



Fit for purpose assessment of CGIAR Performance Results Management System Questions and Answers

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1. How many stakeholders do we have to engage with in each phase?
Approximately 10 people.
2. In which time zones are the stakeholders based?
They are based in Europe, America, Asia and Africa.
3. Have any requirements or user journeys been documented as a starting point?
Key functionalities described in Performance and Results Management Framework (Link).
No user journeys documented.
4. We understand this is only a fit gap to the current system, is this correct? Options are only in relation to how to move the current system to meet requirements?
Correct. We're looking for recommended options.
5. Are there any periods of time that key stakeholders will not be available? What is the assumption for winter holiday period?
Assume holidays from 20 Dec 2020 – 4 Jan 2021.
6. Are there any technology architecture stack requirements for the One CGIAR system (i.e. Programming languages, etc.?) MEL and MARLO use PHP and Java respectively. However, we are open to other options.
7. Does this need someone that can do requirements gathering and understand data flows plus time from a strong custom solution arch person to do solutioning and costing.
Yes, it does.
8. RFP mentions that MARLO and MEL have limited interoperability. What are the main challenges around this?
The systems are designed separately by different teams to meet similar needs.
9. CLARISA – the website mentions it is under construction. Is this already in use?
Yes. CLARISA is used to align core results data between MEL and MARLO before being pushed to snowflake and dashboard.

10. A detailed mapping and costing of current data flow is required. Is this accurately documented, or will this require workshops / interviews to properly map/analyse?
Count on workshop/interviews.
11. RFP mentions “pragmatic costed options and recommendations”. Would you please elaborate on what is expected here? Options for what? Different approaches to PRMS? IT system suggestions?
Options for systems improvement to get us from where we are & what we have now, to a better, aligned with CGIAR needs system/configuration of tools.
12. Step 1 is Defining One CGIAR Performance and Results Management needs. There seems to be a lot of requirements gathering performed already. What is exactly the ask here and how much time does CGIAR want to reserve for this?
The ask is to take what we have, elaborate and detail it, validate that elaboration. It’s an important starting point for then assessing where we are in relation to those needs, and recommending a way forward so expecting appropriate time allocation (1/3?).
13. What are the CGIAR team / resources dedicated for this program? What would be the governance and to which CGIAR entities will the project team report to?
Operate on the basis of centralised management with task team modality.
14. Which other programmes will run in parallel and are there any interdependencies?
OCS/ERP (UNIT 4 business world) is the obvious one, but the recent Data Management Maturity Audit should allow identification of others.
15. This is a fixed price contract but much of the input will depend on availability of stakeholders. How will CGIAR guarantee this?
Stakeholders have been involved in development of RFP TOR and have an interest in the outcome of the assessment so working assumption is this will not be an issue.
16. Is there an indication for budget for the entire scope?
The estimated budget is around USD 40-50k, but we encourage you to submit your financial proposal commensurate to your proposed methodology.
17. Would CGIAR be in favour of a combination of onshore/offshore resources to cut down costs?
This is acceptable, as long as central contact/management point identified.