



CMI! END TERM EVALUATION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Technical proposal/ Budget:

- ★ **Question:** The RFP mentions that only the technical proposal will be used for selecting the consultants; however in the assessment criteria, there is a bullet point on budget feasibility, which means the financial budget will be part of the selection process? Are we required to submit separate documents for technical and financial proposals?

Answer: The technical proposal and the budget should be included in the same document as the proposal. We stated in the TORs that the budget should be included as an annexure. We are looking at the RFP to comprise three aspects: (i) proposal, (ii) the budget, and (iii) the team. Indeed, the budget is a critical aspect of the RFP. So yes, the budget will be part of the selection process.

Disaggregated data/ partner numbers in CMI! countries:

- ★ **Question:** Do you have some insights you can share with us regarding the partner numbers in CMI! countries? Is there any information regarding the number of partners in each country, even at a high level or as a disaggregated overview?

Answer: We have data available, but this information can be provided at the inception stage. Tentatively see the data provided below as a guide. You can also visit the metis dashboard [here](#).

- ★ **Question:** How many participants are going to be consulted per geographic area?

Answer: We have not yet defined the exact number of participants to be consulted per geographic area. However, as outlined in the table below, we would like to encourage you to recommend an approach that makes sure that participation is representative of the CMI! programme.

Global	Asia	Africa	Latin America
UN – all members and strategic partners	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal	Burkina Faso, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Sudan, Tunisia,	Guatemala, Honduras Mama Cash, JASS and RUF.

	CREA, JASS, Mama Cash, RUF and UAF-FA	Uganda and Zimbabwe Mama Cash, JASS, UAF-Africa and CREA	
West Asia			
Iraq, Jordan Lebanon Palestine, Yemen CREA, Mama Cash, RUF and UAF-FA			

We suggested that the consultants/team provide recommendations on a sampling methodology based on our geographical reach. We hope that, depending on the recommended methodology, budget and programme scope, you can make informed recommendations. For additional information on our reach over the past four years, please visit this dashboard, where you can select the different partners in the CMI! consortium to give insight into our work. ([here](#)) The MFA has emphasised the importance of avoiding selection bias. In this case, you will be expected to provide us with the recommendation on the best approach for selecting which participants to include in the evaluation.

MFA's expectations on sampling:

★ **Question:** What are MFA's expectations about sampling and extent to which samples have to be representative of the whole program?

Answer: Ideally, the sampling strategy used for the ETE should be representative of the whole program. However, MFA is aware of the complexity of sampling for evaluations of multi-country programs. In case representative sampling is not possible, please reach out to your MFA focal point to discuss sampling and the possible biases in evaluation findings due to not being able to select a representative sample of the whole programme.

Therefore, you will need to share with us the strategy/ methodology you are planning to use to ensure that the sampling is representative of the whole CMI! programme.

Outputs: (*figures include partners and beneficiaries*)

CMI! Indicator	Baseline values	Target 2021	Actual 2021	Target 2022	Actual 2022	Target 2023	Actual 2023	Target 2024	Actual 2024
1.1 # of WHRDs who received support from CMI members. 1.3 # of WHRDs with increased L&A capacities. 1.3.1 Areas in which WHRDs increased their L&A capacities as a result of CMI! Strategies, as reported by WHRDs. 1.6 # of WHRDs with new or strengthened holistic security approaches	0	376	4321	376	953	526	1399	274	1487
1.2 # of WROs who receive support from CMI Members	0	289	539	289	994	296	4951	192	5889

1.4 # of WROs with increased L&A capacities. 1.4.1 Areas in which WROs increased their &A capacities as a result of CMI! Strategies, as reported by WROs 1.5 # of strengthened and/or new alliances 1.5.1 Type of alliance 1.7 # of WROs with new or strengthened holistic security approaches									
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Outcomes:

	Baseline values	Target 2023	Actual 2023	Target 2025	Actual 2025
3.1 # of times that WHRDs and WROs (including CMI! members) create and defend spaces. 3.2 Types of space created and defended at different scales (local, national, regional or global).	0	323	307	101	372
5.1 # of laws, policies and strategies blocked, adopted and improved. 5.2 Types of laws, policies and strategies blocked, adopted or improved	0	215	1867	187	56

CMI! MTR Report:

★ Do you have the full prior MTR evaluation?

Answer: MTR evaluations [here](#) and risk matrix ([here](#))

Global South and Global North:

★ **Question:** We would greatly appreciate your guidance on whether this team composition meets the eligibility criteria for submitting a proposal. A firm located in Denmark, Scotland, Canada, Germany and with presence through experts in the Global Majority regions which would be part of the proposed evaluation team, would an application from us be considered?

Answer: You are eligible to apply if any of your team members is/ are based in the Global South despite your firm being registered in the global North or the team leads being located in the global North.

Extension and deadline:

★ **Question:** We are writing requesting for an extension to the deadline for the submission of the Offers in relation to the procedure in object.

I am writing to you to enquire about the deadline for the Request for Proposals for the End Term Evaluation of the Count Me In! (CMI!) Programme. While the Terms of Reference states that the submission deadline for the RfP is 14 May 2025 at 7 pm CET, I came across a posting on genderjobs.org that mentioned that the deadline is 30th May 2025. Could you kindly confirm if the deadline remains the same or has been

moved to the 30th of May 2025? We are interested in applying for this consultancy and wanted to ask what the deadline for the End Term Evaluation for the Count Me In Consortium. Attached RFP. Just asking because the genderjobs website says 30th May.

Answer: The deadline is 14 May as per the RFP, not the 30th of May. We need the process to start on the 30th of May 2025. We start the process of short-listing individuals on the **15th May**, so that interviews are happening between **19- 30 May 2025**. So, no, we can't provide any extension to the call for proposals.

Theory of change:

- ★ **Question:** Do you have a narrative" IF-THEN- BECAUSE" TOC per programme component?

Answer: Pg. 18 of the TORs but you can also find the link of the comprehensive TOC ([here](#))

Methodology, online, blended:

- ★ **Question:** Do you require us to be 100% on the ground or accept blended evaluation methods?

Answer: We accept blended methodologies, and you don't have to be 100% on the ground, however, you need to have a deep understanding of feminist organising.

Budget:

- ★ **Question:** I would like to seek clarification on another aspect of the Terms of Reference—specifically regarding the indicated budget currency for the CMI! End-Term Evaluation. While the announcement referred to a ceiling budget of \$140,000 USD, the Terms of Reference state that €140,000 Euros (inclusive of VAT and travel) is available for the consultancy.
- ★ **Question:** Will the Evaluation require Consultants to visit the project participating countries? If that is the requirement, is the cost of international travel, in that regard, included in the Euro 140,000, or will it be catered for separately by the Client?
- ★ **Question:** Can you provide a breakdown of the €140,000 budget allocation across the different regions, particularly for African countries?

Answer: We have allocated a ceiling budget of 140,000 Euros for the entire ETE process so no travel will not be catered separately by the client. The allocation will depend on the methodology you propose, while ensuring that it aligns with and is representative of the whole CMI! programme.

Remote/ Travel and Methodology:

★ **Question:** Is there an expectation of in-country field work for this assignment, or are you happy to receive proposals that include remote data collection only?

★ **Question:** Will travel to multiple African countries be expected, or are remote/virtual alternatives preferred due to cost or safety concerns?

Answer: Aspect of travel will be guided by the methodology proposed by the consultants. There are specific countries that might benefit from in-depth country visits, but this can be finalised during the inception stage based on your justification of the budget and methodology. We recommend reviewing the three annual reports to decide on the specific countries for in-depth evaluation. In our previous baseline and MTR evaluations, we utilised remote/ virtual alternatives; however, this must be informed by your methodology. It is important to refer to the IOB criteria, which outline strict methodological preferences.

★ **Question:** Are region or geographic-specific proposals allowed or considered under this evaluation?

Answer: Ideally, we want a team of consultants who can collaborate to submit a single proposal. In this scenario, you can choose to take the lead and organise other consultants that you have previously worked ensuring that you bring the diverse expertise required for the evaluation while representing different regions.

★ **Question:** I would like to know if this consultancy is open to individuals?

Answer: We want a team of consultants who can collaborate to submit a single proposal. In this scenario, you can choose to take the lead and organise other consultants that you have previously worked ensuring that you bring the diverse expertise required for the evaluation while representing different regions. The scope of the work requires a team of people who can navigate the different regions in which CMI! works.

★ **Question:** Who is the hiring/ contracting organisation for this ETE?

Answer: Mama Cash is the hiring lead organisation for this ETE process.