

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) Solar mini-grid operation in Sierra Leone under a Public-Private Partnership arrangement Ref #: SL/REOI/2017-001 Question and Answers #3		
	Question/Clarification	Our Comments
1	<p>1. Regarding the existing assets:</p> <p>1.1 Can we have a design, data and numbers of these assets to be overtaken in maintenance? This should include:</p> <p>1.2 Exact data, numbers, ..if applicable, of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> panels <input type="checkbox"/> inverters <input type="checkbox"/> structures <input type="checkbox"/> batteries/storages <input type="checkbox"/> cabling and other components and equipment <input type="checkbox"/> metering-components / installations <p>1.3 Which / are there guarantee-data for all this from which producers?</p> <p>1.4 Who will be responsible for trainings etc. of local stuff for future assistance according to the local content as required by the "Sierra Leone Local Content Agency Act 2016"?</p> <p>1.5 Do already exist contracts with the respective users / consumers of the power produced by these assets? If yes: which kinds of contracts with whom?</p>	<p>1: Detailed data will be published with the RfP. The 50 mini-grid systems comprise SMA Sunny Island inverters and related single phase or three phase SMA solar inverter, deep cycle gel type lead-acid batteries, solar PV. The 4 stand-alone systems comprise Victron inverters and charge controllers.</p> <p>1.1 Will be published with the RfP</p> <p>1.2 Will be published with the RfP</p> <p>1.3 Will be published with the RfP.</p> <p>Generally, standard guarantees apply: SMA /Victron components - 5 years; solar PV - 10 years (+ performance guarantee)</p> <p>1.4 Once the Contracting Authority has handed over the usage right, the private operator is responsible to run the project in compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements. Up to that point, responsibilities can be shared between the Contracting Authority, UNOPS and the private company, subject to further negotiations.</p> <p>1.5 All contracts and contract drafts will be provided with the RfP.</p>
2	<p>Regarding the new/ to be built assets:</p> <p>2.1 Are there any</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • premises and/ or • exclusions and/or • preferences <p>Regarding the components, equipment, etc. (as listed in 1.2)?</p> <p>2.2 Are there any</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • premises and/ or • exclusions and/or • preferences <p>Regarding the future extensions of the mini-grids to be built?</p>	<p>2.1 The Contracting Authority will come up with a list of sites of highest priority. However, the Contracting Authority will most probably also be open for suggestions of the private sector regarding additional sites once the priority sites have been covered.</p> <p>2.2 For the sites with already available infrastructure, the sites have been selected, the infrastructure has been established and the systems has been commissioned before handover to the private partner.</p>

3	<p style="text-align: center;">3. Regarding the PPP itself:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Is there already available a draft contract for the PPP to be installed?<input type="checkbox"/> Is there a preferred structure of share-division within the PPP?<input type="checkbox"/> Is there a preferred/obligatory legal form of the PPP?	<p>3. Yes, a draft contract will be provided with the RfP.</p> <p>The PPP will most probably not take the form of a JV between the public and private partner but the form of a usage right over the publicly financed assets provided to the private partner under conditions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See above.</p>
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