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**RFP/SEC/10/2016 - Provision of Conducting a Survey on the Well-being and Security of Women in South East Europe, Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus
Clarification Note 5**

The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe has received requests for clarification from potential Proposers on Thu 31/08/2016 with regard to Request for Proposal RFP/SEC/10/2016. Due to a technical glitch, two questions from that clarification request only became known as of 15 September 2016. The OSCE would like to provide the following clarifications:

Q1: "Do the definitions as requested in Clarification Note 2, Answer 3) also apply for the FGDs?"

A1: Yes, the same definitions apply. The women have to be either displaced (internally or across countries) or live currently at a/close to conflict affected borders / conflict lines / contact lines.

Q2: "On page 19 of the technical specification you suggest that the focus of the FGDs be with internally displaced people, and that at least 3 should be with women only who have been affected by violence related conflict. However, the specification also suggests that there should be more general group discussions to discuss societal attitudes – do you mean conducting groups with a cross section of the general public? And can you provide guidance on how the 13 groups should be broken down between these audiences please?"

A2: a) 3 Focus Group Discussions with women who have experienced violence in a conflict. The exact composition/stratification will be agreed based on each country/conflict setting.

Aims: better understanding coping strategies and support received, the consequences of conflict related violence and the effects of stigmatization on their everyday life.

b) 8 Focus groups with directly conflict affected population (displaced or living currently at conflict/border/contact lines) broken down into:

	Women		Men	
	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
Young	1	2	5	6
Old	3	4	7	8

Aims: better understanding of the social attitudes towards violence against women including conflict related violence, the root causes of these attitudes, the needs and gaps in prevention and victim support, and the differences in attitudes according to the demographic indicators mentioned above. Specific focus of the discussions will be on the experience of verbal threats of sexual violence and the decision to leave home.

c) 2 additional Focus Groups (differentiated by women and men) per country with population not directly affected by a conflict with the aim to explore attitudes towards conflict related sexual violence.

Overall, it is suggested to also use the vignette technique in all FGDs amongst others and as mentioned in the Request for Proposals the increase or diversification of FGDs is encouraged.

This Clarification Note is published simultaneously to all economic operators known to be interested.

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