Frequently Asked Questions

Q 1. Can new investigators join the consortium?

A.*Yes, new investigators can join the consortium, independently with their own sites or in partnership with the existing RePORT sites.*

Q 2. Will the cohort sites be established in India or in US?

A.*The cohort sites will be in India only.*

Q 3. Do all participating institutions need to establish cohorts in India?

A.*No. There may be some sites whereby cohorts are established to implement Common Protocol across all the sites. However, there may be partner institutes proposing studies built on these cohorts to address the research objectives.*

Q 4. What is the anticipated role of the Leadership Group?

A.*The Leadership Group willcoordinate implementation of Common Protocol across all the cohort sites and ensure implementation of work as per proposed research questions. It will also oversee administrative functions like organizing annual meetings and even training workshops, etc.*

Q 5. Will the network receive funding centrally?

A.*There would be funding for the consortium. However,each participating institution will have its specific budget in alignment to the work proposed. There will be a Coordinating Center in India, which will receive additional central funding for executing the administrative and logistic functions like annual meetings, etc and also for support to the coordination hub to organize and provide scientific leadership to the various working groups. There may be setting up of a Project Management Unit (PMU)under the leadership of Project Coordinator from the lead Indian institution.*

Q 6. What will decide the budget of the CRUs?

A.*The budget of the CRU will comprise of the budget for Common Protocol and research objectives if proposed, specific to that site.*

Q 7. What is the role of US PIs and does it require equal number of Indo-US partners?

A.*The role of the US PIs is to be part of the leadership and investigator teams and provide similar scientific and technical support as in Phase I based on the scientific research proposed.Equal numbers of Indian and U.S. investigators are* ***not required****, also the number of U.S. investigators should not exceed the number of Indian investigators. Coordination Center will be in India. The U.S. investigators will be a part of the Leadership Group.*

Q 8. Do all sites have to address the same objectives?

A.*The consortium may propose a common set of objectives which may be specific to some institutions or all participating institutions.*

Q 9. Is this RFA calling for a single, multi-institutional proposalaiming towards collaborative efforts between existing sites and new investigators (with or without their own sites/cohorts) and new clinical research sites?

A. *Yes.It will be a multi-institutional proposal working as a single network with collaborative efforts to address a set of objectives proposed by the consortium. It may*

include participation of clinical/non-clinical research sites. The Project Coordinator will be from the Lead Institution in India and nodal investigators from partnering institutions will be a part of the consortium as Co-Investigators.

Q 10. Are Bio-sketches required for all team participants associated with the proposal, including non-key personnel?

A. *No. Bio-sketches are only required for key personnel, including researchers, co-investigators, secondary collaborators, and scientific support staff. Non-key personnel such as budget, administrative support staff, are not required to submit bio-sketches, but should submit a completed key participant data form included in the proposal.*

Q 11. Could money from the $1.5 million annual US budget supplement research activities India via subcontracts to Indian sites with CRDF Global?

A.*Yes, you may sub-contract with sites and labs in India using the funding allocated to the annual US budget, and CRDF Global can directly facilitate contracting with those sites.*