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**Subject: Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Number: 72062019RFA00007
Amendment Number 01**

Program Title: Integrated Child Health and Social Services Award (ICHSSA)

The purpose of Amendment Number 01 to NOFO Number: 72062019RFA00007 is to:

Provide formal responses to questions received from prospective Applicants and amended the NOFO. Please note that only one answer is provided for duplicative or similar questions. All questions and answers to this amendment are hereby incorporated into the subject NOFO.

The amended NOFO- 72062019RFA00007 and the Local Compensation Plan are attached to this amendment.

All other terms and conditions of the NOFO, as amended, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

Sincerely,

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Integrated Child Health and Social Services Award
(ICHSSA) Activity
72062019RFA00007

Cover Page:

1. Page 1 of the ICHSSA NOFO states: "USAID may not award to an Applicant unless the Applicant has complied with all applicable unique entity identifier and System for Award Management (SAM)." The registration process may take many weeks to complete. Will USAID consider the extension to the dateline of August 23, 2019?

USAID/Nigeria's Response: Unfortunately, USAID will not consider an extension to the dateline of August 23, 2019.

Additionally, please find the link to the public page to the "Doing Business with USAID: DUNS and SAM Systems 101" Webinar on the USAID Learning Lab site:

<http://usaidlearninglab.org/library/doing-business-usaid-duns-and-sam-systems-101>

This Webinar is a useful resource that educates USAID contractors and implementing partners on doing business with the federal government and also facilitates the streamlining of the procurement processes.

Please note that SAM is a U.S. Government website that is independent of the USAID/Nigeria Mission. Technical issues accessing the site should be addressed to www.sam.gov and/or implementing partners should consider seeking resolution/guidance from your organization's IT professionals.

2. Page 1 of the ICHSSA NOFO states: "Closing Date: August 23, 2019" - Will USAID consider a 30-day extension to the submittal deadline of Aug 23, 2019?

USAID/Nigeria's Response: Unfortunately, USAID will not consider an extension to the submittal deadline of August 23, 2019.

3. Page 1 of the ICHSSA NOFO states: "USAID may not award to an Applicant unless the Applicant has complied with all applicable unique entity identifier and System for Award Management (SAM) requirements detailed in Section D.6.2.k. The registration process may take many weeks to complete. Therefore, Applicants are encouraged to begin registration early in the process." If the primary applicant is registered in SAM, must all sub-partners be registered in SAM by the Aug 23, 2019 submittal date?

USAID/Nigeria's Response: While it is ideal for all implementers and/or sub-partners to be registered in SAM by the August 23, 2019 submittal date, ultimately the SAM

registration will primarily impact the TBD awardee for this activity. An award cannot be made to an applicant that is not registered in SAM.

Additionally, please see guidance in the response to Question No. 1 for assistance towards registration.

Section A:

4. [Organization XYZ] has been working in the Northeast for many years and there is great famine. A lot of Children are malnourished and dying on daily basis. Will the Health services include improving nutritional status among under 5, reduction in child mortality and morbidity and poverty alleviation among poor households? And will USAID approve treatment of children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) using Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM)?

USAID/Nigeria's Response: USAID expects that applicants will propose innovative programs that respond to the NOFO which states:

- a) Activities for this target group include provision of food and nutrition; schooling; health services; shelter and security; civil rights and registration; and psychosocial support. (Page 9)
 - b) Children in need of other health services have been referred and are receiving the necessary treatment. (Page 83).
5. Will this project include psychosocial, Nutritional service, Educational, Shelter, Protection, Economic strengthening for household's heads/caregiver of the OVC?

USAID/Nigeria's Response: Applicants are advised to refer to Pages 79-82 which present a table of REQUIRED MER and Nigeria Custom Indicators for PEPFAR OVC programming. USAID/Nigeria will be tracking these indicators. USAID/Nigeria will consider applications in line with PEPFAR Guidance for Orphans and Vulnerable Children Programming, the 2013-2020 National Priority Agenda (NPA) on vulnerable children in Nigeria, and international best practices in OVC programming. Applicants are encouraged to propose strategies and approaches that respond to these standards at a minimum. This link <https://www.pepfar.gov/priorities/children/index.htm> leads to the PEPFAR page where resources on programming with children are provided, including the PEPFAR Guidance for Orphans and Vulnerable Children Programming. <https://www.pepfar.gov/documents/organization/195702.pdf>

The NOFO has been amended to include the aforementioned PEPFAR links/references.

6. Please I wish to get clarification on if there are beneficiaries targets for upcoming ICHSSA project?

USAID/Nigeria's Response: The current anticipated minimum targets for the first year of the ICHSSA awards are as follows:

State	Target	Ped TX
	OVC Served	OVC TX Link
Adamawa	36,696	441
Akwa Ibom	142,111	15631
Bauchi	38,314	140
Cross River	53,125	639
Kano	118,994	517
Lagos	66,498	969
Totals	455,738	18,337

7. Please I wish to get clarification on, should we use UNAID 90:90:90 or 95:95:95?

USAID/Nigeria’s Response: 95:95:95; The NOFO has been amended to update this goal.

8. What is the target of beneficiary OVC expected to be reached in each of the States listed ICHSSA 1 - 4?

USAID/Nigeria’s Response: Please see the answer to question number 6 above.

9. How many CLHIV are expected to be enrolled, linked to care and treatment for each of the targeted states?

USAID/Nigeria’s Response: Please see the answer to question number 6 above.

10. Can we include almajirai as part of the sub-population under IR 4.3?

USAID/Nigeria’s Response: Whichever sub-populations are proposed, the applicant must provide clear strategies to reach such a sub-population with a clearly defined, need based package. The sub-populations proposed by any applicant must clearly fit the vulnerability profile for an OVC program, including high levels of vulnerability to HIV.

11. [Organization XYZ] is a National NGO working in the North East before and during the Insurgency and has conducted a baseline survey. The result shows that one of the leading causes of women and children mortality and morbidity during the Insurgency are as a result of inadequate healthy living habits. As a result, children are malnourished and dying. Can USAID approve program that will address severe acute malnutrition using Community based Management of Acute Malnutrition?

USAID/Nigeria's Response: Please see the answers to questions 4 and 5 above.

12. Will this project mainstream WASH, GBV Nutrition services and livelihood for Household Heads of care givers of OVC?

USAID/Nigeria's Response: For WASH, it is expected that applicants will adequately address water, sanitation and hygiene as a part of a robust program that responds to the health of OVC and their families. See page 10 of the IEE (Annex 9) for potential consequences of WASH activities. For GBV, see 4.3.2 Result 2: Communities ensure that OVC secure their rights on (page 15) which points to gender and GBV programming. For Household Economic Strengthening –HES), see IR 1.1 *Households are economically stable and have food security (Page 13)*. For Nutrition, please see the answers to questions 4 and 5 above.

13. Can USAID rehabilitate, dilapidated Health facilities for Returnees and IDPs?

USAID/Nigeria's Response: It is not anticipated that the ICSSHA awards will carry out rehabilitation activities. Applicants may elect to propose rehabilitation of infrastructures needed to support the program they put forward to USAID/Nigeria for consideration as they see fit. See annex 9 page 10 for guidance for HIV programs.

Section B:

14. If proposals received from Nigerian organizations are inadequate to address the 4 state/city regions listed in Section B, page 30, will USAID consider revising the strategy to allow submission of 2-page Expression of Interest (EOI) concepts and then co-create an optimal strategy?

USAID/Nigeria's Response: The USAID/Nigeria HIV/TB Office elects to proceed with this procurement without recourse to co-creation methodology.

15. Page 1 of ICHSSA NOFO states that: "USAID may not award to an applicant unless the applicant has complied with all entity identifier and system for award management SAM". The registration process is long and may take number of weeks to complete. We in Borno who are the worst affected by the insurgency are not part of the States mentioned, can USAID extend the date and include Borno State?

USAID/Nigeria's Response: USAID/Nigeria is unable to support OVC programs outside of the listed states at this time.

Section C:

16. Will Local Nigerian Non-Governmental Organizations collaborate with others to carry out the activities together or those who get the award will sub-partner with other NGO?

USAID/Nigeria's Response: Local Nigerian Non-Governmental Organizations have the choice to collaborate or not to collaborate with any appropriate organizations as

they see fit. Applicants may propose to work with/not to work with NGOs/FBOs or other entities as best befits the strategies they are proposing. The NOFO expect applications to describe *“an effective management and administrative structure for overall implementation of the program, including management of any sub-partners and processes for decision making in such a way as to empower implementation teams to work efficiently”*. (Page 63)

17. If an International Non-Governmental Organization (INGO) desires to sub-partner with a local Nigerian consortium - Is there a percentage of the proposed work that the INGO cannot exceed?

USAID/Nigeria’s Response: International sub-partners on any one of the ICHSSA awards are limited to not more than 20% of the total estimated amount.

18. Please I wish to get clarification on, can an organization apply as prime and sub?

USAID/Nigeria’s Response: Organizations may elect to be Exclusive sub-partners or Non-exclusive sub partners to several offerors. Although a prime on one USAID award may be a sub on another award, USAID/Nigeria will carefully consider the capacity of a local organization to simultaneously manage both USAID awards as prime, and as a sub. An organization cannot apply as prime and as sub on the same proposal. This link provides more information on sub partnering and teaming agreements. https://extra.usaid.gov/partner-learning/subpartnerships/presentation_html5.html

19. Can National NGOs collaborate with USAID to carry out the program activities since we are locally available on ground?

USAID/Nigeria’s Response: USAID looks forward to receiving applications from qualified Local Nigerian Organizations. Eligible Applicants (a) Eligibility for this NOFO is restricted to local Nigerian organizations (Page 33) – see this section for clear definitions.

Section D:

20. Please confirm 'History of Performance' is to be submitted as part of Business (Cost) Application and not as annex to the Technical Application.

USAID/Nigeria’s Response: ‘History of Performance’ is to be submitted as an annex to the Technical Application and not as part of Business (Cost) Application. NOFO (Section D.6.2) has been amended to reflect this.

21. On pg. 40 of the NOFO Past Performance Information is listed as an illustrative Annex under the Technical Application. On pgs. 51-52 of the NOFO History of Performance is

listed under the Cost Application. Would USAID like the same document to be included as part of both the Technical Application and the Cost Application?

USAID/Nigeria's Response: Please see the response to question number 20.

22. On pg. 40 of the NOFO Security Operational Plan is listed as an illustrative Annex under the Technical Application. On pg. 52 of the NOFO Security Plan is listed under the Cost Application. Would USAID like the same document to be included as part of both the Technical Application and the Cost Application?

USAID/Nigeria's Response: The 'Security Operational Plan' should be included as annex to the Technical Application and not as part of Business (Cost) Application. NOFO (Section D.6.2) has been amended to reflect this.

23. While the Local Compensation Plan is not directly applicable to assistance activities, can USAID please provide to applicants the US Embassy Local Compensation Plan for Nigeria so that it may be used as a guide?

USAID/Nigeria's Response: Attached is a copy of the Local Compensation Plan. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that costs are allowable and in accordance with the cost principles found in 2 CFR 200 Subpart E.