1) Focus groups should be 6 (with moderation by youth and supervision by the performer) or 12 (6 moderated by youth + 6 moderated by a specialist of the performer).

Total number of FGDs – 12. The Contractor recruits the respondents for all 12 as well as organize them logistically (online and/or offline). 6 of these are moderated directly by the Contractor representative and 6 more are moderated by the young researchers additionally involved in this study. The Contractor should also attend the 6 focus groups moderated by the young researchers in order to support them if needed. The Contractor should prepare the transcripts and analysis for all 12 FGDs.

2) Can focus groups be conducted online? What is the mode of the FGDs (online/offline)?

Yes, the focus groups can be conducted online. The mode of the focus groups should be also conditioned by the recruitment matrix. The online mode can ensure more flexibility in terms of conducting regionally mixed FGDs.

3) What if the recruitment matrix (at least draft) so that we have more specified understanding which respondents to recruit? Cities? Ages? Other criteria?

The preliminary recruitment matrix:
12 online focus-groups in total

	Age	Gender
Non participants	16-24	Mixed
		All female
		All male
	25-35	Mixed
		All female
		All male
Participants	16-24	Mixed
		All female
		All male
	25-35	Mixed
		All female
		All male

*detailed FGD matrix will be designed by the young researchers under the supervision of MCI and IREX

4) Are there any special requirements of young researchers candidates for 2b. Supporting youth researchers? Could they be current employers of the Contractor? Or they should be without employing experience? Are there any requirements to their education – only sociology and methods? Or it could be politology or other study programs?

The recruitment of the young researchers is taken separately by the IREX and MCI. The preferred qualifications for the youth are previous involvement in research activities, enrollment in social sciences degrees, non-formal education in methods etc. However, we expect other candidates to apply as well, since the involvement in the project requires young researchers to complete a two-stage training on social science methods, interpretation and analysis by the MCI.

5) Should all 6 young researchers be involved in moderating activities? Or it could be 1 young researcher as moderator and others 5 be involved in other survey stages?

We expect each of the 6 young researchers to moderate one focus-group. However, this can be adjusted in the process of the study implementation given the capacity of the researchers, their availability and other factors such as problems with electricity, internet connectivity and others. In regard to other stages of the research each of the researchers should equally contribute to the study goals (e.g., participating in FGD guides design, recruitment matrix design, note taking, recommendations development etc).