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Research Priorities in Health

- USAID supports research intended to discover and develop solutions to specific development challenges
 - USAID Scientific Research Policy
 - Research includes- experiments, observational studies, implementation research, qualitative studies, population based surveys, market research, and acceptability studies
- USAID/Nepal
 - Learning Agenda (Country Development Cooperation Strategy, Program Appraisal Document)
 - Global leader in maternal and child health research, including nutrition (DHS, CHX, Aflatoxin, PSBI, EC)
 - Areas of focus- nutrition, newborn health, family planning, health systems strengthening, supply chain, antenatal/postnatal care
 - Key considerations- gender, disadvantaged groups, capacity development

Overview of Funding Approach/Processes

- Setting Research Priorities- level of involvement
 - Magnitude and significance of problem
 - Relevance to USAID priority and mission statement
 - Relevance to host country
 - Comparative advantage of USAID
- Planning/Procurement- design phase
 - New solicitation vs. using existing award
 - Types of solicitations- Requests for applications, Requests for proposals, Annual Program Statements
 - Scope of work and funding varies (\$20,000- \$2,500,000)
 - Elements related to research
 - Quality of the proposal
 - Research capacity of the applicant/bidder
 - Background of key staff
 - Past performance
 - Budget

Overview of Funding Approach/Processes

- Technical Evaluation (Technical Evaluation Committee)
- Negotiation
- Award
- Implementation
 - Research Plan
 - Peer Review
 - Ethical Standards in Research (IRB)
 - Progress reports, final reports, research papers, presentations