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| **Question/ clarification** | **Response** |
| Are you able to give an indication of the budget please? | The budget is:  £41,665.83 before VAT is applied.  £49,999 including VAT. |

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| What - if any - geospatial or other data are available from Defra on the RFRSGs, to understand what has to be manually collected and inputted by the contractor, versus what databases can be easily transferred and integrated. | To the best of our knowledge there are currently no other databases on RFRSGs which can be easily transferred and integrated. It is for this reason that we have stated one of the first requirements of the project is to “produce a data set (including, name, location, key contact details) of all RFRSGs and similar groups in England to provide a basis for surveying.” We would suggest a starting point for this would be the [National Directory of Farm and Rural Support Groups](https://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Support-Groups-directory-2021-spreads-1.pdf) produced by the Prince’s Countryside Fund in 2021. But we would like the contractor to produce an up-to-date data set. |