Q1) Would like to understand Pact’s stand on the feasibility of doing FGDs due to unstable internet connectivity and willingness of respondents to gather at one place amid the current ongoing political crisis in those study townships.

A1) As stated in the RFP, applicants should propose research methods best suited to fulfilling the SOW. The RFP requests applicants to consider conducting focus group discussions (FGDs), either in person or remotely, so FGDs are recommended. However, it is up to the applicant to propose the specific methodology best suited to their research design. Pact has conducted both in-person and remote FGDs with beneficiaries recently. If the applicant proposes FGDs, Pact will share its experience conducting FGDs in the southeast with the selected applicant during co-creation. Pact will also facilitate communication and coordination with interviewees and respondents as needed. The specifics will be decided during the co-creation workshop.

Q2) What sample size is Pact looking at for quantitative survey?

A2) As stated in the RFP, a quantitative survey is not required, but may be considered by applicants. The applicant should assess whether quantitative data collection through surveys, either in-person or remotely, is feasible and relevant for the final evaluation based on the applicant’s research methodology and design. If an applicant proposes to conduct a quantitative survey, the applicant should propose a sampling methodology that provides a statistically relevant sample size based on ACE’s beneficiary numbers and locations as noted in the RFP. If an applicant proposes a quantitative survey, specifics on sampling will be finalized and approved during co-creation workshop.

Q3) We would like to understand whether Pact will be able to share contact details of respondents for both quantitative and qualitative surveys?

A3) Yes, as stated in the RFP, Pact will provide contact information for beneficiaries, participants, volunteers, and partners for the selected applicant to conduct interviews and data collection, either in-person or remotely. Pact will also facilitate communication and coordination with interviewees and respondents as needed.

Q4) Kindly advise whether independent consultants that don't have a registered firm with the government are eligible to apply this evaluation.

A4) Registration by applicants with government authorities is not required by Pact. But it is the applicant’s responsibility to secure any necessary permits to conduct the evaluation. Pact will share its experiences in conducting field work and provide guidance and support to the selected applicant during co-creation. Applicants need to explain their management and staffing plan to achieve their proposed technical approach as part of the Technical Proposal submission. Pact expects to issue one contract to a selected applicant, not multiple contracts to independent consultants, so consultants contributing to this evaluation need to be included under a single contracting entity.