

**CLARIFICATION #2: Procurement of Consulting Services for
Ratmate Livelihood Restoration Program (LRP) Implementation
(MCA-NEPAL/ETP/QCBS/007)**

No.	Question/Requested Clarification	Answer/Response to Request for Clarification
1	<p>Could you please confirm that the COVID 19 Risk Mitigation Plan is to be completed after the award has been made?</p>	<p>The COVID 19 Risk Mitigation Plan need to be filled and submitted by all Consultants with the proposal. However, for the awarded Consultant, the Plan will need to be updated and approved by MCA and MCC before mobilization takes place.</p>
2	<p>ITC #12.4(c) reads: The RFP may provide either, but never both, the estimated budget or the estimated level of effort of key staff. The estimated budget or the estimated number of person-months for Key Professional Personnel envisaged to execute the assignment may be provided in the PDS. However, the evaluation of the Proposal shall be based on the price and number of person-months estimated by each Consultant in its respective Proposal.</p> <p>PDS #12.4(c) reads: The estimated budget for the assignment is: US\$ 1,162,000.00 (One Million One Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand United States Dollar).</p> <p>Therefore, request to confirm that evaluation of the Proposal shall be based on the price, and not on the number of person-months estimated by each Consultant?</p>	<p>During the technical evaluation the personnel (level of effort, qualifications and experience) proposed by the Consultant shall be evaluated.</p> <p>During the financial evaluation the price quoted by the Consultant shall be evaluated and incorporated into the QCBS formula to determine the combined score for each firm.</p> <p>It should be understood that the technical and financial evaluation that MCA-Nepal will conduct on the submitted proposals will be based on the Consultant's submission rather than on the MCA-Nepal estimations.</p>
3	<p>PDS #1.5 reads: VAT registration is required for Consulting Firms.</p> <p>a. Request to confirm whether the TPIN/VAT registration requirement is for bidding or only for entering into contract?</p>	<p>a. The VAT registration requirement is for entering into Contract not for bidding.</p> <p>b. All Consultants are required to quote excluding VAT. The VAT shall be added only to the price quoted by local consultants. The financial evaluation of proposals shall be done excluding VAT.</p>

	<p>b. Since some bidders (International) may be eligible for VAT reimbursement, and others (National) will not be eligible per the Compact tax exemption clauses, Please confirm that VAT amount will not be included in the financial proposal amount (Fm) used in the calculation of the financial score (Sf) mentioned in Clause 25.10.</p>	