

## Q & A

### **Contractor to conduct a Research on Family Planning Needs, Awareness, Attitudes, Practices and Barriers in Maldives**

Q: In your evaluation criteria, you have mentioned 20% would be given to Prior experience of handling works of this nature (examples of similar services provided, References, etc.). Does this condition/criteria apply to the company or to the individuals working with the company.

**A: Prior experience will be evaluated based on the relevant past research experience of the team as a whole. Individuals in the team must have the academic qualifications as in the RFQ document.**

Q: Is it essential for the organization to be present in / physically conduct the research in Maldives, provided improvement in COVID-19 situation?

**A: As there is the expectation to travel to one atoll if the situation allows, it would be preferable but not necessary as virtual options can be explored for the field visit.**

Q: Is it possible to visit and meet relevant stakeholders for focus group interviews during Saturdays and Sundays?

**A: Weekdays in Maldives are Sunday to Thursday, therefore it is expected the stakeholder interviews are conducted during the weekdays. However, to meet the beneficiaries (especially outside of Male'), past experience shows weekends are better.**

Q: Please let us know about any special logistical details such as travel, accommodation, foods for costing purposes.

**A: Travel and Logistic costs should be included separately in the price quotation form (price quotation form updated)**

Q: Will a list of relevant stakeholders by post or designation be provided or do we have to do our own search?

**A: Based on your proposed methodology, UNFPA will facilitate necessary content, resources and contacts.**

Q: Will the documents for desk review be provided by UNFPA to the contractor or should the contractor find it themselves?

**A: Same as above**

Q: Which currency are quotations accepted in?.

**A: Quotations can only be accepted in MVR or USD. Preferably MVR.**

Q: What is the expectation of the population to cover?

**A: This is qualitative research and we have only expected field visits in Male' and in one atoll to cover different levels of development. Quantitative data can be retrieved from the Maldives Demographic Health Surveys (DHS)**

Q: We would like to clarify if a survey is required in this consultancy to provide evidence of the practices undertaken by the reproductive age groups in the different parts of the Maldives.

**A: It is not envisaged to conduct a survey, as this research is expected to be qualitative. Quantitative data can be analyzed or drawn from DHS.**