

Q&As - RfA: Responsible Payment Digitization for Women Merchants in Bangladesh

| Relevant section of the RfA | Question submitted to UNCDF | UNCDF response |
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| Budget | We understand that the maximum budget is \$50,000 for this assignment. Will this budget include all the costs related to the two roundtables and one socialization event? | The logistic cost for arranging the events (venue, branding, food etc) will be borne by the Alliance. However, the technical firm is expected to run the show. |
| Scope and Expected Output | If awarded, will UNCDF provide us with the retail audit data? | No, the technical firm is expected to source the supporting secondary data. |
| Eligible costs | Could you please share the details of the VAT and tax-related calculations for this assignment? | The 50,000 grant amount is inclusive of any applicable tax. |
| Eligibility | We are a licensed consultancy firm; however, we are not specifically licensed to conduct research. Does this affect our eligibility to apply? | If the firm has the capacities and expertise to conduct research, the applicant can elaborate on the technical proposal. |
| Project duration | Could you please re-confirm the duration of this assignment? Is it 10 months as mentioned in Section 7 (page 14) of the RFA main document? | Nine months |