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## **Strengthening Higher Education for Female Empowerment (SHEFE)**

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Strengthening Higher Education for Female Empowerment (SHEFE)

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Strengthening Higher Education for Female Empowerment (SHEFE) programme aims to reform Higher Education systems to deliver a better future for women and girls. Operating through a partnership model, the programme will influence system-wide change through bringing together relevant stakeholders. This new programme will build on the successful legacy of the FCDO's Strategic Partnerships for Higher Education Innovation and Reform (SPHEIR) programme. SHEFE will identify and address complex barriers preventing young women accessing higher education and successfully transitioning to productive employment, including tackling sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment (SEAH). The programme outputs also include the establishment of a Higher Education Centre of Expertise, a new demand-led, draw down facility to ensure the FCDO's global network has access to high-quality technical expertise, best practice and tailored policy advice.

This EME will introduce the aims of the SHEFE programme to the market; stimulate interest; solicit feedback and on its scope, design and delivery model; and share information on the wider programme's timeframe for delivery.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £45,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

## **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

## **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

31 August 2023

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes