

ANSWERS TO CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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Question 1:

To what extent will work on location in Samoa be required for the assignment? Will it be possible to consult with relevant stakeholders in Samoa by electronic means in the case of COVID-19 related travel restrictions?

Response:

Consultants will need to liaise with the Environment Sector Coordination Division (ESCD) of MNRE for the development of the report. If based outside of Samoa, this can be done remotely utilizing teleconferencing software such as Zoom or Microsoft Teams and should be reflected in the Technical Proposal.

Question 2:

Criterion iii. mentions extensive experience in EIAs, SEAs and IEAs. Is it expected that one or more of these assessment frameworks are part of the proposed methodology?

Response:

No, though a good understanding of these frameworks will be important in producing the SOE report. The EIA process impacts the condition of key environmental indicators

Question 3:

Under activity 4 in the timeline, the consultant is expected to collect and analyze data. Will the data for the assessment be available through the involved government departments, or is the consultant expected to collect data from other sources?

Response:

Consultants will need to work together with the ESCD team of MNRE to collect and analyze all relevant data. Government ministries are the primary data providers but other data providers also include stakeholders in the private sector. Data collection is a key part of the consultancy and “boots on the ground” will be helpful to get access to the data in a timely manner.

Question 4:

Activity 5 refers to the implementation of “6 stakeholder consultations”. Are these stakeholders already identified, or may the consultant apply a more open stakeholder consultation approach?

Response:

Consultants will need to work together with the ESCD team of MNRE to identify and engage existing stakeholders and any new stakeholders as required for the consultations.