

**CONDUCTING RESEARCH FOR BASIC LOCAL VALUE CHAIN ANALYSIS**

**FOR ENHANCER PROJECT**

**PROJECT REFERENCE: *ENHANCER***

**CLARIFICATION N° 01**

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The following questions of general interest to all prospective tenderers have been raised in the course of the RFQ.

**Question 1:**

In the ToR titled “Conducting Research For Basic Local Value Chain Analysis For ENHANCER Project” can a Tenderer apply based on provinces with a wholistic methodology for all sectors?

**Answer 1:**

As per ICMPD rules in service procurement, there is no restriction on the number of lots that a single tenderer may apply for. The application for each sector should be separate. Hence, the Tenderer will prepare one application per lot; which serves as the basis of competition between tenderers.

**Question 2:**

Within the scope of the research, will there be an online survey in addition to the semi-structured interviews in the field?

**Answer 2:**

Please see pages 7-8 of ToR, Item 4.2(c):

*The semi-structured interviews will be conducted through face-to-face interviews. Given the Covid-19 conditions, in case it is not possible to conduct face-to-face interviews, in confirmation with ICMPD, meetings may preferably be conducted online in a recorded mode upon confirmation of the interviewee. The validation of the questionnaire shall be tested by the contractor with the appropriate number of respondents in each target group.*

In order to keep the semi-structured interviews short, the interviewees will be sent a *pre-interview form that will consist of some main data in relation to the company*. This is not a separate tool for research, but a part of the semi-structured interviews.

According to the ToR, the Tenderer may *provide suggestions on how to improve or elevate the quality of the work* at the Kick-off Meeting.

**Question 3:**

Can a Tenderer receive the template and guideline to be utilized in the field research and reporting at the application stage?

**Answer 3:**

No tenderer may receive the template and guideline at the tender process. Guideline and Template will be provided after signing of the contract.