

Pre-bid queries and their responses

The SR consortium has received queries with respect to the RfPs for training systematic reviews and evidence summary (issued on 07 December 2015) under the SARH Systematic Review (SR) Programme for South Asia. These are listed below along with corresponding responses:

#	Query	Response
1.	Can teams with SR experience also apply for the training systematic review and evidence summary?	Under the current call, organisations having prior experience in systematic reviews can apply for training systematic reviews and training evidence summaries. However, they will have to present their ability to gain from the capacity building programme in their proposals, which is an important evaluation criterion. The proposal format included in the RfP includes questions on 'ability to gain from the capacity building programme'.
2.	What are the themes for research questions under the training call?	<p>The research themes for training systematic reviews are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Market-led rural development,2. Natural Resource Revenue Management,3. Urbanisation and Insecurity. <p>The research themes for training evidence summaries are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Nutrition interventions, and2. Disaster management approaches. <p>You can refer to Section 3 of RfPs (page 3) for research questions and Appendix 4 for “Research briefing for research questions” (page 26 of Training systematic review RfP and page 24 of Training evidence summary RfP).</p>
3.	Can bidders collaborate with PwC for this tender?	<p>PwC is part of the SR Consortium under the programme that is commissioning training systematic reviews and evidence summaries. Hence, PwC cannot collaborate with bidders for this tender.</p> <p>Interested bidders can collaborate with academic and research organisations working actively in areas pertaining to the themes mentioned in the RfP.</p>