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PEP RENOVATIONS PHASE 4: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

When did the PEP renovation Phase Four start?

- Renovations Phase Four was inaugurated in September 2009. All municipalities were given equal opportunity to apply for funding of school renovations. Each municipality could apply with up to 2 school projects.

❖ Which schools are eligible for renovation funds?

- Schools offering full cycle education (1 – 9 grade) are eligible for getting renovation funds.

❖ How many application forms have been submitted?

- 110 application forms from 70 municipalities were submitted to USAID/PEP.

❖ How many applications have been selected?

- 23 school applications from 23 municipalities were selected by the Renovations Working Group for Phase Four.

❖ Were there any site visits to verify applications?

- Before submission of school applications for approval, each school was visited by the experts from the Renovations Component.

❖ Who make the audits of the technical design?

- Audits of the technical design were carried out by the PEP Renovations Engineer or external auditors.

❖ Are environmental issues addressed?

- An Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) is performed for each school project, in order to satisfy USAID environmental compliances.

- ❖ ***Does each project need a separate public tendering process?***
- A public tendering process is organized for each school project.

- ❖ ***Is there any interviewing with the selected bidders?***
- Interviews with the three lowest bidders for each project are conducted in the PEP premises.

- ❖ ***What do the selected bidders present?***
- Samples of the requested material in the RFP are presented by the interviewed companies.

- ❖ ***Is there any capacity assessment of the bidders?***
- Field visits in order to assess the capacity of the lowest bidder are conducted by PEP Evaluation Committee.

- ❖ ***What the preconstruction meetings are?***
- Preconstruction meetings for each school project are organized in the school venue – contractor, supervisor, school representatives, municipal representative and PEP representatives actively participation.

- ❖ ***What is the average cost-share provided by the municipalities and the schools?***
- The average cost-share provided by the municipalities and schools is over 30% from the overall budget for the school renovation.