

Pre-Bid Queries: Invitation for Proposals - Elder Care Economy and Gender and Climate Change

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1	<p>The RFP mentions two separate projects. We wanted to understand the following and seek your response on the queries -</p> <p>i) Both RFPs have mentioned NGOs and academic institutions ? By NGO's , will you only consider NGOs and non - profits , or can we as a public policy advisory and research organisation registered as a LLP, with a track record of working with UN bodies on research initiatives, is eligible to apply ?</p> <p>ii) Is there a provision / allowance for joint ventures or two organisations jointly applying as a team ?</p> <p>iii) If (ii) is not possible, can we have experts / team members from partner organisations shown as external consultants in the team structure ?</p>	<p>i) Government organizations, UN agencies, non-governmental organizations, and non-governmental academic institutions are eligible to apply under this IFP. Private sector entities are not eligible.</p> <p>ii) Applications must be submitted individually. However, an organization can, according to its own policies and procedures, choose to partner with another organization as a co-partner or sub-grantee to collaborate on the project. While the primary applicant will be responsible for the submission, this partnership can be detailed in the proposal, specifying the roles and responsibilities of each partner or sub-grantee. Please note that a private sector entity cannot be a partner.</p> <p>iii) Yes</p>
2	<p>We are writing to seek clarification regarding the research study on gender and climate change with a deadline for submission on 12th Feb, specifically about the selection of target states. The Invitation for Proposals mentions eight states, namely Himachal Pradesh, Assam/Meghalaya, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Bihar, and Rajasthan.</p> <p>We would like to know if it is possible to focus on only Bihar as the target state for the research, or if the study mandates that the agency must address the entire geographic area of the selected states.</p> <p>Understanding this requirement is crucial for our planning and decision-making process and we would greatly appreciate your guidance on this matter.</p> <p>Looking forward to your response,</p>	<p>In order to capture various typology of climate conditions occurring in various parts of the country, it is proposed to study beyond Bihar and include other states as well, as this will be a comprehensive study covering multiple locations.</p>

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3	<p>We look forward to submitting our Proposals for Re-imagining the Elder Care Economy in India and Gender and Climate Change. However, we had a few questions pertaining to the IFP on Elder Care Economy that wish to clarify before we apply. They are as follows:</p> <p>Sample Size Requirements: The scope of work suggests surveying elderly people to fill in data gaps, could you specify if there is a minimum sample size required for the primary survey that you are envisaging, further, is there a separate predefined budget set aside for conducting the primary survey?</p> <p>Scope of Recommendations: Are the recommendations expected from this study intended primarily for state policy intervention, or are they also aimed at guiding market-driven solutions?</p> <p>Research Study Monitoring: The format to be used by the agency to submit the proposal, has a section on "Monitoring systems with key monitoring indicators"; could you clarify the expectations for these in the context of the research study? Does this pertain to monitoring our research work, or are we expected to develop a framework to track recommendations?</p> <p>We request you to clarify the above questions so that we may design our proposal accordingly.</p>	<p>Sample Size Requirements: Yes a minimum sample size will be required which the agency may reflect in the proposal. We envisage selecting a few states, hence please take a call to select states given the diversity of ageing population and elaborate on the minimum sample size. The budget for the survey should be part of the overall budget proposed by the agency.</p> <p>Scope of Recommendations: The scope of the recommendations should be primarily focused for policy intervention, however, information on the status of the care economy can be valuable information for the private sector who would assess the market potentials and act accordingly.</p> <p>Monitoring System: UNFPA work plan requires to draw a monitoring plan with specific indicators to assess the project progress and meeting the timeline of the deliverables. This pertains to monitoring of the research activities and various steps, including development of recommendations framework etc. but not tracking the implementation of the recommendations by states of national government.</p>