

Geneva, 16 May 2012

**Responses to Questions received on:
RFP-2012-12
Mid-term Review of the UNAIDS Agenda for Accelerated Country Action for
Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV**

- We would welcome clarification about timelines for the performance of this work. The ToR states that a final report must be submitted by 1st September, with a short summary report by 1st October 2012. The ToR does not say when the contract will begin, but assuming that the bid is due 25 May, we assume we would not be able to start work until mid-June. This would mean that the bulk of the work would need to be undertaken during the school summer holidays. You will appreciate that our team includes a number of working mothers, and so we would be most grateful for a steer as to whether this timeline is likely to change (knowing that this often happens with projects of this nature) or whether these dates are firmly fixed. An early response to this question will assist us to make the most realistic bid.
Given your recent email, we can see that the bulk of the field trips would need to take place in July, & perhaps early August, and we would like to be sure that this is realistic before finalising a bid. If there is any chance of slippage with timelines towards the end of the project it would be a great help to have that information at this stage.

*ANSWER: In light of the revised deadline to submit proposals, of 1 June 2012, as published on UNAIDS website on 15 May, it is now expected that the contractor will be selected the first week of June. As such, the work would need to be undertaken during the months of June, July, August and September.
The timeline for the completion of this work is closely linked to the December 2012 meeting of UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB), at which the findings of the mid-term review will be shared. Therefore, while there is some flexibility for the completion of the contract, the final date cannot be beyond 15 October 2012.*