

**REGIONAL TRADE FOR DEVELOPMENT
RCEP IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT PROGRAM**

RESPONSES TO QUERIES FOR THE

Development of Project Design for the National Quality Infrastructure (NQI) Policy
Development and Implementation Framework

No.	Questions	Responses
1	Can individually-associated consultants qualify to respond to the RFP and if successful, manage and deliver the project/ assignment?	The revised TOR seeks a consulting firm/consortium or an individual consultant . Firms or individual consultants based outside of Cambodia may subcontract Cambodia-based consultant(s) to meet this requirement. Please indicate this clearly in the proposal.
2	Should the "apply now" function on the RT4D site open the application platform / window? Is this the intended submission route? It links to the procurement email address.	Bidders can submit a proposal through "apply now" function on RT4D's website or respond to this procurement email.
3	Could we confirm the project period? The summary page 1 states the start date as July 2026 and completion as November 2026. Section IVB states 2.5 calendar months (page 6). Is it a total of 2.5 months / 10 weeks period between July and November 2026?	Based on the revised ToR, the support from the selected consulting firm/individual will be provided over a continuous, effective period of 2 calendar months , with an estimated 15 person-days of professional services. The project design period is July to September 2026 .
4	12 days seems a very low number of days when compared with the depth and breadth of the scope as set out in this document. Is 12 days the expectation? How was this number derived?	In the revised ToR, the number of working days is increased to 15 person-days . This number reflects the project budget.
5	For a proposal from a firm, providing support to 1 or 2 consultants, how do you prefer to deal with overhead costs? And how does this work in	In line with DFAT Aid Adviser Remuneration Framework, overhead costs/management fees are to be costed separately from the consultants' daily rates. It should be allocated

	relation to the DFAT remuneration framework?	<p>under the following item in the financial proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management and/or operational fees (if any), which include all costs incurred by the person/entity/company for internal coordination, communication, travels and any other associated project management cost.
6	Do you have a budget in mind for travel and accommodation and other out-of-pocket expenses?	<p>For this assignment, we do not anticipate the need for any significant travel/accommodation and other out-of-pocket expenses.</p> <p>However, if the bidder considers the need for these costs, the bidder may propose a contingency budget. However, its use is subject to RT4D's consideration and approval.</p>
7	Would the contractor chosen to carry out this task (design of the project) be eligible to bid on any follow up work which may be tendered for the implementation of the large project itself?	The selected consultant for project design can still submit a proposal for the project implementation.
8	If no expenses for travel or accommodation or out-of-pocket expenses are expected, does that mean RT4D only wants consultants who are already based in Phnom Penh and have no accommodation costs and do not need to travel?	<p>No, we do not have such a preference. We evaluate proposals based on quality and value for money. We also expect that the project design work can be done virtually.</p> <p>Bidders may refer to our response for Q. 6.</p>