

## Water Scarcity Program – Q&A

- 1. The Call for Proposal indicates three contract elements for this initiative (1. FAO engagement to support overall coordination and delivery of the WSP in the three countries, 2. engagement of Australian expert Dr Hugh Turrall to also support coordination and delivery, 3. engagement of an Australian Partner/s (with in-country sub-contracted support) to provide practical expertise in water accounting and allocation for more effective water scarcity management). Is the allocated budget of \$543,670 for all three of these elements, or just for the third component?**

The \$543,670 is just for the third component (Australian Partner/s with in-country sub-contract support). Separate and additional funds are provided for the first two components.

- 2. In the context of the three contracts above and the involvement of in-country government and experts, what specifically is the expectation from FAO and AWP in terms of the Australian partner's role. Would this include overall coordination of the program and delivery in each country, or is it a defined subset of the work? Further clarity of who would lead what element would be helpful in structuring an appropriate response.**

Overall coordination of the WSP will be undertaken by FAO, overseen by a Project Steering Committee comprising representatives from FAO and AWP (including Australian Partners).

The Australian Partner tasks and outputs are a defined subset of work in the overall WSP (as listed in the TOR). The Call for Proposals outlines which components are led by the Australian Partner, and which components require contributions from the Australian Partner. FAO and the Australian Expert tasks will support the Australian Partner outputs.

- 3. The template for submission is the existing form for proposals under the Australian Mekong Water Facility, which includes a number of categories which are already covered in some form in the Call for Proposal (source of demand, objectives, milestones, outputs etc). What is FAO and AWP's expectation in terms of the level of detail required in responding to these? Would repetition of material from existing documents suffice, with some further explanatory elements from the submitting partner, or are you looking for a more comprehensive response that builds on this existing material?**

We would like the Partner to respond to the Call for Proposals by providing additional explanation detailing how the Partner will contribute to the components specified. This can include reference to material in the Call for Proposals but should not be limited to AWP material alone.

- 4. The first deliverable for the successful partner will be the co-development of a workplan for the phase 1 activities. In this context, what level of detail is FAO and AWP expecting in response to the methodology section of the proposal?**

A moderate level of detail is required. We would still like to see how the Partner is intending to approach the tasks/outputs.