

## **Suggested guidance for cluster mapping and pre-identification of local partners for revised Response Plan**

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### **Outline**

It is a normal and desirable element of appeal revisions that the response is widened to include more activities, but also more partners. In the case of Pakistan, with its large number of local NGOs, this poses some challenges in identifying those NGOs which could potentially play an important role in the revision. Hence the importance for clusters to, well in advance of the start of drafting of the revision, to have a clearer idea who is available and eligible.

### **Why is mapping and pre-identification advisable?**

- You will know who is available
- You will know who government counterparts might be interested in
- It is an appropriate part of revision strategy but needs to be contextualised
- It puts an element of control over the likely expressions of interest
- It enables you to conduct targeted outreach and control expectations
- It enables initial capacity building of local partners

### **How to do it**

- All cluster leads (and back up or alternate candidates) should check they have access to OPS, and are familiar with the system
- Clusters review all existing projects and determining whether and how they should be updated
- Clusters elaborate eligibility criteria for agencies wishing to participate/propose projects for inclusion in the revised Plan (Education Cluster has an advanced template: please refer to their model if you wish guidance on this).
- Cluster leads invite all local NGOs which currently have a project in the Response Plan to register on OPS, but with the understanding that this does not guarantee they will have a project in the final revised appeal.
- Clusters identify potential gaps in response (i.e. geographic areas not currently covered, or inadequately covered).
- Cluster coordinators send to OCHA Pakistan the list of cluster partners to be approved on OPS. This list will then be shared with OCHA CAP Section.
- CAP Section will accept registrations from those agencies, but it is up to the agency itself to register.

### **Timing: what to do by when**

- Registration on OPS of local NGOs which already have projects in the appeal: as soon as possible
- mapping of cluster capacity and elaboration of eligibility criteria: as soon as possible
- clusters to send list of eligible partners to OCHA Pakistan: by 23 October latest
- deadline for registering new agencies on OPS: 26 October