

Title: *the evaluation of projects from the call for proposals “technological platforms to strengthen public sector accountability and citizen engagement”*

A. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1	<p>In the Terms of Reference, Section 6.4.2 Field Based Country Case Studies, it states that ‘Each country mission is expected to last at least ten working days and must be led by the Evaluation Team Leader or by a Senior Evaluator.’ I would like to confirm that DFATD is still expecting bidders to budget for country missions whereby the ETL or Senior Evaluator travels to the country in question, even though of course this will have to be evaluated for each individual country case study in light of COVID-19 once the evaluation is underway. Our financial bid, and thus our competitiveness, would be very different if we did not budget for international travel, but planned to conduct each country case study remotely.</p> <p>To be certain – is it acceptable to have a methodology that is completely reliant on remote data collection only – whereby the ETL or Senior Evaluator leads a country mission, but does this remotely, or does ‘leading a country mission’ mean travel to the country in question and therefore not budgeting for travel would mean not responding to the Terms of Reference.</p>
Answer 1	<p>Bidders are still expected to budget for in-person travel to at least 4 countries representative of the regions covered by the seven projects (Asia, Americas, Africa, and Middle East) for the field-based case studies.</p>

B. ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.