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## **Empowering Women for Better Reproductive Health Outcomes (EMPOWER)**

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03fc3a

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

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

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**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**

Other activity

Development and Diplomacy

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Empowering Women for Better Reproductive Health Outcomes (EMPOWER)

#### 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 UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) would like to invite interested parties to attend Market Engagement (EME) Event concerning the provision of services to deliver Empowering Women for Better Reproductive Health Outcomes (EMPOWER)

This is a pre Business Case EME event to obtain market feedback on the draft Business Case and the potential delivery options for this programme.

The EME for EMPOWER 2024-2029 will be a virtual event taking place at 11.30 am EAT on Monday 2 October 2023.

If you wish to attend this Early Market Engagement, then please complete the form <https://forms.office.com/e/Ba13brYurQ> and register in FCDO ePortal <https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk/> via PQQ\_1460 by the noon on 30 September 2023.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £38,000,000

#### 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
- 85100000 - Health services

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

NUTS codes

- UG - Uganda

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

EMPOWER will address the underlying factors that have sustained Uganda's high maternal deaths and pregnancy rates, namely: (a) weak health systems that are unable to deliver lifesaving maternal and reproductive services; (b) misinformation and myths about family planning that deter or undermine women's autonomy over their own bodies. This will be done through four components:

(a) Mentorship of health workers in public health facilities across 50-70 rural and hard-to-reach districts on how to administer lifesaving maternal and reproductive services.

(b) Strengthening maternal health systems, including essential supplies and medical equipment to reduce preventable maternal deaths and increase uptake of post-partum family planning.

(c) Creating a vibrant and self-sustaining private sector market in urban and semi-urban areas for FP commodities through a total market approach.

(d) Countering misinformation and myths around modern FP through use of community leaders, influencers, and peer engagement. This will also include addressing harmful cultural attitudes and practices that disempower women.

All these components will be monitored, evaluated and decisions made through a Third-party monitoring Group (TMG). TPMG will interrogate reports, undertake field visits, collect data and monitor indicators in the results framework and conduct specific time bound in depth studies to explore specific bottlenecks or areas of learning and adaption.

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

29 February 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**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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