

- Green Climate Fund Simplified Approval Process (SAP) – Funding Proposal Design Package.
- LOTS 1, 2 and 3 Clarification Questions.

Ref. #	Bidders Questions	SCI Response
1	With regards to the timeframe, you mention 6-8 months development period. We just wanted to confirm if this is a hard deadline? In our experience, GCF projects can often take longer than this to develop the full package, so we wanted to gauge if there is any flexibility in the timeframe.	There is no flexibility in the timeline unfortunately. We are aiming for GCF B.37 (October 2023) as discussed with our GCF Task Manager. This means we need to submit the full funding proposal package 6-months in advance of the board meeting with full internal sign-offs. Given this is a SAP, we expect an easier time for CIC2 (scheduled for November), but not necessarily CIC3, so we should be aiming for full FP submission around the end of April/early May.
2	We note that the tender is divided into 3 Lots and that the ITT indicates that consultants can bid on each individually or on all three. We just wanted to confirm that this is in fact the case. There are several places in the ToR that could suggest you would prefer a service provider to bid on both Lot 1 & 2 together.	SC prefers applications focused on Lots 1& 2 to minimise management and coordination issues. The lot 3 is focused on national service providers working in close collaboration with other teams.
3	In the package guide you mention the SC Team has a retainer for an Economic and Financial consultant and an ESS specialist. It indicates that the bidder should contact your team to discuss how best to contract these consultants. We would just like clarity on whether SC will be contracting these consultants directly or is the intention for them to be contracted through the consultancy that is hired to undertake the work. If they are to be contracted through the consultancy would their cost need to be included in our proposal?	If bidders applying have the ability to contract their own experienced EFA / ESS associates this would be more ideal from our side and would be preferred for ease of contracting, project managing and accountability. However, if not, then yes we will contract the ESS consultant separately and require them to work with lot 1&2 international consultants to complete the task.
4	The ToRs mentions that Lot 1 needs to have proficiency in Portuguese is this an essential qualifying criteria?	Since the country's official language is Portuguese, it is essential to communicate effectively with key stakeholders and government officials. So, the bidder should consider this. There will be documentation and stakeholder meetings that require these language skills.
5	Part of the essential criteria indicates that the services provider must provide a solid in-country technical	A solid in-country presence for LOT 1&2 should be read as a level of

	presence, is this a requirement if we are only bidding on Lot 1 and/or 2?	presence in country. Please consider ensuring that at least one team member with considerable experience working in the climate change adaptation or social protection is based in Mozambique. It is not essential but strongly recommended to ensure proper follow-up and stakeholder engagement after missions and meetings and coordination with LOT 3 work and deliverables.
6	The ToRs mention periodic in-person meetings in Maputo, are you able to give an indication of how many meetings this would be?	SC keeps a routine of weekly check-point calls with the team involved in developing proposals (it can be done remotely); additional face-to-face meetings are expected when involving representatives from stakeholders and government representatives, schedule and timing for those should be considered as part of the application by bidders, however based on existing experience one can consider a minimum of 2 to 3 face-to-face meetings.
7	Do you have an idea of the number of missions you would want the consultant to attend. We usually do an inception and then a validation mission is this what you had in mind?	As above, missions schedule should be considered as part of the application. Consider the response of question #5 and #6 as part of the application work plan.
8	The ToRs mention that 'SCI will consider internal consultancy rate celling', are you able to give us an indication of what this celling rate is?	I am afraid we are not allowed to open this information at this stage.