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**Question 1: I wonder if you are able to tell me whether my presence, without a formal office (we are not incorporated in Zimbabwe) would qualify as a local organization for the purposes of this call? We do not have an office in Harare. If not, are we able to partner with a University in Zimbabwe as a local partner?**

Answer 1: If your organization is not registered in Zimbabwe, regardless of your presence, it would not qualify as a local organization for the purposes of this RFA. If you partner with a registered entity in Zimbabwe, which could include the University of Zimbabwe, then this would fit the requirements of this RFA.

**Question 2: Are partners of the Resilience Food Security Activity eligible to submit an application?**

Answer 2: Yes, partners of the Resilience Food Security Activity are eligible to apply.

**Question 3: I realized that one of the requirements for this application is that: Applicants MUST have an organizational presence in Zimbabwe and/or partner with an organization in Zimbabwe, but I am working with an organization in Uganda.**

Answer 3: Applicants must have an organizational presence in Zimbabwe and/or partner with an organization in Zimbabwe.

**Question 4: Is this RFA/ call open or closed to certain organisations?**

Answer 4: This is an open call.

**Question 5: To enable us to prepare our proposal and response to the RFA, we wish to ask if it is possible for us to be provided with more detailed information on the Multiple-Use Water Services concept and in particular detailed reports on the two focus areas of Resilience Food Security Activities (RFSA) in the Republic of Zimbabwe (Amalimo Loko and Takunda)? This information will enable us to conduct a desktop study of the status-quo of the two projects implemented in Zimbabwe.**

Answer 5: Detailed reports will not be shared at this point in time. However, as part of the inception work, the selected research partner will work closely with the Amalimo Loko and Takunda RFSA's to review any existing data and reports related to the MUS work.

**Question 6: Is there any arrangements that can be made for site visits prior to submission of our response to the RFA in order for us to have a clear understanding of the concept and the scope of works for this project. The site visit would enable us to design relevant research methodologies and approaches from an informed position if we are to be responsive enough to the RFA.**

Answer 6: No site visits are available before the selection of the research partner. Site visits can be considered as part of the inception phase to ensure that the final study methodology is responsive to the context.

**Question 7: It is our understanding (from reading the documents) that partnerships for implementing MUS systems already exist in Zimbabwe. We are requesting for additional**

**details on the identity of the partners/ composition of the partnerships as this will enable us to estimate logistical requirements and guide strategy formulation in executing the study. For instance, it becomes easier to come up with appropriate sampling strategies.**

Answer 7: Identities of the partners, their locations and the expected number of sites are provided in the RFA.

**Question 8: We are also requesting details pertaining to the geographical location and/or spatial coverage of Takunda and Amalima Loko intervention areas. This will not only guide sampling but will also enable the consultant to make reasonable estimates on the distances to be covered as well as transport requirements and therefore ensure that costing is done from an informed position.**

Answer 8: This and additional information is found on page 3 of the RFA. Amalima Loko is being implemented in five districts of Zimbabwe's Matabeleland North: Binga, Hwagne, Lupane, Nkayi and Tsholotsho. Takunda is being implemented in two provinces: Masvingo (Chivi and Zaka Districts) and Manicaland (Mutare and Buhera Districts).

**Question 9: Would you please confirm whether MUS systems already exist in the intervention areas as this will provide guidance on the methodologies to be used. For instance, this becomes the basis for determining whether case studies can be used to shed more light on what is on the ground.**

Answer 9: Both Amalima Loko and Takunda have MUS systems in at least some of their current target districts that were established under the previous Development Food Security Activities (DFSAs), although neither Amalima Loko nor Takunda have new MUS established yet under their current programs.

**Question 10: Lastly it is not very clear whether the RFA is open to private consulting companies or whether consideration will only be given to NGOs.**

Answer 10: This RFA is open to all eligible subawardees who can receive money from the US Government (2 CFR 200.1). This means any non-federal entity (defined as a state, local government, Indian tribe, institution of higher education, or nonprofit organization, as in 2 CFR 200.69), or for-profit companies can apply. Individuals are not eligible to apply for this RFA. Please note that at the time of award, all entities must have a DUNS number to receive funding under this RFA.

**Question 11: Can you provide MUS documentation on Amalima and Ensure?**

Answer 11: Available information will be provided as part of the inception phase to the selected researcher.

**Question 12: Information on the water sources and technology types being implemented under Takunda and Amalima Loko**

Answer 12: Please see Annex B of the RFA.

**Question 13: Information on MUS interventions under Takunda and Amalima loko**

Answer 13: Please see the RFA and Annex B.

**Question 14: Regarding the DUNS, our university does not have it. We have a company registration number, so our question is does it serve the same purpose or do we need a DUNS number? Is it possible to apply for the number after you have submitted the proposal or one should be having it prior to submission?**

The DUNS number is a different number than a company registration number. In order to receive federal assistance from the US government, all entities must have a DUNS number (for more information and how to apply for a DUNS number, please see the website: <https://www.grants.gov/applicants/organization-registration/step-1-obtain-duns-number.html>). At time of application for this RFA, all applicants must either have a DUNS number or be in the process of applying for a DUNS number. This process needs to be completed and the successful applicant must have a DUNS number by the time the sub-awardee is awarded.

**Question 15: I really wish this funding opportunity could be extended to Mozambique.**

Answer 13: This RFA is for Zimbabwe. Please watch our website for additional opportunities for other countries. Website: <https://www.fsnnetwork.org/>