



Questions and Answers

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Annexes	Annex A: Budget Template

- 1. Question:** We understand that the interim period is February 2019 – March 2019 (page 7). Could you please clarify, whether this period includes the data collection start-up (preparation) until post-data collection? Or, this period means only for the data collection.

SI Response: This period includes both data preparation and collection. Data collection is expected to run approximately 4 weeks and is recommended to finish prior to the start of the Indonesian General Elections. Post-data collection, including cleaning and verification may continue into April and May.

- 2. Question:** We are aware that the back-checks will be conducted using a tool developed by SI (page 10). Could you please inform us, whether the tool could be connected/implanted into any program instruments for the data collection that is proposed by subcontracted? And whether the tool could be used to read data in the format of STATA, Excel, CSV, or other database format?

SI Response: The tool will be essentially a very short survey and should be able to be programmed into the software selected by the partner, as well as read into other database formats or software.

SI uses STATA for all data quality assurance and analysis activities, including back checks.

- 3. Question:** Could you please confirm whether this will be a fixed fee for the contracted work or there are some components of reimbursable costs?

SI Response: SI intends to issue a firm fixed-price subcontract.



4. **Question:** Could you please inform us, is there any range or limitation of the proposed budget that is acceptable by SI?

SI Response: There is not a set figure. Proposals should aim to be competitive while ensuring they can meet the staffing, timeline and execution requirements of the RFP. The budget narrative should be clear regarding budget assumptions and is an opportunity to provide justifications for costs.

5. **Question:** in the RFP you request summary of three past performance report. Do you have any particular format for the summary? We found some RFPs required certain format and minimum information provided to be provided in the summary. Probably you have any particular format/basic information needed.

SI Response: We do not have a preferred format for the past performance reports or any standards for the content of the past performance reports aside from those already listed in the RFP. We require only that this includes information on the projects sufficient for us to determine the level of similarity with this assignment, as well as references that we may contact for further information.

6. **Question:** Do we have to submit the cost proposal for 2 waves of end line surveys? The cost for the field work on Feb - March 2019 and also for the field work on Oct - Nov 2020?

SI Response: Yes, the cost proposal should include both rounds of data collection. Note that the final follow-up (in 2020) will be an option period in the contract, exercised only if the midline work is conducted to SI's satisfaction.

7. **Question:** If baseline households cannot be located, can you confirm SI will provide a list of replacement households for both treatment and control areas in advance of data collection?

SI Response: We confirm that SI can provide a list of replacement households for treatment areas in advance of data collection. However, in comparison areas we will have to establish a protocol for selecting replacements in the field, since SI does not possess the comparison sampling frame. We welcome recommendations for a rigorous approach to this in your proposal.