



Clarifications for Tender Ref. IRL-MEV-49646

Clarifications issue date : May 13th 2026

#	Question	Answer
1	The TOR mentions travel to Colombia and Ethiopia. Could you please clarify whether GOAL expects the international consultants/team lead to travel to these countries, or whether the preference is for locally based/national consultants to undertake the in-country data collection?	<p>GOAL is open to a range of team structures, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An entirely national consultancy team• An entirely international consultancy team• A mixed team of national and international consultants <p>What matters most is that the proposal clearly explains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Which consultant(s) will serve as Team Lead• Which team members will carry out field data collection• How responsibilities will be divided among team members• What supervision and quality assurance arrangements will be in place• How technical support and coordination will be provided throughout the evaluation <p>In all cases, the proposal should demonstrate that the team has the necessary expertise, context knowledge, and management arrangements to deliver the evaluation effectively.</p>
2	For the remaining programme countries, would GOAL expect the engagement of national consultants to support additional primary data collection, or would a remote data collection approach be considered acceptable where feasible?	<p>GOAL welcomes the inclusion of additional primary data collection in other countries where it operates; however, this is not an expectation of the assignment. Consultants may choose to undertake such data collection where it adds value to the evaluation, but remote engagement with stakeholders in these countries is also considered fully acceptable.</p>
3	We understand that the assignment has a cap of €50,000 including VAT. To apply the correct VAT we would like to ask whether	<p>The contract will be with GOAL Ireland, we do not have a VAT Number, (we are not VAT Exempt) therefore, your offer must include</p>



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	<p>the contract will be with GOAL Ireland, UK, or USA? And if the contract would be with GOAL Ireland, do you have a VAT number so that the correct VAT be applied?</p>	<p>VAT i.e. maximum budget for this tender is €50,000.00, including VAT.</p>
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