**Chloraction RFP – Potential Bidders – Questions and Answers (Including 2nd Round)**

***Technical Questions***

1. **Are laboratory confirmations required for any water quality parameters, or is field-based testing sufficient across all project countries?**

Response:

Laboratory confirmation is *not* required. However, the proposal must comply with the technical guidance outlined in the annex, including triplicate sampling, periodic duplicate testing, and field blank procedures.

1. **Will IRC provide standardized water testing kits and consumables, or should these be fully procured and budgeted by the Agency in line with Technical Annex 3?**

Response:

The water testing kits should be fully procured and budgeted by the Agency in line with Technical Annex 3.

1. **Participatory / Qualitative Inputs  
   The Scope of Services emphasizes probability-based household and water point surveys as the core data sources. To support contextual interpretation of findings and strengthen monitoring-related recommendations, would IRC be open to the inclusion of limited, purposive qualitative activities (e.g., key informant interviews or brief focus discussions)?**

Response:

Yes, we are open to the inclusion of limited, purposive qualitative activities (e.g., key informant interviews or brief focus discussions). Please outline the purpose, scope/scale of these activities and how the data will be utilized alongside core surveys in the technical submission and indicate a separate line item for these activities in the budget submission.

1. **Clarification on Locations  
   To support planning and costing, we kindly request confirmation of the following:**

**4a. The names of the Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Borno and Adamawa States, Nigeria**

Responses:

**Borno State:**Magumeri, Konduga, Monguno&Gwoza LGAs

**Adamawa state:**Mubi North & Mubi South, Madagali, Michika, Yola North, Yola South and Girei LGAs

**4b. The names of the districts in Galgaduud and Mudug regions, Somalia**

Responses:

**Galgaduud region:** Dhusomareeb, Abudwak & Adaado districts

**Mudug region:** Galkayo district

***Procurement Centered Questions***

1. **Bidding materials, forms, and the solicitation of the RFP**

**1a. Would you please provide copies of all bidding materials including those provided in the initial RFP solicitation sent to potential bidders?**

Response:

Please see attached.

**1b. What forms are due by January 30th, 2026?**

Response:

All forms mentioned in the initial RFP email communication, and documents mentioned in the attached Request for Proposal for the ChlorAction Procurement (P53).

1. **When are ITBs due and are they required?**

Response:

Yes, Intent to Bids are requisite for those firms who wish to participate. If you intend on bidding, they should be submitted no later than January 30th, 2026 at 11:59 AM ET (GMT-5).

This is a departure from the previous due date of January 21st, 2026.

1. **Questions and Answers:**

**3a. When are questions due?**

Response:

Questions are due by end of day January 28th, 2026 (11:59 PM ET (GMT-5)).

This is a departure from the January 23rd deadline due to the extension of the Intent to Bid deadline.

**3b. When will answers be provided?**

Response:

Answers to said questions will be due by end of day, January 29th, 2026 (11:59 PM ET (GMT-5)).

**2ND ROUND OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:**

1. **Methodology**

**1a. Should the methodology assume that the same water points and communities will be followed from baseline to endline where feasible?**

**--or—**

**1b. Is the intended design a repeated cross-section with flexibility to replace sites?**

Response:

Water point survey: census sampling; all project supported water points should be surveyed at baseline and endline (see table below).

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| COUNTRY | # WATER POINTS |
| CHAD | 52 |
| NIGERIA | 320 |
| SOMALIA | 50 |

**1a.** yes, in general, the same water points should be followed at baseline and endline. The only situation in which the water points would change is if a water point becomes non-functional (long-term or permanent) or otherwise non-viable, it may be removed from the project and potentially replaced by an alternative water point. 

Household KAP survey: all communities where there are project supported water points should be sampled (with sample size per community being proportional to size). 

**1b.** Yes, the same communities should be followed at baseline and endline. HOWEVER, for each round of survey, we are looking for a random sample of households (independent across rounds), NOT the same households followed longitudinally.  

**2. The RFP frames the assignment as third-party monitoring, while it mainly focuses on two survey rounds (baseline and endline). Could you confirm whether the assignment is limited to these two rounds as described, or whether any additional monitoring or analytical support is anticipated between baseline and endline?**

Response:

**2**. The language used in the assignment is coming from the donor, but, agreed that it would be more aptly referred to as third-party evaluation. We can confirm that IRC will be conducting its own internal routine monitoring in the period between baseline and endline. The third-party role is therefore limited to the base-and endline survey data collection, as well as associated analysis and reporting.