



	Query	Response
1	Would The Science for Africa Foundation please clarify if there is a page limitation for responding to this RFP?	Technical Proposal 15 pages max, Financial Proposal 2 Pages Max, Recommendations 3 Pages Max, CV's should be topped at 2 pages each, (focusing on experience specific to the project)
2	Would The Science for Africa Foundation please clarify if annexes are allowable? If annexes are allowable, what sort should they be and how many (documents or pages) can be included?	Provide 4 pages max of annexes relevant to the requested information. It can include bibliography and have a page of references with links to reports, reference projects, etc.
3	Given that national ethical review boards have varying timelines for reviewing study protocols, does The Science for Africa Foundation anticipate providing some leeway on timing if a national body takes longer than anticipated to review a protocol, or if several entities within a country, or review boards in different countries, need to review the protocol or tool?	We will not be running a study, so this is not applicable. We will work collaboratively with the consultant to address any unforeseen delays and challenges.
4	The call for proposal says the baseline is expected to generate an evidence-based understanding of each EPSILON. However, the name of the counties is not specified. Could The Science for Africa Foundation please provide a list of the countries that these evaluations will likely cover?	It is mandatory to cover all the countries where the 7 lead institutions (hubs) are located, and a select number of countries where the partner institutions (spokes) are located. The exact number of countries to be covered will be collaboratively determined at the inception. For more details on the EPSILONs, please see the table below.
5	Page 11 (6.0b) The RFP asks for a "Detailed work plan: Detailed timeline and plan with deliverables and timelines". Is The Science for Africa Foundation anticipating that bidders will provide a variation on the table on page 9 that details each of the expected deliverables, the content, and timeline?	Yes, we welcome this. Based on the consultants' expertise and understanding of the landscape, they may propose something different and give proper description of what they propose.
6	Page 13 If the bidders are Kenyan individuals and not applying as a company/firm, do they need tax compliance certificates and PIN certificates and tax clearance	This is applicable for any Kenyan interested bidder.



7	Would The Science for Africa Foundation please clarify if responses to questions from other bidders will be accessible to all potential bidders? If so, where will other bidders be able to access the responses	Yes, this will be uploaded in the SFA Foundation website.
8	Which countries is the assessment covering	It is mandatory to cover all the countries where the 7 lead institutions (hubs) are located, and a select number of countries where the partner institutions (spokes) are located. The exact number of countries to be covered will be collaboratively determined at the inception.
9	How many institutions are being covered per country	Please see question 8 for reference. Baseline strategic objectives and other considerations will determine the final number, but consultants are free to propose a number based on their understanding of the context and the assignment.
10	Is it possible to share the list of institutions	Yes, See the details on the EPSILLONS in the table below
11	Could you please share further information about the seven EPSILON consortia? For instance, are you able to disclose organizational details? And/or locations/geographic coverage?	Yes, See the details on the EPSILLONS in the table below

Epidemic and Pandemic Sciences Innovation and Leadership Networks (EPSILONS)		
EPSILON ID & Thematic Area	Institution	Country
EPS-001-2025 Thematic area: Clinical research and clinical trials on epidemic-and pandemic-prone infections	IDI, Makerere University	Uganda
	Kibong'oto Infectious Diseases Hospital	Tanzania
	Catholic University of Bukavu	DRC
	University of Cape Town	South Africa
	University of Turin	Italy



EPS-002-2025 Thematic area: Epidemic and pandemic public health policy research	University of Sciences, Techniques and Technologies of Bamako	Mali
	College of Medicine and Allied Sciences, University of Sierra Leone (COMAHS)	Sierra Leone
	Africa Center of Excellence for the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases, University of Conakry	Guinea
	Félix Houphouët Boigny University	Côte d'Ivoire
	University of Liberia	Liberia
	Global Alliance for Preventing Pandemics (GAPP), Associate Professor	USA
EPS-003-2025 Thematic area: Virology – genotype to phenotype	University of Cape Town	South Africa
	University of Ghana - West African Centre for Cell Biology and Infectious Parasites (WACCBIP)	Ghana
	Redeemer's University, Nigeria - Africa Centre of Excellence for Genomics of Infectious Diseases (ACEGID)	Nigeria
	Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) - Wellcome Trust Research Programme (KWTRP)	Kenya
	National Institute for Communicable Diseases	South Africa
	Wits Health Consortium	South Africa
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EPS-004-2025 Thematic area: Vaccinology/ early-stage vaccine R&D	African Population & Health Research Centre (APHRC)	Kenya
	Wits Health Consortium	South Africa
	Institut National de Recherche Biomedicale (INRB)	Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
	Kenya Medical Research Institute	Kenya



	Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI)	Uganda
	Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Bouaké, Université Alassane Ouattara, Bouaké	Côte d'Ivoire
	African Population & Health Research Centre (APHRC)	Kenya
EPS-005-2025 Thematic area: Social and behavioural sciences	College of Medicine, University of Ibadan	Nigeria
	University of Cape Town	South Africa
	Tropical Institute for Community Health & Development	Kenya
	Cameroon Initiative for Bioethics	Cameroon
	Afya na Haki	Kenya
	Kamuzu University of Health Sciences	Malawi
EPS-006-2025 Thematic area: Advanced data assembly and analytics for threat assessment and mitigation	University of Cape Town	South Africa
	University of Nairobi	Kenya
	Zimbabwe Infectious Disease Modelling Consortium, National Blood Service	Zimbabwe
	Institut Pasteur de Dakar	Senegal
	University of Pretoria	South Africa
	Universite de Yaoundé	Cameroon
EPS-007-2025 Thematic area: Climate change, biodiversity and pandemic prevention / One Health	Institut de Recherche en Sciences de la Sante (IRSS)	Burkina Faso
	Malaria Research & Training Center	Mali
	Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research	Ghana
	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases/NIH	USA
	Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology	Germany