



## Water for Women WASH Research Awards Type 1 – Addendum 1

### **Q1. Is research conducted outside the three regions of the Water for Women Fund eligible for funding under WASH Research Awards Type 1?**

To be eligible for WASH Research Awards Type 1, research must be conducted in one or more countries where Water for Women projects are being implemented. This includes a range of countries in South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, but not those in Africa or the Middle East. To find where Water for Women projects are located, and for more information, please refer to the Fund website:

<https://www.waterforwomenfund.org/en/index.aspx>

### **Q2. In Appendix C of the Call for Proposals, on page 72, it states that “The overall budget for this component is \$10.6 million over five years. Of this, about \$ xx million will be available for Type 1 research grants”. Can a figure be provided for the amount available for Type 1 research grants?**

DFAT have advised that the amount available for Type 1 awards is just less than half of that allocated for the research component.

### **Q3. Regarding ethics processes, if the local research partner is a registered university in that country, and has an approved ethics process, can the research project use the local partner’s ethics approval arrangements?**

If the lead research organisation or university is satisfied that the local ethics processes are appropriate for the planned Water for Women-funded research activities, this would be acceptable. Otherwise, the lead organisation’s ethics approvals process will apply.

Applicants are advised that in-country research under WASH Research Awards Type 1 will need to obtain and/or otherwise meet all local approvals and requirements.



**Q4: When will the results of the WASH Research Awards Type 1 selection be announced and applicants notified?**

The selection process is planned to be completed by mid-March 2019, and successful and unsuccessful applicants will be advised at that time. Applicants should also regularly check the Water for Women website for updates.

**Q5: Do applicants for WASH Research Awards Type 1 have to contact the relevant DFAT Post prior to submitting a research proposal?**

DFAT advise that it is not necessary to discuss the proposal with staff of the DFAT Post in country before submitting, however applicants should consider how the proposed research supports or otherwise aligns with Australia's bilateral and regional aid programs. Interest from the DFAT Post (or Posts in the case of multi-country proposals) and close alignment with Australian aid objectives will generally strengthen any research proposal.

**Q6: What is the view of Water for Women with regard to open-access publishing? Will the Water for Women Fund support the costs of this form of publishing, which will benefit researchers in developing countries?**

Publishing is an important outcome for Fund research, both for impact and for DFAT's public diplomacy profile and global engagement with the water sector. For research proposals, publishing costs can be included in CEPI Plans and project budgets, as long as they are not excessive, while options for inexpensive alternatives should be examined. Note that all research costs, including publishing, must be expended within the period of the award.

Applicants are further reminded that the selection criteria for WASH Research Awards Type 1 includes an assessment of value for money.