

RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FOR RFP 65 (Pre-Bid Meeting)

1. **Can you share standard documents/information developed either by BISP or someone else:**
 - to provide guidelines to BBCs about how they should be structured, establish and operate;
 - regarding SOPs and protocols for BCCs;
 - to inform beneficiary/member and mother leader selection criteria;
 - anything else useful to understand functions of BCCs.

The bidder may access publicly available information related to BBCs on BISP website and other online resources. However, once the entity is contracted, access will be given to documents, processes, protocols and relevant information for the assignment. This is in line with the information sharing protocols agreed between Karandaaz Pakistan and BISP.

2. **Waseela-e-Taleem (WeT) is being operated currently in 50 districts (source WeT website) across Pakistan. Can you please confirm from which provinces and regions these districts are? Appreciated if name of districts are also shared.**

The names of the district will be shared once the entity is contracted due to strict information sharing protocols of BISP. The bidders may focus on selecting BBCs mostly from urban and peri urban areas.

3. **What region/province are these districts located? How many districts are to be covered? Estimated how many BBCs will we meet in a single district? On average, how far away are the BBCs from each other**

Please see answer 2 above.

4. **The ToRs mentions that around 50-65 BCCs will be selected from predetermined districts around Pakistan. Please correct us in our understating that determine number and selection of districts for this assignment will be responsibility of bidder.**

Yes, the bidding firm will have to propose the selection criteria of BBCs as part of the methodology. In order to make the cost of field work comparable across all bidders, Karandaaz will provide a table with possible locations (subject to change) against which the bidders will be required to provide a cost. The same is to be used as an example for estimated costing only:

Suggested Costing Sheet

	Examples	Suggested no. to be assessed	Unit Cost	Total Cost Inclusive of all applicable taxes & out of pocket expenses
Tehsils	Muzaffargarh, Bahawalpur, Mardan, Charsadda, Jacobabad, Kambar Shahdad Kot	50		

5. **Will you share recommended document consisting detail of SHG model? E.g. SHG model being used in India.**

The SHG model used in India is easily available online along with other reports on details of the SHG model. Links can be found through NABARD SHG Bank Linkage Program or Digitization of SHG (EShakti) search options.

6. **Reference “title of the assignment” and “Scope of Work” on page 15 of RFP. Please correct us in our understanding the assignment is limited to BCCs including members and mother leaders. They will be contacted for data collection but not beneficiary families.**

Yes, the assessment will be of members only and not their families.

7. **Reference section 16 on page 6 of RFP (Format, Signing, and Submission of Proposal). Will you accept PDF version instead desired scanned copy of proposal?**

Yes, PDF version is acceptable only if the same do include an electronic signature.

8. **Can the interviews with BBCs be conducted in a group setting or individually?**

The bidder is to propose whether group interviews or individual interviews are to be conducted as part of the data collection methodology.

9. **Is the sample size of 50 BBCs representative of the population?**

Karandaaz intends to pilot the intervention by using BISP infrastructure for which evidence is needed to initiate the pilot. The idea is to understand the structure of BBCs and gauge if it can be leveraged to formulate Self-Help groups. While we understand that attitudes, aspirations and knowledge may vary considerably across groups, we think a sample size of 1,000 BBC members (assuming 20 members in each group) will be sufficient for the pilot phase as we do not intend to go into a full-scale implementation presently.