

Title: Sector Evaluation of the Health Intervention of Canada's Bilateral Development Program in Mali

A. AMENDMENT TO THE BID SOLICITATION

Amendment 1

In the French RFP, In section 4-Terms of Reference, under Clause 6 **Description of Team**, **DELETE** its entirety and **REPLACE** with the following:

1. DESCRIPTION OF TEAM

« The Consultant must provide a team of qualified people with a combination of evaluation skills and thematic knowledge to successfully complete this exercise in the Malian context. More specifically, the team must make arrangements so that gender equality is taken into account at every step of the evaluation cycle (design, data collection, analysis and reports). Given the security situation, it is recommended to have a joint team with international and local staff.

The Consultant will assign qualified people to the following positions:

- Evaluation Team Leader;
- Local public health specialist;
- Local gender equality specialist;
- Local sexual and reproductive health and rights specialist

The Evaluation Team Leader or one of the proposed specialists may partially or fully take on a another specialist's responsibility. »

B. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1	Given the uncertainty associated with the Covid and given that many of the projects mentioned are in areas where travel is strongly discouraged, would it be feasible to conduct the assessment remotely for the team leader with the local consultants collecting the data on site?
Answer 1	As specified in Section 5.3 of the RFP (Data Collection and Validation) All travel related to this data collection exercise will be subject to the COVID-19 regulations and recommendations of the Government of Canada and the Government of Mali. The local specialists will be based locally and could therefore commence work even if the travel restrictions associated with Covid 19 remain in effect throughout the project. The travel associated with the Evaluation Team Leader will follow the regulations of the Canadian government in effect at the time of travel. If the restrictions prohibit travel, the Evaluation Team Leader could conduct the assessment remotely via tele- or video-conferencing.
Question 2	Could you elaborate on the estimated implementation date?
Answer 2	The Consultant is to commence work within 30 days of the contract signature. The bid validity period is 180 days from the date of Bid Closing. It is anticipated that a contract should be awarded within this period.
Question 3	Given that: On page 57, it is mentioned that "The Consultant shall assign qualified persons to the following positions: - Local Public Health Specialist - Local Gender Specialist - Local



	<p>Environmental Specialist".</p> <p>On page 69-71 it is mentioned that "The bidder should propose at least one (1) local specialist per field with experience in the following areas : Public Health, Gender Equality and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights", Could you confirm the 4 expected areas for local specialists?</p>
Answer 3	<p>On page 57 in Terms of Reference in the French RFP under Clause 6 Teams Description, see Amendment 1 above.</p> <p>We have 3 expected areas for local specialists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local public health specialist; • Local gender equality specialist; • Local sexual and reproductive health and rights specialist
Question 4	<p>RFP Section 5.3 (Data collection and Validation) states that travel 'will be subject to recommendations of the Government of Canada and the Government of Mali'.</p> <p>It is our understanding that the Canadian Government does not authorise any travel to Mali.</p> <p>Could you kindly advise how this travel restriction is expected to be handled?</p>
Answer 4	<p>As specified in Section 5.3 of the RFP (Data Collection and Validation)</p> <p>All travel related to this data collection exercise will be subject to the COVID-19 regulations and recommendations of the Government of Canada and the Government of Mali.</p> <p>The local specialists will be based locally and could therefore commence work even if the travel restrictions associated with Covid 19 remain in effect throughout the project. The travel associated with the Evaluation Team Leader will follow the regulations of the Canadian government in effect at the time of travel. If the restrictions prohibit travel, the Evaluation Team Leader could conduct the assessment remotely via tele- or video-conferencing.</p>

C. ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED

