Public Comments for ICR 202306-0412-001

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Comments Received:

- *Draft provision language: "The provision includes requirements for the recipient to have and implement a set of publicly available standards, policies, or procedures to prevent, detect, address, and respond to allegations of exploitation, sexual abuse, child abuse, and child neglect that.."
- •Comment: Please clarify what the Agency means when it requires these standards to be publicly available?
- *Draft provision language: "(1) prohibit employees, agents, interns, or any other person provided access or contact with beneficiaries, from engaging in any exploitation, sexual abuse, child abuse, and child neglect of any person during the period of performance, supporting or advancing these actions, or intentionally ignoring or failing to act upon allegations of these actions:"
- •Comment: This a little subjective; what would constitute support or advance of actions?
- *Draft provision language: "(2) are consistent with the Inter- Agency Standing Committee's Six Core Principles Relating to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, as amended, available at https:// psea.interagencystandingcommittee.org/ update/iasc-six-core-principles and the Keeping Children Safe Standards, available at https:// www.keepingchildrensafe.global/accountability/;"
- •Comment: Please provide links that are easily accessible and does not require additional download requirements to implementing partners, especially as USAID partners with local entities who may have limited accessibility to internet and download speeds.
- *Draft provision language: "(9) provide transparency on hiring, screening, and employment practices, including on rehiring or transfer and referencing for subsequent employers."
- Comment: What does this mean with regard to transparency?
- *Draft provision language: "(v) appropriate measures to protect survivors of or witnesses to any exploitation, sexual abuse, child abuse, and child neglect of any person and not prevent or hinder cooperating fully with U. S. Government authorities."
 •Comment: Please clarify what this means. How does an organization simultaneously protect but avail the USG to info that can potentially harm survivors, children or their families?

Response to USAID's comments:

Follow-up Comment: Will the definition of exploitation be included in the Standard Provision? Is it currently missing. Will the standard provision includes all relevant definitions. Sexual exploitation, sexual abuse, child abuse, credible information, etc?

Follow-up Comment: Please clarify in what scenarios USAID would require PII and what steps will be taken to ensure confidentiality.

Follow-up Comment: The provision should only apply to new awards as the requirements will be included in the NOFO/RFA and therefore organizations can appropriately build a plan with costs appropriately allocated for compliance.

Last Comment: How will USAID ensure all AOs and Mission staff are aware of new reporting requirements, and support confidentiality in the new reporting process?

Thank you for your time.