

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Solicitation No. RFP-JUB-2021-0001

Title: Baseline Survey for Performance and Context Outcome Indicators

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Questions Due: February 17, 2021 09h00 East Africa time

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Subject: USAID Contract No. 72066820C00003

Project Name: Promoting Civic Engagement and Peace (PCEP) Activity

DT Global, the implementer of the Project Name under USAID Contract No. 72066820C00003, invites proposals for PCEP as described in Attachment I "Statement of Work."

Under contract with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), DT Global is implementing a five-year, Promoting Civic Engagement and Peace (USAID/PCEP) Activity in South Sudan. USAID/PCEP will build the foundation for a more stable and socially cohesive South Sudan that will enable local actors to build community cohesion to promote peace processes and peaceful coexistence; civil society actors to advocate for peace and reconciliation and participate in civic processes; provide trauma awareness services to communities; and access to media that is providing accurate, fair and thorough information to mitigate the impact of rumor and misinformation. USAID/PCEP intends to program in Juba, as well Unity, Western Bahr el Ghazal, Upper Nile, Jonglei, and Eastern Equatoria states, although geographic focus may shift.

The overarching goal of USAID/South Sudan is to 'Strengthen the foundation for a more self-reliant South Sudan.' In furtherance of this goal, it has aligned the USAID/PCEP Activity with its Mission Objective 3 'Improved Social Cohesions in Targeted Areas.' This serves as USAID/PCEPs overarching Goal. To achieve progress against this goal, USAID/PCEP is working toward the achievement of the following four objectives:

- 1) Local actors are building crossline interdependence and intra-community cohesion to promote peace processes and peaceful co-existence
- 2) Civil society actors are advocating for peace, justice, reconciliation, and reform; and participating in political and civic processes
- 3) Key partners are providing trauma awareness services to communities
- 4) Print, radio, and other media are providing accurate, fair and thorough information to mitigate the destructive impact of rumor and misinformation

To be considered under the solicitation process, the Offeror should submit a complete proposal by the means indicated herein no later than the closing date and time indicated above. Offerors should ensure that the proposals are well written, easy to read and follow, and contain only the requested information.

- Proposals should be submitted electronically via email to: <u>pcep-administration@dt-global.com</u>
- All questions relating to this solicitation must be submitted electronically via email to: <u>pcep-administration@dt-global.com</u>



- o The solicitation number above must also be mentioned in the subject of the email.
- Proposals must be submitted separately via two different emails. The first email shall include the technical proposal as an attachment and should be named "Technical Proposal" and the second email shall include the cost/business proposal and should be named "Business Proposal."

Attachments:

- Attachment I Statement of Work
- Attachment II Evaluation Criteria
- Attachment III Instructions to Offerors
- Attachment VI Pricing Table
- Attachment V Prime Contract Flow-Down Clauses



ATTACHMENT I. STATEMENT OF WORK

USAID/PCEP requires a subcontractor to conduct a baseline survey to inform the Activity's Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Plan's (MELP) outcome indicators. The indicators and their definitions have been finalized and the general geographical locations where USAID/PCEP will implement activities can be derived from the Year 1 Work Plan. The relevant parts of the work plan will be shared with the winning bidder.

In response to the technical considerations outlined here below, bidders are expected to demonstrate their capacity to carry out the assignment by addressing the following:

[A] TECHNICAL DESIGN

- 1. Pre-Fieldwork activities:
 - a. Tool Design
 - b. Testing
 - c. Training
- 2. <u>Sampling Approach</u> to be used in the field data collection in order to select and identify households or sampling units. The approach must ensure **minimum**, **but statistically acceptable**, **sample size because of cost considerations**. The approach must also ensure adequate representation and with no bias. This sampling plan must include, at a minimum:
 - a. Description of the sampling method to be used (quota sampling, etc.);
 - b. Sample size, by target geographic location, and its distribution to the main population groups;
 - c. How the overall sample will be allocated to the various clusters, counties within clusters, and to the extent possible the sample allocation to the various USAID/PCEP intervention sites within counties. (The winning bidder will be provided with the relevant parts of USAID/PCEP Year 1 Work Plan to inform this. Also note that the final sample sizes and indicators for each USAID/PCEP intervention site will be discussed and agreed up on with the successful bidder.); and
 - d. Approach to ensuring, to the extent possible, gender and social inclusion considerations have been accounted for within the sampling framework.
- 3. The indicators, from the full set provided, whose data will be collected from each of the USAID/PCEP intervention sites (full set of outcome indicators is in Annex 1 and their indicator reference sheets in Annex 3). This is because different interventions may be implemented at different locations and in different intensities within the same county. This is also the reason USAID/PCEP MELP indicators always emphasize "...in USAID/PCEP targeted areas".
- 4. <u>Data Quality Assurance Mechanisms</u> to be instituted to ensure high quality field data collection for both quantitative and qualitative data collection. At a minimum, please address the following:
 - a. Approach to data validation, including both in-field and desk validation activities; and
 - b. Approach to data security.
- 5. Quantitative Data Analysis Methods and Plans to be used, including presentations and reporting.



- 6. <u>Qualitative Data Collection and Analysis Methods</u> to be employed including; (a) how to identify and locate the various informants, and (b) how quantitative and qualitative data will be used together.
- 7. COVID-19 Effects on Data Collection, and the mitigation measures taken to minimize these effects.
- [B] EXPERIENCE CONDUCTING SIMILAR ASSIGNMENTS IN SOUTH SUDAN or related environments

[C] NUMBER & QUALIFICATIONS OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO EXCECUTE ASSIGNMENT, including management/reporting structure and roles/responsibilities of proposed team members

[D] OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Research ethics
- Cultural and gender considerations
- Subcontractor and respondent safety and security protocols
- Subcontractor's commitment to adherence with applicable USAID branding and marking policies

[E] DATA MANAGEMENT APPROACH INCLUDING TRANSFER TO USAID/PCEP

I. IMPORTANT TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Quantitative Survey

- Ensure adequate sample size to ensure all MELP survey-related indicators, and their disaggregations, can be estimated robustly in order to detect significant differences of 4% or higher across the key dis-aggregations, i.e. cluster, ethnic group, gender, youth/older, and cluster-level cross-disaggregation of gender with the two age categories, and/or other dis-aggregations depending on the indicator (these dis-aggregations of interest are specified in the MELP Indicator Performance Table -Annex 2).
- There are 13 counties within 5 clusters but most estimates are at cluster level, apart from one or two indicators where there is need for estimate at county level. Table 1 lists these clusters and counties, as well as the tentative sites in which USAID/PCEP will implement activities.
- There are several inter and intra ethnic groups of interest, with at least one in any one of the 13 counties and at most three in one county as shown in Table 1.
- Assume that for each sub-population, mostly captured by inter or intra ethnic groups, may be in three main population settlements and that perhaps one of those settlements may be affected differently in the conflict and therefore need some sample representation. Also, bear in mind that different USAID/PCEP objectives may be implemented in slightly different locations. The locations of the various USAID/PCEP activities, by objective, are in Table 1.

Qualitative Survey

• Conduct adequate and defensible qualitative data that follows the quantitative survey to explain the "why" or "how" certain findings of the quantitative survey are the way they are – i.e. provide explanations for unexpectedly low or unexpectedly high estimates of certain indicators or simply provide additional context to explain findings.



Data Collection Scope

• In all cases, data must be collected only in USAID/PCEP-focus areas and no data should be collected outside the 13 counties listed in Table 1.

II. KEY OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES

- An inception report of the methodology that will be used. This should clearly outline the suggested approach, including primary data collection tools, data analysis plan, final report template, etc.
- An indicative or proposed list of key informants/interviewees and focus group discussions, for review and comments and/or suggestions from USAID/PCEP.
- A validation meeting and presentation of preliminary findings (mid-assignment) and a workshop for presentation of final survey results.
- Soft copy of the draft final report. Final report to include annexes of datasets inclusive of:
 - o Raw data and codebook(s) as relevant, each respondent must have a GPS coordinate;
 - O Data collection tools, and a list of key informant respondents;
 - o A map showing areas of data collection by indicator; and
 - o The final report must not exceed 40 pages, including annexes.

III. TIMEFRAME

• The timeframe for this consultancy is for a period of **up to two months** from the time the contract is signed.



ANNEXES AND TABLES

TABLE I: Profile of USAID/PCEP Activities

Cluster	County	County Population (bidder to fill in population estimates and indicate data source)	Inter or Intra Ethnic Groups that may be involved in conflict	USAID/PCEP Objective implemented in county
Southern Unity	Mayendit		Nuer (Haak)	1, 2, 3, 4
Southern Unity	Leer		Nuer (Dok)	1, 2, 3, 4
Southern Unity	Panyijar		Nuer (Nyuong)	1, 2, 3, 4
Eastern Equitoria	Kapoeta North		Toposa, Boya	1, 2, 3, 4
Eastern Equitoria	Budi		Didinga, Boya	1, 2, 3, 4
Western Bahr-el Ghazal	Wau		Luo, Fertit, Dinka	1, 2, 3, 4
Western Bahr-el Ghazal	Jur River		Luo (Dinka pastoralists migrate through)	1, 2, 3, 4
Jonglei	Akobo		Nuer (Lou)	1, 2, 3, 4
Jonglei	Duk		Dinka (Hol)	1, 2, 3, 4
Jonglei	Pibor		Murle, Jie	1, 2, 3, 4
Jonglei	Uror		Nuer (Lou)	1, 2, 3, 4
Upper Nile	Baliet		Dinka (Abiliang)	1, 2, 3, 4
Upper Nile	Ulang		Nuer (Jikany)	1, 2, 3, 4



ANNEX I: INDICATORS

Performance outcome indicators

- Social Cohesion Index (or Community Peace Index)
 - o % of community members reporting that they (respondent or other household member) are part of, or aware of, a local (community-led) conflict prevention, resolution or mitigation mechanism that was developed within the last 12 months in USAID/PCEP targeted areas.
 - o % of USAID focus counties (13) with a functional mechanism for conflict prevention, dialogue and conflict resolution. A county will be deemed to have a functional mechanism when 50% or more of the community members in USAID/PCEP targeted areas that answer "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" to the statement. "I can always confidently turn to the County leadership, police, courts, or other official structure in case of imminent conflict, redress in case of a violation or insecurity."
 - o % of community members who do not believe that violence is a viable way to resolve disputes, in USAID/PCEP targeted areas.
 - o % of community members reporting that their personal safety and security has increased over the last 12 months, in USAID/PCEP targeted areas. Those answering "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" to the statement. "my security or that of my family, has improved in the past year."
 - % of community members reporting having initiated or increased interaction or relationship (in the past 18 months) with members for whom they had strained relationship or past conflict, in USAID/PCEP targeted areas. Relationship could be of any type-trade, cultural (marriage, sport, camps), or even membership of same peace committee.
- % local community members reporting increased trust towards those that they have had a strained past or conflict, in USAID/PCEP targeted areas, in the past 18 months.
- % of community members, in USAID/PCEP targeted areas, reporting that key conflicts (namely; cattle raid/theft, revenge killing, child abduction, or rape) have reduced in the past 18 months.
- % local community members who believe that traditional authorities are playing their role in conflict prevention, resolution, or mitigation.
- % of community members, reporting a having heard/seen a USAID/PCEP-related peace or civic education message in the past 12 months.
- % of community members with awareness of trauma in USAID/PCEP targeted areas.

Context indicators by cluster and by county

- % of population (15+yrs) with regular access to radio within or outside their household.
- % of population (15+yrs) with who listen to (i) radio (ii) news -regularly.
- % of population (15+yrs) reporting that their most trusted source of information is (i) radio, (ii) social media (iii) relatives, (iv) friends, (iv) leaders, and so forth



ANNEX 2: BRIEF INDICATOR DESCRIPTION AND DIS-AGGREGATIONS

Performance Indicator Title	Indicator Definition And [Unit of Measurement]	Data Source	Dis-aggregation
(I) Social Cohesion/ Community Peace Index	An index made up of five indicators, each of which measuring one of 5 (five) specified outcomes of successful peacebuilding program [Fraction]	Survey	Overall, Cluster, Ethnic Group, Gender, Age (Youth, Older)
Objective 1: Local actors are building of peace processes & peaceful co-existence (2) % local community members reporting increased trust towards those that they have had a strained past or conflict, in USAID/PCEP targeted areas, in the past 18 months	-	& intra- comm	Trust Type (overall, in local peace processes, in members of same community, in members of different ethnic group) Cluster, Ethnic Group;
(3) % of community members, in USAID/PCEP targeted areas, reporting that key conflicts (namely; cattle raid/theft, revenge killing, child abduction, or rape) have reduced in the past 18 months	A community perception measure of trends in conflicts. It is expected that with more impactful interventions the incidence of conflicts would reduce over time. [Percentage]	Survey	Gender, Age (Youth, Older) Conflict Type (overall, for example, domestic violence, rape, age-set fighting, cattle raid, cattle theft, child abduction, revenge killing, fight over resources /boundaries, political, general crime) Cluster, Ethnic Group, Gender, Age (Youth, Older)
Intermediate Result 1.1: Improved cap successfully mitigate perceived conflict		cal actors to en	
(9) % local community members who believe that traditional authorities are playing their role in conflict prevention, resolution or mitigation.	Though a custom performance indicator aimed at assessing the outcome of USAID/PCEP work, it is potentially influenced by other partners working in the same communities. [Percentage]	Survey	Gender, Ethnic Group, Cluster
Intermediate Result 1.2: Increased mu projects	tual interdependence resu	lting from infra	structure & livelihood
(I) % of community members reporting having initiated or increased interaction or relationship (in the past 18 months) with members for whom they had strained	A custom performance indicator for measuring the outcome of USAID/PCEP peacebuilding work. This is because it will be assessed in USAID/PCEP intervention	Survey	Cluster, Ethnic Group, Gender, Age (Youth, Older)



relationship or past conflict, in USAID/PCEP			
targeted areas	intensive areas. The indicator is also one of the five elements of the Social Cohesion or Community Peace Index because it is possible that there could be many partners working in same space with USAID/PCEP- hence it is also a measure of context. [Percentage]		
Objective 2: Civil society actors are advanticipating in political and civic process.		, reconciliation,	and reform; and
(14) % of community members, reporting a having heard/seen a USAID/PCEP-related peace or civic education message in the past 12 months	A custom perception indicator of USAID/PCEP outcomes. It has several disaggregations representing the multiple program aspects being monitored.	Survey	Heard/seen Message-Overall Message had Impact- Overall, Type (I. Peace, 2. governance or civic-related for example, peace agreement, Peace message) Source (I. attending a dialogue or peace meeting, 2. Radio, 3. Radio Tamazug, 4. Internews Radio Drama, 5. Listener Group, 6. Banner or Billboard, 7. Social Media, 8. Friend) Gender, Age (Youth,
for effective peacebuilding, civic educat	_		
Intermediate Result 2.1: Civil society a for effective peacebuilding, civic educat culturally No outcome indicators for this result	_		Cluster and groups work together
for effective peacebuilding, civic educate culturally	tion, and reconciliation act	civities that reso	Cluster and groups work together onate socially and itional justice and
for effective peacebuilding, civic educate culturally No outcome indicators for this result Intermediate Result 2.2: Citizen actors	tion, and reconciliation act	civities that reso	Cluster and groups work together onate socially and itional justice and
for effective peacebuilding, civic educate culturally No outcome indicators for this result Intermediate Result 2.2: Citizen actors enhancing communities' perceptions of	tion, and reconciliation act participate in processes s f justice that assist formal	upporting trans	Cluster and groups work together onate socially and itional justice and cebuilding efforts



Intermediate Result 3.1: Stakeholders intra- and inter-community engagement			
No outcome indicators for this result			
Objective 4: Print, radio, and other me mitigate the destructive impact of rum		e, fair and th	norough information to
(14) % of community members, reporting a having heard a USAID/PCEP-related peace or civic education through radio in the past 12 months	A custom perception indicator of USAID/PCEP outcomes. It has several disaggregations representing	Survey	Heard USAID/PCEP message (Radio Tamazug, Internews Radio Drama, USAID/PCEP Listener Group)
	the multiple program aspects being monitored. The disaggregation on impact relate to "Yes" for those who answered "Somewhat" and "Significant" to the question, the message that I received made a difference in my viewpoints or actions		USAID/PCEP message heard had impact
Intermediate Result 4.I: Community n peaceful and purposeful debate, and ar			
No outcome indicators for this result			
CONTEXT INDICATORS			1
% of population (15+yrs) with regular access to radio within or outside their household		Survey	Cluster, County
% of population (15+yrs) with who listen to (i) radio regularly (ii) news regularly		Survey	Cluster, County
% of population (15+yrs) reporting that their most trusted source of information is (i) radio, (ii) social media (iii) relatives, (iv) friends, (iv) leaders.		Survey	Cluster, County



ANNEX 3: DETAILED INDICATOR DESCRIPTIONS (INDICATOR REFERENCE SHEETS)

Performance Indicator Reference Sheet

Goal: Improved Social Cohesion in targeted areas

Objective: All objectives contribute

Context Indicator I: Social Cohesion/Community Peace Index

Geographic Focus: Targeted areas of South Sudan

DESCRIPTION

Precise Definition(s): This is a composite/index, outcome-level, indicator that measures the change in context at community level by assessing five markers of a successful peacebuilding program. The table below lays out each of these five dimensions of a successful peacebuilding program and assign a marker or indicator to measure each. USAID/PCEP will collect data for each of these five indicators at the baseline, mid-line and endline. The key issue to point out is that this indicator changes, negatively or positively, as a result of the actions or interventions of many partners who work in the same space. It is also influenced by external factors. It is nevertheless an important indicator for USAID/PCEP to keep in its radar because it is what it, jointly with other partners, aspires to see change positively over time.

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A successful peacebuilding program is one where the efforts	Indicator	Weight
(I) Cause participants and communities to develop their own peace initiatives. This underlines the importance of 'ownership' and 'sustainability' of action and efforts to bring about peace, as well as creating momentum for peace, involving more people.	(a) % of community members reporting that they (respondent or other household member) are part of, or aware of, a local (community-led) conflict prevention, resolution or mitigation mechanism that was developed within the last I2 months in USAID/PCEP targeted areas.	0.18
(2) Results in the creation or reform of political institutions to handle grievances that genuinely drive the conflict. Moving beyond impacts at the individual or personal (attitudinal, material or emotional) level to the socio-political level (institutions, structures, systems).	(b) % of USAID focus counties (13) with a functional mechanism for conflict prevention, dialogue and conflict resolution. A county will be deemed to have a functional mechanism when 50% or more of the community members in USAID/PCEP targeted areas that answer "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" to the statement. "I can always turn to the County leadership, police, courts, or other structure for help in case of an imminent conflict or for redress in case of any violation or insecurity"	0.18
(3) Prompts people increasingly to resist violence and provocations to violence. 'More People' develop the ability to resist the manipulation and provocations of negative 'key people' – warlords, spoilers, et cetera	(c) % of community members who do not believe that violence is a viable way to resolve disputes, in USAID/PCEP targeted areas	0.18
(4) Results in an increase in people's security and in their sense of security. Is there positive change both at the sociopolitical level (in people's public lives) and at the individual/personal level as people gain a sense of security?	(d) % of community members reporting that their personal safety and security has increased over the last 12 months, in USAID/PCEP targeted areas. Those answering "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" to the statement. "my security or that of my family, has improved in the past year"	0.28
(5) Results in meaningful improvement in inter-group relations, for example. changes in group attitudes, public opinion, social norms, and public behaviors. Have we built relationships between conflicting groups, in terms of transforming polarizing attitudes,	(e) % of community members reporting having initiated or increased interaction or relationship (in the past 18 months) with members for whom they had strained relationship or past conflict, in USAID/PCEP targeted areas.	0.18



behaviors and interactions to more tolerant and cooperative ones?

Relationship could be of any type-trade, cultural (marriage, sport, camps), or even membership of same peace committee.

Social Cohesion/Community Peace Index = 0.18a+0.18b+0.18c+0.28d+0.18e

Unit of Measure: Fraction

Disaggregated by: Overall, Cluster, Ethnic Group, Gender, Age (Youth, Older)

Justification & Management Utility:

This indicator captures the change in some dimensions of social cohesion as a result of many actors (including USAID/PCEP) working in the same conflict dynamics or space.

PLAN FOR DATA ACQUISITION BY USAID/PCEP

Data collection method: Survey at USAID/PCEP Baseline, Midline, Endline

Data Source: USAID/USAID/PCEP Survey Report. **Method of data acquisition by USAID/PCEP:**

From the MEL Sub-Contractor

Frequency and timing of data acquisition by USAID: Baseline, Midline, Endline

Estimated cost of data acquisition: High. The survey will be carried out in many remote locations.

Individual Responsible at USAID/PCEP: MEL Manager

Location of Data Storage: A secure internet-based information management system managed by DT Global known as DevResults.

DATA QUALITY ISSUES

Date of Initial Data Quality Assessment: It is a new indicator.

Known Data Limitations and Significance (if any): Being an index composed of five other indicators, any bias or other error, will be additive and making analysis unreliable.

Actions Taken or Planned to Address Data Limitations: The individual indicators of the index have been well developed and simplified, and the MEL contractor to be selected will need to be a well-established agency with intensive and extensive data collection experience in South Sudan.

Date of Future Data Quality Assessments: September 2022

Procedures for Future Data Quality Assessments: Internal reviews and refining the survey tool

PLAN FOR DATA ANALYSIS, REVIEW, & REPORTING

Data Analysis: Rolling assessments, AEFs, and scheduled reports including Quarterly and Annual reports, and Cluster Evaluations to be conducted by the Regional Teams with the Monitoring and Evaluation Team in a leading role.

Data Analysis: Data used to inform rolling assessments, and scheduled reports including Quarterly and Annual reports, and cluster analyses provided to Regional Teams for adaptive management.

Review of Data: Baseline, midline and endline reports

Reporting of Data: Scheduled reports

OTHER NOTES

Notes on Baselines/Targets: Since no baseline data exists, a nominal 10% points increase is targeted from baseline to mid-line to end-line.

Other Notes: N/A

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES					
Year	Target	Actual	Notes		
March 2021	N/A		Since no baseline data exists, a nominal 10% points		
March 2023	10% increase		increase is targeted from baseline to mid-line to er		
March 2025	10% increase		line.		
THIS SHEET LAST UPDATED ON: December 2020					

Performance Indicator Reference Sheet

Goal: Improved Social Cohesion in targeted areas



Objective 1: Local actors are building crossline interdependence and intra- community cohesion to promote peace processes and peaceful co-existence

Custom Indicator 2: % local community members reporting increased trust towards those that they have had a strained past or conflict, in USAID/PCEP targeted areas, in the past 18 months

Geographic Focus: Targeted areas of South Sudan

DESCRIPTION

<u>Precise Definition(s):</u> This outcome indicator measures the level of change in attitude towards peace by assessing perceptions of trust or reduced fear as a result of USAID/PCEP (or other actors) interventions. The statement put to the respondent is; "My, or my family/household's, trust in people for whom I/we had strained past relationship or conflict, has increased significantly over the last 18 months".

Members for which a relationship was strained or in conflict can be both intra or inter-ethnic. It does not include normal disagreements common among family members. Those answering "I don't know, don't wish to answer" are removed from the analysis.

Numerator: Number answering "strongly agree" or "agree" are counted (not counted are those answering "No change", "Disagree" and "Strongly Disagree")

Denominator: Number of respondents minus those answering "I don't know, don't wish to answer"

Unit of Measure: Percent

Disaggregated by: Cluster, Ethnic Group, Intra versus Inter Ethnic, Gender, Youth vs Older.

Justification & Management Utility:

This indicator captures the change in attitude as a result of USAID/USAID/PCEP interventions with potential influence of other actors.

PLAN FOR DATA ACQUISITION BY USAID/PCEP

Data collection method: Survey at USAID/PCEP Baseline, Midline, Endline

Data Source: USAID/USAID/PCEP Survey Report.

Method of data acquisition by USAID/PCEP:

From the MEL Sub-Contractor

Frequency and timing of data acquisition by USAID: Baseline, Midline, Endline

Estimated cost of data acquisition: High. The survey will be carried out in many remote locations

Individual Responsible at USAID/PCEP: MEL Manager

Location of Data Storage: A secure internet-based information management system managed by DT Global known as DevResults.

DATA QUALITY ISSUES

Date of Initial Data Quality Assessment: It is a new indicator

Known Data Limitations and Significance (if any): Though desirable, it will not be feasible to implement a full random sampling scheme in all situations because the number of respondents may not be very large as it may be limited to those supported by the USAID/USAID/PCEP program. In many other cases the time and financial resources may not allow the construction of the full sampling frame as it would require expensive scientific pop-based surveys

Actions Taken or Planned to Address Data Limitations: Sampling will be purposeful to include areas of intense USAID/PCEP activities.

Date of Future Data Quality Assessments: September 2022

Procedures for Future Data Quality Assessments: Internal reviews and refining the survey tool

PLAN FOR DATA ANALYSIS, REVIEW, & REPORTING

Data Analysis: Rolling assessments, AEFs, and scheduled reports including Quarterly and Annual reports, and Cluster Evaluations to be conducted by the Regional Teams with the Monitoring and Evaluation Team in a leading role.

Data Analysis: Data used to inform rolling assessments, and scheduled reports including Quarterly and Annual reports, and cluster analyses provided to Regional Teams for adaptive management.

Review of Data: Baseline, midline and endline reports

Reporting of Data: Scheduled reports.

OTHER NOTES



Notes on Baselines/Targets: Although a similar indicator was collected by VISTAS program, the time taken between the two Activities as well as other dynamics it is not appropriate to set firm targets until a baseline is set in March 2021.

Other Notes: N/A

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES				
Year	Target	Actual	Notes	
March 2021	N/A		A nominal 10% point increase has been	
March 2023	10% increase		set until a baseline is established in	
March 2025	10% increase		March 2021	
THIS SHEET LAST UPDATED ON: December 2020				

Performance Indicator Reference Sheet

Goal: Improved Social Cohesion in targeted areas

Objective 1: Local actors are building crossline interdependence and intra- community cohesion to promote peace processes and peaceful co-existence

Custom Indicator 3: % of community members, in USAID/PCEP targeted areas, reporting that key conflicts (namely; cattle raid/theft, revenge killing, child abduction, or rape) have reduced in the past 18 months

Geographic Focus: Targeted areas of South Sudan

DESCRIPTION

Precise Definition(s): This outcome indicator measures the change in conflict incidence for the key types of conflicts. The indicator is assessed through sampling of community members in areas where USAID/PCEP has had intensive activities over a period of about two years. The following question is posed to the respondents sampled from USAID/USAID/PCEP intervention areas; Over the last one or two years what can you say has happened in your community with regard to the following conflicts; Cattle raid/theft, Age-Set fighting, Dispute over land/water resources, Political dispute, Killing (revenge, other killing), Child abduction, Rape, Other (specify)?

The responses are; [decreased significantly] [somewhat decreased] [no change, remained the same] [somewhat increased] [increased significantly] [Don't know-can't tell, can't answer]

Numerator= Number responding [decreased significantly] or [somewhat decreased] in 1 or more conflicts Denominator= All respondents excluding those responding [Don't know- can't tell, can't answer]

Unit of Measure: Percent

Disaggregated by: Overall, Cluster, Conflict Type, Ethnic Group,

Justification & Management Utility: This is the highest level of outcome expected through the work of USAID/PCEP program along with other actors. Simply put, it measures the level of reduction in conflict. However, data interpretation must be cautious in that this indicator is very contextual and is perception-based and therefore may not be used to generalize the situation in South Sudan where many factors contribute, positively and negatively to the peace situation.

PLAN FOR DATA ACQUISITION BY USAID/PCEP

Data collection method: Survey at USAID/PCEP Baseline, Midline, Endline

Data Source: USAID/USAID/PCEP Survey Report.

Method of data acquisition by USAID/PCEP:

From the MEL Sub-Contractor

Frequency and timing of data acquisition by USAID: Baseline, Midline, Endline

Estimated cost of data acquisition: High. The survey will be carried out in many remote locations.

Individual Responsible at USAID/PCEP: MEL Manager

Location of Data Storage: A secure internet-based information management system managed by DT Global known as DevResults.

DATA QUALITY ISSUES

Date of Initial Data Quality Assessment: It is a new indicator



Known Data Limitations and Significance (if any): The interpretation must be cautious in that this indicator is very contextual and is perception-based and therefore may not be used to generalize the situation in South Sudan where many factors contribute, positively and negatively to the peace situation.

Actions Taken or Planned to Address Data Limitations: Refining the survey tool

Date of Future Data Quality Assessments: September 2022

Procedures for Future Data Quality Assessments: Internal reviews

PLAN FOR DATA ANALYSIS, REVIEW, & REPORTING

Data Analysis: Rolling assessments, AEFs, and scheduled reports including Quarterly and Annual reports, and Cluster Evaluations to be conducted by the Regional Teams with the Monitoring and Evaluation Team in a leading role.

Data Analysis: Data used to inform rolling assessments, and scheduled reports including Quarterly and Annual reports, and cluster analyses provided to Regional Teams for adaptive management.

Review of Data: Quarterly.

Reporting of Data: Scheduled reports.

OTHER NOTES

Notes on Baselines/Targets: Although a similar indicator was collected by VISTAS program, the time taken between the two Activities as well as other dynamics it is not appropriate to set firm targets until a baseline is set in March 2021.

Other Notes: N/A

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES			
Year	Target	Actual	Notes
March 2021	N/A		A nominal 10% point increase has been
March 2023	10% increase		set until a baseline is established in
March 2025	10% increase		March 2021
THIS SHEET LAST UPDATED ON: December 2020			



Performance Indicator Reference Sheet

Goal: Improved Social Cohesion in targeted areas

Intermediate Result I.I: Improved capacity of a wide range of local actors to engage constructively & to successfully mitigate perceived conflict issues

Custom Indicator 9: % local community members who believe that traditional authorities are playing their role in conflict prevention, resolution or mitigation.

Geographic Focus: Targeted areas of South Sudan

DESCRIPTION

<u>Precise Definition(s):</u> Though a custom performance indicator aimed at assessing the outcome of USAID/PCEP work, the indicator is also potentially contributed to by other partners who may be working on the same theme and in the same communities. The statement posed is: "Traditional authorities operating in your community have been playing their role their peacebuilding role effectively"

Numerator: Number answering "strongly agree" or "agree" are counted (not counted are those answering "Not sure", "Disagree" and "Strongly Disagree")

Denominator: Number of respondents minus those answering "I don't know, don't wish to answer"

Unit of Measure: Percent

Disaggregated by: Cluster, Ethnic Group, Gender, Youth vs Older.

Justification & Management Utility:

This indicator captures the perception of the community with regard to the role of traditional authorities as preventers of conflicts or fair interlocutors when conflicts occur. Disaggregating data by youth versus older respondents may bring out insights into whether the youth, who most of the times are the ones used in fighting, respect the authorities of traditional leaders who are in most cases expected to deal with conflict mitigation.

PLAN FOR DATA ACQUISITION BY USAID/PCEP

Data collection method: Survey at USAID/PCEP Baseline, Midline, Endline

Data Source: USAID/USAID/PCEP Survey Report. **Method of data acquisition by USAID/PCEP:**

From the MEL Sub-Contractor

Frequency and timing of data acquisition by USAID: Baseline, Midline, Endline

Estimated cost of data acquisition: High. The survey will be carried out in many remote locations.

Individual Responsible at USAID/PCEP: MEL Manager

Location of Data Storage: A secure internet-based information management system managed by DT Global known as DevResults.

DATA QUALITY ISSUES

Date of Initial Data Quality Assessment: It is a new indicator

Known Data Limitations and Significance (if any): None

Actions Taken or Planned to Address Data Limitations: N/A

Date of Future Data Quality Assessments: September 2022

Procedures for Future Data Quality Assessments: Internal reviews and refining the survey tool

PLAN FOR DATA ANALYSIS, REVIEW, & REPORTING

Data Analysis: Data used to inform rolling assessments, and scheduled reports including Quarterly and Annual reports, and cluster analyses provided to Regional Teams for adaptive management.

Presentation of Data: Narrative and indicator matrix.

Review of Data: Baseline, midline and endline reports

Reporting of Data: Scheduled reports.

OTHER NOTES

Notes on Baselines/Targets: Although a similar indicator was collected by VISTAS program, the time taken between the two Activities as well as other dynamics it is not appropriate to set firm targets until a baseline is set in March 2021.

Other Notes: N/A



PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES			
Year	Target	Actual	Notes
March 2021	N/A		A nominal 10% point increase has been
March 2023	10% increase		set until a baseline is established in
March 2025	10% increase		March 2021
THIS SHEET LAST UPDATED ON: December 2020			

Performance Indicator Reference Sheet

Goal: Improved Social Cohesion in targeted areas

Objective 2: Civil society actors are advocating for peace, justice, reconciliation, and reform; and participating in political and civic processes

Custom Indicator 14: % of community members, reporting a having heard/seen a USAID/PCEP-related peace or civic education message in the past 12 months

Geographic Focus: Targeted areas of South Sudan

DESCRIPTION

<u>Precise Definition(s):</u> The indicator assess the coverage of USAID/PCEP-related peace messages in the community in multiple ways- and hence the several data dis-aggregations. The question to be posed to the respondent are the following; In the past 12 months, have you heard or seen any of the following messages from the following sources;

From where did you hear the message?	What message did you hear?	At least one of the messages that you heard positively changed your views or actions about conflict and its methods of resolution?
Dialogue/peace meeting at known USAID/PCEP locations [Yes] [No][Not aware]	If [Yes], what message? [peace] [civic]	[Strongly Disagree] [Disagree] [Not Sure] [Agree][Strongly Agree]
Large public meeting at known USAID/PCEP locations [Yes][No}[Not aware]	If [Yes], what message? [peace] [civic]	[Strongly Disagree] [Disagree] [Not Sure] [Agree][Strongly Agree]
Radio Listener Groups in known USAID/PCEP locations [Yes][No] [Not aware]	If [Yes], what message? [peace] [civic]	[Strongly Disagree] [Disagree][Not Sure] [Agree][Strongly Agree]
"Internews Radio Drama" [Yes][No] [Not aware]	If [Yes], what message? [peace] [civic]	[Strongly Disagree] [Disagree] [Not Sure] [Agree][Strongly Agree]
Radio Tamazuj [Yes][No][Not aware]	If [Yes], what message? [peace] [civic]	[Strongly Disagree] [Disagree][Not Sure] [Agree][Strongly Agree]
Other USAID/PCEP-related source [Yes][No] [Not aware]	If [Yes], what message? [peace] [civic]	[Strongly Disagree] [Disagree][Not Sure] [Agree][Strongly Agree]

The indicator is estimated as follows;

Heard message _Overall: % that have heard any USAID/PCEP-related message from any of the USAID/PCEP-related sources

Numerator= Number that responded with any [Yes] for any of the USAID/PCEP sources Denominator = Number of all respondents who gave any response

Message had impact _Overall: % reporting that USAID/PCEP message had impacted their life Numerator= Number that responded with [Agree] or [Strongly Agree] to any of the messages on the statement "message positively changed your views or actions about conflict and its methods of resolution" Denominator =all respondents who gave a response to the statement.

Other indicator dis-aggregations are derived in a similar manner. These include; **Message Type** (1. Peace, 2. governance or civic-related e.g. peace agreement, Peace message), **Source** (1. attending a dialogue/peace meeting, 2. Attending a USAID/PCEP-related large community meeting, 3. Radio Tamazug, 4. Internews Radio Drama, 5. USAID/PCEP Listener Group, 6. during Film screens), **Gender**, **Age** (Youth, Older), **Ethnic Group**, **Cluster**.

Unit of Measure: Percent



Disaggregated by: Heard Message versus Message had impact, Message Type, Cluster, Ethnic Group, Gender, Age (Youth vs Older), Message Source.

Justification & Management Utility:

USAID/USAID/PCEP will supply hundreds of radios to the clusters it is working in. These radios will be preloaded with peace and civic education messages. Radio listener groups will be encouraged and supported so that one radio can be listened to by at least a group of 10 community members. USAID/PCEP will also support independent radio stations which will also be broadcasting USAID/PCEP-related messages. USAID/PCEP will also be conducting several dialogue and peace meetings to bring communities together, as well as organizing large community meetings to disseminated various peace agreements. Although no hard evidence is collected on impacts of the imparted messages, the community perception on impact will be captured as a proxy for impact.

PLAN FOR DATA ACQUISITION BY USAID/PCEP

Data collection method: Survey at USAID/PCEP Baseline, Midline, Endline

Data Source: USAID/USAID/PCEP Survey Report.

Method of data acquisition by USAID/PCEP:

From the MEL Sub-Contractor

Frequency and timing of data acquisition by USAID: Baseline, Midline, Endline

Estimated cost of data acquisition: High. The survey will be carried out in many remote locations.

Individual Responsible at USAID/PCEP: MEL Manager

Location of Data Storage: A secure internet-based information management system managed by DT

Global known as DevResults.

DATA QUALITY ISSUES

Date of Initial Data Quality Assessment: It is a new indicator

Known Data Limitations and Significance (if any): None

Actions Taken or Planned to Address Data Limitations: N/A

Date of Future Data Quality Assessments: September 2022

Procedures for Future Data Quality Assessments: Internal reviews and refining the survey tool

PLAN FOR DATA ANALYSIS, REVIEW, & REPORTING

Data Analysis: Data used to inform rolling assessments, and scheduled reports including Quarterly and Annual reports, and cluster analyses provided to Regional Teams for adaptive management.

Presentation of Data: Narrative and indicator matrix.

Review of Data: Bi-annually (every two years)

Reporting of Data: Scheduled reports.

OTHER NOTES

Notes on Baselines/Targets: A similar indicator was collected by VISTAS program and achievements captured at the end of VISTAS have been used but adjusted downwards by 10% points to reflect the smaller overall USAID/PCEP budget compared to VISTAS. Better targets may be set after obtaining in March 2021. The % that had heard VISTAS related message was 76% and the % that reported that message had impact was 93%. The interim 5-year targets set for USAID/PCEP will be set at 66% for 'heard message' and 83% for 'message had impact'.

Other Notes: N/A

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES				
Year	Target	Actual	Notes	
March 2021	N/A		The % that had heard VISTAS related message was	
Marsh 2022	Hear Message=TBD		76% and the % that reported that message had impact	
March 2023	Message had impact=TBD		was 93%. The interim 5-year targets set for	
Manak 2025	Heard Message=66%		USAID/PCEP will be set at 66% for 'heard message'	
March 2025	Message had impact=83%		and 83% for 'message had impact'	
	THIS SHEET LAST UPDATED ON: December 2020			

Performance Indicator Reference Sheet

Goal: Improved Social Cohesion in targeted areas



OBJECTIVE 3: Key partners are providing trauma awareness services to communities

Custom Indicator 19: % of community members with awareness of trauma in USAID/PCEP targeted areas

Geographic Focus: Targeted areas of South Sudan

DESCRIPTION

Precise Definition(s): This measures the prevailing state of trauma awareness within the community, including a sense of penetration of trauma-related interventions by USAID/PCEP and other actors in USAID/PCEP targeted areas. The indicator measures three dimensions;

Knowledge-% with adequate knowledge of trauma in the community

The interview would give a brief introduction of trauma is without going into many details but ensuring that a participant understands the concept. Then the interviewer would ask about some slightly in-depth knowledge of trauma. For each of symptoms, causes and effects, a checklist of both correct and incorrect terms defining it will be given. A respondent must be able to identify more than half of the correct items, and allowed to pick wrongs ones but these must be less than half of the incorrect ones. To be counted as having adequate knowledge of trauma, one must knowledge of all three, symptoms, causes and effects of trauma. not pick must pick at most less than half of the incorrect ones for each of symptoms and for causes and for effects.

Example; Symptoms [correct= aggression, isolation, irritable; incorrect= defeating someone in a wrestling match, dancing, happiness]- to be counted as having knowledge of symptoms, the participant must pick 2 or more in the correct list and not more than 1 item in the incorrect list.

Numerator= Number with knowledge of all three (symptoms, causes, and effects)

Denominator= All respondents who answered the questions fully

Trauma in the community- %, among those with any/minimum knowledge of trauma, able to relate trauma with aggression behavior and conflict

The interviewer will quickly determine those that have some knowledge of trauma by picking those that will have qualified on any knowledge of either symptoms, causes or effects and pose the follow-up statement;

"Trauma is one of the significant contributors to escalation of violence in the households and in communities.

Numerator= Number with [very much so][to some extent yes]

Denominator=Number with [very much so][to some extent yes][I am not sure, I don't know][I don't think so][certainly no]

<u>Trauma interventions in the community-</u> %, among those with any/minimum knowledge of trauma, reporting that there are some trauma related interventions in the community.

The interviewer will quickly determine those that have some knowledge of trauma by picking those that will have qualified on any knowledge of either symptoms, causes or effects and pose the follow-up statement; "what would you say is the scale of trauma detection, management or referral interventions in the community? Numerator: Number with [adequate interventions exist and by many actors][some, but inadequate by a few actors]

Denominator: Number with [adequate interventions exist and by many actors][some, but inadequate by a few actors] [Not sure, can't answer][I understand the question and there are such activities in my community]

Unit of Measure: Percent

Disaggregated by: Cluster, Gender, Ethnic Group, Age (Youth, Older)

Justification & Management Utility: The indicator is both performance as well as context because USAID/PCEP trauma awareness training extended to individuals is expected to cascade into the general community. It is also context because the scale of USAID/PCEP activities, focused on training of individuals, may not be that high that they will cause major changes at the community level. However, it is expected that the indicator will register changes over the five-year period. Therefore, relatively lower targets will be set because of these reasons.

PLAN FOR DATA ACQUISITION BY USAID/PCEP

Data Analysis: Data used to inform rolling assessments, and scheduled reports including Quarterly and Annual reports, and cluster analyses provided to Regional Teams for adaptive management.

Data collection method: Assessment Tool

Data Source: Primary data collection through assessments carried out by USAID/USAID/PCEP staff

Method of data acquisition by USAID/PCEP: Master trainers reports

Frequency and timing of data acquisition by USAID: Semi-annually

Estimated cost of data acquisition: Medium-since data collection will be piggy- backed on scheduled trauma awareness sessions. However, additional MEL specialists or data collectors will be needed.



Individual Responsible at USAID/PCEP: USAID/USAID/PCEP trauma awareness trainers and MEL Staff

Location of Data Storage: DevResults

DATA QUALITY ISSUES

Date of Initial Data Quality Assessment: This is a new indicator.

Known Data Limitations and Significance (if any): The fact that one is being tested on the knowledge of a concept that has to be explained first in itself has data quality issues. It will depend on the skill of the interviewer to be able to communicate effectively without giving out the answers. Literacy also is a factor as many community members may understand trauma in their own way but not the way it may be introduced by the interviewer. There are also potential for confounding of trauma with deep-rooted cultural beliefs- example, many may associate mental illness due to traumatic experience as caused by witchcraft and therefore they may not offer such condition as an effect of trauma.

Actions Taken or Planned to Address Data Limitations: USAID/PCEP will ensure that the MEL contractor uses data collectors who understand the cultural and other attributes of the community.

Date of Future Data Quality Assessments: September 2022

Procedures for Future Data Quality Assessments:

PLAN FOR DATA ANALYSIS, REVIEW, & REPORTING

Data Analysis: Rolling assessments, AEFs, and scheduled reports including Quarterly and Annual reports, and Cluster Evaluations to be conducted by the Regional Teams with the Monitoring and Evaluation Team in a leading role.

Presentation of Data: Narrative and indicator matrix

Review of Data: Quarterly

Reporting of Data: Scheduled reports

OTHER NOTES

Notes on Baselines/Targets: No baseline data exist and targets will therefore be set upon obtaining the baseline in March 2021.

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES			
Year	Target	Actual	Notes
March 2021	N/A		
March 2023	TBD		
March 2025	TBD		



ATTACHMENT II. EVALUATION CRITERIA

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Proposals will be evaluated according to the criteria stated herein. The relative importance of each individual criterion is indicated by the number of points assigned thereto. A total of 100 points is the maximum possible technical score for each proposal. The evaluation criteria serves to: (a) identify the significant factors which the Offeror should address in their proposal under each section and (b) set the standard against which all proposals will be evaluated.

Criteria	Maximum Score
Proposed Approach Creativity and innovation in proposing various approaches, methods, and mechanisms	
for research data collection in a wide variety of contexts and under difficult circumstances. A draft workplan (timeline) should be submitted as part of the firm's response.	25
Organizational Qualifications	
Demonstrated competency and related past performance in the geographic areas described in Section 1	10
Demonstrated experience carrying out data collection, analysis, and reporting using a variety of methods in South Sudan	20
Demonstrated analytical skills in both quantitative & qualitative research methodologies	15
Demonstrated experience using data analysis & visualization software such as SPSS, Tableau, Power-BI, Arc-GIS, and/or NVivo (or similar platforms)	5
Staffing and Management	
The Offeror must provide a detailed list of proposed personnel along with CVs or explanation of qualifications in the case of field researchers. The following types of positions are envisioned to be used to successfully carry out the tasks as stated in Section 2/3. The positions listed below are not exhaustive but rather illustrative: 1) Survey Methodologist 2) Field Researchers-Supervisors, Enumerators /Assessors 3) Data Analyst 4) Reporting Specialist	15
The offeror must describe the structure of their proposed field research team, inclusive of a description of any remote management structure used.	10
Total	100

COST PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Evaluation scores are not assigned for cost. The review of the cost proposal shall include cost realism. This process will include a review of the cost portion of the Offeror's proposal to determine if the overall costs proposed are reasonable and realistic for the work to be performed, if the cost reflects that the Offeror understands the requirements, and if the costs are consistent with the technical part of the proposal. Cost proposals providing more direct funding towards the program instead of



administrative costs will be reviewed favorably in the best value determination. Offerors must use the costing template provided as Attachment IV Pricing Table.

Evaluation of cost proposals will consider, but not be limited to, the following:

- Cost realism and completeness of cost proposal and supporting documentation.
- Overall cost control evidenced in the proposal such as avoidance of excessive salaries, competitive procurement of subcontracts, excessive cost of management oversight and other costs in excess of reasonable requirements.
- Amount of proposed fee, if any.
- Cost efficiency of proposed Other Direct Costs (ODCs).

Bidders are reminded that DT Global is not obligated to award a negotiated subcontract based on lowest proposed cost or to the bidder with the highest technical evaluation score. DT Global will make award to the bidder whose proposal offers the best value to the USAID/PCEP program considering both technical and cost factors. When competing technical proposals are considered essentially equal then cost will become the determining factor.



ATTACHMENT III. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

General Instructions

These Instructions to Offerors will not form part of the offer or of the Subcontract. They are intended solely to aid Offerors in the preparation of their proposals.

- 1. This is a full and open competition open to the contractors that can provide the relevant business documentation listed in Attachment III(4) of this attachment.
- The proposals, and all corresponding documents related to the proposal, must be written in the English language unless otherwise explicitly allowed.
- No costs incurred by the Offerors in preparing and submitting the proposal are reimbursable by DT Global. All such costs will be at the Offeror's expense.
- Proposals and all cost and price figures must be presented in USD. All prices should be net of Host Country VAT and customs duties. The services provided under this contract are funded by the U.S. Government and shall be exempt from Host Country taxes, import and other fees, as stipulated in the bilateral agreement between the U.S. Government and Government of South Sudan. The subcontractor shall obtain prior written approval by DT Global before making any VAT payments.
- The Offeror must state in its Proposal the validity period of its offer. The minimum offer acceptance period for this RFP is <u>90 (NINETY) days</u> after closing date of the RFP. Offers with a shorter acceptance period will be rejected. This RFP in no way obligates DT Global to award a subcontract.
- Responsibility Determination: Award shall only be made to "responsible" prospective Offerors. To enable DT Global to make this determination, the Offeror must briefly describe in the Attachment Section of the proposal that it:
 - has adequate financial resources including appropriate insurance coverage to perform the work stated herein, or the ability to obtain them;
 - is able to comply with the required or proposed delivery or performance schedule, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments;
 - has a satisfactory performance record;
 - has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
 - has the necessary technical capacity, equipment and facilities, or the ability to obtain them; and
 - is otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.
- Eligibility of Firms Source /Nationality: The authorized geographic code for the source and nationality of the goods, services, and suppliers under the USAID/PCEP contract is 937. 937 requires that goods and services be acquired from the United States, cooperating country, and developing countries other than advanced developing countries but excluding any country that is a prohibited source. A full discussion of the source and nationality requirements may be found at 22 CFR 228. Offerors whose proposals fail to meet the nationality requirements will be considered non-responsive.
- NDAA Section 889 Compliance. Section 889 of John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (NDAA) prohibits the U.S. Government and its contractors from (1) procuring or obtaining any equipment, system, or services that uses



covered telecommunications equipment or services and (2) enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services. A full discussion of the prohibitions can be found at FAR 52.204-25. To be eligible for award the offeror must complete and sign the representation in Attachment IV.

- In addition to the above and to comply with the South Sudanese local laws, Offerors must be licensed and authorized to conduct business in South Sudan.
- <u>Late Offers:</u> Offerors are wholly responsible for ensuring that their offers are received in accordance with the instructions stated herein. DT Global reserves the right to reject any offer not submitted by the indicated deadline, even if it was late as a result of circumstances beyond the Offeror's control.
- Modification/Withdrawal of Offers: Offerors have the right to withdraw, modify or correct their offer after such time as it has been emailed to DT Global; at the email address stated above and provided that the request is made before the RFP closing date.
- Disposition of Proposals: Proposals submitted in response to this RFP will not be returned. Reasonable efforts will be made to ensure confidentiality of both Business and Technical Proposals received from all Offerors. This RFP does not seek information of a highly proprietary nature but if such information is included in the Offeror's proposal, the Offeror must alert DT Global and must annotate the material by marking it "Confidential and Proprietary" so that these sections can be treated appropriately.
- Regardless of the method used in the submission of the proposal, the Technical Proposal and Business Proposal must be kept separate from each other. Technical Proposals <u>must not</u> make reference to cost or pricing data in order that the technical evaluation may be made strictly on the basis of technical merit.
- Clarification and Amendment to the RFP:
 - Any question raised regarding this solicitation should be received no later 9:00 am, South Sudan time on February 17, 2021. All questions must be <u>in writing</u>, emailed to the email address specified in the cover letter. No questions/clarifications will be entertained if they are received by means other than the aforementioned email address. The solicitation number should be stated in the subject line. Responses to questions received will be compiled and emailed to potential Offerors.
- If Offeror intends to submit a proposal in response to this solicitation and wishes to receive any updates thereto, Offeror is encouraged to confirm receipt of this solicitation by email to the email address specified in the cover memo.
- Offeror's email message should state in the subject the solicitation number. Also, the email should include the name of your organization, the name of contact person, email address and telephone number.
- DT Global anticipates that discussions with Offerors will be conducted; however, DT Global reserves the right to make award without discussions. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that Offerors present their best offer as their initial submission.
- DT Global may waive informalities and minor irregularities in proposals received.

Submission of Proposal:

- Proposals must be submitted in an electronic format as an email attachment, sent to the email address specified in the cover letter, no later than the date and time specified in the cover letter.
- The email should state the solicitation number in the subject line.
- The file attachment should be in a format that can be opened by one of the following applications: PDF, MSWord, MSExcel, MSPowerPoint. The submission of attachments in any other format may result in disqualifying the offer.
- Please note that the DT Global email server has a limitation of 20MB for the total attachments per single email. It is strongly recommended that the size of ALL attachments per a single email be less than 20MB.



■ The technical proposal and business proposals should be submitted in two separate emails. The first should be named "Technical" and the second is named "Cost/Business." If the submission will be through several emails, then the emails should be sequentially numbered indicating the total number of emails that will be submitted (example 1/4, 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4).

Content of Proposal:

The proposal shall consist of five (5) sections. 1) The Cover Page-Technical, 2) The Technical Proposal, 3) The Cover Page-Cost, 4) the Cost/Business Proposal; and 5) The Attachments

2. The Cover Page-Technical:

The cover page should be on the Offeror's letterhead and MUST contain the following information:

- Solicitation Number
- Company's Name
- Company's Address
- Name of Company's authorized representative
- Telephone No, Cellular Phone #, Email address
- Validity of Proposal
- Signature, Date and time

3. Technical Proposal:

The technical proposal shall describe how the Offeror intends to carry out the statement of work. It will also address the Offeror's corporate capabilities to carry out the work and the extent to which the Offeror has a demonstrated ability to provide the required services.

The Offeror will also include the resumes of all proposed personnel. The Offeror shall provide information about past performance implementing similar work globally, and most particularly, in South Sudan within the last 3 years. Capacity to undertake the technical and administrative backstopping of all interventions described in the Scope of Work. Offeror should also provide detailed description of existing facilities in South Sudan.

The technical proposal should be divided into three sections following the same order of the technical evaluation criteria mentioned in Attachment II. Failure to respond to any section will be the basis for disqualification of the Offeror from further consideration.

4. The Cover Page - Cost/Business:

The cover page should be on the Offeror's letterhead and MUST contain the following information:

- Solicitation Number
- Company's Name
- Company's Address
- Name of Company's authorized representative
- Telephone No, Cellular Phone #, Email address
- Total Proposed Price
- Validity of Proposal
- Acceptance of Tax Withholding Statement
- DUNS number (if available) and TIN
- Name and address of Government Audit Agency and name and phone number of the auditor



- A valid business license or Registration Certificate
- Signature, Date and time

5. The Cost/Business Proposal:

As stated earlier, the cost proposal shall be submitted separately from the technical proposal. The budget will present the cost for performing the work specified in this solicitation. A template is provided for the pricing as Attachment IV. At a minimum, the cost proposal will include the following information:

- A detailed cost break-down of the proposed budget to the maximum extent practical using the template provided;
- A detailed and comprehensive budget narrative explaining the basis for the cost estimates:
- Contractor Employee Biographical Data sheet (USAID 1420-17) for each individual presented in the proposal. The Form has to be duly signed by the individual and the Offeror. See Annex 2 for the form AID 1420-17;
- Negotiated Indirect Rate Agreement (NICRA) or other documentation from its cognizant audit agency, if any, stating the most recent provisional indirect cost rates;
- If Offeror does not have a cognizant audit agency, the Offeror must provide audited balance sheets and profit & loss statements for the last two complete years and current year-to-date; and
- The most recent two fiscal year pool and base cost compositions along with derived rates, the bases of allocation of these rates and an independent certified audit by a certified accounting firm of these rates.

6. Attachments

This section will include any information or document that was not listed in the above sections and the Offeror finds necessary to include in the proposal. In this section, the Offeror will also include the information that will assist DT Global to determine the Offeror's responsibility. The following are required documents to be submitted with the proposal:

- Current copy of the business registration (front and back);
- Proof of good standing with the South Sudan Revenue Department;
- Proof that there are no outstanding tax liabilities with the South Sudan Government that could lead to company being unable to provide services as set out in the RFP:
- Visa and work permit policy;
- Proof of medical insurance coverage for staff; and
- Completed and signed NDAA Representation Form (see Annex IV).

This solicitation in no way obligates DT Global to award a subcontract, nor does it commit DT Global to pay any costs incurred in preparation and submission of a proposal in response to the RFP. Furthermore, DT Global reserves the right to reject any and all offers if such action is in the best interest of DT Global.



Instructions for the Preparation of the Cost/Business Proposal

The subcontract type will be Firm Fixed Price (FPC) type contract.

A Firm Fixed Price Subcontract is: An award for the provision of specific services, goods, or deliverables and is not adjusted if the actual costs are higher or lower than the fixed price amount. Offerors are expected to include all costs, direct and indirect, into their total proposed price.

The Offeror must provide a completed budget in the template provided. If an Excel file, it should not be 'read only' or 'protected' The proposal must include any necessary supporting information to substantiate proposed costs. The Offerors must submit a detailed budget narrative that supports and clarifies item for item the cost estimates proposed in its budget. Narratives for the individual cost items must provide a discussion of any estimated escalation rates where applicable. Estimated costs proposed to exceed ceilings imposed by USAID or Federal procurement policy must be fully explained and justified.

Please note that if there are significant deficiencies regarding responsiveness to the requirements of this RFP, an offer may be deemed "non-responsive" and thereby disqualified from consideration. DT Global reserves the right to waive immaterial deficiencies at its discretion.



ATTACHMENT IV PRICING TABLE

Table 1.1: Breakdown of Daily Fees (sample)

Position	# of Days	Daily Fees	Total
Research Officer	17		
Total: \$			

Table 1.2: Level of Effort by Project Phase

Position	Inception	Fieldwork	Analysis & Reporting	Total
Research Officer	5	10	2	17

Table 1.3: Breakdown of Cost: Logistical Expenses

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
No	_			
1				
2				
3				
			Subtotal	\$
	Administration & Management Fee			\$
(X%)			-	
Total Logistical Expenses				\$

Table 1.4: Summary of Costs *

Total Firm Fixed Price Cost			
Total Logistical Expenses	\$		
Total Daily Fee	\$		
TOTAL FIRM FIXED PRICE	\$		

^{*}This table should summarize all costs included in Tables 1.1 and 1.3.



ATTACHMENT V

REPRESENTATION REGARDING CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT

(a) Prohibitions.

Section 889(a) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the U.S. Government and any of its contractors and subcontractors from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

(b) Definitions:

Covered foreign country means The People's Republic of China.

Covered telecommunications equipment or services means telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company, ZTE Corporation, Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities)

Critical technology means defense articles or defense services included on the United States Munitions List set forth in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations under subchapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Federal Regulations; Items included on the Commerce Control List set forth in Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administration Regulations under subchapter C of chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, and controlled- (i) Pursuant to multilateral regimes, including for reasons relating to national security, chemical and biological weapons proliferation, nuclear nonproliferation, or missile technology; or (ii) For reasons relating to regional stability or surreptitious listening; Specially designed and prepared nuclear equipment, parts and components, materials, software, and technology covered by part 810 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to assistance to foreign atomic energy activities); Nuclear facilities, equipment, and material covered by part 110 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to export and import of nuclear equipment and material); Select agents and toxins covered by part 331 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, part 121 of title 9 of such Code, or part 73 of title 42 of such Code; or Emerging and foundational technologies controlled pursuant to section 1758 of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4817).

Reasonable inquiry means an inquiry designed to uncover any information in the entity's possession about the identity of the producer or provider of covered telecommunications equipment or services used by the entity that excludes the need to include an internal or third-party audit.

Substantial or essential component means any component necessary for the proper function or performance of a piece of equipment, system, or service.

(c) Representation. After conducting a reasonable inquiry Subcontractor represents that it [] will or [] will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services to DT Global in the performance of any contract, subcontract, order, or other contractual instrument resulting from this contract. This



representation shall be provided as part of the proposal and resubmitted on an annual basis from the date of award.

- **(d) Disclosures.** If the Subcontractor has responded affirmatively to the representation in paragraph (c) of this clause, the Subcontractor shall provide the following additional information to DT Global:
- (1) List of all covered telecommunications equipment and services offered or provided (Entity name, brand; model number, such as original equipment manufacturer (OEM) number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable);
- (2) Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b) of this provision;

(e) Reporting requirement.

- (1) In the event the Subcontractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the Subcontractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the Subcontractor shall report the information in paragraph (d)(2) of this clause to DT Global.
- (2) The Subcontractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (d)(1) of this clause
- (i) Immediately upon such identification or notification: the contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.
- (ii) Within 5 business days of submitting the information in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this clause: any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the Subcontractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.
- (f) 2nd Tier Subcontracts. The Subcontractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (f), in all 2nd Tier subcontracts and other contractual instruments, including subcontracts for the acquisition of commercial items.
- **(g) SAM Verification.** The Subcontractor shall regularly review the list of excluded parties in the System for Award Management (SAM) (https://www.sam.gov) to identify entities excluded from receiving federal awards for "covered telecommunications equipment or services".

Contract/Subcontract No.:	
Signature:	
Date:	
Name:	
Title/Position:	
Organization:	



ATTACHMENT VI

PRIME CONTRACT FLOW-DOWN CLAUSES

This Contract will be funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) with DT Global implementing this USAID project. Applicable clauses incorporated herein by reference shall have the same force and effect as if they were incorporated in full text. A copy of the full text of each clause may be obtained from http://www.acquisition.gov/far, http://www.usaid.gov/policy/ads/300/aidar.pdf, or from DT Global 's procurement official. The term "FAR" means Federal Acquisition Regulation. The terms, "Contractor," "Government" and "Contracting Officer" as used in these clauses shall refer to Vendor, DT Global, and DT Global Contract Administrator respectively. In no event shall any provision of this contract or Orders issued against it be construed as allowing the Vendor to appeal directly to or otherwise communicate directly with (USAID) without written consent of DT Global.

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FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR Chapter 1)					
52.202-1 52.203-5 52.203-6	DEFINITIONS COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES RESTRICTIONS ON SUBCONTRACTOR SALES TO THE GOVERNMENT	NOV 2013 MAY 2014 SEP 2006			
52.203-7 52.203-8	ANTI-KICKBACK PROCEDURES CANCELLATION, RESCISSION, AND RECOVERY OF FUNDS FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY	MAY 2014 MAY 2014			
52.203-13	CONTRACTOR CODE OF BUSINESS ETHICS AND CONDUCT	OCT 20156			
52.204-9	PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL	JAN 2011			
52.204-10	REPORTING EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND FIRST-TIER SUBCONTRACT AWARDS	OCT 2018			
52.204-13 52.204-14	SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT MAINTENANC SERVICE CONTRACT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS				
52.204-25	PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING FOR CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANC OR EQUIPMENT.	E SERVICES AUG 2020			
52.209-6	PROTECTING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST WHEN SUBCONTRACTING WITH CONTRACTORS DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, OR PROPOSED FOR DEBARMENT	OCT 2015			
52.209-9	UPDATES ON PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS	OCT 2018			
52.215-2 52.215-8	AUDIT AND RECORDS—NEGOTIATION ORDER OF PRECEDENCEUNIFORM CONTRACT FORMAT	OCT 2010 OCT 1997			
52.215-10	PRICE REDUCTION FOR DEFECTIVE CERTIFIED COST AND PRICING DATA	AUG 2011			
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52.215-12 52.215-13	SUBCONTRACTOR COST AND PRICING DATA SUBCONTRACTOR COST AND PRICING DATA- MODIFICATIONS	OCT 2010 OCT 2010			
52.215-19 52.215-23 52.216-7 52.217-8	NOTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP CHANGES LIMITATIONS ON PASS-THRU CHARGES ALLOWABLE COST AND PAYMENT OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES	OCT 1997 OCT 2009 AUG 2018 NOV 1999			



52.222-21 52.222-26 52.222-29 52.222-35	PROHIBITION OF SEGREGATED FACILITIES	APR 2015
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52.222-20	NOTIFICATION OF VISA DENIAL	APR 2015
52.222-35	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR VETERANSOCT 2015	AFIX 2013
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52.222-36	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR WORKERS WITH	JUL 2014
	DISABILITIES	
52.222-37	EMPLOYMENT REPORTS ON VETERANS	FEB 2016
52.222-50	COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS	MAR 2015
52.223-6	DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE	MAY 2001
52.223-18	ENCOURAGING CONTRACTOR POLICIES TO BAN	AUG 2011
	TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING	
52.225-13	RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN FOREIGN	JUN 2008
	PURCHASES	
52.225-14	INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN ENGLISH VERSION AND	FEB 2000
	TRANSLATION OF CONTRACT	
52.225-19	CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL IN A DESIGNATED	MAR 2008
	OPERATIONAL AREA/SUPPORTING DIPLOMATIC	
50,000,0	OR CONSULAR MISSION OUTSIDE UNITED STATES	II II 0044
52.228-3	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE (DBA)	JUL 2014
52.228-4	WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND WAR-HAZARD	APR 1984
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52.229-0	CONTRACTS	WAR 1990
52.230-2	COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS	OCT 2015
52.232-18	AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS	APR 1984
52.232-10	LIMITATION OF FUNDS	APR 1984
52.232-22	ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS	MAY 2014
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52.233-1	DISPUTES (MAY 2014) ALTERNATE 1	DEC 1991
52.233-3	PROTEST AFTER AWARD	AUG 1996
	ALTERNATE I	JUN 1985
52.233-4	APPLICABLE LAW FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT	OCT 2004
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52.237-3	CONTINUITY OF SERVICES	JAN 1991
52.242-1	NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISALLOW COSTS	APR 1984
52.242-3	PENALTIES FOR UNALLOWABLE COSTS	MAY 2014
52.242-4	CERTIFICATION OF FINAL INDIRECT COSTS	JAN 1997
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52.242-15	STOP WORK ORDER	AUG 1989
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52.243-3	CHANGES—TIME AND MATERIALS	
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52.243-7	NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES	JAN 2017
52.244-2	SUBCONTRACTS	OCT 2010
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52.244-5	COMPETITION IN SUBCONTRACTING	DEC 1996
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52.245-1 52.246-25	GOVERNMENT PROPERTY LIMITATION OF LIABILITY—SERVICES	FEB 1997
52.246-25 52.247-63	PREFERENCE FOR U.S. FLAG AIR CARRIERS	JUN 2003
52.247-65 52.249-6	TERMINATION (COST-REIMBURSEMENT)	MAY 2004
52.249-14	EXCUSABLE DELAY	APR 1984
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752.202-1	DEFINITIONS ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST	JAN 1990
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752.211-70 752.222-781	NONDISCRIMINATION	JUN 1992 JUN 2012
752.225-70 752.225-70	SOURCE AND NATIONALITY REQUIREMENTS	FEB 2012
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752.228-7	WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE (DBA) INSURANCE-LIABILITY TO THIRD PERSONS	JUL 1997
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750 045 74	REQUIREMENTS TITLE TO AND CARE OF PROPERTY	ADD 4004
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752.7001	BIOGRAPHICAL DATA	JUL 1997
752.7002	TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION DOCUMENTATION FOR PAYMENT	JAN 1990
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752.7006	NOTICES	APR 1984
752.7007	PERSONNEL COMPENSATION	JUL 2007
752.7008	USE OF GOVERNMENT FACILITIES OR	APR 1984
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752.7009	MARKING	JAN 1993
752.7010	CONVERSION OF U.S. DOLLARS TO LOCAL	APR 1984
750 7044	CURRENCY	155 1661
752.7011	ORIENTATION AND LANGUAGE TRAINING	APR 1984
752.7013	CONTRACTOR-MISSION RELATIONSHIPS	OCT 1989
752.7014	NOTICE OF CHANGES IN TRAVEL REGULATIONS	JAN 1990
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752.7019	PARTICIPANT TRAINING	JAN 1999
752.7025	APPROVALS	APR 1984
752.7027	PERSONNEL	DEC 1990
752.7028	DIFFERENTIALS AND ALLOWANCES	JUL 1996
752.7029	POST PRIVILEGES	JUL 1993
752.7031	LEAVE AND HOLIDAYS	OCT 1989
752.7032	INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL APPROVAL AND	APR 2014
	NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
752.7033	PHYSICAL FITNESS	JUL 1997
752.7034	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND DISCLAIMER	DEC 1991
752.7035	PUBLIC NOTICES	DEC 1991

EXECUTIVE ORDER ON TERRORISM FINANCING (AUG 2016)

The Subcontractor/Recipient is reminded that U.S. Executive Orders and U.S. law prohibits transactions with, and the provision of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. It is the legal responsibility of the subcontractor/recipient to ensure compliance with these Executive Orders and laws. This provision must be included in all subcontracts/sub-awards issued under this subcontract/agreement.