

**F.A.Q.****QUERIES ON TENDER FOR - BASELINE STUDY FOR THE SDG COMPACT MEASURE “SUSTAINABLE FARMING COMMUNITIES IN THE MINT SECTOR IN INDIA”**

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1	Section 1- Context Terms of Reference	Sub-section 1.2 Project Indicators	<p>1. 25,250 smallholder farmers increased their overall farm productivity (yield/ha) on average by 20%.</p> <p>2. 25,250 smallholder farmers increased their overall net farm income on average by 20%.</p> <p>3. 25,250 smallholder farmers decreased their water consumption for mint production on average by 30% (per kg of mint oil).</p>	<p>a) We understand that a representative sample of smallholder farmers will be interviewed at baseline and end line. The findings from this sample should be generalizable to the overall population of 25,250 smallholder farmers. Please let us know if this is correct.</p> <p>b) Does the program aim at assessing the impact on the net farm income of the individual farmers exposed to the program or the net farm income of the entire household?</p> <p>c) Does the program aim to assess the impact on net farm income of smallholder farmers in real terms (inflation-adjusted and factored for changes in counterfactual from baseline to endline)?</p> <p>d) If non-project mint farmers are sampled and followed-up from baseline to endline, it might result in a sample loss in control areas at endline due to loss-to-follow-up. Thus, we will have to inflate</p>	<p>a) Yes</p> <p>b) net farm income of entire household</p> <p>c) No inflation is to be Considered</p> <p>d) Yes it is fine</p>

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				the sample of control areas at baseline to address this issue. Hope this is fine.	
2	Section 2- Tasks to be performed by the contractor	Proposed Methodology	The respondents should be sampled according to the different target groups of farmers (a. 10,500 new farmers; b. 7,750 farmers with one year of training experience; c. 7,000 farmers with two years of training experience)	Does the program intend to conduct a comparative assessment on these different target groups of farmers? This information will be useful in determining the required sample size from each of the target groups.	Yes
3	Section 2- Tasks to be performed by the contractor	Proposed Methodology	It will be critical to keep non-response rates as close to zero as possible.	A robust mechanism will be followed to minimize non-response rates. However, a small proportion of non-response rate might still exist due to inherent reasons. The sample size can be inflated to address this issue. Please let us know if this fine.	Fine
4	Section 2- Tasks to be performed by the contractor	Location of the project	Barabanki & Lucknow districts under Uttar Pradesh	Could you please let us know the number of project villages across Barabanki and Lucknow? This information will help us better appreciate the geographical spread of the program and devise our sampling distribution strategy accordingly.	Approximate 400 + villages; 90% in Barabanki.
5	Section 5- Costing requirements	Assignment of personnel	Expert 1: Assignment in country of assignment for 40 expert days Expert 2: Assignment in country of assignment for 20 expert days Expert 3: Assignment in country of assignment for 20x4 expert days	Keeping in mind the study objectives and the scope of work, the proposed number of days of engagement seems on the lower side, especially for Expert-3. Is it okay if we can revise this according to the sample size we propose?	This is an indicative figure. Consultant may change the figures but will be better keep total person days same

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6	Section 2- Tasks to be performed by the contractor	Proposed Methodology	Information should be collected through interviews as well as direct observation in some of the respondents' farms.	Could you please elaborate on which areas does the program expect to collect information using direct observations?	Direct observation here means is to match the data collected with respondent lifestyle, living conditions, farm size, his/ her wisdom. It is kind of using some intelligence and not believing what has been filled in the questionnaire.
7				Can we get an estimate of the overall budget for the project "Sustainable Farming Communities in the Mint Sector in India" and the current status of project activities?	We have indicated the person days and sample size of the study with geographical location. Based on these, consultant has to provide most competitive cost for the assignment.
8				One of the criteria under requirement of experience (Page 10 of TOR) is 'Minimum 3 years of experience in collaboration with public sector enterprises for the welfare of the farmers and farm incomes. Would M&E engagements where the implementation agency of the project being evaluated (And not the end client/funding agency) is a public sector enterprise working on farmer welfare qualify for this criterion?	Yes
9				Since the page limit defined for the proposal is that of 10 pages (Excluding CVs), is there any format for credentials that GIZ would like us to use?	TOR itself gives fair idea about the proposal design but consultant can use any format to make the proposal most technically sound.

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10				Also, is it okay to provide detailed credentials as an Annexure?	Yes
11				The page limit provided for CVs is 2 pages (Page 10 of TOR). Is that a limit for each team member's CV or for the overall section on CVs?	For each member of the team
12				Who would be the users of the final baseline report?	GIZ & project partners
13				Would the report be published on GIZ website? If so, would there be use of name and logo of the consultant in the report?	No. Consultants can use their logos on the final report