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Important Clarifications: Draft FY 2016 RFA and Country Specific Information for Development Projects in DRC, Ethiopia and Liberia

Please consider the clarifications listed below on the latest [Draft RFA for 2016 Development Food Assistance Projects \(DFAPs\) for the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, and Liberia](#).

Remember all comments on the draft RFA and materials are due to TOPS by COB this Friday, February 5, so that TOPS may compile and submit all comments to FFP (on behalf of the FACG) by the deadline of February 12. Please send comments to the.tops.program@gmail.com.

CLARIFICATIONS:

Dates, page 1: During the review and comment period for the draft FY16 RFA, the issuance and closing dates on the first page are unknown. We removed the erroneous dates soon after posting the draft during this 45 day review and comment period.

Supporting Documents, page 4: The following paragraph is found on page 4 of the RFA:

More specific information on the objectives, activities, geographic locations targeted within the countries, and/or funding levels and types covered by this RFA may be found in the Country Specific Information (CSI) posted on the Country Fact Sheets page of the [Office of Food for Peace (FFP)] website. It is essential that applicants review the CSI carefully because details contained in the CSI take precedence over the generalities contained in this RFA. Please refer to the Agreement Officer's introductory letter for order of precedence. (footnote 1 is removed here)

In addition to the CSI, FFP would like to underscore that other relevant documents are found in the Country Fact Sheets folder. We will update this text accordingly in the final version of the RFA to signal that FFP recommends that potential applicants review any/all relevant documents contained in this folder prior to finalizing and submitting an application.

Democratic Republic of Congo CSI, Section C, page 23: The DRC CSI states on page 23 that applicants may propose specific geographic areas to work in within these two provinces, but must target only those Health Zones that are supported by the Global Health Integrated Health Project (IHP) and its follow-on, planned for 2016. To clarify please see the following updated text:

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Kasai Occidental) represent a new geographic focus for FFP in DRC. For this reason, applicants are encouraged to consider a range of analyses to support their proposed ToC. Early in 2015, FFP technical and field staff undertook a rapid field assessment in the corridor identified by the Mission as a focus for the integration of development efforts — from Kananga, Kasai Central to Mbuji-Mayi, Kasai Oriental -- and its findings are reflected in the sector specific discussions below. Applicants may propose specific geographic areas to work in within these two provinces, but must target only those Health Zones that are supported by the current Global Health Integrated Health Project (IHP): Health Zones may be adjusted if necessary during the year one refinement period to allow better alignment with the IHP follow-on, planned for 2016.

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