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Updated COVID-19 Guidance for USAID Partners

Dear Partners,

USAID has updated its [COVID-19 frequently asked questions](#) for partners. Updates to the document include clarification regarding return to post protocol for US/TCN staff, and have been highlighted in yellow. We continue to wait for the release of internal policy guidance on matters concerning the effect of ordered departure on home leave and R&R, as well as the procurement of rapid testing kits.

[Broad Agency Announcement Guidance](#)

We would like to share that [new guidance for Broad Agency Announcements](#) has recently been issued. The purpose of this Mandatory Reference is to clarify the proper application of the Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) and to provide standard practices for its use.

Request for Information on Strengthening Oxygen Ecosystem Globally

Additionally, USAID seeks market information related to services that strengthen the oxygen ecosystem for immediate COVID-19 response and longer-term, sustainable health systems. Focus geographies include sub-Saharan Africa, Southeast Asia, and Latin America.

Specifically, USAID is requesting information in the following areas:

- Installation and/or scale-up of bulk liquid oxygen on a permanent or temporary basis (e.g. field hospital), including install of a storage vessel, facility preparation (e.g. piping)
- Installation and support for skid-mounted PSA plants, particularly distribution networks, installation capacity, and technical assistance;
- Repair and maintenance skid-mounted PSA plants, including identification of nonfunctioning skid-mounted PSA plants, ability to repair, and capacity for setting up improved maintenance processes and training;
- Installation and support for oxygen concentrators with sufficient flow (e.g. 8-10+ LPM) and pressure (e.g. 50 PSIG/3.4 Bar) to support invasive ventilation, particularly distribution networks, installation capacity, and technical assistance; and
- Provision of any other services to support safe and effective oxygen therapy (including, but not limited to, health care worker training, biomedical engineer training).

Please visit <https://beta.sam.gov/opp/cf3ddd1cd9b247afa26b31edf32face8/view> for additional information.

COVID-19 Partner Resource Center

Finally, please continue to utilize the COVID19.PartnerResourceCenter@usaid.gov email for all non-award specific inquiries, such as monitoring and evaluation, security, programming, general award inquiries, etc. As a reminder, all award specific inquiries should be directly sent to your Contracting and Agreement Officer (C/AO) and/or your Contracting and Agreement Officer Representative (C/AOR). We will also continue to update and post answers to the weekly FAQs we receive from partners.

You can find additional information on [USAID's COVID-19 partner webpage](#).

Wishing you all continued health and safety.

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