Question 1: Can a group comprising more than one firm apply for the assignment jointly?

Answer: Yes. Given that both organizations meet the following criteria:

* Is a registered/incorporated entity
* Has audited accounts and tax returns

Question 2: The timeframe mentioned for the research is April to July, but a review of the RFP suggests that the work effort required is considerable.  Is there any flexibility on timelines?

Answer: The timelines can be discussed during the inception phase depending on the scope identified in an individual proposal. However we do not foresee this study extending longer than maximum 5 months

Question 3: At what level should we place the unit of analysis - is it the province, district or below?  We ask this because the further down you go, the greater the potential sample size and the variety of laboratories in the field.  We would just like to get a sense of where we should pitch the analysis.

Answer: We would like participants to suggest methodologies for undertaking the exercise. Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the suggested methodology and justification of the scope.