**Questions and Answers related to RFQ 018**

**The Rapid Assessment of Covid 19 Impact on Reproductive Health**

Q- I have some inquiries related to the call of "the rapid assessment of covid 19 impact on reproductive health". I would like to ask about the possibility of making some modifications on the proposed methodology. I think that conducting 400 qualitative interviews would not reflect the changes in family planning health seeking behavior. The qualitative studies are not representative even when being conducted with a large sample size. It would only reflect the concepts, views and opinions of the participants who are recruited purposively. Moreover, 400 interviews are not needed to identify themes out of the transcripts,as the researcher may reach saturation after much fewer number of interviews, as after 30 or 40 interviews, the emerged ideas would be similar and would not show much differences or new inputs. On the other hand, structured quantitative interviews allow us to describe representative data in the form of percentages, means and to make statistical associations.

As a researcher, I would rather prefer to conduct a mixed methods study to fulfill the study objectives. Conducting a household survey on women in reproductive age, sampled appropriately, and a qualitative part of the study by conducting interviews with women who have cared for family members infected with covid 19, would be more appropriate for recommending interventions tailored on community needs.

A 1- We definitely agree with mixed methodology to interview women in reproductive age, including those caring for COVID-patients.

As for the sample, we agree that the number of interviewees would be 150 to 400 from all governorates and the cutting point is when you receive a trend or pattern in answers.

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Q2- In response to the REQUEST FOR QUOTATION - RFQ Nº UNFPA/EGY/RFQ/20/018 - For Firms and/or individual consultants for the

Conducting Rapid Assessment of COVID 19 Impact on Reproductive Health and Family Planning Service Seeking Behavior - I have the following questions:

Given the 2-months timeframe, I suggest adjusting the methodology for optimum use of time. I suggest conducting 400 Interviews as focus group interviews rather than individual interviews. 8-10 focus group sessions in each governorate would suffice.

I suggest another method which is conducting a survey using a short questionnaire (with few open-ended questions) to cover a wider number of women in each governorate, followed by semi-structured interviews with selected key informants such as policymakers, key professionals, and RH experts working at both national and local levels.

Please advise if these adjustments (or similar scenarios) to the methodology are accepted.

This brings me up to my next question -- is what is meant by the 'survey methodology and survey assessment' required in the call?

A2- You may wish to increase the number of data collectors, who can conduct interviews in parallel. The number of interviewees would be 150 to 400 from all governorates and the cutting point is when you receive a trend or pattern in answers.

Due to the subject of the assessment we envision it would be preferred to conduct IDIs not focus group discussions, only for women in reproductive age, i.e. no need to add other key informants.

As such the suggested methodology to conduct focus group discussions is not accepted.

Regarding your last query “what is meant by the 'survey methodology and survey assessment' required: the question is not clear”.

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Q3- I appreciate responding  to the following query because it will have impact on timing and budget:

In third page under Scope of work point no. 5: it is mentioned that :Submit KII transcripts and reports to UNFPA. What you mean by reports. I understood, you need the full transcript in Arabic only, but I couldn’t understand what you mean by“reports”.  The reports of the RA to be delivered are mentioned in details in point 6 and 7.

A3- In response to your query, we mean here all KII transcripts, as well as a summary of the data collection process such as how they were chosen, how and where the KII were conducted, challenges , limitations, whether it went as planned or not, etc, ... as applicable. Points 6 & 7 refer to the final reporting at the end of the assignment.