

Iodine Surveillance REOI | Q&A - REOI-NuMERAL-002

Questions	Answers
<p>I represent a not for profit non governmental organization located in Pakistan. In the details given in your RFP, I did not come across Pakistan mentioned in either the eligible or ineligible countries. Can my organisation submit an EOI.</p>	<p>Yes, USAID has a presence in Pakistan, so it is an eligible country.</p>
<p>Before expressing interest, I would like to know whether Chile is an eligible country</p>	<p>USAID does not have a presence in Chile. As such, Chile is not an eligible country.</p>
<p>We plan to conduct the research in the two countries (Ethiopia and Kenya). Is it possible?</p> <p>Our consultancy firm is based in Addis and USA. Can we apply through the US branch of our firm</p>	<p>Yes, Kenya and Ethiopia are eligible countries. We'd prefer to award to a local organization, but it is possible to contract directly with a US-based firm. Do note that all applicants are "required to be registered in the country of operation" and must provide a budget in the local currency.</p>
<p>Furthermore, could you kindly let me know if the call is open to all countries or if there are specific eligibility criteria? Also, would Togo be among the eligible countries?</p>	<p>This EOI is open to countries with a USAID presence. USAID does not have a Mission in Togo; thus, it is not an eligible country.</p>
<p>I wanted to know the maximum time allocation and maximum budget allocation for the research proposal.</p>	<p>NuMERAL anticipates issuing three to six subawards with an expected value of U.S. dollar (USD) 30,000 to USD 50,000. This range may be refined after the co-creation process. The performance period for each subaward is expected to be up to 8 months.</p>
<p>I would like to know if an individual (not a team) can apply for this project.</p>	<p>This REOI is for organizations, not individuals.</p>
<p>In Northern Nigeria, it was obvious the deficiency of iodine due to lack of access to sea foods and doubts over fortified foods (iodize salt or seasonings). On this background we would like to know if Numeral will support :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 . KAP surveys to establish a baseline data on Knowledge, attitude and use of iodize products in Kano and Jigawa North western Nigeria. 2. Sample and analyze the iodine content of iodize salt and seasoning in circulation in Kano Northern West Nigeria, in order to ascertain the genuine 	<p>NuMERAL would like the applicant to propose a system/method to sustainably monitor iodine that is low cost and reproducible, with the aim of the proposed study being to describe the iodine status of the area. We do not restrict the variety of iodine testing methods that can be used, or the population that will be included in the surveillance – we leave that to the applicant to propose. The applicant should also describe the rationale and contributions of proposed methods towards sustainable iodine</p>

<p>of the claims and to verify if the quantity present is in conformity with Universal Standard.</p> <p>3.To analyse iodine presence among school children in Rural areas of Kano State North western Nigeria.</p>	<p>surveillance and monitoring. We encourage proposals that can be integrated into existing data systems and result in a regular flow of information for decision making.</p>
<p>This is XXX from Nigeria, we wish to know whether we should include the cost of Iodine surveillance testing kits in the budget or we will be supplied?</p>	<p>Iodine Surveillance testing kits should be included in the budget.</p>
<p>The REOI lists Government entities amongst the types of organizations that are not eligible to receive funding. Are collaborations/partnerships with Government entities allowed? I am from a university and would like to respond to the REOI by proposing to integrate measurement of urinary iodine into an existing micronutrient surveillance pilot which is being implemented by the public health lab under the Ministry of Health.</p>	<p>Potential applicants can develop a collaboration with the government entities but cannot give them money through a sub-contract.</p>
<p>Will the project be carried out with mutual recognition in all processes, including the publication of results? In other words, will we be partners, not just subcontractors?</p>	<p>Yes. All applicants will be partners in this endeavor.</p>
<p>Is it possible to include in the proposal complementary activities on broad topics that you are already addressing with other partners, but need to broaden the scope?</p>	<p>Yes. It is possible to make connections to other complimentary activities if they contribute to the aim of these studies, which is to develop sustainable methods for iodine surveillance and monitoring. Please note that applications with a planned scope of work longer than 4 pages will not be reviewed.</p>
<p>Is it possible to include national activities and a regional one?</p>	<p>Yes, it is possible to include national and regional activities. While considering national and/or regional activities, do note the budget ceiling - NuMERAL anticipates issuing three to six subawards with an expected value of U.S. dollar (USD) 30,000 to USD 50,000.</p>
<p>If the project start approval is delayed and there is a gap between the approval date and the scheduled activities dated within the approved project timeline, what will happen, and will the performance and product delivery times be adjusted due to this potential delay?</p>	<p>All activities must be completed in 2025. During the co-creation phase, we will develop a timeline in consultation with selected applicants that accounts for any potential differences between scheduled and actual activities.</p>
<p>What is the percentage of overhead covered by the project?</p>	<p>We can cover a 15% overhead rate, unless you have Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) with the US Government.</p>