

FIRST ADDENDUM
to the **RFQ N° UNFPA/VNM/RFQ/25/05**
CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR CONDUCTING
A RAPID ENDLINE ASSESSMENT TO EVALUATE THE MATERNAL HEALTH
PROJECT'S IMPLEMENTATION, CHANGES AND IMPACTS AND PROVIDE
RECOMMENDATIONS, LESSONS LEARNED FOR FUTURE PROGRAMMING

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference to the subject RFQ, please find below a question asked by potential bidders and corresponding answer by UNFPA as addendum to the solicitation document:

No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	It is mentioned that there is an estimated total sample of 750 women for the rapid endline assessment. However, the TOR also said within each selected commune, a target sample of 60 women aged 15-49 who have given birth in the past two years. This results in a sample size of 720. Should we consider 720 as minimum, and 750 as maximum sample?	The minimum required sample is 720 women (i.e. 60*12=720)
2	Can you confirm that there will be no peer-reviewed journal publication required for this project? Or else, is there expectation that at a later stage, UNFPA may consider publishing the result in a peer-reviewed journal?	It is expected that the team will have to present a draft manuscript and/or an abstract to be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal.
3	Regarding the research team leader – you mention the qualification needs to be Demonstrated excellent English writing skills, evidenced by first authorship of peer reviewed publications in international journals and technical reports. Is first authorship necessary? Or can 2 nd / 3 rd or other co-authorships be considered?	It is crucial that the team leader has demonstrated writing skills by being the first author of the peer reviewed publications in international journals and/or technical reports.
4	Similarly, for Research team members , you mention the qualification needs to be a publication record in international peer-reviewed journals – is being published name in “acknowledgement” section of a peer-reviewed journal considered? Or must it be a formal co-authorship?	Being listed in the Acknowledgement does not mean that they are author(s) of a research paper or report(s).
5	Also, are experiences working particularly <u>among ethnic minority groups</u> in Vietnam compulsory for research team members and data collectors?	Prior experiences in working with ethnic minorities for the research team is a requirement.
6	For the purpose of conducting the interviews among the project stakeholders, can we assume that UNFPA will facilitate the contacts with MCH/MOH, and provincial Departments of Health and CDCs and the MSD implementing team? For the communes, once the two communes are selected, will UNFPA also help us facilitate obtaining permits/ access and provide the point of contact in selected commune?	UNFPA and MCH/MOH will help arrange the meetings with key stakeholders. We will facilitate and help connect the research team with provincial CDC and selected Commune Health Centres.