

CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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To: Interested Service Providers
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Subject: Implementation of Marine Litter Activities: Beach Surveys, Audits and Awareness-Raising Actions in Samoa

Question 1:

Section 3.1.i, which notes that interested service providers must be currently based in Samoa and legally entitled to work.

Wanted to check whether there is any flexibility regarding this requirement. While we do not have a physical presence in Samoa, the opportunity is of strong interest to our team, including our colleagues in Australia.

Please advise whether organisations based outside Samoa would still be eligible to submit a proposal, or if the requirement is strictly applied.

Response:

Although organisations based outside Samoa may be eligible to submit a proposal, a local presence in Samoa will be preferred to ensure strong engagement with communities. This preference will be considered during the assessment of the CVs and the team proposed for this activity.

Furthermore, in this case, all costs related to travel, accommodation, and any other expenses required to implement the project on the ground must be fully included in the financial proposal. The contractor shall not be entitled to claim any additional costs arising from travel or related expenses, even if such costs were underestimated at the time of submission of the proposal.

In addition, the contractor shall be required to adhere to the agreed implementation schedule under the same conditions as if it were based in Samoa. No delays may be justified on the grounds of being located overseas. Any arrangements or constraints resulting from this status shall be entirely the responsibility of the contractor.