

31 March 2020

**Reference: RFP 2020/003 – Evidence Review on Results-Based Payments**

**ADDENDUM NO. 3**

This Addendum is issued to complement and will constitute integral part of the Request for Proposals. The original Request for Proposals Document will remain in full force and effect. Respondents shall take this Addendum into consideration when preparing and submitting their proposal.

**Responses to Requests for Clarifications**

<b>No</b>	<b>Clarification requested</b>	<b>Response</b>
1.	How will GCF use the information generated by the evidence review? Are there specific upcoming decisions the review will inform?	Thank you for this question. The evidence gap map, intervention heat map and systematic review will be created through an iterative process between the IEU team, the selected firm and selected individuals within GCF. The findings will be disseminated widely both internally to the GCF and externally. It is expected that the IEU will publish a working paper using the findings and analyses and also use it to inform its various other workstreams such as advisory work and evaluations.
2.	To what degree should the evidence review concentrate on applications to climate change policy vs. drawing on research into Results-based Payments across all sectors?	Thank you for this question. Page 8 of the Request for Proposals states:  “The types of interventions for the evidence gap map will be informed by a meta theory of change illustrating the reason why results-based payments are needed above and beyond conventional forms of financing for the most important sectors and sub sectors including infrastructure, social transfers, health, education, justice, aid, mitigation, poverty, adaptation, conservation and payments for environmental services. The evidence gap map will focus on studies which seek to evaluate the effect of an intervention that has been implemented at the national, state, sub-national or district scale by any organisation.”  Page 8 of the Request for Proposals also makes clear that:  “The evidence gap map will include interventions rolled out globally including in low- and middle-income countries, as defined by the 2020 World Bank categorization, and interventions in high-income countries (including in low-income contexts in these countries).”

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		We hope this is informative.
3.	The RFP defines “Results-based payment interventions” quite broadly (impact investments, impact bonds, outcome-based financing, results-based financing, output-based aid or conditional transfers). Is it feasible to narrow the scope to exclude 1) impact investments (given this often does not entail paying for results) and 2) conditional cash transfers (given there is a very large body of research on CCTs and their focus on individuals makes them an outlier among the other organisation focused Results-based Payments instruments)? Or does the GCF have specific reasons for including these two categories?	<p>Thank you for this question.</p> <p>Page 8 of the Request for Proposals notes the large body of work on CCTs and states that the evidence review will only use systematic reviews for such studies.</p> <p>If the lead firm submitting the proposal believes there are solid, rigorous reasons why impact investments and CCTs should be excluded from the study (or partitioned within the study), these should be detailed in the explanation of how the proposal extends the terms of reference (Form Tech-3).</p> <p>The GCF is looking to extend the evidence base on the effectiveness of results-based payment models across scales and contexts.</p>
4.	We note that the project timelines have not been adjusted despite the change in the project's feasible start date with the re-opening of this tender. Can we check, what time pressures does this work face and would there be any option to extend these timelines?	<p>Thank you for this question.</p> <p>Overall we understand that the timeline for this will have to be adjusted.</p> <p>We invite the bidding team to suggest improvements and adjustments to the terms of reference and these can be can be detailed in Form Tech-3.</p>
5.	Given the updated timing of the Request for Proposal and later due date (April 13), does GCF plan to adjust the deliverable schedule or is Deliverable 1, the inception, planning and EGM creation still planned for 20 June 2020?	<p>Thank you for this question.</p> <p>Please see response to Question 4 above.</p>
6.	Could GCF clarify assumptions on the number of sectors that the evidence gap map and the systematic review will cover given that this determines the number of studies that will be reviewed?	<p>Thank you for this question.</p> <p>For the evidence map: The IEU/GCF is looking to extend the evidence base on the effectiveness of results-based payment models across scales and contexts. The lead firm submitting the proposal is welcome to focus their proposal on the most important areas for results-based payments, given time and resource constraints, and offer a clear justification for these choices. Please, however, note the response to Question 2 above.</p>

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		For the systematic review: the IEU/GCF is looking to examine an area that is suitable for such a review once the evidence map is done while ensuring that it is also of strategic importance for the IEU/GCF.
7.	Could GCF clarify the assumptions we should make on the number of outcomes that the meta-analysis will cover?	<p>Thank you for this question.</p> <p>Meta-analysis will only be carried out on outcome areas with at least 10 different studies. If saturation is not attained, merging outcome categories will be considered and will rely on expert judgement. The number of outcome areas will be determined in discussion with the IEU/GCF.</p>
8.	Will GCF invite experts to join the advisory committee or is the contractor implementing this step?	<p>Thank you for this question.</p> <p>It is expected that both the IEU/GCF and the selected firm will propose candidates for the advisory committee but the IEU will make the final decision and send out invitations.</p>
9.	Will GCF expect the bid winner to invoice based upon fixed unit prices or a payment schedule?	Invoicing will be based on the payment schedule upon completion of deliverables.
10.	I am interested to find out if a max budget has been set for this?	Information on the budget will not be provided. Bidders are required to propose the cost of the assignment in their financial proposal.

Kind regards

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