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Contract

Technical Assistance (TA) Facility to strengthen Rwanda's Social Protection Sector: Exiting Poverty Rwanda Programme

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

F20: Modification notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-064000

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

www.fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Technical Assistance (TA) Facility to strengthen Rwanda's Social Protection Sector:
Exiting Poverty Rwanda Programme

Reference number

PROJ_10147

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Technical Assistance Facility to strengthen Rwanda's Social Protection Sector

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- RW - Rwanda

Main site or place of performance

Rwanda

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

The TA Facility will provide technical expertise and capacity building to the Government of Rwanda and support the effective implementation of its Social Protection Sector Strategic Plan (SP-SSP) and ultimately a strengthened national social protection system, as well as the delivery of FCDO's Exiting Poverty in Rwanda (EPR) programme which aims to eradicate extreme poverty and reduce overall poverty.

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

Start date

3 March 2021

End date

30 June 2027

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

PO 10063

Title

Technical Assistance facility to strengthen Rwanda's Social Protection Sector as part of FCDO's Exiting Poverty in Rwanda Programme

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

9 October 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Cowater International

109 Murray Street, Second Floor, Suite 4

Ottawa

KP1N 5N5

Country

Canada

NUTS code

- CA - Canada

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £7,677,885

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office

East Kilbride

G75 8EA

Country

United Kingdom

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- RW - Rwanda

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

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The work package agreed with the supplier will:

- i. Sustain critical work currently being carried out by TAF and maintain support to government counterparts
- ii. Work to make TAF more effective, evaluating how it works to ensure effectiveness across:

- a. Policy support to GoR ministries
- b. Renew focus on sub-national support and capacity building (LODA)
- iii. Build sustainable capacity (as requested by the Steering Committee) in:
 - Systems development: IT SP systems which last
 - Support the training framework (to improve sub-national delivery)
- iv. Set the groundwork for an expanded basket fund through sustainable interventions

VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Start date

3 March 2021

End date

30 June 2027

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£7,677,885

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Cowater International

109 Murray Street

Ottawa, Ontario

K1N 5N5

Country

Canada

NUTS code

- CA - Canada

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

This contract modification will increase the contractual value by £1.8m as set out in the terms of the original procurement and a increase the contract term by 15 months, extension.

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

In line with the VEAT notice - 2025/S 000-058956

(<https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/058956-2025?>) the contract modification is necessary to allow FCDO unlock £15m in additional donor funding that is crucial to enable a responsible exit from the programme in a way that minimises harm to its beneficiaries. The nature and scope of the contract remain unchanged. This amendment does not materially expand the contract scope. Cowter International will continue to deliver the same core services.

Proceeding with a new procurement would introduce significant risks, including loss of the additional donor funding, the potential for duplication of costs already borne, reputational risk, adverse development impact on the most beneficial beneficiaries.

VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £5,906,650

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £7,677,885

