

RESPONSE TO BID CLARIFICATION QUERIES

GENDER REFERENCE BOND PHASE 1, RFP

Questions & Clarifications for Gender Reference Bond RFP, Phase1

1. Is this opportunity open to firms as well? [yes](#)
2. Is there a budget range/ cap that has been specified? [GBP 45,000](#)
3. When is the engagement expected to commence? [By 12th November 2021](#)
4. Assuming successful completion of Phase 1, do you expect to embark on Phase 2 with the same consultant, or do you expect to solicit more proposals via a bidding process? [We may embark on phase 2 with the same consultant but this is not cast in stone.](#)
5. When is Phase 2 expected to commence approximately? [This is dependent on the findings of phase 1. This work is heavily dependent on stakeholder consensus and buy in and this may determine the scope and timing of phase 2. Tentatively, phase 2 may commence in mid-2022.](#)
6. Can a consulting firm apply for this RFP? [Yes, provided they meet the requirements](#)
7. There is a requirement of Draft interview questionnaire in Inception report stage. Is this questionnaire meant for stakeholder consultations? [yes](#)
8. There is a requirement of 2 stakeholder workshops. Is there any requirement on the number of stakeholders for each workshop? [This will be agreed consultatively with the consultant – depends on the list of stakeholders to be engaged.](#)
9. Can stake holder consultation be done virtually since we are based in India? [yes](#)
10. Can it be clarified whether the proposal should respond only to Phase 1 or both Phase 1 and Phase 2? The subject lines for the proposal only mention Phase 1, but the some of the deliverables such as the technical workshop outlined seem to respond to both Phase 1 and Phase 2. [Respond to phase 1 only](#)
11. Is there a specific deadline for the final report or a specific date before which the project must start? We would prefer to begin the project in the new year. [12th November 2021 is the preferred commencement date.](#)
12. Can you confirm that stakeholder meetings and workshops can be virtual? [Yes they can](#)

13. The ToR speaks of “a consultant”, but can a proposal be submitted by an organization? Consultant can be either an organisation or individual or consortium of both.