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Planning

Occupied Palestinian Territories Independent Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (OPTIMEL)

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

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Occupied Palestinian Territories Independent Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (OPTIMEL)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

OPTIMEL aims to provide a wide range of monitoring, research, and analysis services to support the delivery of the whole of FCDO's development and diplomatic portfolio in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. This will cover the humanitarian response to Gaza, our

support to UNWRA, recovery and reconstruction, improved governance and reform and protection of rights. Independent Monitoring will verify results and projects delivered by FCDO's implementing partners, collect beneficiary feedback data and monitor compliance with FCDO's agreements and expectations. OPTIMEL will also provide ad hoc research and rapid assessments, assess whether FCDO is delivering impact, embed learning across the consulate and share with it with partners, and ensure our portfolio is coherent and optimised to deliver our country plan.

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

- IL - Israel

Main site or place of performance

Occupied Palestinian Territories

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The OPTIMEL programme aims to support the FCDO to meet the following objectives:

- Core Objective – Independent Monitoring (IM) of FCDO's overseas development assistance (ODA) portfolio in OPTs: FCDO's ODA portfolio supports the humanitarian response, recovery and reconstruction, economic development, improved governance and reform, security capability. IM will verify results and projects delivered by FCDO's implementing partners, collect beneficiary feedback data and monitor compliance with FCDO's agreements and expectations.
- Research and Evaluation: The research will be multi-disciplinary in nature, using quantitative and qualitative methodologies as appropriate. Some research will be ad hoc as required by teams, and some will be continuous. Evaluations will mainly be impact level to assess whether our interventions are working as intended.
- Learning and coherence: Support the whole portfolio to embed learning from the programme through dissemination of findings, specific learning sessions, and through

reporting at country board. Ensure the portfolio is coherent and well aligned to deliver the country plan.

- Transparency: Enhance transparency and accountability of FCDO's ODA portfolio in OPTs

The core objective for this programme is the delivery of IM as noted above. However, FCDO wishes to be innovative in its approach and the EME will consult on the following broad questions:

- How can this programme be designed to capitalise on the strength of OPTs civil society and/or community initiatives for independent monitoring?
- How can this programme be designed to ensure that the FCDO's ODA delivery in OPTs is held accountable by the communities and beneficiaries it supports?
- What is the best approach to delivering on the research, evaluation and learning objectives of this programme – while maintaining its core-objective for IM?
- What procurement route and partnership structures are most likely to be able to deliver the programme? FCDO want to understand market capacity to develop effective supply chains or consortium partners in OPTs to meet the programme objectives.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

11 November 2024

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

FCDO will be hosting an Early Market Engagement event about the planned programme and the anticipated services required from interested parties. We would welcome those with experience in the following areas:

- Independent monitoring of international donor programming in OPTs (field and remote monitoring).
- Primary and secondary research, evaluation and data-analysis (quantitative and qualitative)