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## Responses to Questions Submitted by Interested Parties regarding Request for Information (RFI) No. RFI-WCC-2020-001 “Implementation Research Case Studies: Approaches to Advance Respectful Woman-Centered Care”.

**Question 1:** Would it be possible to change a previously submitted proposal from Implementation Research (IR) case study to a structured analysis of a “case” or case description proposal?

**Response to Question 1:** Yes, changes can be made to a previously submitted proposal if the proposal has not already been reviewed by the technical review panel and a response sent to the applicant. Please inform HEARD if you are withdrawing a previously submitted proposal and planning to resubmit.

Per the RFI instructions, applicants can submit up to two applications: One organization can submit a maximum of one (1) application to Case Study Development, and one (1) application to Case Description Development. Each application must be submitted separately.

**Question 2:** Can you clarify the expectations around when applications can/should be submitted for the first wave of submissions? The RFI notes that “responses will be accepted on a rolling basis, beginning on October 15, 2020” and the document summarizing the amendments made notes that “the first round will close on October 15, 2020.”

**Response to Question 2:** Applications are currently being accepted. The due date for the first round of reviews is October 15, 2020, at 5:00pm EDT.

**Question 3:** Is securing a minimum of 20% of the total resources needed for the IR case study as a cost-share contribution from non-US Government funds also applied to a case description proposal?

**Response to Question 3:** The cost share requirement applies to both applications for case study development and case description development.

**Question 4:** The original RFI mentions the COVID-19 pandemic several times, including in two of the three objectives. The amended RFI does not mention COVID-19, and the summary of amendments does not specify that the COVID-19 related implications have been dropped. Can you clarify whether or not applicants are encouraged to speak to how the proposed case description or study could support learning needs in the context of COVID-19?

**Response to Question 4:** The explicit COVID-19 language was removed to avoid overemphasizing a focus on COVID-19. While a narrow focus on COVID-19 is not encouraged, highlighting learning from the context of COVID-19 as one of many key factors affecting implementation is welcomed.