Q1: Are there templates we should use for either the technical or financial proposals?
A1: There are no templates as we would like to see how firms/consultants develop the proposals as a precedent of the evaluation report to be undertaken through this consultancy.

Q2: What would be the maximum/desired approximate length of the technical proposal?
A2: There is no maximum but I wouldn’t recommend going beyond 10 pages.

Q3: Is there a theory of change available for this programme that can be shared for the purposes of designing the evaluation? Could we alter the initial ‘baseline workshop’ to a ‘theory of change workshop’?
A3: There’s no TOC published online but we will share this information once the consultancy begins. The TOR contains objectives, expected impact and activities of the programme, which can guide the development of the proposal. I suggest not changing the baseline workshop to a TOC workshop as the objective of that session is to ensure that the consultants undertaking the evaluation understand the information that has already been gathered – we would want to avoid a situation where the evaluation contains the same lessons that have been collected before. Therefore, it will not be a TOC workshop but a preliminary session to understand the information already available.

Q4: Given the limited resources and short timeframe for the evaluation, can you provide guidance on how many countries you would like covered within the ‘subset’ of countries selected for evaluative purposes?
A4: We do not have a predetermined number of countries and would like to see what the proposals recommend – we agree on proposing an approach sensible to the limited resources and timeframe.

Q5: Can you please confirm that OE programme partners have been apprised of the evaluation and are willing to engage with the evaluation team within the agreed timeframe?
A5: We will be flexible with any delays in timeline that are beyond the consultants’ control, e.g., if a specific partner that is crucial to the evaluation is not available within the timeframe.

Q6: Is it expected that all 12 countries are being approached for the purpose of the evaluation?
A6: Not all OE countries need to be approached, however country-based learnings and results will be key for the desk based review, therefore there should be enough country coverage to distil those learnings to support a comprehensive evaluation of country level implementation.