

## Pre-Proposal Conference Minutes

RfP15/01035

### Study on Human Rights Attitudes in the Republic of Moldova

26 June 2015, 9:30

UN House Conference Room

#### Agenda:

1. Presentation and description of procedures
2. Questions and answers

#### 1. Presentation and description of procedures

The Pre-Proposal conference was opened by Valentina Purcel, Anti-discrimination and National Human Rights Projects Coordinator, OHCHR, who welcomed the participants. Valentina Purcel made a detailed presentation of the scope of the project and made reference to key public policies documents to be considered and analyzed at the beginning of the study elaboration. Further she made some clarifications and pointed out some important aspects like expectations concerning the elaboration and presentation of the study following the 2 dimensions: people and experts' perception on human rights, and human rights of vulnerable groups from their perspective.

#### 2. Questions and answers

Questions asked during the pre-proposal conference:

**Note:** The main objective of this assignment is to design and carry out a quantitative and qualitative Survey on Human Rights Perception in the Republic of Moldova. The study should tackle both people and human rights experts' perception on human rights and the human rights of vulnerable groups from their perspective.

1. Question: Should there be any connections between the Equality Attitude Study and the Study on Human Rights Perceptions?

Answer: Not necessarily. The two studies are different, with clear different defined goals and objectives. The two studies have a different approach in terms of methodology and process of elaboration.

2. Question: Is it possible that the applicant to propose a higher number of focus groups and in-depth interviews than indicated in the RfP?

Answer: Yes, is possible.

3. Question: In this case, would be an option that the same institution to submit 2 separate applications that include 2 budget proposals?

Answer: According to Data Sheet from RfP (pag 15), alternative proposals are not permitted.

4. Question: Is the list of vulnerable and marginalized groups an exhaustive one, or is it accepted to be extended?

Answer: If the applicant proposes a new group not included in the list and alongside valid arguments on why it should be considered, than yes, might be accepted. The same applies to the list of rights mentioned in the RfP.

5. Question: The study should be based on the documents from 2004?

Answer: The following documents have to be taken into consideration: PNADO 2011-2014, Human rights study from 2004 and other policy documents in the field of human rights. The study has its complexity as it looks into three important aspects: the current situation on human rights from peoples' perceptions, including experts in human rights, and the vulnerable and stigmatized groups, and impact assessment of PNADO and further actions to be taken in redressing the current status.

6. Question: Is it expected that the contracted institution to provide conclusions?

Answer: Yes. The contracted institution has to implement all phases of the study, including elaboration of tools for the study, conduct the qualitative and quantitative data collection, analyze the data, draw conclusions and propose recommendations. Is it expected that a desk research to be conducted in order to validate the tools and the contents of the study, therefore implication of an expert/specialist in human rights in the experts' team is advisable.

7. Question: Is it possible that the application to come from a consortium?

Answer: According to the RfP is allowed that a consortium to apply.

8. Question: From the 1100 questionnaires how many should be applied in the security zone?

Answer: These 1100 questionnaires include also the security zone. It's up to the applicant to propose the best methodological approach regarding geographical distribution and the methodology for data collection.

9. Question: Which is the deadline for submitting other inquires?

Answer: 7 days before the deadline for applications, that is July 12, 2015. The inquiries should be made only in written.