

**TANZANIA MALARIA CASE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY –
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

(TMCM) RFP No. 72062122RFA00004

QUESTIONS	ANSWER
SECTION A: PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	
<p>1. Page 8 of the NOFO mentions implementation in up to 25 districts while the funding table on page 19 mentions up to 20 districts. Can USAID clarify if TMCM will support up to 25 or 20 districts? In addition, are the 5 districts covered by the Tanzania Malaria Surveillance award included in the 20 or 25 districts supported by TMCM?</p>	<p>TMCM will support up to 25 districts.</p> <p>TMSA 5 districts are not included in TMCM districts.</p>
<p>2. Will the awardee of the TMCM activity have access to the OCA findings mentioned on page 18 of the Tanzania Malaria Surveillance NOFO?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>3. On page 14 under “3.2 Systems and Local Partner Capacity Improved”, the NOFO references support to “the local organization.” The table on page 19 also references technical support to a “local implementing partner.” Is this local organization/local implementing partner the recipient of the Tanzania Malaria Surveillance award? If not, please clarify who the local organization is, or if there will be more than one local organization.</p>	<p>Yes, this will be the local partner for TMSA recipient</p>
<p>4. On page 15, the third indicator listed is related to therapeutic efficacy. However, the result area on therapeutic efficacy is not in the NOFO. Is this indicator meant to be included?</p>	<p>TMCA Activity will not include therapeutic efficacy activities</p>
<p>5. On page 15, the fourth indicator listed is related to organizational capacity assessment (OCA) index scores. However, the OCA tool is not mentioned elsewhere in the NOFO. Is this indicator meant to be included?</p>	<p>No, this activity will not report on this indicator</p>
<p>6. On page 14, result 3.3 part b focuses on drug efficacy. Given that the result area on drug efficacy is not in the NOFO, is the text under part b meant to be included in the NOFO?</p>	<p>TMCA Activity will not include therapeutic efficacy activities</p>
<p>7. In light of USAID’s new climate strategy and mandate to consider and address climate risk in all projects and activities, what are USAID’s expectations for the scope and scale (e.g., proportion of budget) to manage climate risk on TMCM?</p>	<p>There is no budget allocation for climate strategy. We expect the recipient to explain how the activities will ensure the new climate strategy will be adhered too.</p>

<p>8. Page 8 of the NOFO mentions implementation in up to 25 districts while the funding table on page 19 mentions up to 20 districts. Can USAID clarify if TMCM will support up to 25 or 20 districts? In addition, are the 5 districts covered by the Tanzania Malaria Surveillance award included in the 20 or 25 districts supported by TMCM?</p>	<p>TMCM will support up to 25 districts.</p> <p>TMSA 5 districts are not included in TMCM 25 districts.</p>
<p>9. Request for links to soft copies of documents (listed on NOFO page 16):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Malaria Strategic Plan (2020-2025) ● Zanzibar Malaria Strategic Plan (2018-2023) ● Draft - Communication Strategy for Malaria Control Interventions (2020-2025) ● Zanzibar Malaria Communication Strategy (2018-2023) ● Malaria Surveillance, Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (2015-2020) ● Malaria Diagnostic and Treatment Guideline (2020) 	<p>These documentary part of the Organizational Market research and should have been obtained by the organization, if they are needed to prepare your application.</p> <p>There is no soft copies, the hard copies are available as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Malaria Strategic Plan (2020-2025) at National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) Office ● Zanzibar Malaria Strategic Plan (2018-2023) at Zanzibar Malaria Elimination Program (ZAMEP) Office ● Draft - Communication Strategy for Malaria Control Interventions (2020-2025) at NMCP Office ● Zanzibar Malaria Communication Strategy (2018-2023) at ZAMEP Office ● Malaria Surveillance, Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (2015-2020) at NMCP Office ● Malaria Diagnostic and Treatment Guideline (2020) at NMCP Office
<p>10. Will the awardee of the TMCM activity have access to the OCA findings mentioned on page 18 of the Tanzania Malaria Surveillance NOFO?</p>	<p>Yes, once the report is ready</p>
<p>11. The TMCM NOFO says that the recipient will provide “technical support” to a local organization. In contrast, the Tanzania Malaria Surveillance NOFO mentions “technical and organizational capacity development support.” Can USAID clarify if the recipient of the TMCM NOFO is expected to provide only technical support or also organizational capacity development support?</p>	<p>TMCM Activity is expected to provide technical support to TMSA Activity in the areas of malaria case management and malaria in pregnancy</p>
<p>12. The beginning of the paragraph at the top of page 3 is cut-off. Could USAID please confirm how the paragraph starts</p>	<p>We have added the missing narrative, see amended NOFO.</p>

<p>13. Could USAID please confirm what is OpenSPR? How is OpenSPR currently used? How does the Mission envision this activity using OpenSPR</p>	<p>OpenSRP is a mobile app that is designed to strengthen the linkages between community health workers, health facilities and the client. OpenSRP helps in automating CHWs workflows, and serves as a repository for client data. The system was developed by Boresha Afya projects and now has been transitioned to GOT.</p>
<p>14. Page 7 states, “is conducted annually in a subset of the eight sites with the management of field activities shifting over time between a coalition of local entities.” How often is TES conducted in Zanzibar? And in how many sites is TES conducted in Zanzibar</p>	<p>TMCM Activity will not support TES activities</p>
<p>15. The description of Result 3.1 (“Malaria Surveillance is Improved”) states “To achieve Result 1, USAID/Tanzania would support activities that assist the GOT to strengthen, harmonize, and expand the malaria surveillance systems on Zanzibar.” Does the Mission expect this activity to support surveillance activities in low transmission areas on the Mainland? Or to help establish surveillance systems in moderate transmission areas on Mainland? Or does the Mission expect that all surveillance-focused activities implemented by this activity will be focused on Zanzibar</p>	<p>TMCM Activity will only support malaria surveillance activities in Zanzibar</p>
<p>16. The description of Result 3.2 (“Systems and Local Partner Capacity Improved”) states “The TMCM Activity will also work with public and private sector providers of malaria”. Does this include ADDOs? Or does this only include formal private sector facilities</p>	<p>TMCM will support both public and private sector</p>
<p>17. The description of Result 3.2 (“Systems and Local Partner Capacity Improved”) states “In addition, the TMCM Activity is expected to provide technical support to the local organization in the areas of case management and MIP to plan and start-up their activities.” However, there is no additional information about local partner capacity strengthening described in the NOFO (as was described in the RFI). What is meant by this statement</p>	<p>TMCM Activity is expected to provide technical support to TMSA Activity in the areas of implementation of malaria case management and malaria in pregnancy</p>
<p>18. The description of Result 3.2 (“Systems and Local Partner Capacity Improved”) states “Building Tanzania’s local organization capacity to deliver sustainable high quality, malaria case management and surveillance activities.” However, there is no additional information about local partner capacity strengthening</p>	<p>TMCM Activity is expected to provide technical support to TMSA Activity in the areas of malaria case management and malaria in pregnancy</p>

<p>described in the NOFO (as was described in the RFI). What is meant by this statement</p>	
<p>19. The description for Result 3.3 (“GOT’s evidence-based decision-making is improved”) states “Assist the GOT to analyze and share data that will provide evidence for decision-making relative to the need for additional investigations if the evidence demonstrates suspected antimalarial resistance and choice of alternative antimalarial therapy if the evidence demonstrates resistance of P. falciparum to first- or second-line ACTs.” However, NOFO does not include TES (as was described in the RFI), what is meant by this statement?</p>	<p>TMCM will coordinate closely with TMSA and provide national level technical support to the need for additional investigations if the evidence demonstrates suspected antimalarial resistance and choice of alternative antimalarial therapy if the evidence demonstrates resistance of P. falciparum to first- or second-line ACTs</p>
<p>20. The NOFO (page 7) indicates “insecticide resistance monitoring takes place across 22 sentinel sites” in the Mainland. The description for Result 4 (“Entomological monitoring is improved”) indicates entomological monitoring should occur annually “in selected sentinel sites in high malaria transmission areas”. How many sentinel sites are in high malaria transmission areas on the Mainland; and, therefore, how many sentinel sites does the Mission expect the activity to support</p>	<p>TMCM Activity should propose number of sentinel sites that will be appropriate strategically and programmatically to produce findings that will be useful and sufficient for program decision making</p>
<p>21. The NOFO (page 7) indicates “[entomological] monitoring occurs in areas of persistent malaria transmission” on Zanzibar. The description for Result 4 (“Entomological monitoring is improved”) indicates entomological monitoring should occur annually “in...Zanzibar”. How many sentinel sites does the Mission expect the activity to support in Zanzibar</p>	<p>TMCM Activity should propose number of sentinel sites that will be appropriate strategically and programmatically to produce findings that will be useful and sufficient for program decision making</p>
<p>22. The list of illustrative indicators on page 15 includes “Parenteral antimalarial regimen and correctness”. What is this?</p>	<p>Treatment for severe malaria</p>
<p>23. The list of illustrative indicators on page 15 includes “Therapeutic efficacy of the first-line and alternate ACTs nominated by NMCP for consideration”, however, TES is not mentioned in the NOFO. Does the Mission expect the activity to support TES on Mainland and / or Zanzibar</p>	<p>TMCM Activity will not support TES activities</p>
<p>24. The list of illustrative indicators on page 15 includes “Change in organizational capacity assessment, (OCA) index scores resulting from USG assistance to local government actors”, however, the NOFO (unlike the RFI) does not explicitly mention capacity strengthening support to local organizations. What are Missions</p>	<p>TMCM Activity is expected to provide technical support to TMSA Activity in the areas of malaria case management and malaria in pregnancy</p>

<p>expectations for capacity strengthening of local organizations by this activity</p>	
<p>25. The anticipated funding table on page 19 of the NOFO included \$8 million for ZAMEP and \$3.5 million for NMCP. Are these direct pass throughs to these governmental entities? How does the Mission expect these resources to be managed</p>	<p>Yes, these will be passing through to ZAMEP and NMCP respectively</p>
<p>26. For Result 3.1, on page 13, the NOFO states that “To achieve Result 1, USAID/TZ would support activities that assist the GOT to strengthen, harmonize, and expand the surveillance systems on Zanzibar.” This item reference support to Result 1, but then only discusses surveillance on Zanzibar. Result 1 is involves both Mainland and Zanzibar. Is the intent to support surveillance ONLY on Zanzibar, or to support the broader reach of Result 1 which includes Mainland?</p>	<p>TMCM Activity will only support malaria surveillance activities in Zanzibar</p>
<p>27. In Section A.4 Results, on pages 12-13, the NOFO states the following:</p> <p><i>Under Result 1:</i> The TMCM Activity will build on progress made in malaria service delivery by focusing on the following areas of work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide high-quality technical expertise and assistance to NMCP and ZAMEP to strengthen surveillance and malaria-related data systems, and support data use for the development of evidence-based policies, strategies, and implementation plans related to malaria case management, MIP, and chemoprevention. <p><i>Under Result 3.1:</i> To achieve Result 1, USAID/Tanzania would support activities that assist the GOT to strengthen, harmonize, and expand the malaria surveillance systems on Zanzibar. Could USAID provide further guidance on how to distinguish surveillance activities under Result 1 and under Result 3.1?</p>	<p>Result 1: Is focusing on malaria case management and malaria in pregnancy activities in 25 districts including national level malaria case management and malaria in pregnancy technical support to NMCP and ZAMEP</p> <p>Result 3.1: Is focusing on malaria surveillance for Zanzibar</p>
<p>28. In Section A.2 Background, page one ends with the following sentence: “Similarly, in Zanzibar, high coverage of insecticide-treated mosquito nets (ITNs) and (IRS) has resulted in a shift in the malaria vector population from <i>An. gambiae</i> s.s. to predominantly <i>An. arabiensis</i> and reflects the predominant outdoor biting pattern observed on Pemba and Unguja islands.” Page 2 contains a figure, and page three picks up in the middle of a sentence, making it appear as if text is missing. Could USAID fill in the missing text?</p>	<p>We have added the missing narrative, see amended NOFO.</p>
<p>29. Within Section A.4 Results, we observe that the Results for this RFA do <i>not</i> include drug efficacy monitoring. However, drug efficacy monitoring is Result 4 of the NOFO Number 72062122RFA00003, Tanzania Malaria</p>	<p>TMCM Activity will not support TES activities</p>

<p>Surveillance Activity (TMSA) (SectionD, p. 19). Could USAID confirm that drug efficacy monitoring will be solely the responsibility of local organizations under the NOFO 72062122RFA00003</p>	
<p>30. Within section A.4 Results, we also observe that there is significant overlap between the4 results in this NOFO, and with the results in NOFO Number 72062122RFA00003,Tanzania Malaria Surveillance Activity (TMSA), particularly related to positive behaviors, enabling environment, as well as the majority of case management and malaria in pregnancy. Could USAID advise on how the scopes of work for the two activities are expected to differ on the above-mentioned results?</p>	<p>TMCM will be responsible for Social and Behavior Change (SBC) activities to support the case management and MIP services. The SBC activities will be focused at community level. Breakthrough Action Project will be providing the SBC support at the national level including development of messages, materials, etc. TMCM is required to closely coordinate with other USAID existing implementing partners.</p>
<p>31. Page 3 of the NOFO. The first sentence on the page is an incomplete sentence. Could USAID kindly complete the sentence?</p>	<p>We have added the missing narrative, see amended NOFO.</p>
<p>32. Page 8 of the NOFO indicates provision of "high-quality malaria case management and MIP services and data analysis, surveillance, and monitoring in up to 25 high malaria burden districts in mainland...". However, on page 19, the NOFO budget template states "cover up to 20 high burden districts". Could USAID please clarify the anticipated number of districts for year one budget and planning purposes?</p>	<p>TMCM will support 25 districts in mainland Tanzania in the areas of case management and malaria in pregnancy including providing national level technical support to Mainland and Zanzibar</p>
<p>33. On page 14, under 3.2 Systems and Local Partner capacity improved, it states that the recipient is expected to transition case management and MIP services to the GOT by the end of year three. In the next paragraph, there is a phrase "Building Tanzania's local organization capacity to deliver sustainable high quality, malaria case management and surveillance activities." Is there a missing paragraph or sentence related to transitioning activities to local partners? Does USAID intend for the recipient to transition to local partners other than the GOT?</p>	<p>Activities expected to be transitioned to GOT.</p>
<p>34. Page 18 of the NOFO states that respondents shall include as part of their application their approach to achieving environmental compliance and management. Can USAID confirm that the EMMP approach can be included as an annex</p>	<p>Yes, EMMP should be included as Annex as per NOFO requirements.</p>

<p>35. As the NOFO states on Page 1, “The Tanzania Malaria Case Management Activity (TMCM) aims to support the Government of Tanzania (GOT) to reduce the burden of malaria and move towards the long-term goal of malaria elimination” and the PMI Strategy (2021-2026) notes that some districts in Tanzania, specifically, Zanzibar, have achieved pre-elimination status. In addition, the NOFO notes the different ministries and malaria programs for the mainland and Zanzibar and further states on page 8, “The TMCM Activity will provide high-quality malaria case management and MIP services and data analysis, surveillance, and monitoring in up to 25 high malaria burden districts in mainland to align with the WHO high burden and high impact approach, and Zanzibar.” Can USAID, therefore, clarify whether its priority is to reduce the malaria burden in high prevalence districts in the mainland or to qualify Zanzibar for WHO elimination certification?</p>	<p>Yes, priority is to reduce the malaria burden in high prevalence districts in the mainland or to achieve elimination in Zanzibar.</p>
<p>36. As the 2022 MOP for Tanzania notes, “The estimate for reliance on the private sector in mainland Tanzania is that approximately 40 percent of patients with fever seek treatment at private health facilities” and “Malaria diagnostic and treatment services are offered by 6,990 public, 359 faith-based organizations, and 872 private health facilities, while an additional 8,000 pharmaceutical outlets offer malaria treatment options.” Given that there are only two mentions of the private sector in the NOFO (page 12 and 14), can USAID please clarify how much emphasis should be placed on working with the private (versus public) sector?</p>	<p>Upon availability of resources TMCM should focus on supporting the Public sector. TMCM should be proposing strategies of working with Private sector as well.</p>
<p>37. Can USAID clarify if activities related to result 3.1 on improving malaria surveillance (page 13) are only relevant in Zanzibar</p>	<p>TMCM Activity will only support malaria surveillance activities in Zanzibar</p>
<p>SECTION B: FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION</p>	
<p>38. P. 20 and p. 41 provide detail for 4 Key Personnel (Chief of Party; Finance and Administration Director; Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer; and Malaria Surveillance and Epidemiology Officer). However, p.30 references only 2 Key Personnel "USAID has specified two positions as Key Personnel, including a Chief of Party and a Deputy Chief of Party.". Kindly clarify what Key Personnel is required for submission as part of the evaluation criteria. If the Deputy Chief of Party needs to be included as a 5th Key Personnel, and if</p>	<p>TMCM NOFO requires four key personnel: Chief of Party; Finance and Administration Director; Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer; Malaria Surveillance and Epidemiology Officer</p>

<p>so, provide the description and minimum requirements for this role</p>	
<p>39. Page 19 of the NOFO mentions iCCM and MIP activities will cover up to 20 high burden districts, however page 8 mentions that the Activity will support up to 25 high malaria burden districts in mainland. Could USAID confirm if applicants should budget and propose activities for up to 20 or 25 high burden districts</p>	<p>TMCM will support 25 districts in mainland Tanzania in the areas of case management and malaria in pregnancy including providing national level technical support to Mainland and Zanzibar</p>
<p>40. Section B.3, page 21, references a Key Personnel position called Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer and later in the same paragraph calls the role Entomology Technical Director. Could USAID clarify the title of this position?</p>	<p>Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer</p>
<p>41. P. 21 provides details on the roles and responsibilities for a Malaria Surveillance and Entomology Officer, p. 42 provides the minimum requirements for this role. The description and minimum requirements infer this is a fairly senior level position, however the title “Officer” infers a relatively junior level within the staffing hierarchy. Can USAID please confirm if this title should remain as an “Officer” or if a more senior-level title is appropriate?</p>	<p>Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer</p>

<p>42. Section B.1, page 19, states that “Subject to funding availability, USAID/Tanzania intends to provide \$27,000,000 in total USAID funding over a five (5) year period broken down as per table below.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● a. Given that the referenced table does not include a separate funding estimate category for TCMC general management and operational costs, can USAID please confirm that the funding estimates presented are understood to be inclusive of all associated management, operational, and indirect costs? ● b. Again, per the table on page 19 in Section B.1, is it USAID’s expectation that the amounts shown in the table are to indicate general magnitude of funding by category, and that applicants’ budgets may vary somewhat from the amounts in the table, to reflect the cost build-ups associated with their unique technical and pricing approaches? ● c. In this same table, there is a budget estimate of approximately 8 million and 3.5million USD in rows labeled only NMCP or ZAMEP. Are these funds intended to be passthrough financial support to these programs or are these lines meant to reflect general support provided by the recipient to these malaria control and elimination programs for more general tasks than those specified under the four results objectives and the other rows in this table? 	<p>Yes, the funding estimates presented are understood to be inclusive of all associated management, operational, and indirect costs.</p> <p>Yes, funds indicated in section B.1 are just estimates and applicants' proposed budget may vary to reflect the cost associated with technical and pricing approaches.</p> <p>Budget Estimates of approximately 8 million and 3.5 million in rows labeled for NMCP and ZAMEP intend to be pass-through funds.</p>
<p>43. The “PMI Malaria Surveillance, Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (2015- 2020)” referenced on page 21 (quoted below) is not found at this link. Can the link to the specific document be shared? “Because the TCMC Activity is funded under PMI, the Recipient will also be expected to report on appropriate PMI indicators from the PMI Malaria Surveillance, Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (2015- 2020) (http://www.pmi.gov).”</p>	<p>PMI Malaria Surveillance, Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (2015- 2020) document is here attached.</p>
<p>44. On page 19, it states that “USAID/Tanzania intends to provide \$27,000,000 in total USAID funding over a five (5) year period broken down as per table below. Could USAID please that the funding areas breakdown is provided as estimates and that applicants should include all costs on one Detailed Budget tab rather than structuring the budget by <i>funding areas</i> and having 6 separate Detailed Budgets tabs (one for each funding area)?</p>	<p>The total estimated budget for TCMC Activity for five year as stipulated in the NOFO is \$27 million. There will be no additional funding for this TCMC Activity.</p> <p>Applicants should include all costs on one Detailed Budget tab rather than structuring the budget by <i>funding areas</i> and having 6 separate Detailed Budgets tabs (one for each funding area).</p> <p>Budget allocation for ZAMEP and NMCP is passing through.</p>

<p>45. Page 19 gives a breakdown of anticipated funding. \$8,000,000, or approximately 30% of the award, is anticipated to be focused on the Zanzibar Malaria Elimination Program. Page 20 says that USAID/Tanzania will not allocate funding by geographic area. Should applicants assume that approximately 30% of its resources should be focused on Zanzibar?</p>	<p>Budget Estimates of approximately 8 million and 3.5 million in rows labeled for NMCP and ZAMEP intend to be pass-through funds.</p>
<p>46. Section 2.1 on page 20 lists key personnel positions and qualifications for the Chief of Party, Director of Finance and Administration, Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer and Malaria Surveillance and Epidemiology Officer. Page 30 indicates that USAID has specified two positions as Key Personnel, including a Chief of Party and a Deputy Chief of Party. Would USAID confirm the titles, numbers, and criteria of the key personnel</p>	<p>TMCM NOFO requires four key personnel: Chief of Party; Finance and Administration Director; Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer; Malaria Surveillance and Epidemiology Officer</p>
<p>47. On page 21, the title of the key personnel position is “Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer” however, in the same paragraph it is referred to as “Entomology Technical Director”. Can USAID confirm the preferred title for this position?</p>	<p>TMCM NOFO requires four key personnel: Chief of Party; Finance and Administration Director; Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer; Malaria Surveillance and Epidemiology Office</p>
<p>48. P. 20 and P. 41 of the NOFO provide detail regarding four Key Personnel (Chief of Party; Finance and Administration Director; Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer; and Malaria Surveillance and Epidemiology Officer), however, p. 30 references two Key Personnel “USAID has specified two positions as Key Personnel, including a Chief of Party and a Deputy Chief of Party. The Applicant must, at a minimum, propose a candidate for each of these positions. Proposed candidates must meet the minimum requirements for the positions for which they are proposed.” Can USAID please:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clarify how many Key Personnel are required in the submission, and the titles of these roles b. Share minimum qualifications and a description of a Deputy Chief of Party if that position is a required Key Personnel 	<p>TMCM NOFO requires four key personnel: Chief of Party; Finance and Administration Director; Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer; Malaria Surveillance and Epidemiology Office</p>
<p>49. P. 21 of the NOFO provides detail on the Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer. In this description, the role is referred to as the “Entomology Technical Director”. Can USAID please:</p>	<p>TMCM NOFO requires four key personnel: Chief of Party; Finance and Administration Director; Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer; Malaria Surveillance and Epidemiology Office</p>

<p>a. Clarify if the title of this position is Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer, or if it is Entomology Technical Director</p> <p>b. Confirm that the description of the role (on p. 21) and the minimum requirements (p. 42) align with the correct title</p>	
<p>50. On page 20 of the NOFO, USAID has an estimated start date of August 2022 through August 2027. Could USAID clarify whether applicants should use August 1, 2022, as the estimated start date.</p>	<p>Yes, Applicant should use August 2022 as a start date</p>
<p>51. P.21 of the NOFO describes the role of the Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer. In this description, the role is referred to as the "Entomology Technical Director". Kindly confirm the title of this role, and that the minimum requirements in the NOFO align with the correct title.</p>	<p>TMCM NOFO requires four key personnel: Chief of Party; Finance and Administration Director; Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer; Malaria Surveillance and Epidemiology Office</p>
<p>SECTION D: APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION</p>	
<p>52. Is the Management and Staffing Approach included in the 25-pages of the Technical Approach? Or is the four-page Management and Staffing Approach noted on page 30 of the NOFO in addition to the 25-page Technical Approach?</p>	<p>The 4-page limit for the management and staffing approach is excluded in the 25-page limit for the technical narrative</p>
<p>53. Is the Executive Summary included in the 25-pages of the Technical Approach? Or, is the two-page Executive Summary noted on page 29 of the NOFO in addition to the 25-page Technical Approach?</p>	<p>The executive summary is excluded on the Technical Approach page limit.</p>
<p>54. PP. 30-31 of the NOFO specify requirements for annexes titled Annex C (p.30), Annex F, Annex G and Annex H (all p.31). We can't seem to find requirements corresponding to annexes titled Annex A, Annex B, Annex D or Annex E. Can you please confirm whether or not requirements exist for these annex titles and, if so, to which documents these apply?</p>	<p>The following is the list of Annexes that the applicant should provide with the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annex A - Draft MEL Plan ● Annex B - Draft first year Work Plan ● Annex C - Organizational chart ● Annex D - CVs for proposed Key Personnel Candidates ● Annex E - Letters of Commitment

<p>55. The NOFO specifies the following annexes as requirements for this proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annex C: Year 1 Workplan ● Annex F: Org Chart ● Annex G: Key Personnel CVs ● Annex H: Letters of Commitment for Key Personnel <p>Please clarify what additional annexes are being requested (Annexes A, B, D, E) and where the MEL Plan, which is a required Annex per page 30 of the NOFO, should be placed?</p>	<p>The following is the list of Annexes that the applicant should provide with the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annex A - Draft MEL Plan ● Annex B - Draft first year Work Plan ● Annex C - Organizational chart ● Annex D - CVs for proposed Key Personnel Candidates ● Annex E - Letters of Commitment
<p>56. Can the local organization that is awarded the Tanzania Malaria Surveillance activity also serve a sub-recipient on the TMCM activity?</p>	<p>No, local organization which will be awarded the Tanzania Malaria Surveillance activity can not serve as a sub-recipient on the TMCM activity as the local organization may not have sufficient capacity to serve as both prime and sub-awardee.</p>
<p>57. Would USAID also accept applications with text that is justified</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>58. Would USAID allow for 10-point font also for footnotes</p>	<p>Yes, a 10-point font may be allowed for footnotes. Materials related to footnotes will not be reviewed or evaluated as part of the evaluation process.</p>
<p>59. On page 35, under the section "Indirect Costs," the NOFO states that an applicant may choose to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs. 2 CFR 200.68 Modified Total Direct Cost (MTDC) states, "MTDC means all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel, and up to the first \$25,000 of each subaward (regardless of the period of performance of the subawards under the award). MTDC excludes equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, rental costs, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs and the portion of each subaward in excess of \$25,000. Other items may only be excluded when necessary to avoid a serious inequity in the distribution of indirect costs, and with the approval of the cognizant agency for indirect costs." Office equipment and office space rental costs are necessary costs of day-to-day program operations and so can be vehicle rental costs, depending on program requirements. Are these costs excluded from the MTDC? Could USAID please give examples of what type of equipment and rental costs are excluded from MTDC?</p>	<p>As per 2 CFR 200.68 " Office equipment and office space rental costs are excluded from the MTDC and this covers all equipment and rental services that may be proposed for the implementation of the TMCM Activity.</p>

<p>60. The Business (Cost) Application Format section on page 31 of the NOFO states that the cost application must use "the budget format shown in the SF-424A." However, the Budget and Budget Narrative section at the bottom of page 32 and the beginning of page 33 includes Participant Training, which is not a budget category as per SF-424A. Further, Annex 1 - Summary Budget Template on page 69 includes Participant Training and Allowances, none of which is a budget category as per SF-424A.</p>	<p>The applicants must include each line item as outlined in Section D.6.d and include additional line items as applicable to your technical application.</p>
<p>61. Please confirm that: Applicants are required to use the budget format shown in SF-424A in their cost applications; and Allowances and Participant Training (if applicable) can be included in the "Other" budget category as per SF-424A.</p>	<p>The applicants must include each line item as outlined in Section D.6.d and include additional line items as applicable to your technical application.</p>
<p>62. Could USAID confirm if applicants need to submit a copy of their personnel policies (page 33), and if so, should they also submit a copy of these policies for each proposed sub-awardee</p>	<p>Applicants are required to submit a copy of their personnel policies as well as for those of individual sub-awardee with a value equal to more than \$500,000 proposed as part of application.</p>
<p>63. Page 32. Please confirm that the 1) Required Certifications and Assurances, 2) SF-424B, and 3) Certificate of Compliance should be only submitted by prime offerors.</p>	<p>Required Certifications and Assurances, SF-424B, and Certificate of Compliance should only be submitted by prime offerors. However, Applicants are required to obtain certifications for their proposed Subs.</p>
<p>64. Page 32, d) Budget and Budget Narrative. The budget categories listed in these sections are not consistent with both the 424-A form and Annex 1. Please confirm that the budget categories to be used for the summary budget are 424A categories (Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, Contractual, Other Direct Costs, and Indirect Charges).</p>	<p>The applicants must include each line item as outlined in Section D.6.d and include additional line items as applicable to your technical application.</p>
<p>65. Page 32 states: "Applicants may choose to submit a cover letter in addition to the cover pages, but it will serve only as a transmittal letter to the Agreement Officer. The cover letter will not be reviewed as part of the merit review criteria." Can USAID confirm that cover letters are excluded from the 25 allotted pages for the technical application?</p>	<p>Cover Letters are excluded from the 25 allotted pages for the technical application.</p>
<p>66. In Section D.5(iv) on page 29, in reference to the Technical Approach, the NOFO states that "Applicants must submit a narrative of no more than 25 pages that describes the technical approach to achieving the objectives/expected results outlined in the program description." In D.5(v) on page 30, in reference to the</p>	<p>The 4-page limit for the management and staffing approach is excluded in the 25-page limit for the technical narrative.</p>

<p>Management and Staffing Approach, the NOFO states that “Applicants must submit a four-page Management and Staffing Plan.” Could USAID confirm that the Technical Approach should be 25-pages and that the Management and Staffing Approach should be a separate 4 pages?</p>	
<p>67. Page 32. The 424A and 424B forms expired on 2/28/2022. Could USAID share the updated forms, please?</p>	<p>For the time being applicants should use the existing 424A and 424B forms until updated versions have been made available.</p>
<p>68. under “Technical Application Format” (p. 29-31), we request the following clarifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Is the 2-page executive summary included in the 25-page limit for the technical narrative? ● Is the 4-page management and staffing approach included in the 25-page limit for the technical narrative? ● Annexes C, F, G and H are labeled, but A, B, D and E are not. Can USAID kindly provide a complete list of annexes, including their corresponding letter/order 	<p>The executive summary is excluded on the Technical Approach page limit.</p> <p>The 4-page limit for the management and staffing approach is excluded in the 25-page limit for the technical narrative</p> <p>The following is the list of Annexes that the applicant should provide with the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annex A - Draft MEL Plan ● Annex B - Draft first year Work Plan ● Annex C - Organizational chart ● Annex D - CVs for proposed Key Personnel Candidates ● Annex E - Letters of Commitment
<p>69. May applicants organize the cost elements according to their own template as long as they include all the elements described in cost instructions?</p>	<p>Applicants should organize the cost elements according to the template provided on the NOFO.</p>
<p>70. On p. 30, two key personnel positions (Chief of Party, Deputy Chief of Party) are listed, but 4 key staff (Chief of Party, Finance and Administration Director, Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer, and Malaria Surveillance and Epidemiology Officer) are listed on p. 20 and p. 41-42. Could USAID please confirm which key staff are required?</p>	<p>TMCM NOFO requires four key personnel:</p> <p>Chief of Party; Finance and Administration Director; Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer; Malaria Surveillance and Epidemiology Office</p>
<p>71. On Page 34 of the NOFO, USAID requests Participant Training as a budget line item however, SF424 A doesn’t have a line item for participant training. Could USAID confirm that this should be part of Other Direct Costs instead? If USAID would still like Participant Training costs to be itemized separately, could USAID please clarify whether participant travel should be included in Travel or in Participant Training, and whether participant supplies should be included in Supplies or in Participant Training</p>	<p>The applicants must include each line item as outlined in Section D.6.d and include additional line items as applicable to your technical application.</p> <p>All costs associated with Participants Training should be budgeted under the Participant Training budget line item.</p>
<p>72. On Page 34 of the NOFO, USAID indicates that, “individual sub-awards with a value equal to more than</p>	<p>Individual sub-awards with a value equal to more</p>

<p>\$500,000 proposed as part of application must include the same cost element breakdowns in their budget as applicable.” Could USAID clarify whether individual budgets are required for submission for sub-awards with a value less than \$500,000, and, if so, would a summary budget including the items listed on pgs. 32 -33 of the NOFO suffice</p>	<p>than \$500,000 proposed as part of application must include the same cost element breakdowns in their budget as applicable. And the summary budget including the items listed on pgs. 32 -33 of the NOFO suffice.</p>
<p>73. Section D.3, page 27, states that “10-point font can be used for graphs and charts. Tables, however, must comply with the 12 point Times New Roman requirement.” Can USAID confirm that text boxes can use a 10-point font, similar to graphs and charts? Can USAID confirm that a font other than Times New Roman—such as Arial—be used in visuals such as graphs and charts that are 10-point font to aid readability?</p>	<p>Yes, a 10-point font can be used for graphs and charts. Font other than Times New Roman can not be used in visuals such as graphs and charts.</p>
<p>74. Section D.5 (iii), page 29 states that the “Executive Summary (two pages) should contain a succinct summary of the Applicant’s vision, strategy, and approaches for achieving the results of the proposed activity with relevant highlights from all sections below.” Could USAID confirm that the executive summary is <i>not</i> included in the 25-page limit?</p>	<p>The executive summary is excluded on the Technical Approach page limit.</p>
<p>75. Section D.6, page 31, states that "The business (cost) application must illustrate the entire period of performance, using the budget format shown in the SF-424A." The cost categories listed in "d) Budget and Budget Narrative" beginning on page 32, as well as those listed in the Annex 1 Summary Budget Template on page 69, do not quite correspond to the budget format shown in the SF-424A. Could USAID please confirm that applicants should follow the budget format shown in SF-424A?</p>	<p>The applicants must include each line item as outlined in Section D.6.d and include additional line items as applicable to your technical application.</p>
<p>76. Section D.6, page 34 states that “Applicants must submit a budget that responds to the proposed technical approach and is flexible enough to accommodate opportunities that are likely to emerge but cannot be described with specificity once a year during the annual implementation planning process. The proposed budget must account for these types of activities in accordance with 2 CFR 200.433.” Does USAID wish for applicants to include a “Contingency” cost line within their budgets, in accordance with 2 CFR200.433(b)? If so, would USAID consider providing a plug figure for applicants to include, to ensure consistency among applications?</p>	<p>Applicants should not include a “Contingency” cost line within their proposed budgets.</p>

<p>77. Pages 27, 30, and 31. Could USAID please clarify the number, names, and order of required annexes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Under b. Application Content, iv., on page 27, it states: “Annexes - Should be numbered separately as “Annex 1: 1 of X, Annex 2: 2 of X”, et cetera.” ● b. On page 30 under (iv) Technical Approach, it states: “As an annex (not included in the 25-page Technical Approach page count), applicants must submit no more than a 10-page Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) plan...” ● c. On page 30 under (iv) Technical Approach, it states: “As an annex (not included in the 25-page Technical Approach page count), applicants must submit no more than a 5-page draft of the first year Work Plan. The Draft Year One Workplan, which must be attached to the Technical Proposal as Annex C...” ● d. On page 31 it states: “Annex F must provide an organizational chart with an overview of the structure of the proposed team, including proposed positions, and any proposed subcontractors, and the reporting lines and major areas of responsibility.” ● e. On page 31 it states: “Annex G must contain CVs for each proposed Key Personnel Candidate.” ● f. On page 31 it states: “Annex H must include Letters of Commitment...” 	<p>The following is the list of Annexes that the applicant should provide with the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annex A - Draft MEL Plan ● Annex B - Draft first year Work Plan ● Annex C - Organizational chart ● Annex D - CVs for proposed Key Personnel Candidates ● Annex E - Letters of Commitment <p>Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) plan should be submitted as an Annex and the 10-page limit is not part of the 25-page limit of the Technical Approach.</p> <p>Draft of the first year Work Plan should be submitted as an Annex and the 5-page limit is not part of the 25-page limit of the Technical Approach.</p>
<p>78. On page 26 and 29 of the NOFO, USAID lists what must be included on the cover page. On page 29 it states that the technical application must include: g. The Tax Identification Number (TIN) and Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) numbers of the Prime Applicant and any proposed sub-applicants. TIN and DUNS are not included in the list on page 26. Can USAID please clarify the requirements of the Cover Page and whether the TIN and DUNS of prime and sub-recipients should be included on the cover page?</p>	<p>The Cover Page must contain the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Name of the organization(s) submitting the application. b. Identification and signature of the primary contact person (by name, title, organization, mailing address, telephone number and email address) and the identification of the alternate contact person (by name, title, organization, mailing address, telephone number and email address). Of persons who prepared the application, and corresponding signatures. c. Activity name d. Notice of Opportunity (NOFO) reference number; f. Name of any proposed sub-recipients or partnerships (identify if any of the organizations are local organizations, per USAID’s definition of ‘local entity’ under ADS 303). g. The Tax Identification Number (TIN), Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) numbers and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) of the Prime Applicant and any proposed sub-applicants.

<p>79. For applicants who budget passports, visa fees, and medical exams and inoculations in the travel cost category in order to be compliant with internal accounting policy, would USAID allow such costs to be budgeted in the Travel vs. Other Direct Costs category</p>	<p>Passports, visa fees, and medical exams and inoculations costs can be budgeted under the Travel budget line item.</p>
<p>80. Page 29, 5. Technical Application Format. The first sentence states: “the application must not exceed 25 pages, excluding the annexes, cover page, table of contents, and acronym list.” However, (iii) lists an Executive Summary of 2 pages and (iv) lists the technical approach again at 25 pages. Will USAID clarify if the Executive Summary is included in the Technical Approach page limits, or excluded along with the annexes, cover page, table of contents, and acronym list?</p>	<p>The executive summary is excluded on the Technical Approach page limit.</p>
<p>81. Pages 29-30. Can USAID please clarify if the 4-page Management and Staffing Approach is included in the 25-page limit for the Technical Application?</p>	<p>The 4-page limit for the management and staffing approach is excluded in the 25-page limit for the technical narrative</p>
<p>82. Page 30. If Management and Staffing Approach must include position descriptions and professional summaries, would USAID consider increasing the page count for this section?</p>	<p>No, the 4-page limit for the management and staffing approach remains the same.</p>
<p>83. P. 32 of the NOFO provides a link for “Certifications, Assurances, Representations, and Other Statements of the Recipient”ADS 303mav document found at: https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1868/303mav.pdf This link no longer appears to be operational, could USAID kindly provide the updated web address?</p>	<p>Please use the following link to access for “Certifications, Assurances, Representations, and Other Statements of the Recipient” https://www.usaid.gov/ads/policy/300/303mav</p>
<p>84. Page 30, 5. Technical Application Format, (v), instructs applicants to provide position descriptions for those positions that are deemed ‘critical’. Since pages 20 and 41 give position summaries/qualifications for the 4 KP positions, should it be assumed that the position descriptions requested on page 30 are for additional positions deemed ‘critical’? On page 30, the NOFO says the Year 1 work plan should include milestones and incremental targets. Can you clarify what is meant by incremental targets for an activity? For example, if the activity is to submit an annual work plan, what is the incremental target?</p>	<p>Yes, Position descriptions for positions applicants deem critical and professional summaries for each known critical staff member.</p> <p>Yes, The Applicants should submit The Draft Year One Workplan, which must be attached to the Technical Proposal as Annex C, will illustrate in detail the Offeror’s proposed activities and their planned timing and sequence, including milestones and proposed incremental targets for Year 1</p>

SECTION E: APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

<p>85. On Page 42, USAID indicates four positions as Key Personnel but on page 30 USAID mentions only a Chief of Party and a Deputy Chief of Party. Could USAID please confirm which list of Key Personnel is correct, and also which KP applicants are required to name in their application.</p>	<p>Applicants are required to propose four key personnel i.e. Chief of Party, Finance and Administration Director, Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer, and Malaria Surveillance and Epidemiology Officer.</p>
<p>86. The evaluation criteria for the technical approach on page 40 includes “develops targeted actions to install and strengthen the capacity of local partner organizations in the programmatic, administrative, finance and monitoring areas” and “sound transition plans to GOT and local implementing partners”. However, the NOFO (unlike the RFI) does not explicitly mention capacity strengthening support to local organizations. Can the Mission please clarify their expectations for this evaluation criteria</p>	<p>TMCM Activity will provide technical support in the areas of case management and malaria in pregnancy to the TMSA Activity.</p>
<p>87. In Section E, Application Review Information, under “Merit Review Criterion,” (p. 39) sub-criterion 2.1 and 2.2 are mentioned, but sub-criterion 2.2 is not defined. Could USAID kindly define this sub-criterion?</p>	<p>Criterion 2: Management and Staffing Approach has only one sub criterion i.e. 2.1: Key Personnel that share equal importance to criterion 2.</p>
<p>88. P.39, under section 3. Merit Review Criterion references ‘sub criterion 2.2’: “Within Criterion 2, sub criterion 2.1 and sub criterion 2.2 share equal importance.”. However, only sub criterion 2.1 is listed on subsequent pages. Can USAID please clarify if there is a sub criterion 2.2?</p>	<p>Criterion 2: Management and Staffing Approach has only one sub criterion i.e. 2.1: Key Personnel that share equal importance to criterion 2.</p>
<p>89. Section E.1, page 40, states that the technical approach will be evaluated on “ambitious and realistic targets for indicators to support results.” Can USAID clarify if the indicator table should include both annual and life of project (LOP) targets?</p>	<p>Follow the NOFO instructions/requirements on the MEL plan, indicators, etc.</p>
<p>90. In Section E.1 on page 39, the NOFO states that “Within Criterion 2, sub criterion 2.1 and sub criterion 2.2 share equal importance.” However, only one sub-criterion (2.1 Key Personnel) is listed. Could USAID clarify what sub-criterion 2.2 is?</p>	<p>Criterion 2: Management and Staffing Approach has only one sub criterion i.e. 2.1: Key Personnel that share equal importance to criterion 2.</p>
<p>91. Page 39 states: “The following merit review criterion and sub criterion are listed in order of importance starting with the most important criterion listed first. Therefore, Criterion 1 (Technical Approach) is more important than Criterion 2 (Management and Staffing Approach). Within Criterion 2, sub criterion 2.1 and sub criterion 2.2 share equal importance.” However, the box under 1. Criteria on page 39 does not list a sub criterion 2.2. Sub criterion 2.1 is listed as “Key</p>	<p>Criterion 2: Management and Staffing Approach has only one sub criterion i.e. 2.1: Key Personnel that share equal importance to criterion 2.</p>

<p>Personnel.” Could USAID please clarify the sub criterion 2.2?</p>	
<p>92. While Sections B.3 and E.3 list the four Key Personnel as the Chief of Party, Finance and Administration Director, Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer, and Malaria Surveillance and Epidemiology Officer, Section D.5(v) states that “USAID has specified two positions as Key Personnel, including a Chief of Party and a Deputy Chief of Party. “Could USAID clarify which set of Key Personnel the offeror must furnish?</p>	<p>Applicants are required to propose four key personnel i.e. Chief of Party, Finance and Administration Director, Malaria Entomology and Vector Control Officer, and Malaria Surveillance and Epidemiology Officer.</p>
<p>SECTION F: FEDERAL AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION</p>	
<p>93. Page 47 says “Major commodities and equipment to be procured when applicable.” Can USAID clarify what type of commodities and equipment might be procured through this activity?</p>	<p>The narrative provided on Page 47 is general, therefore applicants can provide cost estimates for any Commodities or equipment that are inline with the activity implementation.</p>
<p>94. The NOFO (page 50) refers to Reporting on Foreign Taxes stating that the Recipient must comply with the Standard Provision set forth in Attachment C of the Cooperative Agreement. Please provide "Attachment C" as it is not included in the documents that were posted on grants.gov.</p>	<p>The narrative intends to indicate that the specified provision will be included in attachment C of the Cooperative Agreement that will result from this funding opportunity.</p>
<p>95. On page 48, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning, it states “All data related to beneficiaries must be disaggregated by age and sex - male (M)/female (F)/total.” Should the recipient also be prepared to disaggregate data between the mainland and Zanzibar?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>SECTION H: OTHER INFORMATION</p>	
<p>96. Section H.5, page 68, states that “It is expected that the Recipient will jointly plan, collaborate, and share information with other USAID-funded implementers to learn, bring best practices to scale, and ensure that OVC Next Generation activity beneficiaries benefit from the integration of activities.” Can USAID please clarify if the reference to OVC Next Generation a typo?</p>	<p>Yes, it is typo</p>
<p>ANNEXES</p>	

<p>97. On page 69 of the NOFO, Annex 1 - Summary Budget Template shows a four-year template. Please confirm the Activity is a five-year program and requires a five-year budget.</p>	<p>The Budget summary should be for 5 years.</p>
<p>98. Page 69, Please confirm that the budget summary should be for 5 years as opposed to 4.</p>	<p>The Budget summary should be for 5 years.</p>
<p>99. In Section D.5 Technical Application Format, the NOFO states that the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Plan should be an annex and further list instructions for Annex C (Draft Year One Work Plan), Annex F (Organizational Chart), Annex G (Key Personnel CVs), and Annex H (Key Personnel Letters of Commitment). Could USAID clarify what offerors should label and/or include as Annexes A, B, D, and E</p>	<p>The following is the list of Annexes that the applicant should provide with the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annex A - Draft MEL Plan ● Annex B - Draft first year Work Plan ● Annex C - Organizational chart ● Annex D - CVs for proposed Key Personnel Candidates ● Annex E - Letters of Commitment
<p>100. Could USAID confirm the list of Annexes that the applicant should provide? Currently the NOFO mentions a MEL plan and Draft Year 1 work plan (presumably annexes A and B), and then Annex F Organizational Chart, Annex G CVs for Key Personnel Candidates, and Annex H Letters of Commitment for Key Personnel Candidates. Could USAID confirm that this is the full list and that they should be instead labeled Annexes A – E?</p>	<p>The following is the list of Annexes that the applicant should provide with the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annex A - Draft MEL Plan ● Annex B - Draft first year Work Plan ● Annex C - Organizational chart ● Annex D - CVs for proposed Key Personnel Candidates ● Annex E - Letters of Commitment
<p>GENERAL QUESTIONS</p>	
<p>101. The RFI included support for TES on the Mainland and in Zanzibar, however, the NOFO does not include TES for either Mainland or Zanzibar. Is this an omission? Does the Mission expect the activity to support TES on the Mainland or Zanzibar</p>	<p>No, this activity will not support TES</p>
<p>102. We interpret from the TMCM NOFO that USAID expects the recipient of this award to deliver technical assistance and capacity building support to the recipient of the “Tanzania Malaria Surveillance Activity” award, but this is not explicitly stated in either application request. Can USAID kindly confirm that this interpretation is correct</p>	<p>This understanding is correct. Support will be given to the recipient of the TMSA award.</p>
<p>103. Can organization or consortium apply for one specific intervention? - <i>for example Malaria elimination in Zanzibar alone</i></p>	<p>No. Organization or consortium is supposed to apply for all the Interventions areas identified on the NOFO</p>
<p>104. Can organization solely apply for this funding in case it has experience across all stipulated interventions?</p>	<p>Yes, organization scan apply solely on this Funding Opportunity.</p>

<p>105. Page 1 of Attachment 8 indicates that “VAT payments on transactions under \$500 are allowable.” Can USAID please clarify if all budgeted cost estimates—those under \$500 as well as those over \$500—should be budgeted inclusive of VAT (as applicable)?</p>	<p>all Budget Cost Estimates should be budgeted exclusive of VAT.</p>
<p>106. Can USAID please provide more clarity on how the two TCMC projects will collaborate and integrate across similar scopes and objectives. For example, will USAID and implementing partners work together on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Will the two projects start at the same time and coordinate or stagger activities. b. If local entities are included in both projects, will capacity building initiatives be streamlined. c. Are technical scopes similar between the two projects at district level? Does USAID have a vision for how these activities can be complementary and not duplicative. d. Both projects include TA to NACP and ZAMEP, what are the ways to coordinate and not duplicate. 	<p>There is no TCMC Global and TCMC local. There is TCMC Full and Open and TMSA restricted for Local. Read both NOFO to see and understand the difference.</p>
<p>107. The level of “officer” has different connotations in different countries. For recruitment reasons, would USAID consider revising this title to “Director”?</p>	<p>Follow the NOFO instructions/requirements.</p>
<p>108. Could USAID provide the Tanzania Mission Local Compensation Plan, please?</p>	<p>Local Compensation Plan has been added as an attachment to the NOFO.</p>
<p>109. What is the Mission’s vision for the relationship between the TCMC global and TCMC local activities?</p>	<p>There is no TCMC Global and TCMC local. There is TCMC Full and Open and TMSA restricted for Local. Read both NOFO’s to see and understand the difference.</p>