

Response to questions

KBR-UHC-54731

Consultancy Services for Baseline Study for the Agrifood System Transformation for Youth Employment (ASTYE) Program implemented in Tooro and Bunyoro Subregions

S/No. Question		Response
1	Please provide the complete list of the 17 ASTYE implementation districts in the Tooro and Bunyoro sub-regions, including the refugee settlements or refugee-hosting districts to be covered.	Tooro (<i>Kyegegwa, Kyenjojo, Kabarole, Kamwenge, Kitagwenda, Bunyangabo, Kasese, Ntoroko, Bundibugyo</i>) and Bunyoro (<i>Hoima, Masindi, Kagadi, Kakumiro, Bulisa, Kibaale, Kikuube, Kiryandongo</i>) Refugee Districts (Kyegegwa, Kamwenge, Kiryandongo and Kikuube)
2	The Terms of Reference refer to the ASTYE Results Framework, Theory of Change, MEL Plan, Indicator Reference Sheets and an annexed Results Framework. Could these documents please be shared with prospective bidders?	These will be provided at Inception phase with the contracted consultant
3	Section 2.2 indicates that the assignment is expected to commence in September 2026 and be completed by November 2026, while the proposal submission deadline is 13 October 2026. Please clarify the anticipated contract commencement date and the expected overall implementation period.	This has been adjusted. The bidders should propose a work plan and submit it with their proposal. The actual implementation of the assignment will be included in the contract with the winning bidder

4	Under the deliverables, reference is made to “5 Clean Baseline Dataset.” Please clarify whether the consultant is expected to submit five separate datasets or whether this is a numbering/formatting issue.	One Dataset
5	Will GOAL provide an existing beneficiary or participant database to support development of the sampling frame, or will the selected consultant be responsible for constructing the sampling frame across the 17 districts?	No existing database
6	Please clarify whether the costs of the inception workshop, validation workshop, dissemination/sense-making workshop and participation of invited stakeholders should be included in the consultant’s financial proposal.	Should not be included
7	Are there specific language, translation, sign-language interpretation, accessibility or reasonable-accommodation requirements that bidders should include in their technical and financial proposals?	In case of interpreter while performing the assignment, these costs will be for the consultant

8	Should the financial proposal be inclusive of VAT and all other applicable taxes? We would also appreciate confirmation of the financial evaluation formula that will be used.	Yes, the proposed cost should be inclusive of all applicable taxes
9	If applicable and permissible under GOAL's procurement procedures, please advise whether there is an approved budget ceiling or indicative budget range for the assignment.	This is not acceptable
10	Please confirm whether the technical and financial proposals should be submitted as separate attachments and whether there are prescribed formats or page limits for the technical proposal, CVs and financial proposal.	Should be submitted as separate documents. It is okay to have them in one email but as separate files
11	Please confirm whether one integrated report covering both the baseline assessment and market-systems analysis is expected, as indicated in the deliverables.	Yes, should be one integrated report
12	Being a national tender, are Foreign Consultants allowed to bid?	Yes, provided they can compete with local consultants.
13	GOAL's TIN	GOAL's TIN is 1000134517
14	Should the baseline sample be drawn from all eligible youth within the target districts or specifically from youth already registered/enrolled under ASTYE? Kindly confirm the eligibility criteria and, where available, provide district-level target population figures and existing participant or sampling lists.	The baseline sample should be drawn from the eligible target youth population across all 17 ASTYE districts,

15	Are statistically representative estimates required for each district separately, or only for the overall program area? If district-level estimates are required, kindly confirm any prescribed minimum sample per district, whether allocation should be proportional or equal across districts, and the expected confidence level and margin of error.	The primary requirement is a statistically representative sample for the overall ASTYE program. A 95% confidence level and 5% margin of error
16	The program targets indicate 80% women, 5% refugees and 5% persons with disabilities. Should these percentages also be reflected as minimum proportions within the baseline sample? Kindly clarify whether minimum subgroup sample sizes are required and how respondents falling within more than one inclusion category should be treated during sampling and reporting.	The consultant should propose adequate sample sizes for each subgroup
17	Kindly confirm whether there is an approved budget ceiling for the assignment and whether this should be quoted inclusive or exclusive of VAT. We would also appreciate clarification on any costs or logistical support that GOAL will provide directly, including transport, venues, mobilisation or access to programme participants.	The quoted cost should include VAT. GOAL will not disclose the budget ceiling for this. The bidder should be competitive enough for this assignment
18	Has program implementation or participant registration already commenced? If so, kindly indicate what participant registers, service-delivery records, enterprise records or other historical program data will be available to the selected consultant. We would be grateful for your clarification, as this will enable us to develop a technically sound and appropriately costed proposal that responds precisely to the assignment requirements.	Yes, the program implementation has commenced, the selected consultant will therefore have access, where available and relevant, to existing program administrative and monitoring data,
19	Submission address	Please submit your bids to HQTenders@goal.ie strictly

20	What are the refugee settlements to be covered in the scope?	Rwamwanja in Kamwenge, Kyakaii in Kyegegwa and Kyangwali in Kikube
21	Ethics approval. Although it can be sped up, the approval process from a Research Ethics Committee and registration with UNCST often takes about 1-2 months. Does GOAL expect the consultant to obtain these approvals, or does GOAL hold existing approvals the study could fall under?	The consultant should address all the ethical considerations, safeguarding and informed consent within the study design and implementation.
22	Shared Measures. Section 1.3 lists eight of the nine Mastercard Foundation Shared Measures (SM1 and SM3 to SM9). Could GOAL confirm that SM2 is intentionally excluded from this baseline?	Yes. SM2 is intentionally excluded, ASTYE will apply 8 of the 9 Mastercard Foundation Shared Measures, covering SM1 and SM3–SM9.
23	Data collection platform. Is SurveyCTO acceptable as the "agreed platform", provided all tools are also delivered in XLSForm format for use on Kobo Toolbox or ODK?	Yes. SurveyCTO is acceptable, subject to GOAL approval as the agreed platform,
24	Sample composition. Should the youth survey reflect ASTYE's target composition (80% young women, refugees and persons with disabilities)? Does GOAL require minimum sample sizes or levels of precision for refugees, persons with disabilities, each sub-region or each district?	Yes. The consultant should propose and justify a statistically sound sampling approach that ensures adequate representation across all 17 districts.
25	Attribution. The TOR refers to attribution of project results. Does GOAL expect a comparison group at baseline, or a design that allows one to be added at midline or endline?	The TOR does not require a comparison group at baseline
26	Population and frame. Has ASTYE enrolment started, and is a participant register available? Which sub-counties and refugee settlements will ASTYE serve?	Yes. ASTYE enrolment and participant registration have commenced,

27	Value chains. Have the priority value chains for Tooro and Bunyoro been selected, and can the list be shared?	The priority value chain list will be shared separately with the selected consultant during the inception stage.