

## **SAFETI Final Evaluation – Request for Proposals:**

### **List of all questions submitted and Winrock responses**

#### **Technical**

- 1) *Are there activities, outputs and/or outcomes that are the most critical to examine in depth? That is, does USDA and/or Winrock have particular activities, outputs and/or outcomes for which your line of sight on results is particularly limited?*
  - a) The evaluation must examine all of the outputs/outcomes as laid out in the RFP – and applicants should give equal weight to all indicators in terms of data validation. Bidders are encouraged to address differences between indicators as part of their proposed approach/methodologies in their proposal submissions; if selected, Winrock will work with the bidder as part of the negotiation process to agree on any adjustments to approach/methodologies.
- 2) *If the budget for this evaluation is not robust and given the industry and USG guidance (GAO, inter alia) that evaluation questions should be limited to ensure in-depth treatment of each one, would the offeror say if this list of evaluation questions is firm and fixed, or something that will be discussed and prioritized during inception?*
  - a) The evaluation must examine all of the research questions as laid out in the RFP – and applicants should give equal weight to all research questions in terms of relevance. Bidders are encouraged to address nuances and differences between research questions as part of their proposed approach/methodologies in their proposal submissions; if selected, Winrock will work with the bidder as part of the negotiation process to agree on any adjustments to approach/methodologies.
- 3) *Under the Efficiency section in Table C, on-site structured interviews are proposed for "at least XX of the ~100" DOF and LEAF extension officers. Is it possible to share the number of interviews you expect, for budgeting purposes? Similarly, under sustainability, several groups are listed but without numbers of interviews. Given the necessity of properly preparing a budget for this exercise and proposal, can you please supply the numbers of interviews expected (or even a range or percentage) for each respondent type?*
  - a) Bidders are invited to propose their recommended sample size and design a corresponding budget to support the proposed methodology and targets.
- 4) *The RFP mentioned that there are 135,770 indirect beneficiaries. Are they unique beneficiary household or individuals? Is there any households that has two or more individual beneficiaries?*
  - a) The 135,770 indirect beneficiaries reported are unique individuals. This is inclusive of 80,263 individuals who exposed to knowledge transfer interventions, along with 55,507 were identified as household members.
- 5) *Could the project help us to know more about the project's implementation Theory of Change, approaches or design?*
  - a) The mid-term evaluation can be found at <https://winrock.org/safeti-rfq/>. Successful bidders will be provided with all relevant documents as described in footnote #5 on page 7 of the RFP.
- 6) *Does any specific research conducted under this project? If yes, could the project Provide report/reports?*
  - a) All publicly-available information can be found at <https://winrock.org/project/safeti/>. Successful bidders will be provided with all relevant documents as described in footnote #5 on page 7 of the RFP.

#### **Mid-Term Evaluation**

- 7) *Did SAFETI have a Mid-term Evaluation? If not, why not? If so, can it be shared*
- 8) *Did the SAFETI project conduct baseline and mid-term evaluations? If so, are these available to see?*
  - a) Reference the Development Experience Clearinghouse

#### **Pricing/Budgets**

- 9) *Can Winrock provide an estimate or pricing range for the evaluation?*  
a) Price and cost reasonableness is part of the stated evaluation criteria; Winrock will evaluate proposals based on the proposed price and will engage in further negotiations with the selected bidder.
- 10) *Second paragraph of page 17, Section D, “as noted in Section IV....’ - does it mean that financial proposal should not include budget provision for those mentioned items?*  
a) Bidders should not include such costs in their proposed budgets.

**Logistics/COVID**

- 11) *In page 11 paragraph one it is mentioned that “ Team Leader is expected to be in -country ....3 months” Now given the COVID-19 circumstances, could this be negotiable in such that the team leader will mostly work remotely with one/two in-country visits? While the local team leader could assume his/her physical presence responsibility?*  
a) Given the uncertainty related to COVID-19 in Bangladesh – particularly related to international travel/arrivals, Winrock recognizes that bidders will apply adaptive management approaches, and Winrock will evaluate proposals based on the qualifications of the entire team.

**Proposal Submissions**

- 12) *Given that staffing is important, especially recruiting local personnel of all genders which takes significant time, would Winrock consider extending the submission date?*  
a) No.