

Potential Applicant's Queries and Responses: Call for Proposals for the Komesha FGM SASA Project

NOTE: These questions/queries have been consolidated from various applicants and have been consolidated.

No	Question	Answer
1	Can proposed activities be adapted to local contexts, or must they strictly follow the description in Section 1.3?	The proposed activities are already contextualized to Kenya and should thus follow the description provided, except when there is a need to further contextualize them. Applicants must present their implementation approach in their applications
2	How will UNFPA measure long-term outcomes versus immediate outputs?	Key performance indicators, aligned with the logical framework, will be used to measure outputs and outcomes. UNFPA and EU staff will conduct joint field monitoring visits to observe the implementation of programme activities and interact with stakeholders.
3	What are UNFPA's expectations for sub-contracting frameworks, such as eligibility criteria and budget limits?	<p>Applicants must demonstrate their capacity and internal modalities for sub-granting in their proposals.</p> <p>The IP shall be responsible for the professional and technical competence of its subcontractors and will select, for work under any Agreement, reliable subcontractors who will perform effectively in the implementation of the Agreement, respect human rights and local customs, and conform to a high standard of moral and ethical conduct. It is expected that subgrantees shall deliver within the agreed budgets.</p>
4	Are there existing toolkits for community dialogues, or should they be developed independently?	CSOs/CBOs will execute community-level dialogues and forums as per their proposed approach and subject to further discussions and approval by UNFPA.
5	How should success stories or challenges from community dialogues be documented?	Success stories, lessons learned, and outcomes of these efforts will be documented to inspire similar initiatives in other communities and with stakeholders. The documentation will be a collaborative exercise conducted by the implementing partner in consultation with UNFPA and/or by UNFPA in collaboration with the selected partner.
6	Are specific training curricula required for FGM-focused PFA/MHPSS?	The PFA/MHPSS standards and protocols will be adapted as appropriate.
7	Must applicants operate in all seven counties, or is partial coverage acceptable?	Applicants must demonstrate their capacity to operate in all seven counties.
8	What constitutes "demonstrated presence" in the target counties?	Evidence may include past project reports, partnership agreements, referees, and local offices in the respective counties.

9	Are there specific templates for financial reporting or capacity-building expectations for sub-grantees?	UNFPA has programme and financial policies and procedures, including templates that all partners must follow. The selected partner(s) will be trained.
10	Are certifications required for trainers/health workers, and how should staff roles be described?	Health workers and trainers must also have certification to confirm their qualifications to perform the required tasks. Staff roles should be described with their title, job description, and role on the project.
11	Can annual reports or audits be shared as hyperlinks, or must they be attached?	Yes, hyperlinks are acceptable.
12	Are activity-specific budget figures fixed, or can they be adjusted?	Budget figures provided in Section C4 are fixed. They cannot be adjusted except in cases where unforeseen circumstances arise, such as significant changes in scope or necessary adjustments due to regulatory requirements. Any exceptions should be documented and approved through the proper channels.
13	Are there expectations for co-funding or in-kind contributions?	Yes, applicants are encouraged to demonstrate co-funding or in-kind contributions to show value addition, which can provide a competitive and comparative advantage. This could include detailing the percentage contribution of staff costs, as this can strengthen the overall application and highlight the commitment to the project.
14	What metrics should demonstrate community ownership?	Community-led public declarations against FGM are a good example of demonstrating community ownership.
15	What strategies should address resistance to FGM abandonment?	Applicants are encouraged to propose strategies in their submissions, which will be further refined through discussions with UNFPA.
16	Are there specific M&E frameworks or indicators required?	UNFPA will provide specific frameworks and indicators to the successful applicant(s). The project's logical framework will be the cornerstone in guiding progress tracking towards objectives and outcomes. Key performance indicators, aligned with the logical framework, will be used to measure outputs and outcomes.
17	What risks does UNFPA anticipate, and how detailed should mitigation plans be?	Refer to Section E.1 of the call for proposal guidelines.
18	Is the submission deadline based on Kenyan time, and are electronic signatures acceptable?	Yes, the deadline follows Kenyan time and electronic signatures are acceptable.
19	Are letters of support required, or is evidence of past collaboration sufficient?	Applicants can choose how to demonstrate their partnerships through letters or evidence of collaboration.
20	Is there a requirement for environmental impact assessments?	This is not mandatory, but applicants with relevant experience or initiatives in environmental

		care/protection are welcome to include it in their submissions
21	How should informed consent for survivors be managed during outreach activities?	The potential partner should demonstrate in their application the knowledge and capacity to work with survivors.
22	What level of capacity-building support is expected for sub-contracted CSOs/CBOs?	The details are in the project document and will be discussed with the successful partner.
23	Can we apply for counties not mentioned in the call?	This call is restricted only to the seven counties mentioned.
24	Are there specific clauses to include in subcontractor agreements for PSEA compliance?	Please read the details in the invitation for proposals on PSEA (Operationalization of the UN Protocol on Allegations of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse involving Implementing Partners).
25	How should "local partnerships for continuity" be demonstrated (e.g., MOUs, letters of intent)?	This will be discussed with the successful applicant(s) later. However, it is the prerogative of the Applicant to demonstrate their plans on how they have/will ensure local partnerships for continuity.
26	Are there specific strategies UNFPA recommends for addressing resistance to FGM abandonment?	This should be demonstrated in the applicant's proposal but will be refined through discussion with UNFPA for the successful applicant(s).
27	How should collaborations with male champions/religious leaders be structured?	This should be demonstrated in the applicant's proposal but will be refined through discussion with UNFPA for the successful applicant(s).
28	Is there flexibility in phasing activities, or must they align with the programme's annual structure?	To the extent possible, the phasing of activities should be aligned with the programme's annual structure, except in instances where project implementation will be disrupted, or adjustments may be needed for substantive reasons. In such cases, this will be discussed with the successful applicant as need arises
29	How should informed consent be managed for survivors participating in MHPSS or outreach activities?	The potential partner should demonstrate in their application the knowledge and capacity to work with survivors.