

Request for Clarifications

Call for Proposals on EmONC GIS Mapping and Capacity Building

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1. **Number of countries:** How many countries are envisaged for the GIS mapping and capacity building activities?

The UNFPA Asia-Pacific region is comprised of 22 countries in Asia, and 14 countries in the Pacific. For the purposes of this programme of work, there are 4-6 countries which are priority for the EmONC and GIS portfolio, which would be the ones targeted in Activity 1. However, it is envisioned that the regional capacity building programme should be organised in a way that as many countries as possible within the Asia-Pacific region could benefit from the activity.

2. **Description of activities:**

- **For regional capacity building, did UNFPA envisage in-country workshops for each of the selected countries, or one overall regional workshop?**

We are envisioning the regional capacity building programme to be organised at the regional level. The activity could also be proposed as a virtual programme of capacity building.

- **For the 3rd expected scope of activity (Collaborate with UNFPA teams as required to support country-level work in countries which might begin implementation of geospatial analyses and data collection), would it be possible to have more information regarding the activities to be implemented and their implementation scale?**

Following the regional capacity building programme, we are expecting that some countries might require individual support to commence certain activities related to EmONC and GIS mapping. We are envisioning that the majority of the support could be in the form of virtual technical support – e.g., calls, webinars, documents review etc. We recommend partners propose a budget for a specified amount of hours of technical support, which could be utilised on a need-basis for the work required.

3. **Proposed Programme budget:**

- **Is it envisaged that the contractor budgets for DSA of participants attending capacity building workshops / activities?**

No. The partner organization should only budget for costs related to their own activities.

- **Is there a specific template to follow regarding the excel spreadsheet to provide with full details of activities and associated budget?**

Any template in Excel can be used by partners to propose a budget. It would be helpful for the template to include unit costs, required time foreseen and proposed human resources for each of the activities, as well as any indirect costs for programme management.

4. **Proposed programme duration: While a specific duration for the first two activities can be easily defined it is not clear over which period the support to countries mentioned under the third activity will have to be provided. Shall we consider the end of 2025 as this corresponds to the end date of the current UNFPA strategic plan?**

All workplan activities will need to be completed by 31st December 2024, as UNFPA follows an annual planning schedule for technical partnerships.