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Contract

## **HEALTH RESEARCH PROGRAMME CONSORTIA (RPCS): FILLING THE GAPS IN EVIDENCE: BUILDING STRONGER AND MORE RESILIENT HEALTH SYSTEMS - LOT 2 (EQUAL)**

FOREIGN, COMMONWEALTH & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office/about/procurement>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

HEALTH RESEARCH PROGRAMME CONSORTIA (RPCS): FILLING THE GAPS IN EVIDENCE: BUILDING STRONGER AND MORE RESILIENT HEALTH SYSTEMS - LOT 2 (EQUAL)

Reference number

PO8613

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

Services

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

The UK is seen as a leader in health research and a higher level of UK involvement will add value to global research efforts. FCDO (DFID) has committed to the production and use of high quality evidence, data and innovation to accelerate progress towards the Global Goals. The following areas were identified as being gaps and an opportunity for the UK to intervene, given our relative strengths:

(i) Tackling infectious diseases

(ii) Building stronger and more resilient health systems,

(iii) Improving the health of the world's most vulnerable, including sexual and reproductive health, mental health and maternal, newborn and child health.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £7,953,130

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKM95 - South Lanarkshire

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

The goal of the Filling the Gaps in Evidence portfolio of RPCs is to produce high quality evidence that improves the health of the poorest and most vulnerable people in developing countries. The purpose of this component is to generate new knowledge on how to address marginalisation or exclusion of vulnerable groups.

The UK is firmly committed to the "Leave no-one behind" agenda. For development gains to be achieved, concerted efforts must be made to reach the poorest and most marginalised. Groups at risk may include people with disabilities, women, children and adolescents and conflict affected populations. Research submissions are expected to include a gender and disability lens i.e. how has the programme design taken into consideration how people with disabilities/men/women are impacted by the issue being researched? What are the different barriers they face? How will the research contribute to an evidence base on how to address these issues? An intersectional lens is critical to better understand the issues.

Proposals can address any one or more of the following areas:

- Mental Health
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights
- Maternal and Newborn Child Health
- Improving health outcomes for vulnerable groups

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: T1 Technical Knowledge Relevant to this Research Programme ToR / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: T2 Credible Approach & Suitable Methodology / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: T3 Credible Approach & Suitable Methodology / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: T4 Credible Approach & Suitable Methodology / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: T5 Relevant Research Capabilities & Personal / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: T6 Relevant Research Capabilities & Personal / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: T7 Relevant Research Capabilities & Personal / Weighting: 5

Cost criterion - Name: C1 Fees / Weighting: 5

Cost criterion - Name: C2 Costs (Developing LMIC Partners) / Weighting: 5

Cost criterion - Name: C3 Costs (Maximise Impact) / Weighting: 4

Cost criterion - Name: C4 Costs (Methodology) / Weighting: 16

Cost criterion - Name: C5 Costs (Financial Plan) / Weighting: 5

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

There will be an option to extend for a further 24 months at an additional estimated value of £2 - 3 million.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

PO8397 was the tender process for a lotted procurement following the Reg 14 Research Exemption which resulted in 7 individual contracts across three lots, previous TED Contract Award Notice - OJ S: 2021/S 057-145367 provides the detail for 6 of these contracts (PO8610, PO8611, PO8612, PO8614. PO8615, PO8616 - with this Contract Award Notice solely for PO8613. There is also a TED Contract Award Notice - OJ S: 2021-091485 replicating this notice for PO8613.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted 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: [2018/S 196-443482](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

PO8613

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

2 July 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 11

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 11

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

The International Rescue Committee

122 East 42nd Street

New York

NY 10168-1289

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £7,953,130

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.3) Additional information**

In accordance with Regulation 14 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the Regulations are not applicable to this procurement. The Procurement Process adopted by FCDO (ex DFID) is not to be construed as indicative of the application of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The use in this ITT of terms used in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or Directive 2014/24/EU should not be construed as implying the

application of the relevant rules and jurisprudence of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or Directive 2014/24/EU to this procurement.

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The services procured by this procurement process fall within CPV codes 73000000-2 (research and development services and related consultancy services) 73120000-9 (Experimental and development services), 73300000-5 (design and execution of research and development), 73420000-2 (pre feasibility study and technological demo) and 73430000 -5 (test and evaluation).

#### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Procurement & Commercial Department, Foreign Commonwealth and Development  
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##### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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