

RFA 004_MHPSS Questions and Answers

Question 1

Can any organization apply for this solicitation?

Answer 1

organizations must be legally recognized entities under applicable law authorized to operate in Sri Lanka, and meet the following experience and capacity requirements to respond to this Request for Applications.

- Track record in supporting knowledge management, capacity-building or coordination in MHPSS.
- Broad networks of MHPSS service providers in Sri Lanka, and familiarity with global or regional technical working groups especially related to COVID-19.
- Existing digital repository of knowledge products related to MHPSS widely recognized and utilized by Sri Lankan MHPSS service providers.
- Developed evidence based toolkits, and other emergency response frameworks that are applicable to COVID-19 pandemic

Question 2:

Is there any specific format to follow when we write the proposal/Application, if not can we write freely?

Answer 2:

Please visit: [https://www.globalcommunities.org/srilanka_page/ Request for Applications/Psychosocial RFA](https://www.globalcommunities.org/srilanka_page/Request_for_Applications/Psychosocial_RFA) to download Proposal and Budget formats.

Question 3:

Is it possible to include capacity building and outreach activities in the proposal to train and mobilize our network partners to work with village level communities / families in addition to providing Mental Health and Psychosocial Support materials in response to the COVID 19 pandemic.?

Answer 3:

Applicants are expected to stay within the activity parameters outlined in Section 1-C: Goals and Objectives of the RFA.

Question 4:

Is it possible to use materials prepared by WHO on COVID 19 for dissemination using physical delivery to target beneficiaries? Or Do you allow only an online platform for material dissemination? Can we prepare new materials in different forms?

Answer 4:

Physical dissemination solutions are discouraged. Materials prepared by WHO on COVID 19 are acceptable provided they meet the activity parameters outlined in Section 1-C: Goals and Objectives of the RFA.

Question 5:

Is there a facility to improve incomes of target families by operating a revolving loan fund obtained through the project?

Answer 5:

Applicants are expected to stay within the activity parameters outlined in Section 1-C: Goals and Objectives of the RFA.

Question 6:

How long does it take to register with SAM once a DUNS number is obtained?

Answer 6:

2-3 working days

Question 7:

Could we reach out only to COVID 19 affected families or any vulnerable families?

Answer 7:

The intended audience for material and resources to be designed or to be made available through this solicitation are MHPSS practitioners and service delivery professionals. Applicants are expected to stay within the activity parameters outlined in Section 1-C: Goals and Objectives of the RFA.

Question 8

Can we also include NCD related prevention programmes in this proposal to move with COVID 19 issue as NCD affected people will need such support. ?

Answer 8

Applicants are expected to stay within the activity parameters outlined in Section 1-C: Goals and Objectives of the RFA.

Question 9

When is the closing date of this solicitation?

Answer 9:

15 August 2020

Question 10

In the RFA document downloaded from the website indicated there are 5 Envisioned activities/interventions can include but not limited. Can we submit our proposal considering 1-2 interventions or do we need to cover all.

Answer 10:

As outlined in Section 5: Award and Administration Information of the RFA, Global Communities plans on awarding only 1 grant under this solicitation. As such, applicants are expected to submit proposals that address all activity parameters outlined in Section 1-C: Goals and Objectives of the RFA.