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Request for Applications RFA-22-030

Identifying Barriers to Electoral Participation of Indigenous Peoples, Global

Questions and Answers

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Q1. “Can the [recipient] target 3-5 countries be in the same continent? For example all in Africa.”

IFES Reponses: The selected partner will be expected to target countries in at least three of the following regions: Latin America and the Caribbean, Middle East and North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe and Eurasia. As such, applications that include target countries identified in only one or two regions will be deprioritized.

Q2. “Can the implementing partner utilize the service of consultants in the chosen countries to conduct the data collection?”

IFES Reponses: Yes, the selected partner can budget for consultant services.

Q3. “What are the terms and conditions attached?”

IFES Reponses: They are about, Non-Disclosure Agreement, Zero Tolerance for Fraud, Intellectual Property requirement, Governing Law and location, Partial Awarding, etc. For more information, please read the RFA.

Q4. “How are regions defined by IFES? Is South East Asia a separate region from South Asia?”

IFES Reponses: IFES considers the following as distinct regions: Latin America and the Caribbean, Middle East and North Africa, Europe and Eurasia Subsaharan Africa, and Asia-Pacific. Both Southeast Asia and South Asia fall under the category of Asia-Pacific.

Q5. “Does the applicant need to guarantee the ability to work in all regions of the world, or can the applicant make suggestions for focus countries that are based on its own geographic reach?”

IFES Reponses: All applications must include at least three of the five regions. IFES will also connect the successful applicant to its own networks, including relevant country offices, where appropriate.

Q6. “Is an applicant able to enter into partnerships with other organisations should the applicant not have a geographic reach that spans beyond one or two regions?”

IFES Reponses: The RFA does not prohibit partnerships or consortia.

Q7. “Is there an expected minimum number of focus groups per country and/or minimum number of participants per focus group?”

IFES Reponses: The RFA does not require a minimum number of focus groups per country nor minimum number of participants per focus group. The successful applicant will demonstrate an approach that collects sufficient information to answer the research questions.

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