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## QUESTION AND ANSWER #1

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### **Question #1**

This statement appears on page 30 of the document:

"It must be noted that the focus of the following work is on risk screening and assessment tools to be used in the context of implementing crime prevention interventions with children and youth (aged 6-24) in community-based settings and not on tools that focus explicitly on identifying risk for recidivism among institutionalized/incarcerated youth and/or adult populations."

I wanted to make sure that we are reading this correctly:

#### **Question 1 a)**

Do you want an analysis of *all tools/instruments* that can be used for screening children (6-11), adolescents (12-17) and emerging adults (18-24) in community based-settings?

#### **Answer 1a)**

No. As stated under Section 5.5 of the SOW (pg. 31), the deliverables associated with this contract should focus on tools/instruments that have either been validated with, adapted or developed explicitly for various sub-populations (including but not limited to young women, Indigenous youth, and other ethnic minorities). The work requires the identification of such tools, summaries, critical analyses of their use, considerations and recommendations for future development and implementation. The literature review should also focus on research and evaluation materials from Canada, the United States, the UK, Australia and New Zealand (and any other relevant countries as determined by the Contractor in consultation with the TA).

#### **Question 1 b)**

By tools, do you mean those measuring (a) delinquency (e.g., aggression, violence, property crime, sex coercion/offending, oppositional/defiant, alcohol use, drug use, cheating/plagiarism, etc.); (b) single risk factors of delinquency (e.g., bonding/attachment; parenting skills; social network; temper, self-regulation, conduct-disorder, abuse, peer-relationship); (c) multiple risk factors of delinquency (e.g., one instrument measuring multiple risk/protective factors); (d) all of those (a, b, and c)?

#### **Answer 1 b)**

All of the above should be considered.

#### **Question 1 c)**

Can you briefly clarify (examples?) what you mean by community-based setting and community based prevention?

#### **Answer 1c)**

For the purpose of this contract, community-based prevention means any intervention that is made outside of a closed institution. These prevention activities can be carried out by schools, police officers, social service workers, or other practitioners etc. provided that it does not focus explicitly on identifying risk for recidivism among institutionalized/incarcerated youth and/or young adult populations.

**Question 1 d)** I understand that you want a concise report (about 40 pages), but the amount of information that you are requesting (if we are reading the proposal right) amounts to a PhD dissertation (300+ pages). Can you briefly further clarify what are your expectations (beyond what is already stated in the document) in terms of the analysis conducted?



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### **Answer 1 d)**

The level of analysis should be understood within the context of the required report length (approx. 40 pages for the main report including references but excluding annexes, appendices). An executive summary (3-4 pages) and an abstract (approx. 100 words) are also to be provided with the literature review. Also, note again that the analysis does not involve all risk assessment and screening tools used in community-based setting and community based prevention, but only those that have either been validated with, adapted or developed explicitly for various sub-populations (including but not limited to young women, Indigenous youth, and other ethnic minorities). Some information associated with each risk screening and assessment tool (including sample norms, reliability and validity) eligible for inclusion in the review can be left to the practical toolkit, which is to be delivered following the literature review.