

## Suaahara II Quantitative Impact Evaluation Research Consultant

### Questions and Answers – November 2, 2020

1. Whether maximum attrition rate/non-response considered during the baseline sample size determination? As this size of the sample should be retained (+/- few changes) during end line survey deployment to comparison of real intervention effectiveness. The fluctuation of sample size may be expected due to movement and life cycle changes in the child and pregnant/lactating mother.

An externally hired Principal Investigator holds primary responsibility for the study design and has taken these sorts of issues into account. As this individual is a well-known professor with decades of experience globally in complex impact evaluations, we have full confidence that we will estimate effectiveness in the most rigorous way possible.

2. Need to ensure that the treatment area's HHs received consistent interventions during the whole program periods and whether they have access to other external similar programs at a time?

I don't think this is a question but rather a statement that measuring exposure both to Suaahara and to other interventions is important; we fully agree and ensuring the questionnaires accomplish this would be part of the ToR for this consultancy.

3. Is there any strategy adopted to have an unbiased control area, which may be affected by spillover effects/other organization's intervention(s)?

A pure control is not possible given, as mentioned, that there could be other interventions. However, given the intensity and complexity of a program like Suaahara, we are confident that the effects of exposure to Suaahara would be different than the effects of exposure to another organization's intervention(s). This is a quasi-experimental design and involves a set of intervention and control districts that were matched in 2012 at the time of the baseline survey for the impact evaluation.

4. Whether the same questionnaire will be retained for gathering the end line survey data?

The endline survey will build on the questionnaires used at baseline as much as possible while updating these questionnaires to take into account changes in program interventions (e.g. to measure exposure) and the context (e.g. earthquakes, covid-19) that have happened in the 8 years since baseline.

5. Whether baseline information, reports and relevant documents will be readily available?

Yes

6. Where is the biographical data template for download?

The link to the biographical data sheet is: <http://hki.org.np/> (after clicking on RFS to Research Consultant Quantitative Impact Evaluation, Suaahara, you can scroll down and enter your name and email address to view the full TOR and biographical data sheet).

7. Do we have to prepare a recent, relevant writing sample based on Suaahara or any other title?

Please submit a recent, relevant writing sample. It should be something you have already completed and is not necessary for it to be about Suaahara.