**Questions and answers**

Survey for participants of the Alternative Rural Schools in Colombia

1. Could you provide information about the sample design that allowed the selection of the 6 municipalities in which the sample will be focused?

R / We will not work with a sample. The universe of population to be surveyed corresponds to 379 individuals, distributed as follows:

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| **Departamento** | **Municipio** | **# de Participantes** |
| Cauca | Miranda | 60 |
| Buenos Aires | 20 |
| Valle del Cauca | Tuluá | 66 |
| Antioquia | Ituango | 110 |
| Mutatá | 86 |
| Dabeiba | 37 |
| **Total** |  | **379** |

1. Is the collection of information in these 6 municipalities definitive or it might change?

R/ Is definitive pending any unforeseen security or contextual changes.

1. Would the collection of information be done only in rural areas or is it also possible to do it in urban areas?

R/ Only in rural areas.

1. What proportion would be in urban areas?

R/ None.

1. Should the application of the face-to-face survey be done in the person's home or could it be done at a common place in the municipality?

R/ It will be done in a common place located in the rural area of ​​the municipality (village).

1. What is the total number of participants of the Alternative Rural Schools (universe) in the 6 selected municipalities? In how many villages do these people live?

R/ See answer to question # 1. The people are located in six (6) villages, one (1) in each municipality.

1. If the collection is only rural, in how many villages do you estimate the 379 people to be surveyed are located?

R/ They are located in six (6) villages, one (1) in each municipality. See also answer to question # 1.

1. Will PASO Colombia be in charge of the selection of the people to be surveyed? Or would this be a task of the company in charge of the analysis?

R/ In principle, the people to be surveyed are all the participants of the program. However, the consultants will work with PASO Colombia to select the appropriate persons to be surveyed, considering the factors of accessibility, feasibility, relevance, among others.

1. For the preparation of the offer, we kindly request information about the Program and its implementation, which might serve as an input to include in the offer the topics to be addressed in the survey.

R/ Please see:

<http://pasocolombia.org>

http://pasocolombia.org/proyectos/escuelas-rurales-alternativas-era

1. It is possible to know the budget estimated by the organization for the development of the study?

R/ No. This is a competitive process where the economic proposal is scored. The proposals will be evaluated, approximately, in accordance with the following criteria:

* 50% Technical proposal.
* 35% Economic proposal.
* 15% Past experience and capacity of the company.

1. How will be evaluated the economic offer?

R/ Each item requested will be evaluated in relation to a cost/effective criteria (Human team, Travels, Technological equipment, Data processing, Preparation of reports, infographics, presentations), as well as the administrative cost and the % of utility established by the firm.

1. We appreciate to tell us which factors are considered to evaluate the technical offers, and what weight will each factor have?

R/ All technical factors (Consultancy approach; Work Team; Detailed activities schedule) will be evaluated with the same weight.

1. Will the contracting entity provide the sampling frame?

R/ See answer to question # 1.

1. People who will participate in the focus groups must be different from those who will participate in the surveys?

R/ Participants in focus groups might be different, but they are located in the same place where the surveys will be applied.

1. The participants of the focus groups should be selected from the group of people surveyed?

R/ See answer to question # 14

1. Does the number of surveys meet the confidence and margin of error requirements? If this is not the case, the sampling frame must be shared before submitting the proposal in order to be able to make the budget estimates properly.

R/ See answer to question # 1.

1. Ituango is a municipality that may represent difficulties of feasibility due to the current problem with the Hidroituango dam.

R/ Feasibility problems that may arise will be considered and evaluated among the teams of PASO Colombia, ILA and the consulting firm.

1. Will the sampling frame be provided by ILA and PASO COLOMBIA?

R/ See answer to question # 1.

1. When you talk about "for some zones", do you mean that different samples are required? or different criteria regarding margin of error and level of confidence?

R/ See answer to question # 1.

1. Schedule: These activities are out of date in relation to the date of presentation of the proposal and other activities prior to signing the contract.

R/ The schedule presented in the proposal will be adjusted to the date of signature of the contract (approximately first week of October 2018).

1. Work experience in development and/or security issues: What do these issues refer to? Do they refer to the management of projects with public order problems that generate some risk?

R/ Refers to the management of projects related to development and/or security topics.

1. PASO Colombia will provide a database with the beneficiaries and/or participants of the ERA program.

R/ No. PASO Colombia will coordinate the attendance of participants to the place where they will be surveyed.

1. Can you provide the distribution by municipality for each of the 6 municipalities of the 1924 beneficiaries, so that our statistical area can adjust the sample to the needs of the project.

R / See answer to question # 1.

1. The proposal must be submitted just via email to the indicated mailbox or is required also a hard copy? If the latter is required, can you confirm the delivery address.

R/The proposal must be submitted via email.