

	<b>Question</b>	<b>Response ( fill in the answer given but take note that some questions will be responded to after we return and jointly agree on the response)</b>
1	Is biomedical a stand-alone intervention or part of the combination prevention package?	Biomedical prevention is part of combination HIV prevention. This RFA will only support those community initiatives that increase uptake of biomedical interventions.
2	If an organization has been funded previously and the funding is still running, will it be eligible to apply for this	Yes
3	Why was the 2009 baseline used instead of the current statistics which are available for PMTCT	Applicants need to use the most recently district statistics but we will also use the available UBOS statistics for comparison purposes
4	What are the key components of the combination prevention	None of the combination prevention can be implemented in isolation hence it has to link to biomedical at the end of the day
5	Since the RFA is targeting specific district can we only feature fisher folks if it outside the selected district	Applications should only be limited to the targeted 6 districts applications should only be limited to the targeted 6 districts
6	Where is the border line of the interpretation of biomedical and prevention	Question not clear
7	What yard stick was used to eliminate boda boda cyclists from MARPS?	This was based on national consensus by key stakeholders
8	Are we going to cover 100% of the district?	Yes. This you can do as a single applicant or under a well geographically mapped consortium(s)
9	When is the World Bank's baseline survey and shall we use other findings in the intervention?	CSF is not very certain of actual dates, but the results will be provided to all when the final report is ready
10	The issue of MSM complexity where at the different level of implementation has its own interpretation. How will this RFA handle this?	All Ugandans have a right to access health services. Where health workers have the mandate to provide health services to the MSM, they should do so.
11	The MSM are in the NSP why don't they reach out to this group because it has been endorsed by the government?	Universal access to services where health workers have the mandate to provide health services to the MSM because you are well within the law. It is a rights issue
12	does the M&E budget be 10-15%	Capped at 15% but this information will be needed in the full proposal
13	Are CSOs expected to develop a narrative	Yes, in the template provided
14	Since the Funds are not to be managed by the District. How will the Local government monitor the successful sub grantees without funding?	By getting involved in the planning, support supervisions, quarterly and annual reporting and overall CSO coordination.
15	how do you handle matching funds	Matching funds can be cash or in kind. In kind contributions could be assets e.g. vehicles & staff to implement the CSF project or provision of rent All of which can be costed to show a matching contribution

16	When selecting local partners, does the struggle between CBOs affect the performance of the leading partner?	Yes
17	Does the pre award assessment involve the partners or consortium i.e. organizational, human and financial capacities?	Yes
18	Most of the NGOS working in the community ignore the hard to reach. Will it be an advantage targeting such areas?	Those who propose a more comprehensive coverage of the selected sub counties and parishes will be scored higher
19	what if there are no successful proposals in a district	Look now for potential applicants.
20	Does it mean that an organization that applies as a consortium also gets a ceiling of 600m?	Yes
21	Are there any added advantages of applying in a consortium	this brings together the diverse strength in ideas
22	Are international NGOS allowed to apply	they can apply as long as they meet the RFA requirements
23	why can't you reduce the years of existence from 3 to 2	this has been reduced from the initial 5 years to 3 years which is a realistic timeframe
24	What would you recommend as the optimal number of partners in a consortium	there is no set limit but it's advisable to have fewer numbers for management purposes
25	How does this RFA link to the previous RFAs	It consolidates the scattered achievements and brings with it numerous synergies
26	What is the expected coverage in terms of sub-counties and Parishes	This grant is expected to cover 100% of the sub counties in the six districts. This does not mean than every applicants should cover all the sub counties in a district
27	How many CVs of Board members are required in the concept paper	we require CVs of all members and their full time availability
28	Would like to hear more about consortiums. It is encouraged to form consortiums but is this a MUST? Kabale NGOs have been zoned out with partners given specific areas to work in.	No, it is not a must, it is only encouraged. Also, partnerships could be with other organizations that have not been zoned out e.g. churches, CBOs etc. The NGOs zoned out may also not necessarily have the same niche so it may be possible to partner to bring their niches together. This should also be brought out during the district meeting so the district can appreciate this concern.
29	CSOs that are eligible to apply should have current registration. Some organizations may have been registered as far back as the 70s.	The registration must be valid. I.e. not expired.
30	If there was an organization that could cover the district effectively, would it mean that there would be one project for the whole district? What is the highest number of grants for each district?	This is not fixed as it will depend on the applications that are successful. There is a possibility for more or less based on the innovations.

31	What happens after the concept note and at the proposal level when a new partner has been identified Is it possible to include them?	It would be difficult to include a new party as the concept note will be providing the consortium working from the beginning. On the flip side, one partner cannot be rejected after a grant is awarded.
32	Can two CBOs apply together	Yes, two or more CSOs can form consortium as long as they meet the requirements
33	If one CSO is doing HIV prevention but has gaps and needs to fill those gaps by applying for CSF grants	This is okay as long as the CSO is bringing in resources and demonstrates its ability to provide quality services for scale up etc.
34	If one was operating a CBO with funding but due to lack of funding has not been operational on large scale. Can these apply	If the CBO is registered the CBO may apply but the district has to endorse the CBO and it meets other requirements
35	Age of certificates of registration?-	should have a valid (not expired certificate
36	What is the highest number of grants for a district?-	use the ceiling that you can apply for
37	What happens after the concepts have been submitted but CSOs want to form a consortium?-	specify activities for each member, but preferably consortium should be formed at the beginning
38	Page 4, 3k. Can you confirm that the "Latest program annual report" is the same attachment requested on page 4, 3g?	Yes, the Latest program annual report mentioned in different pages of the SoW and Concept note guidelines is one and the same.
39	We need a clarification on the RFA # 11 001. We have partnered with two an organization (one national and the other international) of which one is the lead partner. However, a local NGO and religious organization have approached us with the view to partner with them as the lead partner in the synergy. Can we submit in the concept notes?	You can have as many partnerships as you wish provide the prime meets all the requirements
40	How can applicants deal with the ongoing fluctuating pricing given the current high inflation rate	There's need for proper planning and realistic budget projections during budgeting considering the current inflation rate. Further guidance will be provided by CSF during the negotiation stage or budget review discussions.
41	What is the funding threshold for the eligible districts?	Currently each award has a ceiling 600m for the 3year. However at the negotiation stage the ceiling maybe waived upwards or downwards depending on the innovations.
42	Can CSF provide the applicants with relevant information to enhance their needs assessment?	Unfortunately CSF will not provide applicants with this information because it's believed that the competing CSOs have been working within the District for not less than three years and therefore must be aware of the needs/gaps for such interventions. On the other hand there are avenues through which information can be easily accessed that's through the DHO's, CDO's, CAO's offices

43	The RFA specified target groups won't this then lead to duplication of services or reaching the same target groups since the target population and catchment area is likely to be the same per district?	It's imperative for the applicants to be keen on the groups they intend to target to avoid reaching the same group and duplication of services. Applicants are encouraged to make relevant consultations & establish partnerships to ensure a comprehensive package is delivered.
44	How secure are the soft copies applicants are requested to send as part of support documentation	Applicants can send protected documents i.e. PDF
45	In the scope of work section 6.4 CSF refers to the capacity building models, what are they?	Currently CSF is supporting three capacity building models that's to say the Lead Agency model, PACT model, Regional Technical Assistance model and as such all CSF funded sub grantees benefit from these models.
46	Will the Pre-Award Assessment cover only the Lead Agencies or only its partners?	It's the selected sub grantees and their respective partners will be assessed.
47	Are the attachments as listed on page 4 of the RFA concept note document only required from the lead organization (in case of a partnership)?	Ideally the attachments refer to the lead. It will not hurt if your partners also provide them to you since this will be your first step towards weeding out briefcase partners.
48	One of the requirements says the lead organization has to have three years' experience in districts the applicant likes to work in. Is this stated correctly or is it also allowed to have this experience in the partnership?	The condition applies to the lead/Prime