

Questions and Answers
**RFP#13140042, Research contract on improving the evaluation of global health
research programming**

Question 1: Does the IDRC have a list of funding agencies and programs/projects that should be included in the data collection? If yes, does the IDRC have contact information for the funding agencies and programs/projects?

Response: Yes, contact information for funding agencies will be provided for data collection. IDRC will also provide a list of IDRC programs and projects, from which the chosen proponent will develop a sampling strategy for further data collection, to be developed as part of their methodology (weeks 2 & 3). The selected proponent will be expected to gather the list of programs/projects of the other funding agencies, and these programs/projects which will be included in the study sampling frame.

Question 2: Has IDRC already acquired literature that should be included in the review?

Response: Yes, IDRC has already collected some literature. It is expected that the chosen proponent will also seek out additional literature during the study.

Question 3: Does the project require an ethics board review? If yes, does the IDRC have an internal board that will review the protocol?

Response: An ethics board review is not required. However, the chosen proponent should identify possible ethical issues to be encountered and provide possible mitigation strategy for these issues (to be identified in draft methodology in week 2).

Question 4: Aside from English, does the IDRC anticipate data will need to be collected in other language? If yes, which language requirements are anticipated?

Response: Yes, data may need to be collected in other languages, such as French and Spanish. Both are an asset.

Question 5: Are meetings in Week 1, 6, and 11 to take place in person?

Response: No, these meetings can be conducted virtually (through teleconference, Skype, etc.).

Question 6: Please clarify how anticipated travel expenses should be reported in the proposal budget? For example, is the budget of \$30,000 to \$50,000 for professional fees (including taxes) only, while direct expenses (e.g., travel) would be addressed in a separate additional budget?

Response: This study was designed such that travel is not essential for data collection. If a proponent wishes to propose travel for the implementation of this study, please provide specific suggestions and a rationale for what the travel would add to the methodology. The budget is intended to cover professional fees and any expenses related to the implementation of the study.

Question 7: Can you provide more insight into what the IDRC is looking for in section 5.6.2 (c) where it states “Proponent’s should demonstrate experience in having conducted at least one evaluation project in the field of research for development?”

Response: Proponents should demonstrate having done evaluation of global health research for a project or program, or having done research on the evaluation of research programming.