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Responses to Questions Submitted by Interested Parties regarding Request for Application (RFA) No. RFA-VAC-2023-001 for Support to Honduras' National Response Plan for the Prevention of Violence against Children and Adolescents (2021-2026): Supporting data-informed implementation and dissemination of implementation learning at national and municipal levels

Question 1: How many projects will be selected for funding?

Response to Question 1: The number of projects selected for funding will depend on the quality and number of applications received. The following total estimated amounts have been budgeted for each task:

Task 1: Up to \$75,000 USD

Task 2: Up to \$200,000 USD

Task 3: Up to \$50,000 USD

For each task, one or more applications may be selected. It is possible that the total budget for one task may be split among multiple organizations. It is also possible that one organization will be funded for multiple tasks.

Question 2: For Task 2: Direct Technical Consultant Support, under what mechanism will consultants be hired? Who will the consultants depend on financially and operationally? What is the role and scope of the civil society organization that is hiring consultants? Under what conditions will the consultant be hired?

Response to Question 2: Applicants should determine the most efficient mechanism for hiring the technical consultants, e.g. through independent consultant agreements, or as regular employees. The selected applicant will be responsible for payment to consultants for work completed. The selected applicant will also be responsible for managing the consultants, in consultation with the Office of the Vice Ministry of Security, as well as URC/HEARD, USAID Honduras, and UNICEF Honduras. These organizations are prepared to provide additional technical backstopping and support coordination of the consultants' efforts with other ongoing complementary activities, in support of the selected applicant and the consultants they are managing. The role of the organization that is hiring the consultants is therefore the administrative management of their employment, as well as their technical management and supervision, with some engagement on the latter by the organizations mentioned above. Applicants may propose specific individuals to serve in the consultant roles, and/or may propose to manage a selection process to identify the most suitable individuals. In the case of a selection process, the Vice Ministry of Security, URC/HEARD,

USAID Honduras, and UNICEF Honduras are prepared to be supportive of this process to ensure the most suitable candidates are identified. If it is the case that the applicant's contracting or hiring capacity is limited, it is possible that URC could contract the consultants directly, but the applicant would be responsible for managing the identification and recruitment of consultants and coordinating the technical management of the consultants.

Question 3: Can we work in partnership with an international organization that has offices in Honduras? The international organization would be a secondary organization, with the prime organization being an organization that is locally registered in Honduras.

Response to Question 3: It is not a requirement for funding that organizations be headquartered in Honduras. A consortium of Honduras-based and international organizations is allowed. However, organizations must be authorized to work in Honduras (as per the submission requirements which include a Letter of Support from the Vice Ministry of Security).