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Planning

Zambia Poverty Reduction Programme

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

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Scope

Reference

project_13288

Description

Services for the ZPRP, the Zambia - Building Resilience, Inclusive Development, Growth and Evidence (ZAMBRIDGE) component valued at up to £13,600,000.

Total value (estimated)

- £8,880,000 excluding VAT
- £13,600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 February 2027 to 31 March 2031
- Possible extension to 31 March 2033
- 6 years, 2 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

Contract locations

- ZM - Zambia

Engagement

Engagement deadline

27 February 2026

Engagement process description

The UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) would like to invite interested parties to attend an Early Market Engagement (EME) Event concerning the provision of services to deliver the Poverty Reduction Programme in Zambia (ZPRP).

ZPRP aims reduce levels of poverty and vulnerability within Zambia. ZPRP has budgeted approximately £38.5m over six (6) years with up to £13.6m allocated to component 1, the focus of this EME.

FCDO invites interested suppliers to attend the (EME) session relating to the ZPRP programme and associated future procurements. This EME will take place 13:00-14:30 UK time / 15:00 - 16:30 Zambia Time on Wednesday 17th December 2025 and will be online via Microsoft Teams, with representation from both the project office in Lukasa, Zambia and FCDO Commercial.

This EME event is an opportunity for prospective suppliers to understand current planning for the Zambia - Building Resilience, Inclusive Development, Growth and Evidence (ZAMBRIDGE), component 1 of the ZPRP programme. The scope of work covers: Management services; Technical assistance; Innovative pilots; Political-Economy Analysis (PEA); and MEL across several sectors such as education, nutrition, SRH and, humanitarian. This is an opportunity to engage with the Lusaka programme leads as well as the commercial lead, to ask questions, and to provide feedback on any information shared in the recently released Business Case. FCDO are also keen to gauge the level of interest in the contract as we consider the route to market.

How to register for this EME:

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

The link to the meeting (MS Teams platform) will be distributed via the messaging system on the FCDO eTendering portal and via email for those registered before noon on 15th December 2025.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

27 February 2026

Contracting authority

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

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