Technical Assistance Partnership– Expert Deployment Mechanism (TAP-EDM)
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Questions and Answers # 7 – November 25, 2020

Question 1: Will DFATD cover costs related to obtaining and renewing security clearances for project staff? If yes, are these costs to be included in the budget under reimbursable expenses?

Answer 1: No, the costs related to staff recruitment are considered as indirect costs as indicated in the RFP, Part 2, section 5.3.1. a). Public Services and Procurement Canada (formerly Public Works and Government Services Canada) does not charge an applicant or organization a fee for processing personnel security screening requests. See: https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/esc-src/personnel/couts-traitement-costs-processing-eng.html

Question 2: Are bidders permitted to include COVID-19 specific expenses (e.g. required tests for travel, PPE) under reimbursable expenses?

Answer 2: If the expenses are directly related to the project activities and in particular, to the execution of an authorized Technical Assistance Initiative, those expenses could be reimbursed under the terms of the contract (See RFP Annex B – Basis of Payment, Section 2.5 (j)*.

Question 3: I would like to read some of the documents referenced in the RFP, such as DFATD's study on public opinion and the link in the first paragraph on page 54. However, the links don't work. Could DFATD provide access to these documents?
i) on page 52, last paragraph before 1.3 Outcomes, last sentence, which refers to a study commissioned by DFATD about Canadian public opinion. Could we get a copy of that study?
ii) on page 54, first paragraph at the top, third line down, there is a link attached to "different ways." Is this from the same DFATD study, or from the OECD one, or is it another document?

Answer 3:

i) Page 52 - Link for "study" (1.2-last paragraph): https://epe.lac-bac.gc.ca/100/200/301/pwgsc-tpsgc/por-ef/global_affairs_canada/2019/031-19-e/POR_031-19_Final_Report_English.htm

Page 52 link for "étude" (1.2 last paragraph) - https://epe.lac-bac.gc.ca/100/200/301/pwgsc-tpsgc/por-ef/global_affairs_canada/2019/031-19-e/POR_031-19_Final_Report_English.htm

OR

English   -   http://www.publications.gc.ca/site/eng/9.878746/publication.html

French   -   http://www.publications.gc.ca/site/fra/9.878746/publication.html

ii) Page 53 (1.3.2.2) - Link for "maintain": https://www.oecd.org/dac/peer-reviews/12%20Lessons%20Engaging%20with%20the%20public.pdf

French   -   https://www.oecd.org/fr/cad/examens-pairs/12%20Lessons%20Mobiliser%20WEB.pdf

See Amendment #5.

iii) Page 54 (1.3.2.2) - link for "different ways": https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/involved-participer/index.aspx?lang=eng

Page 53 (1.3.2.2) - link for " différentes manières"   https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/involved-participer/index.aspx?lang=fra

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