



**UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CO., LLC  
RFP No. FY12-R03-8700**

**HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:  
AFRICA CHILD AND FAMILY INITIATIVE**

**Questions and Answers**

1. Is the RFP mainly around health issues? Can we focus on economic and life issues?

*Answer: The proposals must provide a technical approach that addresses the objectives and deliverables of the RFP, otherwise, there are no restrictions on sectors. The RFP is aimed at a systems approach to child protection and family strengthening, cutting across sectors and those whom are considered “providers” of support. For example, UNHCR describes child protection systems as including a “coordinated series of functions and actions undertaken by a range of duty bearers at all levels, family, community, provincial, national and international that combine to prevent, respond to and mitigate, the multiple child protection risks children face”.<sup>1</sup>*

2. A. Clarify what is meant by a regional grouping of countries within Africa.  
B. Clarify what is meant by a region. Would it be an entire region, such as the Southern African Development Community (SADC) or could it be a smaller number of countries in one geographic region?

*Answer: The countries included in the proposals are at the bidder’s discretion. Bidders can propose countries depending on their presence in those countries. There are no pre-determined regional groupings. Countries included in the proposals do not necessarily need to be contiguous.*

3. Approximately how many countries would need to be included in a regional community of learning and practice organized through one sub-contract?

*Answer: Two or more.*

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<sup>1</sup> UNHCR. (2010). *Protecting children of concern through a system approach: guidance for field offices*. Geneva, Switzerland. P. 10. Draft paper.

4. The Evaluation Criteria matrix is confusing and does not align with the components in the technical proposal section.

*Answer: The Evaluation Criteria table on page 15 of the original RFP has been revised and is available in the modified RFP available at <http://www.hciproject.org/africa-child-family-initiative>*

5. We are a regional organisation registered in South Africa. Our organisation has offices but is not registered in the other countries that we want to implement the project. Would this make us eligible?

*Answer: Based on your registration in South Africa, you would be eligible for consideration under this RFP. However, to implement the project at a regional level as described in the RFP, you would need to bring on one or more subcontractors registered in the other country (ies) where you propose to work.*

6. Is 3 awards in 12 months or 3 award by 12 months?

*Answer: Up to 3 contracts would be awarded simultaneously to three different organizations. Each contract will last up to 12 months.*

7. Your RFP states you must have an office in the country. We are a pass through non-profit – kind of like a quasi-foundation. Instead of funding from an endowment we fundraise and then fund other implementing partners. We do not run our own programs.

Given that setup, would we qualify for this rfp? We do not have an office in our African countries but our implementing partners do. We have worked with them for some 8 to 10 years. Can you let us know if we as the funding organization have to have the office in-country or is it ok that our implementing partners on the ground have the offices in-country?

*Answer: Based on the fact that you do not have an office in Africa, your organization would be ineligible. But the implementing partners you work with could submit proposals in response to this RFP if they meet the eligibility requirements.*