



**1. COVER LETTER:** make the following changes:a. **Third Paragraph:** Delete in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof:

“Subject to availability of fund, the United States Government intends to award approximately 4-6 grants lasting from 1 to 3 years with the exception of Natural Resources Management area which will last 1 to 4 years under this APS. For the Social Conflicts area, USAID/Peru anticipates making two awards of approximately \$150,000 each for a period of up to 2 years. If justified, USAID/Peru will consider awards for \$100,000 - \$300,000 for a period of up to 3 years under this APS. USAID however, reserves the right to enter into more, or not to enter into any awards. The award(s) will be made in accordance with evaluation procedures provided in Section 2.4. USAID intends to provide approximately \$16,000,000 to \$19,750,000 million (\$4 to 5 million per year). Should additional funds become available; an amendment to this APS will be issued.”

**2. SECTION I – FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:** Make the following changes:a. **Item 1 –Local Partners Program Objectives:** Delete paragraphs 2 and 3 and insert in lieu thereof:

“Over the next five years, we seek to achieve the following three development objectives: (1) a sustainable economic and social model is adopted by communities in targeted areas vulnerable to coca cultivation, (2) improved governance in targeted areas, and (3) natural resources are sustainably managed in targeted areas. USAID has worked closely with the Government of Peru (GOP), including DEVIDA, the Ministry of the Environment (MINAM), the Ministry of Education (MINEDU), the Ministry of Woman Affairs and Vulnerable Populations, and the Office of Social Conflict Management (now called the National Office of Dialogue and Sustainability) under the Prime Minister’s Office (PCM), and a broad set of stakeholders across Peru to establish these priority areas and to implement programs. Through the LPP, we envision multiple sub-programs or awards in the following areas: Alternative Development, Natural Resource Management, Basic Education (as it relates to intercultural bilingual education), Addressing the Needs of People with Disabilities, and Social Conflicts. Notwithstanding, we reserve the right to fund and/or support awards in areas outside of the four areas aforementioned.

USAID also prioritizes issues related to equality, specifically with respect to gender, indigenous groups, and other vulnerable populations. Hence, we seek applications in the aforementioned areas that also address these cross-cutting issues. Moreover, proposed interventions should be based upon a gender analysis that considers how the roles that men and women play could impact implementation and/or results as well as how the proposed program could potentially affect men and women differently.

USAID/Peru reserves the right to consider any application that is outside the APS’ geographic focus areas.”

b. Include Sub- Item **1.5. Social Conflicts**, as follows:

## **“1.5. Social Conflicts**

### Background

After a decade of stable democracy and steady economic growth, Peru has become a middle income country. The future of Peru’s economic growth will depend, in part, on its ability to take advantage of its natural resource wealth while minimizing environmental degradation and ensuring community involvement and benefit. To date, the country has been unable to achieve this balance, which has contributed to citizen dissatisfaction and generated political instability and incidences of violence, particularly in areas where formal and informal extractive activity is underway. In recent years, Peru’s National Human Rights Ombudsman has registered a substantial increase in the number of social conflicts in the country, approximately half of which are related to extractive activity and its impact on the environment.

Strengthening the capacity of the Government of Peru (GOP), civil society organizations (CSOs), and citizens to engage in effective dialogue to prevent, manage, and mitigate conflict is a development priority for USAID/Peru. Over the last three years, the Mission has actively engaged in this area. USAID/Peru assisted the Office of Social Conflict Management (now called the National Office of Dialogue and Sustainability) under the Prime Minister’s Office (PCM) to establish and disseminate a national conflict management strategy and worked with the PCM, ministries and targeted regional governments to train personnel to more effectively address conflict and to strengthen or establish conflict management offices, particularly at the sub-national level. These efforts have subsequently been reinforced and replicated with support from other donors and by the GOP itself.

USAID/Peru also initiated three civil society activities to promote dialogue and consensus- building practices related to natural resource management in regions with a high presence of formal and informal extractive activity. As a result, national and sub-national roundtables on mining have been strengthened and are viewed as a critical space for dialogue; over 800 community leaders, including indigenous representatives, have been trained in conflict mitigation, negotiation, and leadership; and *Vigilante Amazonico*, a website to monitor conflict as perceived by indigenous communities, was recently developed and launched.

### Social Conflict Program

This program aims to strengthen Peruvian CSOs to more effectively prevent and mitigate social conflict related to natural resource use. The program will contribute to the creation of a culture of dialogue and accountability, and strengthen participatory processes by increasing CSO capacity to engage in consultative processes and negotiations with the GOP, the private sector, and communities at national and sub-national levels.

USAID/Peru seeks new and innovative approaches from local civil society partners to prevent and mitigate social conflict in one or more of USAID/Peru’s target regions (Amazonas, Loreto, Madre de Dios, San Martin, and Ucayali). The approach should focus on strengthening sustainable consultative processes and practices that will

continue beyond the project rather than addressing a specific conflict. The approach may propose to work with public and/or private institutions in the target regions.

In addition, activities should incorporate traditionally marginalized populations, including women and indigenous communities, taking into account the way in which gender and societal roles may affect project activities and outcomes. Activities should also complement and reinforce existing USAID, GOP, and other donor efforts, as well as coordinate with and reinforce community strategies that may already exist related to social conflict mitigation.

Illustrative results may include one or more of the following:

1. Organizational and technical capacity of key CSOs to participate in decision-making processes increased.
2. Use of consensus-building and reconciliation practices increased among CSOs, national and sub-national governments, and the private sector.
3. Sustainable consultative processes implemented.

**3. SECTION II – AWARD INFORMATION:** Delete Item 1 – **ESTIMATED FUNDS AVAILABLE** and insert in lieu thereof:

**“1. ESTIMATED FUNDS AVAILABLE**

The estimated funding amount is \$16 to 19.7 million (\$4 to 5 million per year), subject to the availability of funds, for approximately 4-6 grants lasting from 1 to 3 years with the exception of Natural Resources Management area which will last 1 to 4 years under this APS . For the Social Conflicts area, 2 awards for a period of up to 2 years; if justified, the period could be expanded to 3 years. The funding amount designated for each programmatic area will be allocated as follows. For the Alternative Development Strengthening Social Capital program, up to \$2.5 million per year is estimated to be available to fund one or two awards, over a period of one to three years. For the Intercultural Bilingual Education in the Amazon program, up to \$300,000 per year is estimated to be available to fund one to three awards, over a period of one to three years. For the Natural Resource Management program, up to \$1 million per year is estimated to be available to fund one or three awards over a period of one to four years. For the Addressing the Needs of People with Disabilities program, up to \$1 million per year is estimated to be available to fund one to three awards, over a period of one to three years. For the Social Conflicts program, up to \$150,000 per year is estimated to be available to fund one or two awards over a period of two years. If justified, USAID/Peru will consider awards for \$100,000-\$300,000 for a period of up to three years.

USAID will not consider funding any program of less than \$100,000 over a period of two years. The total funding may be increased if funds are available, and especially worthy applications are submitted.”

**[END OF AMENDMENT No. 02]**