, India and Pakistan. We would encourage you to apply to the RFQ if you would like to participate in the evaluation of this particular programme. For evaluation of other youth employment programmes, please look out for 3ie’s upcoming Development Priorities Window, which is a more general request for proposals.

Q2: In the instructions for applicants, we are instructed to include up to three impact evaluation reports or publications for the proposed principal investigator (PI). Must each PI provide a publication?
A1: No, it is three reports or publications per team submitting a qualification, not per PI.

Q3: UNICEF-IKEA previously solicited proposals to conduct impact evaluations of this programme in Afghanistan, India and Pakistan. Are the prime contractors and sub-contractors who proposed under the initial UNICEF-IKEA request for proposals for these impact evaluations eligible to apply under this opportunity with 3ie?
A3: Yes, they are eligible.

Q4: What is the timeline of the phases and the actual evaluations as well?
A4: Please see section 4.4 of the RFQ for more details.

Q5: Is there any flexibility in timing of the baseline survey? The RFQ specifies data collection to be completed by 10 October 2015, annotated slides of findings to be submitted by 15 October, and slides to be presented on 20 October. Can the timeline be extended for these activities?
A5: Unfortunately, no. Given the time sensitivities, it is important to try to stick to the given timeline. This also determines when survey instruments must be piloted.
Q6: At the end of phase 1, will 3ie select only one team per target country to submit a full proposal in phase 2?
A6: Yes, only one team per target country would be selected. The proposals would have to be submitted at the end of phase 1.

Q7: Is it possible for a PI based in Delhi to also serve as the local collaborator for Pakistan and/or Afghanistan?
A7: As per 3ie policy, a local PI should be citizen of, be based in, and primarily affiliated to an institution in the country in which the study takes place. 3ie considers residence to be quite important.