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Subject: Change Request – Office of Refugee Resettlement Microenterprise Development (MED) Program Indicators Form (OMB #0970-0490)

This memo requests approval of changes to the approved information collection, Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) MED Program Indicators Form, approved under the Generic Performance Progress Report (OMB #0970-0490).

Background

The ORR MED Program Indicators (PI) form was most recently reapproved in FY20. The PI form is completed Semi-Annually by recipient organizations, along with the standard ACF Performance Progress Report (OMB Approval Number 0970-0406). This data collection allows ORR to monitor recipient progress, and to collect information needed to complete ORR's annual report to Congress (and other purposes).

In alignment with an ACF-wide focus on equity, and an effort to standardize information collected by ORR for performance reporting, the revised form adds the collection of gender for enrolled, ORR-eligible participants. Information collected on participant gender will inform ORR on the extent to which programmatic services are available and accessible to all eligible participants. Additionally, gender-related data will inform programmatic changes and Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) offered to support recipient organizations.

To ensure recipient organizations are providing services in accordance with the ORR MED's allowable activities, and the targets outlined in their initial proposals, it would be beneficial to disaggregate the existing TA indicator to include T/TA. This additional data would clarify the existing data indicator and promote accountability between recipient organizations and ORR.

Additionally, ORR issued 19 new MED awards in September 2022, which is in addition to the grantees that were already in place and reporting.

Overview of Requested Changes

The revised PI form adds fields for recipient organizations to report on gender for enrolled participants and ORR loans disbursed. No individual information is requested, and all information is reported by recipient organizations in aggregate.

Additionally, a field for T, and a field for TA, were added to disaggregate the existing Pre- and Post-Loan data indicators. Within this field, no individual information is requested, and all information is

reported in aggregate by recipient organizations.

Finally, to reflect new awards in September 2022, the total number of respondents has been increased to 29.