

RESPONSE TO RFP/TOR CLARIFICATION QUERIES

Inclusive Digital Financial Services

No.	Question	Responses
1.	Are there any further indications with regards to the targeted African countries and/or communities?	The scope of the projects is fragile states and communities within sub-Saharan Africa
2.	In addition to the information provided in the TOR, what does FSDA define as “marginalised communities or fragile states in sub-Saharan Africa” ?	<p>Fragile communities in this context are defined as highly vulnerable and disadvantaged groups often marginalized due to geography, age, sex, level of income or traditional livelihoods etc.</p> <p>Examples of such communities include urban slum dwellers, climate change refugees and IDPs (and regular ones), rural farmers and rural poor, pastoralists, persons living with disabilities, older persons, women and girls (in issues like access to land etc), and youth (access to employment).</p> <p>FSDA also welcomes further insights and thought leadership from Consultant(s) on what this definition could also include.</p>
3.	Is there an indication available of the total days envisioned for the completion of this assignment or a total budget indication?	FSDA invites the Consultant(s) to suggest a comprehensive workplan and budget that supports the response to the TORs
4.	Is there already an indication/mapping/profile of the preferred partners of the financial service providers available?	FSDA invites the Consultants(s) to suggest appropriate FSP partners based on the Consultant’s experience and understanding of the TORs.
5.	Is the scoring for the assessment criterium “ <i>Demonstrated experience working on inclusive finance development in marginalised communities or fragile states in sub-Saharan Africa</i> ” based on the profile of the individual experts, the firm or both?	Both
6.	Is there any previous research or work available (commissioned by FSDA) in this specific area of work (fragile communities/financial service provision/digitalization) that relates to the rationale underlying this assignment?	No, there is no previous research available. The consultant should find relevant content to refer to.

7.	Can a consultant participates in this project design then will they be eligible to participate in any projects that arise downstream in the implementation?	Yes, a consultant may participate in the implementation of a downstream project
8.	Other than Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe and DRC, would FSDA be interested in including any other countries in the scope of this assignment?	The scope of this assignment is NOT specific to the mentioned countries but for SSA. These countries were referenced in context of previous FSDA work
9.	Would learning from this assignment fuel FSDA work in any other country? If yes, can you tell us which countries these are?	Learning from this assignment will be applied to all fragile countries within SSA
10.	Can you give us an indication of the duration you estimate for this assignment	FSDA invites the Consultant(s) to suggest a comprehensive workplan and budget that supports the response to the TORs
11	Can you give us an indication of the team size you would prefer for this assignment?	There is no preference on team size. The Consultant is invited to respond to the TORs in a manner that best reflects value for money in accordance with their value proposition.
12	Can you please provide us with examples of types of projects that FSD Africa Investments has funded in the past and through which instrument (grants, investment capital, debt,...)	We refer you to the FSDA website for further information on the types of projects done previously. Visit www.fsdafrica.org
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