

Geneva, 18 June 2012

**Responses to Questions received on:
RFP-2012-18
Multivariate analysis of the relationship between MDG 3 (gender equality) and
MDG 6 (HIV) in concentrated epidemics**

- We are urgently writing to seek clarification on indirect costs. Could you advise us on the UNAIDS indirect policy? As a US university, we negotiate indirect costs rates with the US government. These rates are usually in the 35% - 65% range. We are unsure if UNAIDS is able to accept a proposal with indirect rates in this range. We are seeking guidance to help us determine what indirect costs are acceptable. We plan to submit a proposal in response to RFP-2012-18. Please respond to this inquiry as soon as possible, so that we may complete our internal review.

ANSWER: UNAIDS does not consider the overhead costs separately from the total cost of the services offered during bidding processes, and these will be considered as part of the total cost when making the financial evaluation. A rate of 7%-8% could be considered or fully loaded rates for consultancy costs.

- We have seen the announcement on RFP "Multivariate Analysis of the relationship between MDG3 (Gender Equality) and MDG6 (HIV) in concentrated epidemics" and interested to apply. However, the closing date (22/06/2012) is too short. UCSF grant submission department needs more time to work on it and it's a necessary part of any proposal application including UNAIDS RFP. Could you please let us know for any possibility of closing date extension.

ANSWER: Given that RFP-2012-18 represents the re-opening of a Request for Proposals which was initially open in May, it is not possible to further extend the closing date.

- What kind of quantitative data sets are going to be used? Is it one global database, or it is country specific data sets?

ANSWER: A combination of both global and country databases will be used.