Annex 6: Illustrative Procurement Language on Drinking Water QualitY

Staffing

Illustrative position descriptions for two levels of drinking water quality specialists are included below.

Projects addressing drinking water quality monitoring, protection and governance will nearly always need an experienced Senior Water Quality Specialist to comply with USAID requirements, adequately work as colleagues with partner government authorities, and manage the technical rigor of the project element. Activity Managers are encouraged to identify this position as Key Personnel in the solicitation. Depending on the size and complexity of this Project element – and the overall staffing strategy of the Project - the position may be filled by either an expat, a third country national, or a partner country national.

Projects that develop remote drinking water supplies will likely also need to employ at least one Water Quality Technician. This person would have lead responsibility for the development and application of in situ analytical methods, sample collection and transport, and community participation and capacity building. In most cases, this position may be filled by a partner country national.

Environmental Compliance with Partner Country Norms

Language specifically relevant to drinking water quality monitoring, protection and governance cab be found in ADS 204SAC. ADS 204SAC provides recommended environmental compliance language for use by Activity Managers involved in solicitations. By explicitly enumerating the environmental compliance responsibilities of project implementers, use of this recommended language can help ensure that environmental compliance requirements stemming from the Regulation 216 process are fully integrated into project designs, work plans, and implementation of activities. To help an Activity Manager assemble the compliance language for a particular solicitation or award, ADS 204SAC presents a tabulated guide. This Tool highlights relevant references from this table and describes their relationship to drinking water quality.

Additional Illustrative Procurement Language

Illustrative language is provided for an Activity Manager to suggest Implementing Partners to:

1. Prepare a Project-specific Water Quality Assurance Plan in accordance with guidance provided,
2. Establish monitoring, protection and governance activities consistent with agreements, likely in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding, between USAID and partner country authorities, and
3. Incorporate drinking water quality concerns into a Project-specific Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (EMMP)