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Subject: Change Request – Refugee Agricultural Partnership Program Indicators (OMB #0970-0490)

This memo requests approval of changes to the approved information collection, Refugee Agricultural Partnership Program (RAPP) Indicators, approved under the Generic Performance Progress Report (OMB #0970-0490).

Background

The RAPP Indicators request information from grantees to allow the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) to assess their progress towards stated objectives in the notice of funding opportunity and related grantee applications. This is completed semi-annually by funding recipients, in addition to the standard ACF Performance Progress Report (OMB Approval Number 0970-0406).

In alignment with an ACF-wide focus on equity, and an effort to standardize information collected by ORR for performance reporting, this request is to include the collection of gender for enrolled, ORR-eligible participants. The inclusion of gender identity would allow ORR to identify gaps in programmatic outreach, implementation, and outcomes with respect to gender within the targeted population to be served. The data would provide information to assist ORR in identifying inequities in program involvement and benefits.

Additionally, ORR awarded new RAPP grants in September 2022, which changes the number of respondents to this information collection.

Overview of Requested Changes

In its current form, RAPP collects information on the number of participants enrolled in the program and does not disaggregate that data by gender.

ORR has updated the form to request information for each of the above data categories by adding rows to delineate by gender (Male, Female, Unspecified). ORR has updated the instructions and added three new rows (Rows 8-10) to the form.

Additionally, we have updated the number of respondents in the submission form to reflect the current number of grantees.

Time Sensitivities

The expiration date for the umbrella Generic Performance Progress Report (OMB #0970-0490) is January 31, 2022. The extension request for the umbrella is currently underway and ACF would like to submit that full request to OMB as soon as possible.