FFP Summary of Changes in FY 2020 APS

Overall Summary

For the Fiscal Year 2020 International Emergency Food Assistance Annual Program Statement (FY 2020 APS), Food for Peace has focused on a few key content areas including strengthening of language on gender and youth, emphasizing integrated design, and revising the monitoring and evaluation requirements. FFP has also made some adjustments that we hope will make the application process a little more user-friendly, and updated the format and terms for purposes of consistency with agency policy. This summary is not an exhaustive list of all changes but attempts to identify those that may be of particular interest to the community.

SECTION A PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- Added clarifying language regarding FFP and OFDA cooperation and coordination.
- Clarified "Local Regional and International Procurement" (LRIP) that International does not include procurement from the USA.
- Emphasized the FFP adherence to humanitarian principles broadly accepted by International humanitarian stakeholders.
- Provided link to the OFDA Application Guidelines for applications that propose essential complementary activities outside of food security and nutrition sectors.
- Provided clarifying language to the Essential Commentary Activities, specifically Agriculture.
- Added "water supply" to WASH.
- Clarified that "Multipurpose Cash Assistance" is not an Essential Complementary Activity.

SECTION B: FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION

- Added language to item number 5 on Nature of the Relationship between USAID and the Recipient

SECTION C: ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

- Replaced reference to the Food for Peace Management Information System (FFPMIS) with the Partner Portal, and throughout the entire document.

SECTION D: APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION

- Updated the Activity Overview table and removed the one-page limit.

SECTION E: APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

- Made changes to the list of required Technical Documents.
- Clarified that the total amount of the budget in the Activity Overview Table should equal the total amount in the Cost Application.
- Added clarifying language related to social dynamics including any proposed activities with youth, physical hardship of activities, and highly vulnerable sub-groups such as victims of gender-based violence.
- Added Accountability to Affected Populations.
- Added clarifying language to Conditionalities, restrictions, and community contributions.
- Updated Coordination to include International and Local NGOs. Also, that proposed activities will link and complement other programs, and how information will be gathered.
- Added language in relation to Exit or Transition Strategy associated with communication and information strategies.
- Updated the Protection, Conflict Sensitivity seeking clarity on Gender-based Violence (GBV) Mitigation.
- Added FEWS NET Guidance Document to the recommended market assessment tools, and the FFPPIB for additional details on market analysis requirement for emergency awards.
- Updated reference to the FFPPIB for Eligible Uses of Section 202(e)
- Clarified where to find reference to Commodity specifications on the USAID web site, and added the Farm Services Agency's website and WFP.
- Clarified that awardees should "arrange" to take random samples for testing.
- Added clarifying language relating to Quality Assurance in Extreme Conflict Conditions.
- Clarified the references for commodity-oriented guidance for activities that specifically target infants and young children.
- Added new language regarding Adaptive Management Approach.
- Added new language related to dealing within operating environments of heightened risk of waste, fraud or abuse.
- Added additional analysis to the protection risk assessment.
- Added a requirement for applicants to provide principles and implementation of employee code of conduct.
- Updated the language relating to Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (M&E).

- Add the requirement to provide breakdown of market-based modality for international procurement.
- Added reference to FFPIB on Eligibility Uses of Section 202(e)

SECTION F: FEDERAL AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

- Replaced reporting requirements from FFPMIS to use of ffpemergencygratns@usaid.gov
- Updated the Programmatic and Financial Reporting Table.
- Updated Local, Regional and International Purchase Commodity (LRIP) section
- Updated Food transfer modality in FFP partner Reporting Tool
- Added that all losses regardless of modality should immediately be reported to FFP

SECTION G: FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY CONTACT(S)
- Contact ffpemergencygratns@usaid.gov instead of FFPMIS for questions and comments.

SECTION H: OTHER INFORMATION

- No major changes have been made.