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Tender

EMPOWER - Strengthening access to Family Planning (FP) in the Private Sector

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk/>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Development and Diplomacy

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

EMPOWER - Strengthening access to Family Planning (FP) in the Private Sector

Reference number

itt 6610

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 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) is looking for a Supplier to deliver the Strengthening access to Family Planning (FP) in the Private sector Component 3 of the Empowering Women for Better Reproductive Health Outcomes (EMPOWER) Programme in Uganda.

The wider EMPOWER programme has a Component 3 which aims to contribute to creating a vibrant and self-sustaining private sector market for voluntary Family Planning (FP) services in Urban and Semi-urban areas. This will involve identifying the market segments that can pay for their services and building capacity of Private for Profit (PFP) and Private-Not-For-Profit (PNFP) outlets to provide these services affordably and sustainably.

FCDO expects the private sector to play an increasing role in contributing to Uganda's targeted modern Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (mCPR) and to increase the share of FP service delivery covered by other funding sources beyond Government of Uganda (GOU) and donors, including, for example, out of pocket and health insurance.

Potential interventions are expected to address both demand and supply factors, and the delivery partner(s) are expected to test and scale up the most appropriate interventions.

The Contract is anticipated to commence at the end of April / beginning of May 2025 and run until 31 March 2030. The Contract has the option of further extension for up to two years and three months, if required.

The Contract value is up to £3,600,000. The Contract value may increase by up to £1,500,000, subject to evidence of effectiveness of interventions, internal approvals and the availability of funds (see section "Scaling Up and Down"). The increase in value may take place during the initial Contract period or its extension. The budget is exclusive of UK VAT but includes all applicable local taxes. It is the Supplier's responsibility to establish its taxation position both in the UK and in Uganda to ensure it meets its obligations. The Supplier will be responsible for obtaining any tax and customs exemptions from relevant government authorities, if applicable.

The tender documents are published in the FCDO's eSourcing Portal <https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk> under itt_6610. You need to login or register on to the Portal in order to access the Tender documents and to submit your response.

Please note that this Opportunity is tendered under Light Touch Regime as Negotiate Procedure with Negotiation with the Preferred Supplier based on the Open Procedure prior to the Negotiation step.

If you have any technical issues, please call eSourcing helpdesk: +44 203 868 2859 or use the "Call me Back!" functionality (recommended if contacting from outside of UK).

Any issues related to the subject of the Tender or Tender Pack must be submitted via the "messages" functionality linked to itt_6610 in the FCDO eSourcing Portal.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,600,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UG - Uganda

Main site or place of performance

Uganda

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Strengthening access to Family Planning in the Private Sector is Component 3 of wider Empowering Women for Better Reproductive Health Outcomes (EMPOWER) Programme - Uganda.

The EMPOWER programme aims to contribute to creating a vibrant and self-sustaining private sector market for voluntary Family Planning (FP) services in Urban and Semi-urban areas in Uganda.

The overall intended outcome of the Contract is to reduce donor reliance for Family Planning (FP) commodities and services and ensure that both donor and Government of Uganda (GoU) services are prioritised for the most disadvantaged who would not be able to access FP services on their own. By enabling those with willingness and ability to pay, and channelling resources where they are needed the most, this component will improve the longer-term value -for -money (VFM) of the programme, particularly around economy and equity. FCDO aims to contribute to Uganda's efforts to harness the full potential of the private sector in increasing Uganda's Modern Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (mCPR).

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The Terms of References (ToRs) should be read in conjunction with the EMPOWER Business Case, RISE endline Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices survey and the Terms of Reference for the Accountable Grant, which will be part of the tender documents to be published in the FCDO's eTendering Portal <https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk> under itt_6610.

Please note that this Opportunity will be tendered using procedure defined under regulations 74 to 76 of Section 7 Social and Other Specific Services of Chapter 3 Particular Procurement Regimes, Public Contract Regulations 2015, i.e. Light Touch Regime (LTR).

The procedure, the Negotiation with the Preferred Supplier is based on the principles of the Open Procedure up to the selection of Preferred Supplier who will be invited to the Negotiation step prior to the award of the Contract.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

90

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

PLEASE NOTE: This FTS Notice does not allow for the selection of the correct procedure type. Procedure defined under regulations 74 to 76 of Section 7 Social and Other Specific Services of Chapter 3 Particular Procurement Regimes, Public Contract Regulations 2015 (Light Touch Regime) therefore the Open procedure has been selected.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2025/S 000-000958](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

27 March 2025

Local time

8:00am

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 8 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

27 March 2025

Local time

8:00am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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