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PROJ10173 What Works to Prevent Violence: Impact at Scale - Research and Evaluation Component

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://fcdo.proactisportal.com>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://fcdo.proactisportal.com>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Diplomatic Services and International Development

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

PROJ10173 What Works to Prevent Violence: Impact at Scale - Research and Evaluation Component

Reference number

PROJ10173

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The What Works to Prevent Violence – Impact at Scale Programme will build on the success of its predecessor (‘What Works I’) to prevent and contribute to eliminating violence against women and girls through:

- Systematically designing, implementing and rigorously evaluating a range of approaches to scaling up violence prevention efforts, translating proof-of-concept evidence into robust, large-scale programmes;
- Designing, piloting and testing new theory-driven violence prevention approaches (innovation);
- Strengthening long-term capability and capacity to deliver cutting-edge violence prevention programmes across the programme’s grantees, the UK Government (principally FCDO), and developing country governments; and
- Using evidence to influence a more effective global response to end VAWG.

As part of this programme, FCDO requires the services of a Supplier to lead and manage a research programme consortium (RPC) which will deliver a strategic and coherent portfolio of research and evaluation. This research programme will improve our understanding of patterns and trends in the prevalence and drivers of violence against women and girls (VAWG), including its relationship to violence against children (VAC); and broaden and deepen the evidence base on what works, under what circumstances and for whom in programmatic interventions to prevent such violence. This programme of research and evaluation will have a value of up to £15.9 million and contributes one

component of the overall programme as outlined in the Business Case.

A separate procurement process will be used to secure the services of a Supplier to design and implement a matching programme of violence-prevention interventions (both 'innovation' and 'at scale').

This requirement is NOT SUBJECT TO the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and Directive 2014/24/EU by virtue of the applicability of Regulation 14. DFID is voluntarily publishing this requirement for publicity purposes only.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £23,850,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM95 - South Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

The main place of performance and delivery of the requirement will be FCDO priority countries across sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and the Middle East and North Africa. This will include a range of development and fragile and conflict-affected states (FCAS) and humanitarian settings. At least 40% of innovation projects should be in FCAS countries.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

FCDO is seeking a supplier to deliver an 84-month contract of up to 15900000 GBP from April 2022 until April 2029 for the What Works to Prevent Violence: Impact at Scale - Research and Evaluation programme.

The timeframe may be extended by up to an additional 42 months beyond the original 84 month term until October 2032 subject to satisfactory performance of the supplier, continuing need, availability of funding, and the agreement of the supplier and FCDO, utilising a negotiated procedure.

There is provision to scale up by up to an additional 7950000 GBP in cases where the programme has demonstrated a strong impact and has the potential to yield additional results. The Mid-Term Review point will be used as an opportunity to consider extending the length and value of the contract to extend the geographic focus or increase the scale of the programme. The estimated value includes all applicable taxes.

Please note that the estimated total value of 23850000 GBP represents a maximum, including scale up options, and FCDO expects competitive tenders based on the full Terms of Reference (Volume 3 of the ITT Pack).

HMT Approval to spend beyond June 2027 will be required. FCDO will process this requirement in good time. In the event that funds are not secured, there will be no liability for FCDO beyond the approved period to 30 June 2027. An amendment will be required to confirm progression to the final phase of the contract.

The main recipients of the services will be women, girls and boys experiencing and/or at risk of violence in Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, the Middle East and North Africa. Indirect recipients are expected to include low- and middle-income country governments, multilateral and bilateral agencies, civil society organisations and other stakeholders designing, implementing and investing in policy and programming on VAWG and VAC prevention.

Delivery may require visits to both fragile and non-fragile regions with the supplier(s) responsible for the Duty of Care of all personnel and any third part supply partners.

The expected outcomes of the overall programme, as defined in the Business Case, are as follows:

- i. A measurable reduction in VAWG and VAC in the development and humanitarian contexts in which the programme operates, including for the most marginalised women and girls. Of projects subject to an impact evaluation, we expect the majority to show an appreciable reduction in violence attributable to the project.
- ii. An expanded global base of knowledge and evidence on what works to prevent VAWG and VAC across development and humanitarian contexts, including how to achieve this at scale.
- iii. Strengthened capacity and will of FCDO, governments, other donors and civil society (including Southern-based organisations) to use evidence to design, implement and evaluate effective violence prevention strategies.
- iv. Effective evidence-based violence prevention strategies developed and implemented (new and/or strengthened) by the UK Government, developing country governments, and the international community, demonstrated for example by the use of evidence in policies

and programmes, new budget allocation for violence prevention, and increased attention to violence prevention in policy.

The objective of this Research and Evaluation Contract is clearly primarily to deliver outcome (ii) in this list of outcomes (i.e., a strengthened evidence base for VAWG prevention at scale): but the Supplier is expected to work closely with the ISD-managed implementation programme to contribute to the achievement of outcomes i, iii and iv, too.

The expected outcomes will be delivered through the provision of:

- Design, lead and manage a coherent portfolio of research and evaluation activities which address critical gaps in existing knowledge to provide policy-relevant insights and reflect analysis of national and international stakeholders and policy cycles.
- Conduct research into the nature of VAWG and VAC and what works in prevention. The Supplier will deliver the majority of the studies and evaluations (accounting for c. 70% of the £15.9 million research and evaluation contract budget) using skills and resources from within the RPC (i.e., c. £11.13 m).
- the Supplier will design and manage a research grant competition (one or more windows) to identify the best researchers and proposed approaches for the remaining impact evaluations and studies. These competitively-sourced evaluations and studies will have contract values which total c. 30% of the contracted budget for the research and evaluation contract (i.e., c. £4.77 m).
- Develop a strategic and flexible strategy for research uptake and impact

A contract for Programme Design and Implementation of the innovation and scale-up interventions has been procured separately. The two contracts will be coordinated by FCDO to ensure complementarity of the programme's intervention and research components. The Supplier must fully understand the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Programme Design and Implementation contract and be able to work effectively with the organisations delivering the the Design and Implementation component.

An independent evaluation will also be separately commissioned by FCDO to assess the programme's performance and provide regular, rapid feedback on management and impact to improve learning and performance during the programme's lifetime.

A hybrid payment by results model will be used for effective implementation of the support to the What Works to Prevent Violence: Impact at Scale - Research and Evaluation Contract and will link achievement of agreed performance areas and milestones to an agreed payment schedule.

An FCDO standard service contract will be awarded.

Scale up/down is provided for in ToR and contract clauses to allow flexibility to respond to emerging needs.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical knowledge & strategic understanding / Weighting: 18

Quality criterion - Name: Research approach & methods / Weighting: 17

Quality criterion - Name: Team composition & experience / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Contributing to social value through contract delivery / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 40

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £15,900,000

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

Duration in months

84

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 5

Maximum number: 8

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

As set in the tender pack.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract includes an extension of up to an additional 42 months beyond the original term of 84 months. The contract includes an option for additional services of the same type to be provided.

There is an option to increase the contract by up to an additional 7950000 GBP over and above the original financial limit of the contract up to a maximum financial limit of 23850000 GBP.

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

The supply chain eligibility in relation to both the What Works to Prevent Violence: Impact at Scale. Research and Evaluation and the Programme Design and Implementation Contracts and their respective grant funds is as follows:

- An organisation cannot be a Lead Supplier for both this Contract and the Programme Design and Implementation Contract.
- An organisation cannot be a sub on both this Contract and the Programme Design and Implementation Contract.
- An organisation cannot be a sub on this Contract and a Lead Supplier on the Programme Design and Implementation Contract, or vice versa.
- Organisations that are Lead Suppliers on either this Contract or the Programme Design and Implementation Contract cannot bid for grant funds under either Contract.
- Organisations that are a sub on either this Contract or the Programme Design and Implementation Contract cannot bid for grant funds under either Contract.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

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Mandatory and discretionary exclusion, economic and financial standing, technical and professional ability, modern slavery Act 2015 requirements, minimum insurance requirements, tenderers past performance, duty of care, international aid transparency initiative, acceptance of FCDO Terms and Conditions and FCDO SupplierCode of Conduct and safeguarding measures as outlined in the procurement documents.

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

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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

Date

29 September 2021

Local time

2:00pm

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

10 November 2021

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)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The authority expressly reserves the right:

- (i) not to award any contract(s) as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and,
- (ii) in no circumstances will the authority be liable for any costs incurred by the Bidders.

Procurement documents can be accessed through the FCDO Supply Partner Portal
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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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