



Responses to queries for Request for Proposal for Consultancy for External Audit for DELTAS II-RFP/025/2025

	Prospective Consultant Queries	SFA Foundation Response
1	The most recent audited financial statements.	The institution under audit shall provide this information if required during the audit process.
2	The DELTAS Africa II initiative is in nine African Countries. - Is the program being implemented in all these nine countries?	The program is being implemented across nine countries that serve as lead hubs, together with collaborating partners distributed across Africa and globally
3	Where are the financial documents held and in which countries will auditors be expected to visit?	The lead partner institutions, as mentioned in the Terms of Reference (TOR)
4	The proposal indicates that there are grantees and sub-grantees. How many grantees and sub-grantees are in the program?	There are a total of 14 grantees and 75 sub-grantees. However, the direct partnership is with the 14 grantees, who are the entities expected to be audited
5	There is a mention of grantees that will be selected for audit. Has this process been finalised and what are the details of the grantees in terms of location and expenditure levels?.	The decision on this will be made and communicated before the commencement of the audit process
6	The proposed engagement is a mid-term audit. Please specify the period of audit.	The audit will cover the program from its inception through to the mid-term following a risk-based approach
7	The funding is approximately \$4.4M per consortium. What is the estimated level of expenditure for the mid-term period which is subject to this audit?	The expenditure varies across the consortia, with the highest-spending institution having utilized slightly over 50% of the overall award.

8	Is the project funded by a development partner? If yes, please share the name of the donor (s).	The Wellcome Trust
9	Kindly clarify the following: 1. Location of the audit? will the auditors required to travel in 9 countries? Or there it can be done online, and site visit be done when necessary? 2. Scope of work: will you select one audit firm to audit the 14 consortia?	1.The preferred approach will be online, with site visits conducted where necessary and applicable. 2.Yes.One audit firm will be selected to carry out the assignment
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location of accounting records and whether auditor is required to travel to the respective location Whether the audit will be done online The total fund to be audited for each Guarantee (implementing partner) for the period under review Is USD 4.4m for entire period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The accounting records to be audited are domiciled within the 14 consortia institutions. The preferred approach will be online, with site visits conducted where necessary and applicable. The preferred approach will be online, with site visits conducted where necessary and applicable. The expenditure varies across the consortia, with the highest-spending institution having utilized slightly over 50% of the overall award Yes. Covered as above
	In Section 2.0 (Background), the RFP notes that “each consortium is funded at approximately USD 4.4M.” Could you kindly confirm whether this refers to the amount allocated per consortium, and if yes could you please confirm that the approximate total	

	<p>expenditure to be audited across all 14 consortia is 61.6M?</p> <p>Audit Locations / Access to Records:</p> <p>The Could you kindly confirm whether the audit can be conducted remotely with the relevant document made available virtually, or, if not where all the audit related document will be available for the audit</p>	
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