



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

External Auditor (Tender Number: <u>BeST/2025/02/001)</u>

## **General information:**

Deadline for submission of queries regarding this tender was March 06, 2025. Only one query was received by the deadline.

Q 01: As per clause 5.4 the day of field visit to NPO of maximum one working day seems too short. It may be increased to 2-3 days, in some NPO's on test check basis. This is to be clarified for charging out of pocket expenses accordingly.

The auditor is expected to share the sample size with the list of vouchers, at least two weeks before start of field visits to offices of the Support Partner and NPO ICPs. Support Partner and NPO ICPs will ensure that all record related to selected items is available during field visit for testing/verification by the auditor at Islamabad. We will provide all necessary data and documentation related to our in-country partners in soft copy format at Islamabad. This will include relevant financial records, procurement, and personnel files etc. We anticipate that this comprehensive soft data provision will allow auditors to conduct a thorough initial review remotely. Should, after this review, they determine that a field visit is necessary, they may then request to visit the partner's office.

We believe that one day per partner is sufficient for on-site verification, if required, as the majority of the data will have been reviewed beforehand. There will be no increase in number of day for visit of one in country partner.

Please note that during the first year NPO ICPs will not be audited, so any visit to partners' offices, if required, can be conducted for audits of second year onwards.