

Evaluation Criteria for APS on Research – DCHA/PVC-ASHA

(1) Quality of research hypothesis and the potential significance of the research results projected. (20 points)

(2) Relationship of research hypothesis to PVC-ASHA research topics. (15 points)

(3) Proposed methodology (45 points), including:

- detailed description of what information the research will cover (number and type of countries – stable/unstable, for example – and number and type of NGOs – comparison of different sectors of service delivery, for example) and how it will be undertaken – larger sample sizes are preferred over smaller ones, more comparative and analytical is preferred over just historical “success stories” (10 points);
- a methodology that includes a listing of what countries, NGOs and other relevant factors (e.g., comparison of conflict and non-conflict environments) will be included in data collection and analysis (10 points);
- a timeline or other illustration of how the time and funding requested will be used to ensure completion of the research proposed (10 points);
- a line item budget on costs associated with undertaking the research (10 points); and
- proposed collaboration with local NGOs, academics, U.S. academics, etc. (5 points)

(4) Personnel – qualifications and experience of proposed personnel to undertake research on behalf of applicant. (10 points)

(5) Past Performance – Including relevant experience with USAID grants and/or experience with other development donor or foundation grants (10 points).