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Question #	Suppliers Question	Wellcome's Response
1	Will this work be desk based or will suppliers be encouraged to conduct in-person consultations / workshops?	We anticipate a mix of methods to be used, but do expect in-person consultations to be undertaken as part of this work.
2	The RfP states the project will run from end November to May 15th. Are there any key internal processes or governance activities driving this timeline? Is Wellcome open to proposals with different timelines?	We expect the work to fit broadly within this timeline.
3	The RfP mentions working with other groups within Wellcome. What, if any, role do you see for the other pillars, discovery research and research culture in this effort?	We will be comparing approaches with other internal teams and sharing learnings. However, this is a distinct piece of work led by the Climate & Health team.
4	Can you provide guidance on the budget available for this effort (in total or by region)?	Wellcome have specifically not provided a budget as we ask that the supplier(s) look to cost this appropriately providing a detailed breakdown as what they think is required to deliver this activity.
5	If we are answering this EoI as a standalone organisation, is it possible to submit the full proposal in conjunction with a partner (assuming the rationale is laid out in our response)?	Yes, we welcome applications from consortia. Ideally the proposal will include expertise in research and in action as part of the team that will be delivering this work.
6	While the RFP details the range and type of stakeholders to consult with, is there any guidance on the extent of engagement? For example, are there expectations around how many stakeholders should be engaged?	We expect the supplier to ensure representation across the region and align with the priorities and needs of the region. We have outlined a range of stakeholders we would expect to see, which are in line with the principles of transdisciplinary research. Though this list was illustrative and there could be others. We expect proposals to outline which



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		stakeholders they will be engaging with, and how, in the proposal.
7	The RFP mentions engagement with stakeholders at Wellcome's request. Is there any guidance on the type and scale of these engagements?	We are leading on this piece of work in consultation with others at Wellcome. This will be a collaborative process and Wellcome would work with the successful supplier to manage this process.
8	Will the EOI be the basis of selection for invitation to submit a proposal? In other words, should we prepare a full proposal only if notified by the Wellcome team?	There is no selection process following the EOI Q&A stage. The only selection process will be once the full proposals are submitted. Suppliers will be informed of the outcome following the full application stage deadline of 2 nd September. <u>Suppliers that have not submitted an EOI are still welcome to submit a full application.</u>
9	Can we work in the Sub Region of Asia i.e. South Asia?	Yes – we would consider this if a strong justification was provided.
10	Is there a particular limit set for the Budget?	Wellcome have specifically not provided a budget as we ask that the supplier(s) look to cost this appropriately providing a detailed breakdown as what they think is required to deliver this activity
11	For this RFP, does the Asian region include Pacific Island Countries and Territories?	Yes these regions would be in scope. We expect that proposals will detail and justify their chosen geographies of focus, to ensure quality within timeframes detailed in the RFP.
12	To support the development of an accurate budget, could you please clarify if the final report (due 15 May 2023) should be presented as a simple Word document, or a professionally designed report?	We expect the final report (deliverables D (b) and (c) to be professionally designed, and any necessary associated costs should be detailed in the budget breakdown.



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13	Is there any framework for "transdisciplinary research" that the Wellcome Trust would prefer? In LAC, it is highly probable that the concept will have to be defined before interviews and focus groups. We would like to frame the questions according to it if applies.	We reference here a definition of what we mean by transdisciplinary research: Characteristics, potentials, and challenges of transdisciplinary research - ScienceDirect In particularly please see Figure 2 which provides a conceptual model of the transdisciplinary research process.
14	What are the countries the Wellcome Trust consider for LAC? For example, the World Bank considers 33 countries.	Wellcome uses the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) definition of LMICs, please see here for further details: https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/guidance/low-and-middle-income-countries
15	Is there any estimated representativeness of the stakeholders in terms of the number of people included per country and countries included? Would you expect the inclusion of all countries in the region or most of them (e.g. above 70%)?	We leave this to the discretion of the supplier but we expect that proposals will detail and justify their chosen geographies of focus, to ensure quality within timeframes detailed in the RfP.
16	Would you expect national or subnational representativeness of stakeholders?	We leave this to the discretion of the supplier but expect applications to justify the representation they have chosen.
17	Given that the project involves interviews with people, would you expect that the proposal would be approved by an Ethics Committee?	We do not expect that this work will require ethics approval.
18	Could you clarify how applications will be scored?	The assessment guidelines are outlined within the RfP. see 'RFP Proposal' section on page 6 for further information.
19	Is there a preference for organizational structure (e.g sole trader versus personal services company?)	There is no preference as long as the successful contractor meets the needs of the RfP.
20	Will experienced individuals be less likely to be awarded the contract over teams?	The successful contractor must be able to explain how they can meet the needs of the RfP.



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21	We saw in the timetable that you shared, that the start of the project will be in November 2022, but we would like to know if the consultation has a period for the delivery of the results.	The deliverables section of the RfP outlines the timeline for expected deliverables. Please see section 3 Deliverables and timeline on page 4 of the RfP for further information.
22	As a part of the investigation, we would like to implement an actual community of practice in health and climate action, and from this community analyze the effectiveness of the methodology and the results. We would like to know if it is possible to do this practical methodology as part of the consultation.	No due to the RfP having a broader remit and so not being solely focused on methods.
23	Could you give us an indication of the overall maximum budget envisaged (or per region)?	Wellcome have specifically not provided a budget as we ask that the supplier(s) look to cost this appropriately providing a detailed breakdown as what they think is required to deliver this activity