

**Responses to Questions/Clarifications for Annual Program Statement (APS)
Number 383-09-505
Defending Human Rights in Partnership with Civil Society (DIGNITY)
September 21, 2009**

Q1: Will the proposal allow for national and international advocacy on human rights issues?

A1: Yes.

Q2: If affirmative, are there any restrictions on human rights advocacy?

A2: **None have been identified. However, if selected for funding, an applicant may be required to modify the program description, based on the recommendations of USAID's Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC).**

Potential applicants must note the following: (a) all international travel funded by USAID during the life of the grant requires the approval of the USAID Agreement Officer's Technical Representative (AOTR) who will be responsible for the management of the grant; and (b) all international travel must comply with the provisions of the Fly America Act and all other travel regulations applicable to United States Government funding.

Q3: Will the proposal cover overhead costs of the organization and salaries of employees who will be involved in human rights initiatives?

A3: **Local organizations are advised to prepare their budget on the basis that all costs are direct costs. Any overhead (indirect cost) will not be considered. All salaries for staff associated with the application are to be budgeted as direct costs.**

Q4: If affirmative, please indicate if there are any criteria under this.

A4: See above.

Q5: Is the HR program open to a proposal to protect the rights of children of upcountry plantation workers of Indian origin? The proposal will not have any connection to situations related to the military defeat of the LTTE.

A5: Yes. However, the Annual Program Statement (APS) is a competitive process and there is no guarantee of funding.

Q6: Is there a separate application format available with you? If so please forward.

A6: SF 424 and SF 424A forms for cost proposals are included in the website: <http://srilanka.usaid.gov>.

Q7: Is the closing date 8th October 2009 for the proposal?

A7: Yes.

Q8: We are not a National Level NGO, Can we apply for this program?

A8: All Sri Lankan non-governmental organizations are eligible to apply.

Q9: Will we have opportunity to submit our proposal to a main grantee identified by USAID (Example:-USAID/DAI, USAID/CORE etc....)?

A9: Sri Lankan non-governmental organizations registered under Sri Lanka law are eligible to submit proposals in response to this Annual Program Statement (APS). USAID will not forward proposals submitted in response to this APS to our implementing partners for review.

Q10: Can you consider a proposal under \$100,000?

A10: No.

Q11: Can one organization submit two proposals?

A11: Yes, for different activities.