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Section 1. Letter of Invitation

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
- o Form B: Bidder Information Form
- o Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form
- o Form D: Qualification Form
- o Form E: Format of Technical Proposal
- o Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form
- o Form G: Financial Proposal Form

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 procurement.pg@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.

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Section 2. Instruction to Bidders

A. GENERAL PROVISI	IONS	
1. Introduction	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 https://popp.undp.org/SitePages/POPPBSUnit.aspx?TermID=254a9f96-b883-476a-8ef8-e81f93a2b38d
	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.
	1.3	As part of the bid, it is desired that the Bidder registers at the United Nations Global Marketplace (UNGM) website (www.ungm.org). 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.
2. Fraud & Corruption, Gifts and Hospitality	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 http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/accountability/audit/officeof audit andinvestigation.html#anti
	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.
	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.
	2.4	All Bidders must adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct, which may be found at http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf
3. Eligibility	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.
	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.

4. Conflict of Interests 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: 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; b) Were involved in the preparation and/or design of the programme/project related to the services requested under this RFP; or c) Are found to be in conflict for any other reason, as may be established by, or at the discretion of UNDP. 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. 4.3 Similarly, the Bidders must disclose in their proposal their knowledge of the following: 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 b) All other circumstances that could potentially lead to actual or perceived conflict of interest, collusion or unfair competition practices. Failure to disclose such an information may result in the rejection of the proposal or proposals affected by the non-disclosure. 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. PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS 5. General In preparing the Proposal, the Bidder is expected to examine the RFP in detail. 5.1 Considerations Material deficiencies in providing the information requested in the RFP may result in rejection of the Proposal. 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 6. Cost of Preparation 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 of Proposal not. UNDP shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the procurement process. 7. Language 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.

8. Documents Comprising the Proposal	8.1	The Proposal shall comprise of the following documents: a) Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder; b) Technical Proposal; c) Financial Proposal; d) Proposal Security, if required by BDS; e) Any attachments and/or appendices to the Proposal.
9. Documents Establishing the Eligibility and Qualifications of the Bidder	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.
10.Technical Proposal Format and Content	10.1	The Bidder is required to submit a Technical Proposal using the Standard Forms and templates provided in Section 6 of the RFP.
	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.
	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
	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.
11. Financial Proposals	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.
	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.
	11.3	Prices and other financial information must not be disclosed in any other place except in the financial proposal.
12. Proposal Security	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.
	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.
	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.
	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.

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: a) If the Bidder withdraws its offer during the period of the Proposal Validity specified in the BDS, or; b) In the event that the successful Bidder fails: to sign the Contract after UNDP has issued an award; or 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. 13. Currencies 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: 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 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. 14. Joint Venture. 14.1 If the Bidder is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a Joint Consortium or 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, Association 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. 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. 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. 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. 14.5 A JV, Consortium or Association in presenting its track record and experience should clearly differentiate between: a) Those that were undertaken together by the JV, Consortium or Association; b) Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the JV, Consortium or Association. 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.
	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.
15.Only One Proposal	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.
	15.2 Proposals submitted by two (2) or more Bidders shall all be rejected if they are found to have any of the following:
	a) they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or
	b) any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other/s; or
	c) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this RFP; or
	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;
	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
	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.
16. Proposal Validity Period	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.
	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.
17.Extension of Proposal Validity Period	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.
	17.2 If the Bidder agrees to extend the validity of its Proposal, it shall be done without any change in the original Proposal.
	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.
18. Clarification of Proposal	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.
	18.2 UNDP will provide the responses to clarifications through the method specified
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		in the BDS.
	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.
19. Amendment of Proposals	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.
	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	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.
C. SUBMISSION AND	OPEN	ING 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:
		a) 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.

- b) 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:
 - i. Bear the name and address of the bidder;
 - ii. Be addressed to UNDP as specified in the BDS
- iii. Bear a warning that states "Not to be opened before the time and date for proposal opening" as specified in the BDS.

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.

- Email submission, if allowed or specified in the BDS, shall be governed as 22.5 follows:
 - a) Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS;
 - 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.
 - 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.
- Electronic submission through eTendering, if allowed or specified in the BDS, 22.6 shall be governed as follows:
 - a) Electronic files that form part of the proposal must be in accordance with the format and requirements indicated in BDS;
 - b) The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATE and each of them must be uploaded individually and clearly labelled.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - eTendering system are provided in the eTendering system Bidder User Guide and Instructional videos available on this link: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/bu

d) Detailed instructions on how to submit, modify or cancel a bid in the

Email Submission

eTendering submission

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23. Deadline for Submission of Proposals and Late	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
Proposals	23.2	UNDP shall not consider any Proposal that is submitted after the deadline for the submission of Proposals.
24. Withdrawal, Substitution, and	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.
Modification of Proposals	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 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"
	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.
	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
25.Proposal Opening	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.
D. EVALUATION OF I	PROPO	SALS
26. Confidentiality	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.
	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.
27.Evaluation of Proposals	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.
	27.2	Evaluation of proposals is made of the following steps:
		a) Preliminary Examination

		b) Minimum Eligibility and Qualification (if pre-qualification is not done)
		c) Evaluation of Technical Proposals
		d) Evaluation of Financial Proposals
28. Preliminary Examination	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.
29.Evaluation of Eligibility and Qualification	29.1	Eligibility and Qualification of the Bidder will be evaluated against the Minimum Eligibility/Qualification requirements specified in the Section 4 (Evaluation Criteria).
	29.2	In general terms, vendors that meet the following criteria may be considered qualified:
		 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;
		They have a good financial standing and have access to adequate financial resources to perform the contract and all existing commercial commitments,
		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;
		 They are able to comply fully with UNDP General Terms and Conditions of Contract;
		e) They do not have a consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder; and
		f) They have a record of timely and satisfactory performance with their clients.
30. Evaluation of Technical and Financial Proposals	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.
	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.
	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.
	30.4 When the BDS specifies a combined scoring method, the formula for the rating of the Proposals will be as follows:
	Rating the Technical Proposal (TP):
	TP Rating = (Total Score Obtained by the Offer / Max. Obtainable Score for TP) x 100
	Rating the Financial Proposal (FP):
	FP Rating = (Lowest Priced Offer / Price of the Offer Being Reviewed) x 100
	Total Combined Score:
	Combined Score = (TP Rating) x (Weight of TP, e.g. 70%) + (FP Rating) x (Weight of FP, e.g., 30%)
31. Due Diligence	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 following:
	 a) Verification of accuracy, correctness and authenticity of information provided by the Bidder; 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; 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; 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; e) Physical inspection of the Bidder's offices, branches or other places where business transpires, with or without notice to the Bidder; f) Other means that UNDP may deem appropriate, at any stage within the selection process, prior to awarding the contract.
32. Clarification of Proposals	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.
	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.
	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.
33. Responsiveness of Proposal	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.
	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.
34. Nonconformities, Reparable Errors and Omissions	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.
	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.
	34.3	For Financial Proposal that has been opened, UNDP shall check and correct arithmetical errors as follows:
		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;
		if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail and the total shall be corrected; and
		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.
	34.4	If the Bidder does not accept the correction of errors made by UNDP, its Proposal shall be rejected.
E. AWARD OF CONT	RACT	
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 http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html
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
		https://popp.undp.org/ layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/UNDP POPP_DOCUMENT_LIBRARY/Public/PSU_Solicitation_Performance%20Guarantee%20Form.docx&action=default 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 business="" content="" en="" home="" 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&action=default</th></tr><tr><th>43. Liquidated Damages</th><th>43.1</th><th>If specified in BDS, UNDP shall apply Liquidated Damages resulting from the Contractor's delays or breach of its obligations as per the Contract.</th></tr><tr><th>44. Payment Provisions</th><th>44.1</th><th>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.</th></tr><tr><th>45.Vendor Protest</th><th>45.1</th><th>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: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/protest-and-sanctions.html
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
	http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=ST/SGB/2006/15&refer
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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 not be considered		
4	21	Pre-proposal conference	N/A		
5	10	Proposal Validity Period	120 days		
6	14	Bid Security	Not Required		
7	41	Advanced Payment upon signing of contract	Not Allowed		
8	42	Liquidated Damages	Will be imposed under the following conditions: 0.2 percent of the delivered price of the delayed services for each additional day of delay until actual delivery, up to a maximum deduction of 10 per cent of the purchase order/contract price. Once the maximum is reached, the UN purchasing authority may consider termination of the purchase order/contract		
9	40	Performance Security	Required in the amount of USD		
10	18	Currency of Proposal	United States Dollar (USD) Reference date for determining UN Operational Exchange Rate: November, 2020		

			Currency conversion would be based on UN Operational Rate of Exchange of the bid submission date, available at http://treasury.un.org/operationalrates/OperationalRates.aspx
11	31	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/ questions	5 days before the submission deadline
12	31	Contact Details for submitting clarifications/questions	Focal Person in UNDP: Steven Paissat E-mail address: procurement.pg@undp.org (Respond to clarification question(s) will be only provided for written clarification question(s), not through verbal clarification question(s). Any delay in UNDP's response shall be not used as a reason for extending the deadline for submission, unless UNDP determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new deadline to the Proposers
13	18, 19 and 21	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the RFP and responses/clarifications to queries	Posted directly to eTendering
14	23	Deadline for Submission	As indicated in eTendering system. Note that system time zone is in EST/EDT (New York) time zone. Bidders should avoid attempting to register and upload just prior to the deadline as UNDP shall not be held responsible for congestion or delays in transmission. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure bids uploaded before the deadline.
14	22	Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals	☑ e-Tendering Bids may be submitted on or before the deadline indicated by UNDP in the e-tendering system.
15	22	Proposal Submission Address	Bids must be submitted in the online e-tendering system in the following link: https://etendering.partneragencies.org using your username and password. If you have not registered in the system before, you can register now by logging in using: Username: event.guest Password: why2change

16	22	Electronic submission (eTendering) requirements	and follow the registration steps as specified in the e-tendering instruction manual or use this link to access e-tendering instruction manual: http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/procurement-notices/resources/ Business Unit Code: PNG10 Event ID number: 0000007990 Format: PDF files only File names must be maximum 60 characters long and must not contain any letter or special character other than from Latin alphabet/keyboard. All files must be free of viruses and not corrupted. Max. File Size per transmission: 10MB Documents which are required in original (e.g. Bid Security, Performances Security) should be sent to the below address with a PDF copy submitted as part of the electronic submission: The Resident Representative C/-UNDP, Level 14, Kina Haus, Douglas Street, Port Moresby
17	27 36	Evaluation Method for the Award of Contract	Attention: Steven Paissat Combined Scoring Method, using the 70%-30% distribution for technical and financial proposals, respectively The minimum technical score required to pass is 70%.
18		Expected date for commencement of Contract	January 01, 2021
19		Maximum expected duration of contract	24 months from the date of contract signing
20	35	UNDP will award the contract to:	One Proposer Only
21	39	Type of Contract	Purchase Order and Contract for Goods and Services for UNDP http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html

22	39	UNDP Contract Terms and Conditions that will apply	UNDP General Terms and Conditions for Professional Services http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html
23		Other Information Related to the RFP	w-we-buy.html ☐ Company Profile, which should not exceed fifteen (15) pages, including printed brochures and product catalogues relevant to the goods/services being procured ☐ 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 ☐ Certificate of Registration of the business, including Articles of Incorporation, or equivalent document if Bidder is not a corporation ☐ Official Letter of Appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid in behalf of an entity located outside the country ☐ Quality Certificate (e.g., ISO, etc.) and/or other similar certificates, accreditations, awards and citations received by the Bidder, if any ☐ Latest Audited Financial Statement (Income Statement and Balance Sheet) including Auditor's Report for the past [2 years]
			 ☑ Statement of Satisfactory Performance from the Top [3] Clients in terms of Contract Value the past [5 years] ☑ CV's of all key personnel proposed for this tender ☑ All information regarding any past and current litigation during the last five (5) years, in which the bidder is involved, indicating the parties concerned, the subject of the litigation, the amounts involved, and the final resolution if already concluded.

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

Minimum Eligibility and Qualification Criteria

Eligibility and Qualification will be evaluated on Pass/Fail basis.

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
ELIGIBILITY		
Legal Status	Vendor is a legally registered entity.	Form B: Bidder Information Form
Eligibility	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 ITB clause 3.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
Conflict of Interest	No conflicts of interest in accordance with ITB clause 4.	Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form
Bankruptcy	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
QUALIFICATION		
History of Non- Performing Contracts ¹	Non-performance of a contract did not occur as a result of contractor default for the last 3 years.	Form D: Qualification Form
Litigation History	No consistent history of court/arbitral award decisions against the Bidder for the last 5 years.	Form D: Qualification Form

¹ 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.

Previous Experience	Minimum 10 years of relevant experience.	Form D: Qualification Form
	Minimum 2 contracts of similar value, nature and complexity implemented over the last 5 years. (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	Form D: Qualification Form
Financial Standing	Minimum average annual turnover of USD350,000 for the last 2 years. (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	Form D: Qualification Form
	Bidder must demonstrate the current soundness of its financial standing and indicate its prospective long-term profitability. (For JV/Consortium/Association, all Parties cumulatively should meet requirement).	Form D: Qualification Form
	Any additional criteria if required	

Technical Evaluation Criteria

Summ	Summary of Technical Proposal Evaluation Forms		
1.	Expertise & reputation of Firm / Organization	250	
2.	Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan	450	
3.	Management Structure and Key Personnel	300	
	Total	1000	

Experti	ise of the Firm/Organization		Points obtainable
1.1	Reliability and history of the Firm/Organization's competence, tech financial and proof of sustainability/ Reputation of Organization ar Credibility / Industry Standing		20
1.2	General Organizational Capability which is likely to affect implementation:	Sub-score	50
	 Number of personnel and available facilities/expertise to produce a report of this nature 	20	
	- Financial stability and soundness in the last two years	20	
	- Types of undertaken activities	10	
1.3	Extent to which any work would be subcontracted (subcontracting additional risks which may affect project implementation, but propoffers a chance to access specialized skills)		10
1.4	Quality assurance procedures, warranty		20
1.5	Past experience:	Sub-score	
	 Minimum ten (10) years of demonstrable experience implementing inclusive/participatory community development, community-led development, gender and youth empowerment, or community-based resilience initiatives particularly in development or peacebuilding contexts 	50	150
	 Demonstrable professional experience in deploying innovative trust-building solutions at community level in complex and remote environments context. 	50	
	 At least ten (10) years of proven experience working in Papua New Guinea and experience in Papua New Guinea Highlands is highly desirable 	50	

Section	n 2. Proposed Methodology, Approach and Implementation Plan	Points obtainable
2.1	To what degree does the Proposer understand the task? Have the important aspects of the task been addressed in sufficient detail? - Proposed methodology in carrying out the required tasks and delivering the required outputs – description of activities.	60
2.2	Does the proposal demonstrate an understanding of the project environment and has this been properly used in the preparation of the proposal?	60
2.3	To what degree does the Proposer's have the technical understanding of the requirements of this engagement?	50
2.4	To what degree does the Proposer's approach to technical assistance including training and mentoring that meet the requirements?	50
2.5	Is the conceptual framework adopted appropriate for the task?	60
2.6	Are the different components of the project adequately weighted relative to one another?	50
2.7	Is the scope of the task well defined and does it correspond to the TOR?	60
2.8	Is the sequence of activities and the planning logical, realistic and promise efficient implementation of the project?	60
	Total Section 2	450

Section	3. Management Structure and Key Personnel			Points obtainable
3.1				
	Team Members:		Sub-Score	
	3.1.1. Community Peacebuilding Grant Lead			
	 At least bachelor's degree in international development, social science, peace and conflict, conflict studies, humanitarian action, or a related field 	50		
	 At least five (5) years working related experience in inclusive/participatory community development, community-led development, gender and youth empowerment, or community-based resilience initiatives 	50	450	
	Native proficiency (or equivalent) in Tok Pisin (Papua New Guinea pidgin). Proficiency in written and spoken English.	50	150	

 At least bachelor's degree in international development social science, peace and conflict, conflict studies humanitarian action, or a related field. 		450	
 At least five (5) years working related experience in inclusive/participatory community development, community-led development, gender and youth empowerment, or community-based resilience initiatives. 	50	150	300
 Native proficiency (or equivalent) in Tok Pisin (Papua New Guinea pidgin). Proficiency in written and spoken English. 	50		
		Sub-Score	

Section 5. Terms of Reference

Consultancy for Community Peacebuilding Initiatives

Location:	Papua New Guinea (Southern Highlands Province and Hela		
	Province)		
Type of contract:	Professional Contract		
Project:	Creating Conditions for Peace in PNG Highlands (PBF)		
Languages Required:	English and Tok Pisin (PNG pidgin)		
Starting Date:	1 January 2020		
End Date	31 st December 2022		
Duration of Initial Contract:	24 Months (until 31 December 2022)		

Background

The trajectory of violent conflict in Papua New Guinea's Southern Highlands and Hela provinces over the last 30 years is concerning. As of end 2017, there were anecdotally 40 separate ongoing internecine conflicts across Hela province which had led to more than 300 deaths and an estimated 100,000 people displaced without accounting for the extent of human rights abuses including gender-based violence and sorcery accusation-related violence and the entrenched marginalisation of women and youth. Exacerbated by weak local governance, these conditions pose a multi-dimensional challenge to economic and human development in both provinces. This highly fragile situation compounded by the presence of a large and highly lucrative extractive project and the proliferation of firearms, places incredible pressure on the realisation of human rights, social and structural stability and human development.

Having identified the unique drivers of conflict in Hela and Southern Highlands provinces, UNDP (as lead agency), together with IOM, UNFPA and UN Women, will jointly implement a PBF-funded project ("PBF Highlands project") within the framework of the UN's Highlands Joint Programme (HJP). As a key pillar of the HJP, the PBF Highlands project will focus on

implementing critical peacebuilding interventions including strengthening infrastructures for peace through establishing networks of community mobilisers as well as young women, establishing peace centres as neutral spaces for interaction and mediation, youth hubs for empowering youth complemented by capacitating youth leaders in peacebuilding, and enhancing capacity of traditional/local leadership in practice of effective leadership and conflict management. The project will also enhance intra- and intergroup dialogue and mediation through directly supporting community-level conflict mediation, supporting the role of women mediators, and facilitating local peace conferences. Through training of local and provincial leadership in conflict sensitive development, local level governance and decentralisation, facilitating the development of and implementation of community peace for development plans through provision of small community peacebuilding grants, facilitating access to basic services, supporting provincial-level conflict-sensitive development planning, establishment of feedback mechanisms to enhance institutional accountability and conflict monitoring and mapping for early warning and early action, the project will strengthen local governance and post-conflict recovery efforts.

The PBF Highlands project builds on evidence and growing consensus globally, but also borne out through the UN's recent experiences in the Highlands that humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding efforts are complementary and need to reinforce each other, to urgently respond to the current state of volatility and fragility in Hela and Southern Highlands provinces by engaging earlier to prevent violent conflict and reduce humanitarian need. Beyond complementing and harmonising ongoing efforts across the peace-security-development nexus, the project aims to catalyse further investment in urgent local peacebuilding efforts from government, bilateral and multilateral donors, and the private sector.

Against the backdrop of mistrust and eroded social cohesion within and between communities coupled with lack of local development, the project will specifically target communities recovering from conflict or at-risk communities with access to small community peacebuilding grants to implement small-scale intra/inter-community initiatives or projects as confidence building measures.

Priority intra/inter-community initiatives to be supported with small grants will be identified through communities' Community Peace for Development Plans (CPDP) which the HJP will support communities to develop in parallel. By empowering communities to undertake specific priority initiatives in an inclusive and participatory manner that adopts conflict and gender-sensitive approach, the intervention aims to strengthen community relationships by strengthening cultural, social and economic connectors that make communities interdependent and reliant on each other. While the opportunity to jointly build and manage shared communal resources encourages mutual respect and inter-communal trust through productive and meaningful interactions, and creates strong disincentives to engage in conflict, it also enables tangible improvements in livelihoods and/or access to basic infrastructure at the community level. Ultimately, investing in community initiatives is intended to address key drivers of conflict thereby reducing community-level conflicts in line with the HJP's social cohesion strengthening approach.

In line with the PBF Highlands project, access to community peacebuilding grants will targeted at priority locations in Hela and Southern Highlands provinces as identified by the Highlands Joint Programme. These are namely the priority LLGs in Hela of Komo Rural LLG, Hulia Rural LLG, Tagali Rural LLG, Hayapuga Rural LLG, South Koroba Rural LLG. In Southern Highlands, Kagua-Erave, Nipa-Kutubu, and Mendi-Munihu districts have been prioritized with target LLGs to be determined in consultations with provincial authorities and development partners.

Complementing community-level trust-building measures, the project also aims to reorientate young male hired fighters in Hela Province towards positive roles and be reintegrated into their respective communities. There is an emerging trend of disengaged and disenchanted male youths being hired as paid

fighters to wage armed conflicts. This is a due to limited local economic and employment opportunities and an evolving perception of masculine identities coupled with local powerholders exploiting this situation by hiring these youths to advance their ambitions/agenda, cementing their big-man status and to physically threaten opponents. This has resulted in incentivizing local labour to move away from traditional livelihood practices and/or income streams to an economy of seeking for "hand-outs", alienation of male youths from their communities and cultivating conflict as an industry; including the spawning of warlordism, increase in number of armed mercenaries and hired fighters operating with impunity while contributing to cycles of inter- and intra-group violence.

By connecting youth fighters to existing pre-identified local economic and employment opportunities, beneficiaries are provided with constructive outlets to fulfil individual aspirations which empowers these male youth to seek positive and non-destructive means to exercise their ascribed community and gender roles. Concurrently, this positive reorientation enhances their self-esteem and creates opportunities for them to be reintegrated into their respective communities and ultimately contributes to efforts as sustaining peace and strengthening local resilience within and between local communities in Hela Province.

Key Objectives

In this context, UNDP is seeking a Contractor to implement a Community Peacebuilding Grants activity as well as a Connecting Youth Fighters to Local Labour Opportunities activity that contribute directly to the outcomes of the PBF project.

Duties and Responsibilities

Scope of Work

1. Community Peacebuilding Grants

- The Contractor is expected to establish and manage a local grant-making mechanism with appropriate financial control measures.
- Award grants to recipient(s) following certain specified guidelines and appropriate due diligence in line with UNDP's and the Contractor's organisational policies.
- Monitor the implementation of community initiatives by grantees based on approved outputs and timelines.

In order to achieve the objective of the on-granting arrangement, the tasks of the Contractor will include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- Developing appropriate grant-making criteria, specifically focused on peacebuilding, gender and youth empowerment, conflict-sensitivity, and do-no-harm principles in close consultation with UNDP.
- Ensuring appropriate risk management measures are built into Contractor's grant-making mechanism.
- Promoting community peacebuilding grant to target communities in Hela and Southern Highlands Provinces identified in close consultation with UNDP.
- Providing technical support to prospective grantees on designing appropriate community initiatives in line with grant objectives and development of grant applications.

- Evaluating grant applications based on approved criteria and guidelines.
- Disbursing funds to individual grantees through locally appropriate funds transfer mechanisms.
- Providing ongoing technical support to grantees including troubleshooting on behalf of the grantees and supporting stakeholder engagement.
- Providing substantive and financial reporting to UNDP on the utilization of the grant as
 defined in the grant agreement and supported by appropriate evidence that the activities
 reported were completed such as photographs and stories (noting privacy and confidentiality
 considerations)

2. Connecting Youth Fighters to Local Labour Opportunities

- The Contractor is expected to develop a highly accessible Provincial Employment Counselling Service to be deployed by the UN with the following minimum specifications:
 - Maintaining a virtual and physical presence in Hela province including through a job counselling hotline, social media presence and regular mobile employment counselling circuit in target LLGs.
 - Maintaining a fortnightly updated registry/database of paid work and paid/unpaid apprenticeship opportunities based on profile of potential youth applicants.
- The Contractor is to promote employment counselling support to target youth population through community outreach in Hela Province identified in close consultation with UNDP including:
 - Organising regular LLG-level job and apprenticeship expositions/fairs in target LLGs (minimum quarterly).
 - Public announcements such as printed and local broadcast media and by word of mouth through local church and government networks.
- The Contractor is to support prospective job seekers with counselling services including:
 - Identifying relevant job and apprenticeship openings based on individual youth's skill and competencies.
 - o Identifying skills and education gaps of individual youth relative to employment aspirations.
 - Navigating relevant administrative processes such as completing and submitting application forms and preparing for interviews with prospective employers.
 - Directing individual youth to educational and upskilling opportunities.

In order to achieve the objective of the grant arrangement, the tasks of the Contractor will include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- Assessing capacities and employment aspirations of target youth population in Hela Province.
- Identifying provincial and regional labour needs.

• Establishing job and apprenticeship placement linkages with pool of credible and potential employers (i.e. local government, small and medium enterprises, large multinational companies operating locally, civil society organisations, and faith-based organisation).

Deliverables

In close coordination with UNDP's Peacebuilding Technical Specialist, the Contractor will deliver the following:

1. Community Peacebuilding Grants

- a. <u>Grant-making Framework</u>. A grant-making framework sensitive to the local peacebuilding context that supports community initiatives to promote inter/intra-community cooperation and mutual trust with an emphasis:
 - i. Improved trust between communities.
 - ii. Community resilience.
 - iii. Gender and youth empowerment.
 - iv. Conflict-sensitivity.
 - v. Do-no-harm principles.
- b. <u>Community Peacebuilding Grant Mechanism</u>. A grant-making mechanism to award small community peacebuilding grants (up to USD 250,000 cumulatively) to approved grantees with the following features:
 - i. Operational from March 2021 to December 2022 (22 months).
 - ii. First disbursement of grants from April 2021 and final disbursement of grants by end of June 2022 (to enable completion of grant-supported activities by December 2022).
 - iii. Awarding of at least 30 grants to individual grantees with a minimum and maximum grant amount of PGK 10,000 and PGK 25,000 respectively.
 - iv. Of the minimum 30 grants to be awarded, at least 15 grants are awarded each to target communities in Hela and Southern Highlands provinces respectively.
 - v. Approved community initiatives to involve at least 50% participation of women and girls include decision-making.
 - vi. Technical support to prospective grantees on conflict-sensitive design of appropriate community initiatives through participatory methods (e.g. community halls, WaSH infrastructure, resilient livelihoods project, disaster preparedness measures) and development of grant applications.
 - vii. Technical support to grantees including troubleshooting on behalf of the grantees and supporting stakeholder engagement
 - viii. Funded community initiatives to be completed within 6 months of funds being disbursed.
- 2. Connecting Youth Fighters to Local Labour Opportunities

- c. Work Plan. Prior to commencing actual work, a work plan outlining approaches to establishment of Provincial Employment Counselling Mechanism and operationalisation will be submitted to UNDP for approval based on specifications of requirements and parameters defined by UNDP.
- d. <u>Provincial Youth Employment Counselling Service</u>. Establish Provincial Employment Counselling Mechanism with the following features:
 - i. Operational from March 2021 to December 2022 (22 months).
 - ii. Virtual presence (i.e. a job counselling hotline, social media presence etc) and staffed physical presence in Hela province (i.e. being based locally, conducting regular mobile employment counselling circuit in target LLGs).
 - iii. An updated registry/database of paid work and paid/unpaid apprenticeship opportunities.
 - iv. Regular LLG-level job and apprenticeship expositions/fairs in target LLGs.
 - v. Strong job and apprenticeship placement linkages with credible employers.
- 3. <u>Mid-Term and Post-Implementation Report</u>. The Contractor will submit to UNDP a mid-term and final post-implementation report with substantive and financial information on the utilization of the grant including positive case studies, lessons learnt, and recommendations.

	Key milestones or deliverables	Due	Payment Percentage	Review and Approvals
•	Grant-making conceptual framework and Work Plan approved	Feb 2021	30%	Peacebuilding Technical Specialist
•	Grant Mechanism and Youth Employment Counselling Service operational	Mar 2021	40%	Peacebuilding Technical Specialist
•	Mid-Term Implementation Report	Jan 2022	20%	Peacebuilding Technical Specialist
•	Post-implementation report	Dec 2022	10%	Peacebuilding Technical Specialist

Reporting and Payment Terms

The Contractor will work in close consultation with UNDP's Peacebuilding Technical Specialist and provide progress updates on a quarterly basis and as required.

In accordance with expected outputs and deliverables, the Contractor submits deliverables to UNDP UNDP's Peacebuilding Technical Specialist for review, comments, certification, approval/acceptance of works afterwards. Acceptance of deliverables will be determined by UNDP's Peacebuilding Technical Specialist. Milestone payments will be made upon submission and acceptance of specific deliverables.

Submission of specific deliverables will be completed in accordance with the above schedule unless revised timelines are mutually agreed by UNDP and the Contractor. In case of any delays to achieve the expected outputs, the Contractor should notify UNDP's Peacebuilding Technical Specialist in advance to take necessary steps.

Resources Provided

UNDP may provide office space for 1 field personnel in Tari (Hela Province) if necessary. The Contractor shall provide all other necessary equipment to deliver the stated scope of works.

Duration of the Assignment

The duration of the assignment is from January 2021 to December 2022 (24 months).

Duty Station

The duty station for this assignment is Tari Town (Hela Province), with regular travel to target locations in Hela and Southern Highlands Province as needed to deliver the stated scope of works.

Qualification, Team Composition and Experiences

- Minimum ten (10) years of demonstrable experience implementing inclusive/participatory community development, community-led development, gender and youth empowerment, or community-based resilience initiatives particularly in development or peacebuilding contexts.
- Demonstrable professional experience in deploying innovative trust-building solutions at community level in complex and remote environments context.
- At least ten (10) years of proven experience working in Papua New Guinea and experience in Papua New Guinea Highlands is highly desirable.

The Contractor should appoint a minimum of two (2) qualified personnel to support (i) Community Peacebuilding Grant and (ii) Connecting Youth Fighters to Local Labour activities. Each proposed personnel should have the following minimum education and experience:

- At least bachelor's degree in international development, social science, peace and conflict, conflict studies, humanitarian action, or a related field.
- At least five (5) years working related experience in inclusive/participatory community development, community-led development, gender and youth empowerment, or communitybased resilience initiatives
- Native proficiency (or equivalent) in Tok Pisin (Papua New Guinea pidgin). Proficiency in written and spoken English.

Section 6: Returnable Bidding Forms / Checklist

Technical Proposal Envelope:

Have you duly completed all the Returnable Bidding Forms?	
 Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form 	
 Form B: Bidder Information Form 	
 Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/ Association Information Form 	
Form D: Qualification Form	
Form E: Format of Technical Proposal	
Have you provided the required documents to establish compliance with the evaluation criteria in Section 4?	

Financial Proposal Envelope

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

Form F: Financial Proposal Submission Form	
Form G: Financial Proposal Form	

Form A: Technical Proposal Submission Form

Name of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]		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;
- 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

Legal name of Bidder	[Complete]
Legal address	[Complete]
Year of registration	[Complete]
Bidder's Authorized Representative Information	Name and Title: [Complete] Telephone numbers: [Complete] Email: [Complete]
Are you a UNGM registered vendor?	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, [insert UGNM vendor number]
Are you a UNDP vendor?	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, [insert UNDP vendor number]
Countries of operation	[Complete]
No. of full-time employees	[Complete]
Quality Assurance Certification (e.g. ISO 9000 or Equivalent) (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	[Complete]
Does your Company hold any accreditation such as ISO 14001 related to the environment? (If yes, provide a Copy of the valid Certificate):	[Complete]
Does your Company have a written Statement of its Environmental Policy? (If yes, provide a Copy)	[Complete]
Contact person UNDP may contact for requests for clarification during Proposal evaluation	Name and Title: [Complete] Telephone numbers: [Complete] Email: [Complete]
Please attach the following documents:	 Company Profile, which should not exceed fifteen (15) pages, including printed brochures and product catalogues relevant to the goods/services being procured Certificate of Incorporation/ Business Registration 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 Trade name registration papers, if applicable Local Government permit to locate and operate in assignment location, if applicable Official Letter of Appointment as local representative, if Bidder is submitting a Bid in behalf of an entity located outside the country Power of Attorney

Form C: Joint Venture/Consortium/Association Information Form

Name	e of Bidder:	[Insert Name of Bidder]				Date:	Select date
	eference:	[Insert RFP Referer					
	ererence.	[msererur referen	ice (tailibei)				
	To be completed and returned with your Proposal if the Proposal is submitted as a Joint Venture/Consortium/Association.						
No		ner and contact inf ers, fax numbers, e-mai	•		_		tion of responsibilities (in services to be performed
1	[Complete]			[Co	omplete]		
2	[Complete]			[Co	omplete]		
3	[Complete]			[Co	mplete]		
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Name of leading partner (with authority to bind the JV, Consortium, Association during the RFP process and, in the event a Contract is awarded, during contract execution) [Complete]							
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					of the said joint venture:		
		everally liable to UNI					
Name of partner:			Name of partner:				
Signature:			S	Signature:			
Date:			Date:				
Name of partner:			N	Name of partner:			
			S	Signature:			

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	☐ Contract non-performance did not occur for the last 3 years				
☐ Contract	t(s) not performed fo	or 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 litiga	□ No litigation history for the last 3 years				
☐ Litigatio	n History as indicate	d 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 attack	h their own Project Dato	า Sheets with more	details for	assignments	above.
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Attached are the St	tatements of Sa	itisfactory Perfor	mance from the	Top 3	(three	Clients or more

Financial Standing

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

Financial information (in US\$ equivalent)	Historic information for the last 3 years		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	Info	ormation from Balance Sh	eet
Total Assets (TA)			
Total Liabilities (TL)			
Current Assets (CA)			
Current Liabilities (CL)			
	Infor	mation from Income State	ment
Total / Gross Revenue (TR)			

Profits Before Taxes (PBT)		
Net Profit		
Current Ratio		

☐ 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

Name of Personnel	[Insert]
Position for this assignment	[Insert]
Nationality	[Insert]
Language proficiency	[Insert]
Education/	[Summarize college/university and other specialized education of personnel member, giving names of schools, dates attended, and degrees/qualifications obtained.]
Qualifications	[Insert]
Duefessional	[Provide details of professional certifications relevant to the scope of services]
Professional certifications	ame of institution: [Insert] ate of certification: [Insert]
Employment Record/ Experience	[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.]
	[Insert]
References	[Provide names, addresses, phone and email contact information for two (2)

	references]	
	Reference 1: [Insert]	
	Reference 2: [Insert]	
,	that to the best of my knowl ces, and other relevant informa	edge and belief, these data correctly describe m tion 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 Financial Proposal in the format provided in the RFP.

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:			
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[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: [Insert Currency]

Table 1: Summary of Overall Prices

	Amount(s)
Professional Fees (from Table 2)	
Other Costs (from Table 3)	
Total Amount of Financial Proposal	

Table 2: Breakdown of Professional Fees

Name	Position	Fee Rate	No. of Days/months/ hours	Total Amount
		Α	В	C=A+B
In-Country				
Fisheries Expert				
Food Security Expert				
Other specialist (if				
applicable)				
		Subtotal P	rofessional Fees:	

Table 3: Breakdown of Other Costs

Description	иом	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)					
Subtotal Other Costs:					

Table 4: Breakdown of Price per Deliverable/Activity

Deliverable/ Activity description	Time (person days)	Professional Fees	Other Costs	Total
Deliverable 1				
Deliverable 2				
Deliverable 3				