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## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Hiring a firm to study Financial Inclusion Landscaping of Bangladesh for Access to Information - II.

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## Section 1. Letter of Invitation

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The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) hereby invites you to submit a Proposal to this Request for Proposal (RFP) for the above-referenced subject.

This RFP includes the following documents and the General Terms and Conditions of Contract which is inserted in the Bid Data Sheet (BDS):

- Section 1: This Letter of Invitation
- Section 2: Instruction to Bidders
- Section 3: Bid Data Sheet (BDS)
- Section 4: Evaluation Criteria
- Section 5: Terms of Reference
- Section 6: Returnable Bidding Forms
  - o Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
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If you are interested in submitting a Proposal in response to this RFP, please prepare your Proposal in accordance with the requirements and procedure as set out in this RFP and submit it by the Deadline for Submission of Proposals set out in Bid Data Sheet.

Please acknowledge receipt of this RFP by sending an email to **[bd.procurement@undp.org](mailto:bd.procurement@undp.org)**, indicating whether you intend to submit a Proposal or otherwise. You may also utilize the "Accept Invitation" function in eTendering system, where applicable. This will enable you to receive amendments or updates to the RFP. Should you require further clarifications, kindly communicate with the contact person/s identified in the attached Bid Data Sheet as the focal point for queries on this RFP.

UNDP looks forward to receiving your Proposal and thank you in advance for your interest in UNDP procurement opportunities.

Approved by:



Name: Munir Hossain  
Title: Operations Manager, OIC  
Date: September 30, 2019





## Section 2. Instruction to Bidders

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Introduction	<p>1.1 Bidders shall adhere to all the requirements of this RFP, including any amendments in writing by UNDP. This RFP is conducted in accordance with the UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures (POPP) on Contracts and Procurement which can be accessed at <a href="https://popp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPBSUnit.aspx?TermID=254a9f96-b883-476a-8ef8-e81f93a2b38d">https://popp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPBSUnit.aspx?TermID=254a9f96-b883-476a-8ef8-e81f93a2b38d</a></p> <p>1.2 Any Proposal submitted will be regarded as an offer by the Bidder and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of the Proposal by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any Bidder as a result of this RFP.</p> <p>1.3 As part of the bid, it is desired that the Bidder registers at the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) website (<a href="http://www.ungm.org">www.ungm.org</a>). The Bidder may still submit a bid even if not registered with the UNGM. However, if the Bidder is selected for contract award, the Bidder must register on the UNGM prior to contract signature.</p>
2. Fraud & Corruption, Gifts and Hospitality	<p>2.1 UNDP strictly enforces a policy of zero tolerance on proscribed practices, including fraud, corruption, collusion, unethical or unprofessional practices, and obstruction of UNDP vendors and requires all bidders/vendors observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement process and contract implementation. UNDP's Anti-Fraud Policy can be found at <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/accountability/audit/office_of_audit_andinvestigation.html#anti">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/accountability/audit/office_of_audit_andinvestigation.html#anti</a></p> <p>2.2 Bidders/vendors shall not offer gifts or hospitality of any kind to UNDP staff members including recreational trips to sporting or cultural events, theme parks or offers of holidays, transportation, or invitations to extravagant lunches or dinners.</p> <p>2.3 In pursuance of this policy, UNDP  (a) Shall reject a proposal if it determines that the selected bidder has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question;  (b) Shall declare a vendor ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to be awarded a contract if at any time it determines that the vendor has engaged in any corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing a UNDP contract.</p> <p>2.4 All Bidders must adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct, which may be found at <a href="http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf">http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf</a></p>
3. Eligibility	<p>3.1 A vendor should not be suspended, debarred, or otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization. Vendors are therefore required to disclose to UNDP whether they are subject to any sanction or temporary suspension imposed by these organizations.</p> <p>3.2 It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that its employees, joint venture members, sub-contractors, service providers, suppliers and/or their employees meet the eligibility requirements as established by UNDP.</p>

4. Conflict of Interests	<p>4.1 Bidders must strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own interests, and act without consideration for future work. Bidders found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. Without limitation on the generality of the above, Bidders, and any of their affiliates, shall be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in this solicitation process, if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Are or have been associated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged by UNDP to provide services for the preparation of the design, specifications, Terms of Reference, cost analysis/estimation, and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods and services in this selection process;</li> <li>b) Were involved in the preparation and/or design of the programme/project related to the services requested under this RFP; or</li> <li>c) Are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of UNDP.</li> </ul> <p>4.2 In the event of any uncertainty in the interpretation of a potential conflict of interest, Bidders must disclose to UNDP, and seek UNDP's confirmation on whether or not such a conflict exists.</p> <p>4.3 Similarly, the Bidders must disclose in their proposal their knowledge of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) If the owners, part-owners, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, of the bidding entity or key personnel are family members of UNDP staff involved in the procurement functions and/or the Government of the country or any Implementing Partner receiving services under this RFP; and</li> <li>b) All other circumstances that could potentially lead to actual or perceived conflict of interest, collusion or unfair competition practices.</li> </ul> <p>Failure to disclose such an information may result in the rejection of the proposal or proposals affected by the non-disclosure.</p> <p>4.4 The eligibility of Bidders that are wholly or partly owned by the Government shall be subject to UNDP's further evaluation and review of various factors such as being registered, operated and managed as an independent business entity, the extent of Government ownership/share, receipt of subsidies, mandate and access to information in relation to this RFP, among others. Conditions that may lead to undue advantage against other Bidders may result in the eventual rejection of the Proposal.</p>
<b>PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS</b>	
5. General Considerations	<p>5.1 In preparing the Proposal, the Bidder is expected to examine the RFP in detail. Material deficiencies in providing the information requested in the RFP may result in rejection of the Proposal.</p> <p>5.2 The Bidder will not be permitted to take advantage of any errors or omissions in the RFP. Should such errors or omissions be discovered, the Bidder must notify the UNDP</p>
6. Cost of Preparation of Proposal	<p>6.1 The Bidder shall bear any and all costs related to the preparation and/or submission of the Proposal, regardless of whether its Proposal was selected or not. UNDP shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the procurement process.</p>
7. Language	<p>7.1 The Proposal, as well as any and all related correspondence exchanged by the Bidder and UNDP, shall be written in the language (s) specified in the BDS.</p>
8. Documents	<p>8.1 The Proposal shall comprise of the following documents:</p>

Comprising the Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder;</li> <li>d) Technical Proposal;</li> <li>e) Financial Proposal;</li> <li>f) Proposal Security, if required by BDS;</li> <li>g) Any attachments and/or appendices to the Proposal.</li> </ul>
9. Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder	<p>9.1 The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence of its status as an eligible and qualified vendor, using the Forms provided under Section 6 and providing documents required in those forms. In order to award a contract to a Bidder, its qualifications must be documented to UNDP's satisfaction.</p>
10. Technical Proposal Format and Content	<p>10.1 The Bidder is required to submit a Technical Proposal using the Standard Forms and templates provided in Section 6 of the RFP.</p> <p>10.2 The Technical Proposal shall not include any price or financial information. A Technical Proposal containing material financial information may be declared non-responsive.</p> <p>10.3 Samples of items, when required as per Section 5, shall be provided within the time specified and unless otherwise specified by UNDP, and at no expense to UNDP</p> <p>10.4 When applicable and required as per Section 5, the Bidder shall describe the necessary training programme available for the maintenance and operation of the services and/or equipment offered as well as the cost to the UNDP. Unless otherwise specified, such training as well as training materials shall be provided in the language of the Bid as specified in the BDS.</p>
11. Financial Proposals	<p>11.1 The Financial Proposal shall be prepared using the Standard Form provided in Section 6 of the RFP. It shall list all major cost components associated with the services, and the detailed breakdown of such costs.</p> <p>11.2 Any output and activities described in the Technical Proposal but not priced in the Financial Proposal, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items, as well as in the final total price.</p> <p>11.3 Prices and other financial information must not be disclosed in any other place except in the financial proposal.</p>
12. Proposal Security	<p>12.1 A Proposal Security, if required by BDS, shall be provided in the amount and form indicated in the BDS. The Proposal Security shall be valid up to thirty (30) days after the final date of validity of the Proposal.</p> <p>12.2 The Proposal Security shall be included along with the Technical Proposal. If Proposal Security is required by the RFP but is not found along with the Technical Proposal, the Proposal shall be rejected.</p> <p>12.3 If the Proposal Security amount or its validity period is found to be less than what is required by UNDP, UNDP shall reject the Proposal.</p> <p>12.4 In the event an electronic submission is allowed in the BDS, Bidders shall include a copy of the Bid Security in their proposal and the original of the Proposal Security must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in BDS.</p> <p>12.5 The Proposal Security may be forfeited by UNDP, and the Proposal rejected, in the event of any one or combination, of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) If the Bidder withdraws its offer during the period of the Proposal Validity specified in the BDS, or;</li> <li>b) In the event that the successful Bidder fails:</li> </ul>



	<p>i. to sign the Contract after UNDP has issued an award; or</p> <p>12.6 to furnish the Performance Security, insurances, or other documents that UNDP may require as a condition precedent to the effectivity of the contract that may be awarded to the Bidder.</p>
13. Currencies	<p>13.1 All prices shall be quoted in the currency or currencies indicated in the BDS. Where Proposals are quoted in different currencies, for the purposes of comparison of all Proposals:</p> <p>a) UNDP will convert the currency quoted in the Proposal into the UNDP preferred currency, in accordance with the prevailing UN operational rate of exchange on the last day of submission of Proposals; and</p> <p>b) In the event that UNDP selects a proposal for award that is quoted in a currency different from the preferred currency in the BDS, UNDP shall reserve the right to award the contract in the currency of UNDP's preference, using the conversion method specified above.</p>
14. Joint Venture, Consortium or Association	<p>14.1 If the Bidder is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a Joint Venture (JV), Consortium or Association for the Proposal, they shall confirm in their Proposal that : (i) they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the JV, Consortium or Association jointly and severally, which shall be evidenced by a duly notarized Agreement among the legal entities, and submitted with the Proposal; and (ii) if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into, by and between UNDP and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture.</p> <p>14.2 After the Deadline for Submission of Proposal, the lead entity identified to represent the JV, Consortium or Association shall not be altered without the prior written consent of UNDP.</p> <p>14.3 The lead entity and the member entities of the JV, Consortium or Association shall abide by the provisions of Clause 9 herein in respect of submitting only one proposal.</p> <p>14.4 The description of the organization of the JV, Consortium or Association must clearly define the expected role of each of the entity in the joint venture in delivering the requirements of the RFP, both in the Proposal and the JV, Consortium or Association Agreement. All entities that comprise the JV, Consortium or Association shall be subject to the eligibility and qualification assessment by UNDP.</p> <p>14.5 A JV, Consortium or Association in presenting its track record and experience should clearly differentiate between:</p> <p>a) Those that were undertaken together by the JV, Consortium or Association; and</p> <p>b) Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the JV, Consortium or Association.</p> <p>14.6 Previous contracts completed by individual experts working privately but who are permanently or were temporarily associated with any of the member firms cannot be claimed as the experience of the JV, Consortium or Association or those of its members, but should only be claimed by the individual experts themselves in their presentation of their individual credentials.</p> <p>14.7 JV, Consortium or Associations are encouraged for high value, multi-sectoral requirements when the spectrum of expertise and resources required may not be available within one firm.</p>



15. Only One Proposal	<p>15.1 The Bidder (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit only one Proposal, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture.</p> <p>15.2 Proposals submitted by two (2) or more Bidders shall all be rejected if they are found to have any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or</li> <li>b) any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or</li> <li>c) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this RFP; or</li> <li>d) they have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about, or influence on the Proposal of, another Bidder regarding this RFP process;</li> <li>e) they are subcontractors to each other's Proposal, or a subcontractor to one Proposal also submits another Proposal under its name as lead Bidder; or</li> <li>f) some key personnel proposed to be in the team of one Bidder participates in more than one Proposal received for this RFP process. This condition relating to the personnel, does not apply to subcontractors being included in more than one Proposal.</li> </ul>
16. Proposal Validity Period	<p>16.1 Proposals shall remain valid for the period specified in the BDS, commencing on the Deadline for Submission of Proposals. A Proposal valid for a shorter period may be rejected by UNDP and rendered non-responsive.</p> <p>16.2 During the Proposal validity period, the Bidder shall maintain its original Proposal without any change, including the availability of the Key Personnel, the proposed rates and the total price.</p>
17. Extension of Proposal Validity Period	<p>17.1 In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the proposal validity period, UNDP may request Bidders to extend the period of validity of their Proposals. The request and the responses shall be made in writing and shall be considered integral to the Proposal.</p> <p>17.2 If the Bidder agrees to extend the validity of its Proposal, it shall be done without any change in the original Proposal.</p> <p>17.3 The Bidder has the right to refuse to extend the validity of its Proposal, and in which case, such Proposal will not be further evaluated.</p>
18. Clarification of Proposal	<p>18.1 Bidders may request clarifications on any of the RFP documents no later than the date indicated in the BDS. Any request for clarification must be sent in writing in the manner indicated in the BDS. If inquiries are sent other than specified channel, even if they are sent to a UNDP staff member, UNDP shall have no obligation to respond or confirm that the query was officially received.</p> <p>18.2 UNDP will provide the responses to clarifications through the method specified in the BDS.</p> <p>18.3 UNDP shall endeavor to provide responses to clarifications in an expeditious manner, but any delay in such response shall not cause an obligation on the part of UNDP to extend the submission date of the Proposals, unless UNDP deems that such an extension is justified and necessary.</p>
19. Amendment of Proposals	<p>19.1 At any time prior to the deadline of Proposal submission, UNDP may for any reason, such as in response to a clarification requested by a Bidder, modify the RFP in the form of an amendment to the RFP. Amendments will be made available to all prospective bidders.</p>

	19.2	If the amendment is substantial, UNDP may extend the Deadline for submission of proposal to give the Bidders reasonable time to incorporate the amendment into their Proposals.
20. Alternative Proposals	20.1	Unless otherwise specified in the BDS, alternative proposals shall not be considered. If submission of alternative proposal is allowed by BDS, a Bidder may submit an alternative proposal, but only if it also submits a proposal conforming to the RFP requirements. UNDP shall only consider the alternative proposal offered by the Bidder whose conforming proposal ranked the highest as per the specified evaluation method. Where the conditions for its acceptance are met, or justifications are clearly established, UNDP reserves the right to award a contract based on an alternative proposal.
	20.2	If multiple/alternative proposals are being submitted, they must be clearly marked as "Main Proposal" and "Alternative Proposal"
21. Pre-Bid Conference	21.1	When appropriate, a Bidder's conference will be conducted at the date, time and location specified in the BDS. All Bidders are encouraged to attend. Non-attendance, however, shall not result in disqualification of an interested Bidder. Minutes of the Bidder's conference will be disseminated on the procurement website and shared by email or on the e-Tendering platform as specified in the BDS. No verbal statement made during the conference shall modify the terms and conditions of the RFP, unless specifically incorporated in the Minutes of the Bidder's Conference or issued/posted as an amendment to RFP.

#### SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS

22. Submission	22.1	The Bidder shall submit a duly signed and complete Proposal comprising the documents and forms in accordance with the requirements in the BDS. The submission shall be in the manner specified in the BDS.
	22.2	The Proposal shall be signed by the Bidder or person(s) duly authorized to commit the Bidder. The authorization shall be communicated through a document evidencing such authorization issued by the legal representative of the bidding entity, or a Power of Attorney, accompanying the Proposal.
	22.3	Bidders must be aware that the mere act of submission of a Proposal, in and of itself, implies that the Bidder fully accepts the UNDP General Contract Terms and Conditions.
Hard copy (manual) submission	22.4	Hard copy (manual) submission by courier or hand delivery allowed or specified in the BDS shall be governed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>g) The signed Proposal shall be marked "Original", and its copies marked "Copy" as appropriate. The number of copies is indicated in the BDS. All copies shall be made from the signed original only. If there are discrepancies between the original and the copies, the original shall prevail.</li> <li>h) The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal envelopes MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE and each of them must be submitted sealed individually and clearly marked on the outside as either "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" or "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL", as appropriate. Each envelope SHALL clearly indicate the name of the Bidder. The outer envelopes shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Bear the name and address of the bidder;</li> <li>ii. Be addressed to UNDP as specified in the BDS</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>Email Submission</b></p>	<p>iii. Bear a warning that states <i>"Not to be opened before the time and date for proposal opening"</i> as specified in the BDS.</p> <p>If the envelopes and packages with the Proposal are not sealed and marked as required, UNDP shall assume no responsibility for the misplacement, loss, or premature opening of the Proposal.</p> <p>22.5 Email submission, if allowed or specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS;</li> <li>b) The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE. The financial proposal shall be encrypted with different passwords and clearly labelled. The files must be sent to the dedicated email address specified in the BDS.</li> <li>c) The password for opening the Financial Proposal should be provided only upon request of UNDP. UNDP will request password only from bidders whose Technical Proposal has been found to be technically responsive. Failure to provide correct password may result in the proposal being rejected.</li> </ul>
<p><b>eTendering submission</b></p>	<p>22.6 Electronic submission through eTendering, if allowed or specified in the BDS, shall be governed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS;</li> <li>b) The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE and each of them must be uploaded individually and clearly labelled.</li> <li>d) The Financial Proposal file must be encrypted with a password so that it cannot be opened nor viewed until the password is provided. The password for opening the Financial Proposal should be provided only upon request of UNDP. UNDP will request password only from bidders whose technical proposal has been found to be technically responsive. Failure to provide the correct password may result in the proposal being rejected.</li> <li>c) Documents which are required to be in original form (e.g. Bid Security, etc.) must be sent via courier or hand delivery as per the instructions in BDS.</li> <li>d) Detailed instructions on how to submit, modify or cancel a bid in the eTendering system are provided in the eTendering system Bidder User Guide and Instructional videos available on this link: <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/procurement-notices/resources/">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/procurement-notices/resources/</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>23. Deadline for Submission of Proposals and Late Proposals</b></p>	<p>23.1 Complete Proposals must be received by UNDP in the manner, and no later than the date and time, specified in the BDS. UNDP shall only recognize the date and time that the bid was received by UNDP</p> <p>23.2 UNDP shall not consider any Proposal that is submitted after the deadline for the submission of Proposals.</p>
<p><b>24. Withdrawal, Substitution, and Modification of Proposals</b></p>	<p>24.1 A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal after it has been submitted at any time prior to the deadline for submission.</p> <p>24.2 Manual and Email submissions: A bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal by sending a written notice to UNDP, duly signed by an authorized representative, and shall include a copy of the authorization (or a Power of</p>



	<p>Attorney). The corresponding substitution or modification of the Proposal, if any, must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be submitted in the same manner as specified for submission of proposals, by clearly marking them as "WITHDRAWAL" "SUBSTITUTION," or "MODIFICATION"</p> <p>24.3 eTendering: A Bidder may withdraw, substitute or modify its Proposal by Canceling, Editing, and re-submitting the proposal directly in the system. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to properly follow the system instructions, duly edit and submit a substitution or modification of the Proposal as needed. Detailed instructions on how to cancel or modify a Proposal directly in the system are provided in Bidder User Guide and Instructional videos.</p> <p>24.4 Proposals requested to be withdrawn shall be returned unopened to the Bidders (only for manual submissions), except if the bid is withdrawn after the bid has been opened</p>
25. Proposal Opening	<p>25.1 There is no public bid opening for RFPs. UNDP shall open the Proposals in the presence of an ad-hoc committee formed by UNDP, consisting of at least two (2) members. In the case of e-Tendering submission, bidders will receive an automatic notification once their proposal is opened.</p>
<b>EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS</b>	
26. Confidentiality	<p>26.1 Information relating to the examination, evaluation, and comparison of Proposals, and the recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to Bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process, even after publication of the contract award.</p> <p>26.2 Any effort by a Bidder or anyone on behalf of the Bidder to influence UNDP in the examination, evaluation and comparison of the Proposals or contract award decisions may, at UNDP's decision, result in the rejection of its Proposal and may be subject to the application of prevailing UNDP's vendor sanctions procedures.</p>
27. Evaluation of Proposals	<p>27.1 The Bidder is not permitted to alter or modify its Proposal in any way after the proposal submission deadline except as permitted under Clause 24 of this RFP. UNDP will conduct the evaluation solely on the basis of the submitted Technical and Financial Proposals.</p> <p>27.2 Evaluation of proposals is made of the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Preliminary Examination</li> <li>j) Minimum Eligibility and Qualification (if pre-qualification is not done)</li> <li>k) Evaluation of Technical Proposals</li> <li>l) Evaluation of Financial Proposals</li> </ul>
28. Preliminary Examination	<p>28.1 UNDP shall examine the Proposals to determine whether they are complete with respect to minimum documentary requirements, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the Proposals are generally in order, among other indicators that may be used at this stage. UNDP reserves the right to reject any Proposal at this stage.</p>
29. Evaluation of Eligibility and Qualification	<p>29.1 Eligibility and Qualification of the Bidder will be evaluated against the Minimum Eligibility/Qualification requirements specified in the Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria).</p> <p>29.2 In general terms, vendors that meet the following criteria may be considered qualified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) They are not included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 Committee's list of terrorists and terrorist financiers, and in UNDP's ineligible vendors' list;</li> <li>b) They have a good financial standing and have access to adequate financial</li> </ul>



	<p>resources to perform the contract and all existing commercial commitments,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) They have the necessary similar experience, technical expertise, production capacity where applicable, quality certifications, quality assurance procedures and other resources applicable to the provision of the services required;</li> <li>d) They are able to comply fully with UNDP General Terms and Conditions of Contract;</li> <li>e) They do not have a consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder; and</li> <li>f) They have a record of timely and satisfactory performance with their clients.</li> </ul>
30. Evaluation of Technical and Financial Proposals	<p>30.1 The evaluation team shall review and evaluate the Technical Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference and other RFP documents, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in the Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria). A Proposal shall be rendered non-responsive at the technical evaluation stage if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in the BDS. When necessary and if stated in the BDS, UNDP may invite technically responsive bidders for a presentation related to their technical proposals. The conditions for the presentation shall be provided in the bid document where required.</p> <p>30.2 In the second stage, only the Financial Proposals of those Bidders who achieve the minimum technical score will be opened for evaluation. The Financial Proposals corresponding to Technical Proposals that were rendered non-responsive shall remain unopened, and, in the case of manual submission, be returned to the Bidder unopened. For emailed Proposals and e-tendering submissions, UNDP will not request for the password of the Financial Proposals of bidders whose Technical Proposal were found not responsive.</p> <p>30.3 The evaluation method that applies for this RFP shall be as indicated in the BDS, which may be either of two (2) possible methods, as follows: (a) the lowest priced method which selects the lowest evaluated financial proposal of the technically responsive Bidders; or (b) the combined scoring method which will be based on a combination of the technical and financial score.</p> <p>30.4 When the BDS specifies a combined scoring method, the formula for the rating of the Proposals will be as follows:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><u>Rating the Technical Proposal (TP):</u></p> <p><b>TP Rating</b> = (Total Score Obtained by the Offer / Max. Obtainable Score for TP) x 100</p> <p><u>Rating the Financial Proposal (FP):</u></p> <p><b>FP Rating</b> = (Lowest Priced Offer / Price of the Offer Being Reviewed) x 100</p> <p><u>Total Combined Score:</u></p> <p><b>Combined Score</b> = (TP Rating) x (Weight of TP, e.g. 70%) + (FP Rating) x (Weight of FP, e.g., 30%)</p> </div>
31. Due Diligence	<p>31.1 UNDP reserves the right to undertake a due diligence exercise, also called post qualification, aimed at determining to its satisfaction, the validity of the information provided by the Bidder. Such exercise shall be fully documented and may include, but need not be limited to, all or any combination of the</p>

	<p>following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of information provided by the Bidder;</li> <li>b) Validation of extent of compliance to the RFP requirements and evaluation criteria based on what has so far been found by the evaluation team;</li> <li>c) Inquiry and reference checking with Government entities with jurisdiction on the Bidder, or with previous clients, or any other entity that may have done business with the Bidder;</li> <li>d) Inquiry and reference checking with previous clients on the performance on on-going or contracts completed, including physical inspections of previous works, as necessary;</li> <li>e) Physical inspection of the Bidder's offices, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the Bidder;</li> <li>f) Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract.</li> </ul>
32. Clarification of Proposals	<p>32.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of Proposals, UNDP may, at its discretion, ask any Bidder for a clarification of its Proposal.</p> <p>32.2 UNDP's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing and no change in the prices or substance of the Proposal shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except to provide clarification, and confirm the correction of any arithmetic errors discovered by UNDP in the evaluation of the Proposals, in accordance with RFP.</p> <p>32.3 Any unsolicited clarification submitted by a Bidder in respect to its Proposal, which is not a response to a request by UNDP, shall not be considered during the review and evaluation of the Proposals.</p>
33. Responsiveness of Proposal	<p>33.1 UNDP's determination of a Proposal's responsiveness will be based on the contents of the Proposal itself. A substantially responsive Proposal is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, TOR and other requirements of the RFP without material deviation, reservation, or omission.</p> <p>33.2 If a Proposal is not substantially responsive, it shall be rejected by UNDP and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.</p>
34. Nonconformities, Reparable Errors and Omissions	<p>34.1 Provided that a Proposal is substantially responsive, UNDP may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the Proposal that, in the opinion of UNDP, do not constitute a material deviation.</p> <p>34.2 UNDP may request the Bidder to submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the Proposal related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the Proposal. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Proposal.</p> <p>34.3 For Financial Proposal that has been opened, UNDP shall check and correct arithmetical errors as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the line item total that is obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the line item total shall be corrected, unless in the opinion of UNDP there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price; in which case the line item total as quoted shall govern and the unit price shall be corrected;</li> <li>b) if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction</li> </ul>

	<p>of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail and the total shall be corrected; and</p> <p>c) if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount expressed in words is related to an arithmetic error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail.</p> <p>34.4 If the Bidder does not accept the correction of errors made by UNDP, its Proposal shall be rejected.</p>
<b>AWARD OF CONTRACT</b>	
35. Right to Accept, Reject, Any or All Proposals	35.1 UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any Proposal, to render any or all of the Proposals as non-responsive, and to reject all Proposals at any time prior to award of contract, without incurring any liability, or obligation to inform the affected Bidder(s) of the grounds for UNDP's action. UNDP shall not be obliged to award the contract to the lowest priced offer.
36. Award Criteria	36.1 Prior to expiration of the proposal validity, UNDP shall award the contract to the qualified Bidder based on the award criteria indicated in the BDS.
37. Debriefing	37.1 In the event that a Bidder is unsuccessful, the Bidder may request a debriefing from UNDP. The purpose of the debriefing is to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the Bidder's submission, in order to assist the Bidder in improving its future proposals for UNDP procurement opportunities. The content of other proposals and how they compare to the Bidder's submission shall not be discussed.
38. Right to Vary Requirements at the Time of Award	38.1 At the time of award of Contract, UNDP reserves the right to vary the quantity of services and/or goods, by up to a maximum twenty-five per cent (25%) of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.
39. Contract Signature	39.1 Within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the Contract, the successful Bidder shall sign and date the Contract and return it to UNDP. Failure to do so may constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award, and forfeiture of the Proposal Security, if any, and on which event, UNDP may award the Contract to the Second Ranked Bidder or call for new Proposals.
40. Contract Type and General Terms and Conditions	40.1 The types of Contract to be signed and the applicable UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions, as specified in BDS, can be accessed at <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html</a>
41. Performance Security	41.1 40.1 A performance security, if required in BDS, shall be provided in the amount specified in BDS and form available at <a href="https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP_POPP_DOCUMENT_LIBRARY/Public/PSU_Solicitation_Performance%20Guarantee%20Form.docx&amp;action=default">https://popp.undp.org/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP_POPP_DOCUMENT_LIBRARY/Public/PSU_Solicitation_Performance%20Guarantee%20Form.docx&amp;action=default</a> within fifteen (15) days of the contract signature by both parties. Where a performance security is required, the receipt of the performance security by UNDP shall be a condition for rendering the contract effective.
42. Bank Guarantee for Advanced Payment	42.1 Except when the interests of UNDP so require, it is UNDP's preference to make no advance payment(s) (i.e., payments without having received any outputs). If an advance payment is allowed as per BDS, and exceeds 20% of the total contract price, or USD 30,000, whichever is less, the Bidder shall submit a Bank Guarantee in the full amount of the advance payment in the form available at

		<a href="https://popp.undp.org/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP_POPP_DOCUMENT_LIBRARY/Public/PSU_Contract%20Management%20Payment%20and%20Taxes_Advanced%20Payment%20Guarantee%20Form.docx&amp;action=default">https://popp.undp.org/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP_POPP_DOCUMENT_LIBRARY/Public/PSU_Contract%20Management%20Payment%20and%20Taxes_Advanced%20Payment%20Guarantee%20Form.docx&amp;action=default</a>
43. Liquidated Damages	43.1	If specified in BDS, UNDP shall apply Liquidated Damages resulting from the Contractor's delays or breach of its obligations as per the Contract.
44. Payment Provisions	44.1	Payment will be made only upon UNDP's acceptance of the work performed. The terms of payment shall be within thirty (30) days, after receipt of invoice and certification of acceptance of work issued by the proper authority in UNDP with direct supervision of the Contractor. Payment will be effected by bank transfer in the currency of contract.
45. Vendor Protest	45.1	UNDP's vendor protest procedure provides an opportunity for appeal to those persons or firms not awarded a contract through a competitive procurement process. In the event that a Bidder believes that it was not treated fairly, the following link provides further details regarding UNDP vendor protest procedures: <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/protest-and-sanctions.html">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/protest-and-sanctions.html</a>
46. Other Provisions	46.1	In the event that the Bidder offers a lower price to the host Government (e.g. General Services Administration (GSA) of the federal government of the United States of America) for similar services, UNDP shall be entitled to same lower price. The UNDP General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence.
	46.2	UNDP is entitled to receive the same pricing offered by the same Contractor in contracts with the United Nations and/or its Agencies. The UNDP General Terms and Conditions shall have precedence.
	46.3	The United Nations has established restrictions on employment of (former) UN staff who have been involved in the procurement process as per bulletin ST/SGB/2006/15 <a href="http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=ST/SGB/2006/15&amp;referer">http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=ST/SGB/2006/15&amp;referer</a>



### Section 3. Bid Data Sheet

The following data for the services to be procured shall complement, supplement, or amend the provisions in the Request for Proposals. In the case of a conflict between the Instructions to Bidders, the Data Sheet, and other annexes or references attached to the Data Sheet, the provisions in the Data Sheet shall prevail.

BDS No.	Ref. to Section.2	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
1	7	Language of the Proposal	English
2		Submitting Proposals for Parts or sub-parts of the TOR (partial bids)	Not Allowed
3	20	Alternative Proposals	Shall be considered.
4	21	Pre-proposal conference	<p>Will be Conducted Time: 11.00 AM (local Time); Date: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019</p> <p>Venue: Access to Information Project-II, 06th Floor, IDB Building, E/8, Begum Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagor, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.</p> <p>The UNDP focal point for the arrangement is: RFP-BD-2019-044</p> <p>Address: IDB Bhaban (19th floor), E/8-A Begum Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh Telephone: 55667788; Ext-1916 E-mail: <a href="mailto:bd.procurement@undp.org">bd.procurement@undp.org</a></p> <p><b><u>(To participate the pre-proposal meeting) The prospective bidders should carry original Passport/ original NID/valid Driving license (with photograph) to access the IDB premise and cater for their own transport.</u></b></p>
5	10	Proposal Validity Period	90 days
6	14	Bid Security	Not Required

7	41	Advanced Payment upon signing of contract	Not Allowed
8	42	Liquidated Damages	Will be imposed as follows: Provide details below if "Will be Imposed" is selected, otherwise delete the below Percentage of contract price per day of delay: 0.5 % Max. no. of days of delay: <b>15 Days</b> After which UNDP may terminate the contract.
9	40	Performance Security	Not Required
10	18	Currency of Proposal	Local Currency (BDT) or United States Dollars (US\$) Inclusive all Direct and Indirect Cost
11	31	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/ questions	Date: <b>14th October 2019</b> Time: <b>4.30pm (Local Time)</b>
12	31	Contact Details for submitting clarifications/questions	Focal Person in UNDP: Procurement Unit RFP-BD-2019-044 Address: IDB Bhaban (19th floor), E/8-A Begum Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh E-mail address dedicated for this purpose: bd.procurement@undp.org
13	18, 19 and 21	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the RFP and responses/clarifications to queries	Posted directly to eTendering <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uploaded in the system. Once uploaded, Prospective Proposers (i.e. Proposers that have accepted the bid invitation in the system) will be notified via email that changes have occurred. It is the responsibility of the Proposers to view the respective changes and clarifications in the system. Also will be posted on UNDP Bangladesh website: <a href="http://www.bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/operations/procurement.html">http://www.bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/operations/procurement.html</a>
14	23	Deadline for Submission	Date and Time: <b>October 14, 2019 4:30 PM Bangladesh Time Zone</b> Date: 14 October 2019 (Monday) Time: 4.30pm (Local Time) Date and Time: As specified in the system (note that time zone indicated in the system is Eastern Daylight time zone). PLEASE NOTE: - 1. It is the responsibility of the bidder to make sure bids are submitted within this deadline. UNDP will not accept any bid that is not submitted directly in the system. 2. Try to submit your bid a day prior or well before the closing time. Do not wait until last minute. If you face any issue submitting your bid at the last minute, UNDP may not be able to assist. 2. Submit

			<p>your bid a day prior or well before the closing time. Do not wait until last minute. If you face any issue submitting your bid at the last minute, UNDP may not be able to assist.</p> <p>For eTendering submission - as indicated in eTendering system. Note that system time zone is in EST/EDT (New York) time zone.</p>
15	22	Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e-Tendering
16	22	Proposal Submission Address	<a href="https://etendering.partneragencies.org">https://etendering.partneragencies.org</a> <b>BU: BGD10; Event ID: RFP-BD-2019-044</b>
17	22	Electronic submission (email or eTendering) requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Format: PDF files only</li> <li>File names must be maximum 60 characters long and must not contain any letter or special character other than from Latin alphabet/keyboard.</li> <li>All files must be free of viruses and not corrupted.</li> <li>Password for financial proposal <u>must</u> not be provided to UNDP until requested by UNDP</li> <li>Max. File Size per transmission: [Not exceeding <b>45 MB</b>]  <b>ZIP format files</b> allowed in case large volume of document – but not <b>RAR formats</b> and <b>not to exceed 45 MB</b> </li> </ul>
18	27 36	Evaluation Method for the Award of Contract	<p>Combined Scoring Method, using the 70%-30% distribution for technical and financial proposals respectively</p> <p>The minimum technical score required to pass is 70%.</p>
19		Expected date for commencement of Contract	<i>November 1, 2019</i>
20		Maximum expected duration of contract	The duration of the assignment will be maximum 60 days over a period of 2 months
21	35	UNDP will award the contract to:	One Proposer Only
22	39	Type of Contract	<p>Contract for Goods and Services on behalf of UN Entities</p> <p><a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html</a></p>
23	39	UNDP Contract Terms and Conditions that will apply	<p>UNDP General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services</p> <p><a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html</a></p>



24	Other Information Related to the RFP	<i>[All other instructions and information not yet mentioned so far in this Data Sheet but are relevant to the RFP must be cited here, and any further entries that may be added below this table row]</i>
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## Section 4. Evaluation Criteria

### Preliminary Examination Criteria

Proposals will be examined to determine whether they are complete and submitted in accordance with RFP requirements as per below criteria on a Yes/No basis:

- Appropriate signatures
- Power of Attorney
- Minimum documents provided
- Technical and Financial Proposals submitted separately
- Bid Validity
- Bid Security submitted as per RFP requirements with compliant validity period (N/A)
- CV of the proposed personnel

### Minimum Eligibility and Qualification Criteria

Eligibility and Qualification will be evaluated on Pass/Fail basis. **(AS per TOR)**

If the Proposal is submitted as a Joint Venture/Consortium/Association, each member should meet minimum criteria, unless otherwise specified in the criterion.

Subject	Criteria	Document Submission requirement
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>		
<b>Legal Status</b>	Vendor is a legally registered entity.	Form B: Bidder Information Form
<b>Eligibility</b>	Vendor is not suspended, nor debarred, nor otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization in accordance with RFP clause 3.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
<b>Conflict of Interest</b>	No conflicts of interest in accordance with RFP clause 4.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
<b>Bankruptcy</b>	Not declared bankruptcy, not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against the vendor that could impair its operations in the foreseeable future.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
<b>QUALIFICATION</b>		
<b>History of Non-Performing Contracts<sup>1</sup></b>	Non-performance of a contract did not occur as a result of contractor default for the last 3 years.	Form D: Qualification Form
<b>Litigation History</b>	No consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder for the last 3 years.	Form D: Qualification Form

<sup>1</sup> Non-performance, as decided by UNDP, shall include all contracts where (a) non-performance was not challenged by the contractor, including through referral to the dispute resolution mechanism under the respective contract, and (b) contracts that were so challenged but fully settled against the contractor. Non-performance shall not include contracts where Employers decision was overruled by the dispute resolution mechanism. Non-performance must be based on all information on fully settled disputes or litigation, i.e. dispute or litigation that has been resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution mechanism under the respective contract and where all appeal instances available to the Bidder have been exhausted.

<b>Previous Experience</b>	Minimum 8 years of good track record/practical experience in working with national and international organization on research/study/evaluation	Form D: Qualification Form
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minimum (1) experience on conducting similar assignments at a country or regional level related on any financial inclusion topic like digital payments/ digitization of government payments/ electronic payments/financial and social inclusion/ digital financial services, fintech in last 5 years;</li> <li>▪ Minimum (1) work experience of behavioral research and human centric design for low and middle-income segments in last 5 years.</li> <li>▪ Minimum (1) experience in gender analysis in digital financial service in last 5 years.</li> </ul> <p><i>(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).</i></p>	Form D: Qualification Form
	<p><b>Financial Standing</b></p> <p>Minimum average annual turnover of USD-150,000 for the last 3 years.</p> <p><i>(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).</i></p> <p>Bidder must demonstrate the current soundness of its financial standing and indicate its prospective long-term profitability.</p> <p><i>(For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).</i></p>	Form D: Qualification Form

## Technical Evaluation Criteria

Technical Evaluation Criteria Summary of Technical Proposal Evaluation Forms		Points Obtainable
1.	Overall experience and Expertise of the organization/Firm	15
2.	Expertise of Key personnel assigned to the research	25
3.	Methodology proposed in the technical proposal of the research	30
<b>Total</b>		<b>70</b>

<b>Section 1: Overall experience and Expertise of the organization/Firm</b>		<b>Points Obtainable</b>
		<b>15</b>
1.1	Experience in working with Government/National and international organization/Donor Agencies on research/study/evaluation	3
1.2	Experience in similar country level study/assessment such on National Financial Inclusion Strategy/Financial Inclusion/Digital Financial Service/digital payments/digitization of government payments/National fintech etc.;	7
1.3	In country research/study/work experience on Micro Finance/Mobile Financial Service/Agent Banking/Digital Wallet/regulatory Issues/Digital Wages	5
<b>Section 2: Expertise of Key personnel assigned to the research</b>		<b>25</b>
2.1	Qualification of research leader in terms of educational qualification professional experience, working experience as mentioned in the TOR	7
2.1	Qualification of other team member in terms of educational qualification and relevant experience as mentioned in the TOR	18
<b>Section 3: Methodology proposed in the technical proposal of the research</b>		<b>30</b>
3.1	Appropriateness and relevance of research methodology i.e. overall approach, desk review technique & tools, models, etc.	10
3.2	Overall understanding of the assignment i.e key assessment indicators, knowledge on assignment domain, etc.	10
3.3	Proposed work plan and timeline relevant to the assignment as per the Terms of Reference	4
3.4	Coverage of inquiries/investigation (both primary & secondary sources) proposed for the research	3
3.5	Risk Management & Overall flexibility to the assignment	3
<b>Total for technical proposal</b>		<b>70</b>

## Section 5. Terms of Reference

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### 1. A. Project Title: Access to Information - II

#### B. Project Description

A fundamental government responsibility is providing information and services aimed at improving the social and economic welfare of its citizens. During the first phase of the Access to Information (a2i) Project, fundamental progress was made in improving access to public services through electronic means. However, it is critical to expand the breadth and width of such simplified services and improve the service delivery model to counter the impact of widespread outdated manual processes, resistance to change by civil service staff and a lack of transparency that still frustrates citizens in their attempts to avail government information and services. The project is funded by the Government of Bangladesh, UNDP and other development partners, and is implemented by ICT Division and Cabinet Division.

The project entered its 2nd phase in 2012. The objective of end phase of the project is to “increase transparency, improve governance, and reduce the time, difficulty and costs of obtaining government services for under-served communities of Bangladesh.” The objective of the extended period is to be achieved by the following 5 components of the project:

**Component 1:** Strengthening existing e-services and launching a second generation of integrated, inter-operable e-government applications; (e-Service)

**Component 2:** Sensitizing government officials, training for service providers and expanding digital literacy among the general public; (Capacity and Awareness)

**Component 3:** Forging strong policy and strategy links to ensure implementation of needed legal and regulatory changes in support of the project; (Enabling Environment)

**Component 4:** Promoting innovation in the delivery of e-services; (Innovation) and

**Component 5:** Establishing linkage with public and private sectors and creating awareness among the citizens

#### C. Scope of Services, Expected Outputs and Target Completion

##### 1. Background of the Study:

Bangladesh, despite being a populous country with more than 160 million people in its tiny surface land, has the potential to be the 26th largest economy of the world by 2030 climbing up the ladder from 42nd place in 12 years predicted by the global research bodies. The accomplishment in terms of spreading Digital Financial Services is also unparalleled as IMF in its latest article 4 mission report dubbed Bangladesh as a ‘role model’ for financial inclusion. According to World Economic Forum (WEF), Bangladesh is one of the top performing economies in Asia. It has maintained an average annual growth rate of over 6% between the 1960s and the 1990s.

Over the past five years, Bangladesh has shown tremendous growth in terms of digital financial account access and usage among the poor. Changes in Bangladesh’s financial service access scenario (multiple new services such as agent banking, e-wallets and increasing acceptance of MFS in the country) has meant that 92% of the population lives within 5 km of a financial service access point. There are more than 72 million users with more than BDT 12 billion transactions through MFS per day. The majority of the subscriber was previously unbanked population. Bangladesh now accounts for more than 8% of total mobile money accounts worldwide. However, overall financial inclusion levels have remained stagnant. According to the Findex 2017, half of the population in Bangladesh don’t have a bank account. Although there has been a 20% increase in account ownership from 2015, the gender gap in access to financial services has increased to 29%.



Currently, Bangladesh lacks a DFS-focused strategy that would ensure coordination across market players, regulators and is aimed at developing a financial system which delivers real value to low-income people, particularly women. As such, there is a felt need in the digital financial services community for a long-term initiative that brings key stakeholders including policy-makers, regulators, commercial and state-owned service providers, and donors together to drive research, dialogue, experimentation and action that ultimately leads to the creation of a more open and inclusive digital financial services ecosystem which, in turn can significantly boost financial inclusion and economic opportunity for women and other underserved segments. There is an immediate need to integrate various on-going efforts in the country with the demand side requirements.

Thus, a2i is planning to develop a long-term, multi-year intervention strategy that will focus its efforts to advance financial inclusion in Bangladesh. a2i proposes to conduct an in-depth study to uncover insights around Bangladesh's current state of adaption of financial service, examine roles of different players of the ecosystem, explore what influences or drives the shift to digital financial inclusion for both supply side players and the demand side, identify knowledge gaps about ecosystem incentives; and highlight different focus areas that would set the base for a multi-year intervention strategy for digital financial inclusion.

## **2. Main Objectives:**

The study aims to gather insights into the key determinants of financial inclusion pertaining to individual, household and community attributes, financial services ecosystem, and regulatory and policy ecosystem. The study will support a2i to evidence-based intervention strategy development to accelerate meaningful financial inclusion in Bangladesh.

## **3. Approach of the Study:**

The approach to the study draws inputs from a range of frameworks recommended by multi-lateral agencies. These include the World Bank's Financial Inclusion Strategies Reference Framework, UNCDF's Making Access Possible (MAP) approach, Alliance for Financial Inclusion's (AFI's) Framework, and OECD's National Strategies for Financial Education Handbook. These approaches clearly state that collection of relevant data is critical to support effective policymaking.

Guided by the above global frameworks to support financial inclusion and through a gender lens, the proposed study aims to:

- Assess the macro-environment to determine the current policy direction at the country-level including the National Financial Inclusion Strategy and implementation plan;
- Review current digitization effort on G2P and P2G payments and assess the gap and intervention opportunities for next five years;
- Understand the supply-side factors that inhibit financial market development
- Review current regulations and payment infrastructure to assess its effectiveness in supporting financial sector development, at large, and financial inclusion in particular and
- Engage a range of stakeholders including all government agencies, regulators, and financial and non-financial institutions during all stages of the project to follow a collaborative process of strategy development.

## **4. Scope of Work:**

In line with the approach discussed above, the Financial Inclusion landscaping study for Bangladesh should cover the following area:

- A synthesis on existing demand side studies/research on all segments to understand the current status of financial inclusion and financial literacy in the country with a particular emphasis on women's financial inclusion and needs.

- A supply-side and regulatory landscape study/review with a focus on (1) providers, (2) products, (3) distribution channels and (4) Fintech and innovation, (5) Development Partners. Specifically,
  - Identify regulatory barriers for achieving financial inclusion, including existing grievance redressal mechanisms and consumer protection
  - Analyze existing Digital Financial Services considering four different aspects (Access, Usage, Quality, and Welfare) of financial inclusion
  - Assessment of current status quo and ongoing DFS initiatives directed towards different customer segments like Women and Youth, Small-hold farmers, Micro merchant, MSMEs to accelerate financial inclusion
  - Landscape the existing associations and working groups related to financial inclusion, and key development partners engaged in financial inclusion discussions
- Public goods and infrastructure to enable full financial inclusion, such as:
  - Digital ID system that can be used for low-cost, instant KYC
  - Payments system for real-time, low-value amounts across types of providers
  - Enabler systems and use cases, such as G2P and P2G
- Provide recommendation to address the gaps and intervention strategy in financial inclusion for a2i.

**Key data points to be covered:**

- **Supply Side** overall market structure, size, volume, market share and growth patterns will be studied.
- Key actors and analysis of their capacity, resources and infrastructure, and their ability to innovate
- Key financial products and services for mass market, specific customer segment
- Current as well as potential financial services distribution channels including recent innovations in distribution channels, partnerships, underlying infrastructure, technology platforms and physical infrastructure
- Policies and regulations that can critically impact financial inclusion
- **System**
  - National ID and other available ID system that contribute DFS eco-system
  - Existing system for different payment stream like G2P, P2G, P2B etc.
  - Low value and real-time payment infrastructure
- **Ecosystem**
  - Existing Coordination efforts and key actors for coordination
  - Industry associations/bodies affecting financial inclusion eco-system
  - Available sources for Knowledge/Information on digital finance and financial inclusion; Development partners with extensive interest and activity to advance financial inclusion

**Methodology:**

The methodology should be designed for this research/study by the recruited firm. It should be consistent with the objectives and scope of the study. The study will be conducted based on secondary data analysis but some sort of primary data (KII, FGD) might be required for triangulation as per a2i requirement. The methodology should be blended with a variety of techniques of qualitative and quantitative research approach along with appropriate techniques and tools for triangulation.

**D. Institutional Arrangement:** The consultancy will be overseen by the Project Manager.

**E. Duration of the Work:** Total Duration of the assignment is two (2) months. Activities and timeline are as follows:

Phase	Activities	Required Days
Inception phase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct in-depth requirement analysis</li> <li>• Mapping the existing research/study document for desk review</li> <li>• Consultation with key external stakeholders</li> <li>• Finalize research framework and methodology</li> <li>• Finalize the inception report mentioning primary and secondary data gathering technique and tools to be used for this study</li> <li>• Finalize logistics and data collection tools as of inception report and methodology</li> </ul>	15 days
Data Collection & Analysis including country visit (if abroad firm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct desk review of the listed research/study document and secondary data</li> <li>• Documenting the key findings from the analyzed document and secondary sources</li> <li>• Interviews, key informant interviews and focus group discussion as part primary data</li> <li>• Meeting/workshops with relevant stakeholders as part of primary data</li> <li>• Triangulation of primary and secondary data for interpreting the findings aligned with the scope of work</li> <li>• Presentation on the key findings aligned with key inquiries as mentioned above</li> <li>• Soliciting feedback for a2i on PPT.</li> </ul>	30 days
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aggregation of findings from primary and secondary sources i.e. desk review, interviews, workshop and field data</li> <li>• Drafting the research report based on findings</li> <li>• Collecting feedback from a2i and partner of a2i for quality assurance</li> <li>• Finalize the draft report incorporating comments and revision made on the draft report</li> <li>• Submission of the final report</li> </ul>	15 days

F. Deliverables & Payment Milestones:

SI No.	Completed Products Under Each Area and Activity	Delivery Timeline	Payment Milestones
1.	An inception report (including research framework, methodology and implementation plan)	15 <sup>th</sup> day after signing the contact	10% of the total contract value
2.	Data Collection & Analysis including country visit (if abroad firm)	45 <sup>th</sup> day after signing the contact	30% of the total contract value
3.	A final detailed document that include the big picture message in word document and power point format, that includes	60 <sup>th</sup> day after signing contact	60% of the total contract value

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 'As is' mapping and future scenario in the following area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Policy and regulatory innovation</li> <li>ii. Coordination – Public, Private, Fintech, Regulator</li> <li>iii. Enhancing Access and Usage- Technology &amp; Product Innovation</li> <li>iv. Payment Infrastructure</li> <li>v. Research &amp; Knowledge Management</li> <li>vi. Gender participation in DFS</li> <li>vii. Capacity Development</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ A concise persuasive summary of the report articulated in a compelling and simple way for policy makers and donors</li> <li>▪ 3-5-year intervention strategy and implementation requirements for a2i to accelerate digital financial inclusion in Bangladesh, including opportunities for better collaboration with other ecosystem players</li> <li>▪ The consulting firm should present the final report in Dhaka with different stakeholders</li> </ul>		
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**G. Supervision and Performance Evaluation:**

The organization/agency will be working closely with the Digital Financial Service Team of Access to Information-II Project. The Team Leader of Digital Financial Service Team and research team of a2i will be responsible to review and approve the performance/activities. The activities/deliverables will be certified by Digital Financial Service Specialist of a2i project Phase II.

**H. Location of Work: Bangladesh.**

**I. Professional Qualifications of the Successful Contractor and its key personnel**

**a. *Minimum eligibility criteria for the Lead Researcher***

- Graduate degree in social science or any relevant field.
- Minimum 8 years working experience on similar type of projects delivered to government/ semi-government/autonomous bodies/projects (Please mention the assignment name along with the deliverables)
- Global experience (minimum 5 years) in areas of access to financial services/ economic development/ financial services development/ strategic organizational change/ digital financial services/ project management;
- Minimum (1) experience to advocate for key policy outcomes to diverse audiences. (Please mention the assignment name along with the deliverables).

**b. *Minimum eligibility criteria for (Human Centered Design specialist, Gender Specialist, Payment system expert, Financial Inclusion specialist, Digital financial service specialist, Senior research Analyst & Research Analyst):***

- Graduate degree in social science or any relevant field.
- Minimum 5 years of experience of conducting research/study;



- Minimum one (1) experience on financial inclusion and associated sectors in Bangladesh/ any other developing countries;
- Minimum one (1) experience in quantitative research/qualitative research/ behavioural research.

**c. Minimum eligibility criteria for (Copy Editor & Designer):**

- Graduate degree in social science or any relevant field.
- Minimum 5 years of experience in relevant field;

**Team Composition (minimum) and Application Requirements:**

The study will be led by **one** Lead researcher from the selected firm/organization. The team will be overall responsible for conducting the study. The firm/organization will propose the team formation and job responsibilities of the team member in the technical proposal. However, the application requirements are as follows;

SL	Position	No.
1	Lead researcher	1
2	Human Centered Design specialist	1
3	Gender Specialist	1
4	Payment system expert	1
5	Financial Inclusion specialist	1
6	Digital financial service specialist	1
7	Senior research Analyst	2
8	Research Analyst	4
9	Copy Editor	2
10	Designer	1



## Section 6: Returnable Bidding Forms / Checklist

This form serves as a checklist for preparation of your Proposal. Please complete the Returnable Bidding Forms in accordance with the instructions in the forms and return them as part of your Proposal submission. No alteration to format of forms shall be permitted and no substitution shall be accepted.

Before submitting your Proposal, please ensure compliance with the Proposal Submission instructions of the BDS 22.

### Technical Proposal Envelope:

<b>Have you duly completed all the Returnable Bidding Forms?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form B: Bidder Information Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/ Association Information Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form D: Qualification Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form E: Format of Technical Proposal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form H: Proposal Security Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Have you provided the required documents to establish compliance with the evaluation criteria in Section 4?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Financial Proposal Envelope

(Must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope/password protected email)

▪ Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
▪ Form G: Financial Proposal Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	[Insert RFP Reference Number]		

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services for [Insert Title of services] in accordance with your Request for Proposal No. [Insert RFP Reference Number] and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and our Financial Proposal sealed under a separate envelope.

We hereby declare that our firm, its affiliates or subsidiaries or employees, including any JV/Consortium /Association members or subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract:

- a) is not under procurement prohibition by the United Nations, including but not limited to prohibitions derived from the Compendium of United Nations Security Council Sanctions Lists;
- b) have not been suspended, debarred, sanctioned or otherwise identified as ineligible by any UN Organization or the World Bank Group or any other international Organization;
- c) have no conflict of interest in accordance with Instruction to Bidders Clause 4;
- d) do not employ, or anticipate employing, any person(s) who is, or has been a UN staff member within the last year, if said UN staff member has or had prior professional dealings with our firm in his/her capacity as UN staff member within the last three years of service with the UN (in accordance with UN post-employment restrictions published in ST/SGB/2006/15);
- e) have not declared bankruptcy, are not involved in bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, and there is no judgment or pending legal action against them that could impair their operations in the foreseeable future;
- f) undertake not to engage in proscribed practices, including but not limited to corruption, fraud, coercion, collusion, obstruction, or any other unethical practice, with the UN or any other party, and to conduct business in a manner that averts any financial, operational, reputational or other undue risk to the UN and we embrace the principles of the United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct and adhere to the principles of the United Nations Global Compact.

We declare that all the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and we accept that any misinterpretation or misrepresentation contained in this Proposal may lead to our disqualification and/or sanctioning by the UNDP.

We offer to provide services in conformity with the Bidding documents, including the UNDP General Conditions of Contract and in accordance with the Terms of Reference

Our Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us for the period of time specified in the Bid Data Sheet.

We understand and recognize that you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

I, the undersigned, certify that I am duly authorized by [Insert Name of Bidder] to sign this Proposal and bind it should UNDP accept this Proposal.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

[Stamp with official stamp of the Bidder]

## Form B: Bidder Information Form

<b>Legal name of Bidder</b>	[Complete]
<b>Legal address</b>	[Complete]
<b>Year of registration</b>	[Complete]
<b>Bidder's Authorized Representative Information</b>	Name and Title: [Complete] Telephone numbers: [Complete] Email: [Complete]
<b>Are you a UNGM registered vendor?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, [insert UGNM vendor number]
<b>Are you a UNDP vendor?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, [insert UNDP vendor number]
<b>Countries of operation</b>	[Complete]
<b>No. of full-time employees</b>	[Complete]
<b>Quality Assurance Certification (e.g. ISO 9000 or Equivalent) (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):</b>	[Complete]
<b>Does your Company hold any accreditation such as ISO 14001 related to the environment? (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):</b>	[Complete]
<b>Does your Company have a written Statement of its Environmental Policy? (If yes, provide a Copy)</b>	[Complete]
<b>Contact person UNDP may contact for requests for clarification during Proposal evaluation</b>	Name and Title: [Complete] Telephone numbers: [Complete] Email: [Complete]
<b>Please attach the following documents:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Company Profile, which should <u>not</u> exceed fifteen (15) pages, including printed brochures and product catalogues relevant to the goods/services being procured</li> <li>▪ Certificate of Incorporation/ Business Registration</li> <li>▪ Tax Registration/Payment Certificate issued by the Internal Revenue Authority evidencing that the Bidder is updated with its tax payment obligations, or Certificate of Tax exemption, if any such privilege is enjoyed by the Bidder</li> <li>▪ Trade name registration papers, if applicable</li> <li>▪ Local Government permit to locate and operate in assignment location, if applicable</li> <li>▪ Official Letter of Appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid in behalf of an entity located outside the country</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Power of Attorney</p>

## Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	[Insert RFP Reference Number]		

To be completed and returned with your Proposal if the Proposal is submitted as a Joint Venture/Consortium/Association.

No	Name of Partner and contact information (address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, e-mail address)	Proposed proportion of responsibilities (in %) and type of services to be performed
1	[Complete]	[Complete]
2	[Complete]	[Complete]
3	[Complete]	[Complete]

<b>Name of leading partner</b> (with authority to bind the JV, Consortium, Association during the RFP process and, in the event a Contract is awarded, during contract execution)	[Complete]
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We have attached a copy of the below document signed by every partner, which details the likely legal structure of and the confirmation of joint and severable liability of the members of the said joint venture:

☐ Letter of intent to form a joint venture      **OR**      ☐ JV/Consortium/Association agreement

We hereby confirm that if the contract is awarded, all parties of the Joint Venture/Consortium/Association shall be jointly and severally liable to UNDP for the fulfillment of the provisions of the Contract.

Name of partner: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of partner: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Form D: Qualification Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	[Insert RFP Reference Number]		

If JV/Consortium/Association, to be completed by each partner

### Historical Contract Non-Performance

- ☐ Contract non-performance did not occur for the last 3 years
- ☐ Contract(s) not performed for the last 3 years

Year	Non- performed portion of contract	Contract Identification	Total Contract Amount (current value in US\$)
		Name of Client:	
		Address of Client:	
		Reason(s) for non-performance:	

### Litigation History (including pending litigation)

- ☐ No litigation history for the last 3 years
- ☐ Litigation History as indicated below

Year of dispute	Amount in dispute (in US\$)	Contract Identification	Total Contract Amount (current value in US\$)
		Name of Client:	
		Address of Client:	
		Matter in dispute:	
		Party who initiated the dispute:	
		Status of dispute:	
		Party awarded if resolved:	

## Previous Relevant Experience

Please list only previous similar assignments successfully completed in the last 3 years.

List only those assignments for which the Bidder was legally contracted or sub-contracted by the Client as a company or was one of the Consortium/JV partners. Assignments completed by the Bidder's individual experts working privately or through other firms cannot be claimed as the relevant experience of the Bidder, or that of the Bidder's partners or sub-consultants, but can be claimed by the Experts themselves in their CVs. The Bidder should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience by presenting copies of relevant documents and references if so requested by UNDP.

Project name & Country of Assignment	Client & Reference Contact Details	Contract Value	Period of activity and status	Types of activities undertaken

Bidders may also attach their own Project Data Sheets with more details for assignments above.

☐ Attached are the Statements of Satisfactory Performance from the Top 3 (three) Clients or more.

## Financial Standing

<b>Annual Turnover for the last 3 years</b>	Year	USD
	Year	USD
	Year	USD
<b>Latest Credit Rating (if any), indicate the source</b>		

Financial information (in US\$ equivalent)	Historic information for the last 3 years		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	<i>Information from Balance Sheet</i>		
Total Assets (TA)			
Total Liabilities (TL)			
Current Assets (CA)			
Current Liabilities (CL)			
	<i>Information from Income Statement</i>		
Total / Gross Revenue (TR)			
Profits Before Taxes (PBT)			
Net Profit			

Current Ratio			
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☐ Attached are copies of the audited financial statements (balance sheets, including all related notes, and income statements) for the years required above complying with the following condition:

- a) Must reflect the financial situation of the Bidder or party to a JV, and not sister or parent companies;
  - b) Historic financial statements must be audited by a certified public accountant;
  - c) Historic financial statements must correspond to accounting periods already completed and audited.
- No statements for partial periods shall be accepted.

## Form E: Format of Technical Proposal

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	[Insert RFP Reference Number]		

The Bidder's proposal should be organized to follow this format of Technical Proposal. Where the bidder is presented with a requirement or asked to use a specific approach, the bidder must not only state its acceptance, but also describe how it intends to comply with the requirements. Where a descriptive response is requested, failure to provide the same will be viewed as non-responsive.

### SECTION 1: Bidder's qualification, capacity and expertise

- 1.1 Brief description of the organization, including the year and country of incorporation, and types of activities undertaken.
- 1.2 General organizational capability which is likely to affect implementation: management structure, financial stability and project financing capacity, project management controls, extent to which any work would be subcontracted (if so, provide details).
- 1.3 Relevance of specialized knowledge and experience on similar engagements done in the region/country.
- 1.4 Quality assurance procedures and risk mitigation measures.
- 1.5 Organization's commitment to sustainability.

### SECTION 2: Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan

This section should demonstrate the bidder's responsiveness to the TOR by identifying the specific components proposed, addressing the requirements, providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics proposed and demonstrating how the proposed approach and methodology meets or exceeds the requirements. All important aspects should be addressed in sufficient detail and different components of the project should be adequately weighted relative to one another.

- 2.1 A detailed description of the approach and methodology for how the Bidder will achieve the Terms of Reference of the project, keeping in mind the appropriateness to local conditions and project environment. Details how the different service elements shall be organized, controlled and delivered.
- 2.2 The methodology shall also include details of the Bidder's internal technical and quality assurance review mechanisms.
- 2.3 Explain whether any work would be subcontracted, to whom, how much percentage of the work, the rationale for such, and the roles of the proposed sub-contractors and how everyone will function as a team.
- 2.4 Description of available performance monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and tools; how they shall be adopted and used for a specific requirement.
- 2.5 Implementation plan including a Gantt Chart or Project Schedule indicating the detailed sequence of activities that will be undertaken and their corresponding timing.
- 2.6 Demonstrate how you plan to integrate sustainability measures in the execution of the contract.
- 2.7 Any other comments or information regarding the project approach and methodology that will be adopted.



## SECTION 2A: Bidder's Comments and Suggestions on the Terms of Reference

Provide comments and suggestions on the Terms of Reference, or additional services that will be rendered beyond the requirements of the TOR, if any.

## SECTION 3: Management Structure and Key Personnel

- 3.1 Describe the overall management approach toward planning and implementing the project. Include an organization chart for the management of the project describing the relationship of key positions and designations. Provide a spreadsheet to show the activities of each personnel and the time allocated for his/her involvement.
- 3.2 Provide CVs for key personnel that will be provided to support the implementation of this project using the format below. CVs should demonstrate qualifications in areas relevant to the Scope of Services.

### Format for CV of Proposed Key Personnel

<b>Name of Personnel</b>	[Insert]
<b>Position for this assignment</b>	[Insert]
<b>Nationality</b>	[Insert]
<b>Language proficiency</b>	[Insert]
<b>Education/Qualifications</b>	<i>[Summarize college/university and other specialized education of personnel member, giving names of schools, dates attended, and degrees/qualifications obtained.]</i> [Insert]
<b>Professional certifications</b>	<i>[Provide details of professional certifications relevant to the scope of services]</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Name of institution: [Insert]</li><li>▪ Date of certification: [Insert]</li></ul>
<b>Employment Record/Experience</b>	<i>[List all positions held by personnel (starting with present position, list in reverse order), giving dates, names of employing organization, title of position held and location of employment. For experience in last five years, detail the type of activities performed, degree of responsibilities, location of assignments and any other information or professional experience considered pertinent for this assignment.]</i> [Insert]
<b>References</b>	<i>[Provide names, addresses, phone and email contact information for two (2) references]</i> Reference 1: [Insert]  Reference 2: [Insert]

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, these data correctly describe my qualifications, my experiences, and other relevant information about myself.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Personnel

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (Day/Month/Year)

## Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	[Insert RFP Reference Number]		

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services for [Insert Title of services] in accordance with your Request for Proposal No. [Insert RFP Reference Number] and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal and our Financial Proposal sealed under a separate envelope.

Our attached Financial Proposal is for the sum of [Insert amount in words and figures].

Our Proposal shall be valid and remain binding upon us for the period of time specified in the Bid Data Sheet.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Stamp with official stamp of the Bidder]*

## Form G: Financial Proposal Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]	Date:	Select date
RFP reference:	[Insert RFP Reference Number]		

The Bidder is required to prepare the Financial Proposal following the below format and submit it in an envelope separate from the Technical Proposal as indicated in the Instruction to Bidders. Any Financial information provided in the Technical Proposal shall lead to Bidder's disqualification.

The Financial Proposal should align with the requirements in the Terms of Reference and the Bidder's Technical Proposal.

**Currency of the proposal:** BDT

**Table 1: Summary of Overall Prices**

	Amount (BDT)
<b>A. Professional Fees</b> (from Table 2)	
<b>B .Other Costs</b> (from Table 3)	
<b>C.VAT (As applicable)</b>	
<b>Total Amount of Financial Proposal (A+B+C)</b>	

**Table 2: Breakdown of Professional Fees**

Position Name	Position (Nos)	Fee Rate	No. of Days/months/ hours	Total Amount
		A	B	C=A+B
<b>In-Country</b>				
Lead researcher/Team Lead	1			
Human Centered Design specialist	1			
Gender Specialist	1			
Payment system expert	1			
Financial Inclusion specialist	1			
Digital financial service specialist	1			
Senior research Analyst	2			
Research Analyst	4			
Copy Editor	2			
Designer	1			
<b>Subtotal Professional Fees:</b>				

**Table 3: Breakdown of Other Costs**

Description	UOM	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Amount
International flights	Trip			
Subsistence allowance	Day			
Miscellaneous travel expenses	Trip			
Local transportation costs	Lump Sum			
Out-of-Pocket Expenses				
Other Costs: (please specify)				
<b>Subtotal Other Costs:</b>				

**Table 4: Breakdown of Price per Deliverable/Activity**

Deliverable/ Activity description	Time (person days)	Professional Fees	Other Costs	Total
An inception report (including research framework, methodology and implementation plan)				
A final detailed study report in word document and power point format				
Long-term intervention plan and strategy document to accelerate digital financial inclusion in Bangladesh. Document to include proposed organizational/in-house team structure, governance structure, team composition and business model for a2i				



**Form H:** Self Declaration that the company is not in the UN Security Council  
1267/1989 List Financial Proposal Form

## Declaration

Date:

**United Nations Development Programme**

UNDP Registry, IDB Bhaban, Agargaon

Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Assignment: **Hiring a firm to study Financial Inclusion Landscaping of Bangladesh for Access to  
Information - II.**

**Reference:** RFP-BD-2019-044

Dear Sir,

I declare that ..... is not in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 List,  
UN Procurement Division List or Other UN Ineligibility List.

Yours Sincerely,