

**Additional Questions and Answers for Pact RFA # 08-00-002**

***Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS Education for Secondary School Students***

Q17: If a university research center applies, should answers on the International Organization Background Questionnaire apply to the university as a whole or to the particular research center making the application?

A: Answers should pertain to the particular research center applying for the grant.

Q18: Should the person identified as the contact on the application be the investigator or the business/grants contracts officer?

A: Either is fine. The applicant should determine what is most suitable for the organization.

Q19: Does the question about 'years of experience in the education sector' refer to years experience working in schools on HIV prevention?

A: It refers to years of experience working in the education sector, regardless of the focus. Other questions on the form refer more specifically to HIV prevention experience.

Q20: Does the total budget of \$1,225,000 include both direct and indirect costs?

A: Yes

Q21: Regarding donor references, should we only include grants that relate to the project?

A: Provide contact information from donor organizations for which you performed work that is most relevant to this RFA and can best demonstrate your capacity to implement this particular program.

Q22: Is there a salary cap for personnel?

A: No. But all costs listed in the budget will be evaluated based on the review committees' assessments of what is reasonable.

Q23: Do we need to perform a needs assessment prior to the piloting in relation to programming logistics, content, material format, etc.? If we find successful SRH/HIV programs for the age group 15 to 24, should we plan to adapt these programs to the younger age group?

A: We cannot provide any further information about the appropriateness of particular approaches beyond what is presented in the RFA. Each project design should reflect the applicant's own judgment about what strategies will best respond to the objectives specified in this RFA.

Q24: The RFA requires that Organizational Background Questionnaires need to be prepared for "sub-partners" as well as primes. Can you explain how "sub-partner" is defined? If a Vietnamese Government agency is eligible to be a sub-partner, why isn't "government agency" one of the "type of organization" options listed on the form?

A: "Sub-partner" refers to any organization that the prime applicant proposes as a partner that will be funded for its role in the project. The terms "sub-awardee" or "sub-grantee" are used in the same way as "sub-partner" to mean the same thing. GVN agencies are eligible to be sub-partners/sub-grantees in this program, including MOET. The "International" Organizational Background Questionnaire lists "government agency" as one of the options for "partner organization" but we neglected to include the option on the "Local

Organizational Background Questionnaire” which a VNG sub-partner would be required to complete. If you are proposing a government agency as a sub-partner, please tick “other” and write in the specific GVN agency in the blank provided after “explain.”

Q25: Can we work with Department of Secondary Education or must we work with Department of Student Affairs?

A: Partnership arrangements are up to the applicant (and partners) to negotiate. Eligibility requirements for this RFA present no requirements nor restrictions regarding which government department can be a partner/sub-grantee under this program.

Q26: In some U.S. grants, the indirect costs are not included in maximum amount of funding available. Is this the same with your program, or are indirect costs included in the \$1.275 million maximum funding available?

A: Indirect costs are included in the total budget for this program, so the applicant must present a proposed budget that includes direct and indirect costs and does not exceed \$1.275 over the period from June 1, 2008-Sept 30, 2010.

Q27: What is expected in Phase 2? Piloting of the program will begin early 2009. Does Phase 2 involve continued piloting and evaluation of the pilot?

A: YES.