

## Responses to Vendor Clarification Questions

### **1. How many partner organisations are expected to be included in this assignment?**

At this stage, SFA Foundation has not determined a fixed number of partner organisations to be supported under this assignment. Successful firms will be engaged on an as-needed basis depending on programme requirements and partner readiness.

### **2. What are the geographical locations for the entities where onsite training sessions may be required?**

The organisations supported under this assignment may be located across various regions of Africa. As such, potential firms should be prepared to provide support services across multiple African countries, including both virtual and onsite engagements where necessary.

### **3. Would a firm engaged under this assignment be restricted from serving as a GFGP auditor for partner organisations supported by SFA Foundation?**

Firms must demonstrate and maintain clear policies and procedures for identifying, disclosing, and managing any actual or potential conflicts of interest that may arise during the course of the engagement. Furthermore, a firm that provides technical assistance to an organisation under this assignment will not be eligible to undertake the GFGP certification audit for the same organisation.

### **4. Is the assignment intended to be carried out by a single firm for all partner organisations, or by a group of firms each responsible for supporting a subset of organisations?**

The purpose of this RFP is to establish a roster of qualified firms that will provide Partner Organisation Effectiveness (POE) support services to SFA Foundation grantees. Assignments may therefore be distributed among multiple firms based on need, capacity, expertise, and geographic considerations.

### **5. What framework will SFA Foundation use to assess and demonstrate improvements in organisational capacity and the adoption of systems resulting from the support provided during the engagement period?**

The expectation is that successful firms will provide comprehensive technical support to partner organisations to ensure their readiness for GFGP certification audits. This includes strengthening governance, financial management, procurement, HR, and grants management systems in alignment with the revised GFGP Standard. To control for conflicts of interest, formal certification audits, however, will be conducted independently by licensed GFGP Certification Bodies different from the one that provided technical assistance.

### **6. How will certification pricing be structured under the new GFGP tiers?**

The revised GFGP Standard will no longer operate under the previous tiered structure. SFA Foundation and relevant stakeholders are currently developing a new certification scheme aligned

with the revised standard. Stakeholders will be engaged , as appropriate , during the development and finalisation of the new certification framework.