

Bidder questions about the tender “Mid-term review for Global Project II” – 6th September 2021

Question 1:

“Are you looking for a single individual international evaluation consultant or a group of consultants for this 56 day assignment?”

Answer to question 1:

We are looking for either an evaluator or a team. However, the specified 56 days should not be exceeded. The prioritization of tasks will be done jointly with the GRC team to ensure that a realistic timeframe is developed.

Question 2:

“Have GRC sketched out some possible options for evaluation questions?”

Answer to question 2:

The GRC team sees the consultancy rather as a review process than an evaluation. The review process should allow for an adaptation of activities and plans in the last project year and improve the quality of our work.

Possible questions are:

- How are the thematic areas connected? What are good practices on country level (of linked thematic areas)? Where do we see gaps?
- How can the grant manager of GPII ensure that the objectives are reached until end of GPII?
- Where do we see weaknesses (due to Covid-19) and how can we adapt our plans to deliver quality and to reach our objectives?
- Who are the target groups of the 4 thematic pillars? Who is already reached and where do we have to put an emphasis on?
- Etc.

Question 3:

“How fixed is the timeline? is there an (internal or external) deadline for when the evaluation must be delivered by? Is there a time for when the evaluation will be most useful (i.e. redesign of projects etc)?

The timeline is tight – two weeks from contract start to inception report; 2 weeks for all data collection activities etc. The work may benefit from more time for scheduling interviews, for people to respond to a survey, receiving new documents, and for GRC review of outputs (inception report, draft final report etc).”

Answer to question 3:

The GRC team has some flexibilities for the timeline of the review. The review serves as a basis for project adaptations of the last project year (2022) and a planning process for a possible follow-up funding which starts early 2022. Therefore, the results should be delivered latest early 2022.

Question 4:

“How fixed is the allocation of days?”

The work would benefit from an increase in the number of days, for example for inception interviews, and for writing the inception and final evaluation reports.”

Answer to question 4:

From experience of past review processes the number of days fits the purpose. An additional 5 days could be added for some flexibility if needed. The GRC team together with the consultant(s) will ensure through a collaborative prioritization and planning process that the review process produces the necessary outcomes.

Question 5:

“How many projects are under each of the four themes?”

Answer to question 5:

The four themes are “subprojects” of Global Project II “Strengthening of strategic thematic areas” with the objective “Key strategic humanitarian issues and innovative approaches are further developed, implemented and strengthened through thematic cooperation between the German Red Cross (GRC) and the Federal Foreign Office (FFO)”. Under the four thematic pillars, are no direct projects. Projects which are advised by the thematic pillars of GPII are either funding by the FFO GPI “Humanitarian assistance on country level” or by other donors. However, some GPI projects serve for testing of under GPII developed methodologies. The review process will not cover the evaluation of GPI projects.

Question 6:

“Is there an indicative budget?”

Answer to question 6:

The empirical values for similar orders are around 35.000€ (net). However, this is not an upper limit, but only an estimate based on past experience.
