



USAID Youth Excel: Our Knowledge, Leading Change Program

Coordinating Implementation and Learning Agenda to Support Gender Norms Change for Adolescent Boys and Young Men in Tanzania

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Webinar Question and Answer

1. What does “Emanzi” mean?

Emanzi means “male role model” in Rukiga, a local language in Uganda where the curriculum was originally developed and piloted.

2. What is the sample size for the research?

We are planning to engage 180 adolescent boys and young men across 12 different communities in the implementation of the curriculum and research on it. The participants and communities will be distributed across two regions of Mwanza and Mbeya; with diverse representation to cover rural, peri-urban, and urban communities.

It is important to note that both the research and implementation components will be run concurrently. Data will be collected during the curriculum implementation to help in making informed decisions that will strengthen the implementation of the program as it is happening in real-time.

3. Has the Emanzi Boys Mentoring program been evaluated?

No, the curriculum has never been implemented in full, beyond the piloting stage, or evaluated.

4. Is the Emanzi Boys Mentoring program curriculum available in local languages?

No, the curriculum is only available in English. It will need to be contextualized for implementation in the Mbeya and Mwanza regions of Tanzania.

5. Will Youth Excel get ethics approval from a local or national research ethics committee?

Youth Excel is planning to pursue required research ethics approvals at the national level and local level as needed. The local partner will support in finding and securing the right ethics approvals.

6. Why did Youth Excel choose to work in Mbeya and Mwanza?

The Mbeya and Mwanza regions were selected based on USAID’s geographic priorities and Youth Excel’s research design, for comparison between regions with low vs. high levels of investment and exposure to positive gender norms programming.

7. My organization is implementing another USAID program. Am I eligible to apply?

The Request for Applications is open to organizations that are implementing other USAID programs.

8. My organization is based in Zanzibar, but the program will be implemented in Mbeya and Mwanza. Am I eligible to apply?

The Request for Applications is open to local organizations based in Tanzania, regardless of the specific region of Tanzania where they are based. However, please note that experience working in Mbeya and Mwanza is essential for successful implementation of this project, and it is a strong factor in the selection criteria (see Section 4).

9. Is budget range of \$110,000-130,000 for both Mbeya and Mwanza regions?

Yes, the budget range of USD \$110,000-130,000 (Section 1) is for both regions.

10. What is the definition of a “community” for the 12 communities that Youth Excel will be working in Mbeya and Mwanza regions?

Youth Excel will work with the local partner to delimit the communities.

11. Is the organization signatory whose details are requested in the key information the same as the one who will sign on the certifications?

Yes, please provide details for your organization’s authorized signatory in the key information, and have the signatory sign the certifications and submit the application.

12. What if my organization has individuals who are experienced in the technical areas, and others are experienced in the regions; but the organization does not have much relevant implementation experience. How will this affect our application?

Applicants are encouraged to describe the skills and experiences of their staff, as well as their organization’s work. Applicants will be assessed based on the relevant collective capacity of their staff and organization to implement the project successfully.

13. Will my organization automatically be disqualified if we don’t list the minimum number of past projects with similar size/scope?

A minimum of 3 projects, which may be past or current/ongoing, is required; applicants who provide less than 3 projects (in Section C) will be disqualified. The Youth Excel selection panel will assess whether the projects are of similar size and scope and demonstrate the capacity to implement this project successfully. Applicants are encouraged to specifically highlight any relevance of their projects to this project.