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# **National Baseline Assessment on the Implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights**

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

National Baseline Assessment on the Implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

A National Baseline Assessment (NBA) on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) would bring together an analysis of the legal and policy measures taken by the UK Government to implement the UNGPs, with an assessment of the extent to which UK businesses respect human rights and implement human rights due diligence in line with the UNGPs. An NBA would help build the evidence base for legal, policy, and institutional options on business and human rights, and might identify further research and data collection needs.

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

Value excluding VAT: £100,000

### **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**

The UK Government has consistently supported the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), which are widely regarded as the authoritative international framework to steer practical action by Governments and businesses worldwide on this important agenda. Implementation of the UNGPs supports access to justice and effective remedies for victims of business-related human rights abuses, wherever these occur, and encourage businesses to voluntarily adopt due diligence approaches to respecting human rights. In response to the UNGPs, the UK was the first State to produce a National Action Plan (NAP) on business and human rights and we continue to develop our approach, including through implementation of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and Procurement Act 2023.

An NBA would have the primary objective of assessing the current level of implementation of the UNGPs and other relevant business and human rights frameworks by the UK Government

and UK businesses. An NBA would cover the three pillars of the UNGPs:

1. State Duty to Protect
2. Business Responsibility to Respect
3. Access to Remedy

An NBA would clearly identify measures taken by the UK Government that support business compliance with international and regional human rights standards and identify possible gaps in current measures. It would also assess to what extent UK businesses have committed to respecting human rights, including by carrying out voluntary HRDD, and participating in remediation processes. An NBA would help build the evidence base for legal, policy, and institutional options on business and human rights, and might identify further research and data collection needs.

An NBA would be informed by both quantitative and qualitative research using desk-based and participatory research methods including engagement with relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to businesses, government officials, civil society organisations, academics, international organisations and people with lived experience of business-related human rights abuses. The methodology for the delivery of the NBA would be developed in line with guidance and tools developed by the UN Office of the High Commissioner, the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights, and the Danish Institute for Human Rights.

This is not a call for competition or tender at this time. At the EME, suppliers will be given the opportunity to comment on a draft Terms of Reference to inform FCDO's approach to engaging suppliers and test our design assumptions.

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

This EME is scheduled to take place virtually on Wednesday 24th July @ 11:00 – 12:30 BST. Please register for attendance for the EME via the guidance below.

If you are interested in attending this Early Market Engagement event, then please register via the form at: <https://forms.office.com/e/1Sh6qu8rZn>

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

10 July 2024

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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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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We ask that Suppliers register on the Jaggaer Portal and sign up to the PQQ titled pqq\_1684. All future communications relating to market engagement and pre-procurement messaging will be sent through the portal. Please note that this is not the PQQ stage of the formal procurement process and non-attendance will not impact any bidder's opportunity to participate in the tender process. Should you have any technical issues with the Portal, please call eTendering helpdesk: +44 0203 868 2859 or use the "Call me Back!" functionality (recommended, especially if contacting from outside of UK). Any issues with accessing this PQQ should be reported to [Mahzabin.ahmed@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:Mahzabin.ahmed@fcdo.gov.uk).