

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

DESCRIPTION:	DATE: May 20, 2021
Consultancy Services for Development a Credit Risk Protection Mechanism	
for Micro-Small-Medium Enterprises (MsMEs) in Aden and Sana'a	REFERENCE:
Governorates, Yemen.	RFP-YEM-0032-2021

Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your proposal for **Consultancy Services for Development a Credit Risk Protection Mechanism for Micro-Small-Medium Enterprises (MsMEs) in Aden and Sana'a Governorates, Yemen.**

Proposal must be submitted on or before the deadline indicated in the e-tendering system. Proposal must be submitted through online e-tendering system in the following link: https://etendering.partneragencies.org using your username and password.

- Web address Link: <u>https://etendering.partneragencies.org</u>
- Business Unit (BU Code): YEM10
- Event ID number: 0000009214

Those companies who are not registered in the e-tendering portal yet are requested to use the following temporary username and password for registration:

Username: event.guest Password: why2change

You are requested to indicate whether your company intends to submit a proposal by clicking "Accept Invitation" in the system.

In the course of preparing your Proposal, it shall remain your responsibility to ensure that it reaches the address above on or before the deadline. Proposals that are received by UNDP after the deadline indicated above, for whatever reason, shall not be considered for evaluation. If you are submitting your Proposal by email, kindly ensure that they are signed and in the .pdf format, and free from any virus or corrupted files.

The Technical Proposal and the Financial Proposal files <u>MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATED</u> and uploaded separately in the system and clearly named as either "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" or "FINANCIAL **PROPOSAL**", as appropriate. Each document shall include the Proposer's name and address. The file with the "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL" must be encrypted with a password so that it cannot be opened nor viewed until the proposal has been found to pass the technical evaluation stage. UNDP shall request via email the Proposer to submit the password to open the Financial Proposal. The Proposers shall assume the responsibility for not encrypting financial proposal.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The amount of the Financial proposal MUST NOT be mentioned anywhere in the submitted documents or in the e-tendering system, other than the Financial Proposal. Failure in compliance with the mentioned condition shall result in rejection of the offer.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT THE PRICE OF YOUR PROPOSAL IN THE LINE ITEM IN THE SYSTEM. INSTEAD PUT "1" AND UPLOAD THE FINANCIAL PROPOSAL AS INSTRUCTED ABOVE

Services proposed shall be reviewed and evaluated based on completeness and compliance of the Proposal and responsiveness with the requirements of the RFP and all other annexes providing details of UNDP requirements.

The Proposal that complies with all of the requirements, meets all the evaluation criteria and offers the best value for money shall be selected and awarded the contract. Any offer that does not meet the requirements shall be rejected.

Any discrepancy between the unit price and the total price shall be re-computed by UNDP, and the unit price shall prevail, and the total price shall be corrected. If the Service Provider does not accept the final price based on UNDP's re-computation and correction of errors, its Proposal will be rejected.

No price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted by UNDP after it has received the Proposal. At the time of Award of Contract or Purchase Order, UNDP reserves the right to vary (increase or decrease) 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.

Any Contract or Purchase Order that will be issued as a result of this RFP shall be subject to the General Terms and Conditions attached hereto. The mere act of submission of a Proposal implies that the Service Provider accepts without question the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP, herein attached as Annex 3.

Please be advised that UNDP is not bound to accept any Proposal, nor award a contract or Purchase Order, nor be responsible for any costs associated with a Service Providers preparation and submission of a Proposal, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

UNDP's vendor protest procedure is intended to afford an opportunity to appeal for persons or firms not awarded a Purchase Order or Contract in a competitive procurement process. In the event that you believe you have not been fairly treated, you can find detailed information about vendor protest procedures in the following link:

http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/protest-and-sanctions.html

UNDP encourages every prospective Service Provider to prevent and avoid conflicts of interest, by disclosing to UNDP if you, or any of your affiliates or personnel, were involved in the preparation of the requirements, design, cost estimates, and other information used in this RFP.

UNDP implements a zero tolerance on fraud and other proscribed practices, and is committed to preventing, identifying and addressing all such acts and practices against UNDP, as well as third parties involved in UNDP activities. UNDP expects its Service Providers to adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct found in this link :

https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/sites/www.un.org.Depts.ptd/files/files/attachment/page/pdf/unscc/con duct_english.pdf

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your Proposal.

Sincerely yours,

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Description of Requirements

Context of the Requirement	Business in Yemen has taken a severe blow from the protracted conflict. The national economy has collapsed and with it the purchasing power of consumers. Import and export have been reduced to just a trickle of earlier volumes. Both physical and institutional infrastructure have been destroyed. And distribution of goods has been impeded by transportation cost and expensive fees. But despite these ordeals, most businesses have survived, occasionally even thrived, showing an extraordinary capacity of Yemenis to adapt to hardship and bounce back from setbacks. Due to the ongoing conflict, the financial sector is struggling with liquidity and many bank branches are non-functional. Interest rates are high due to high operational costs, inflation and de facto devaluation of the Yemeni currency. Banks prefer to keep their money in United States Dollars (USD) rather than having outstanding loans in Yemeni Riyals. The private sector lacks access to financial services to trade. And importers are suffering as the Central Bank of Yemen no longer supports letters of credit, requiring all imports to be cash based.
	Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) are still operating, but their reach is limited and the risk and cost have significantly increased. Yemen's MFIs are more into savings than loans – globally recognized as a best MFI practice while considering what is good for both clients and the MFI industry – with over 660,000 savers and a little over 100,000 borrowers. According to a 2015 UNDP commissioned Small and Micro Enterprise Promotion Service (SMEPS) study, banks and MFIs accounted for only 20% of all micro and small enter- prise loans, leaving the informal sector to cover the remaining 80%. It comes as no surprise that the weakest link in starting or expanding a business in all seven sectors studied (textile, solar, beekeeping, meat and poultry, food processing, fisheries, and pottery) appears to be obstacles in availing financial loans. MFIs are by and large unengaged and the primary funding sources appear to be personal savings and informal family loans. Lack of loan opportunities are unilaterally stated as a main reason for inhibiting business expansion and crippling the ability to compete.
Implementing	NA
Partner of UNDP Brief Description of the Required Services ¹	UNDP Yemen is seeking a professional assessment contractor, hereafter called 'contractor' to survey and develop a credit risk protection mechanism for MSMEs under the BRISCC project and pilot with 100 enterprises. The mechanism should elaborate on risk parameters for MSMEs and how they can become risk averse for business expansion in fragile context like Yemen. The assignment includes conducting the research study with the established MSMEs to gather the primary and secondary data requires build the credit risk protection. The mechanism should also engage all relevant stakeholders including banks, MFIs, private sector, chamber of commerce, and like-minded agencies.
List and Description of	 Develop study and pilot framework for credit risk protection mechanism. Identify 200 MSMEs for the research work and they can be existing ones. Conduct the feasibility research work to develop the protection mechanism to pilot with

¹ A detailed TOR may be attached if the information listed in this Annex is not sufficient to fully describe the nature of the work and other details of the requirements.

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Expected Outputs	100 MSMEs.
to be Delivered	 Present the research findings for credit risk protection to relevant stakeholders and validate with the feedback.
	 Initiate the pilot mechanism for 100 MSMEs.
	 Evaluate the overall impact of risk protection mechanism for 100 MSMEs.
	 Hire enumerators and training on data collection and field visits.
	 Data collection and storage at online platform for the access of UNDP management.
	 Organization of final workshop to present the "Credit Risk Protection Mechanism for MSMEs".
	 Submission of final report and dataset.
Person to	
Supervise the Work/Performance of the Service	BRISCC project team and Project manager, UNDP Yemen
Provider	
Deadline for	Date and Time: As specified in the eTendering event (note that time zone indicated in the
Submission	system is New York Time zone).
	PLEASE NOTE: -
	1. Date and time visible on the main screen of event (on e-tendering portal) will be final and
	prevail over any other closing time indicated elsewhere, in case they are different. 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. 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.
Bid Submission	- Web address Link: <u>https://etendering.partneragencies.org</u>
Address	- Business Unit (BU Code): YEM10
	- Event ID number: 0000009214
Electronic	
submission	- Format: PDF files only
(eTendering)	- File names must be maximum 60 characters long and must not contain any letter or
requirements	special character other than from Latin alphabet/keyboard.
	 All files must be free of viruses and not corrupted. Max. File Size per transmission: <i>10 MB</i>
	- Max. File Size per transmission: 10 MB
	Bidders may consider the option to zip multiple files and attach the zip file instead uploading the documents one by one.
	Please note that DO NOT indicate any price for this RFP case. Your technical and financial proposals must be uploaded in two separate PDF files and financial proposal should be password protected. Please ensure the password is kept safe and the bidder can recover (and remember) it when UNDP requests you to submit the password. Do not provide the Financial proposal encryption password unless UNDP requests the bidder to do so through an email from a UNDP Yemen dedicated email address.

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	Comments:						
	PLEASE DO NOT PUT THE PRICE OF YOUR PROPOSAL IN THIS LINE. INSTEAD PUT 1 USD.						
	DETAILED FINANCIAL PROPOSAL MUST BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY AS AN PASSWORD PROTECTED FILE AS INSTRUCTED.						
	Send To Bidder Include On Award Fetch Item Specs Standard Comments						
	Add Attachment						
	OK Cancel Refresh						
	IMPORTANT NOTE: The amount of the Financial proposal MUST NOT be mentioned anywhere in the submitted documents or in the e-tendering system, other than the Financial Proposal. Failure in compliance with the mentioned condition shall result in rejection of the offer.						
Frequency of	As indicted in the Terms of Reference						
Reporting							
Progress Reporting	As indicted in the Terms of Reference						
Requirements							
	Aden and Sana'a governorates, Yemen						
Location of work							
Expected duration	The assignment is expected to start in May estimated duration of 10 months and will end no						
of work	later than 30 March 2022. This will include desk reviews, field work - interviews, and report writing and workshops.						
Target start date	15.June.2021						
Latest completion	10 months from starting date						
date							
Travels Expected	As indicted in the Terms of Reference						
Special Security	As indicted in the Terms of Reference.						
Requirements	The firm/institution will take full responsibility over the safety and security of the people involved in contract implementation.						
Facilities to be	As indicted in the Terms of Reference (TOR).						
Provided by UNDP	,						
(i.e., must be							
excluded from							
Price Proposal)							
Implementation	🗷 Required						
Schedule indicating	Offeror must provide work implementation timeline as per the requirement.						
breakdown and	oneror must provide work implementation timeline as per the requirement.						
timing of							
activities/sub-							
activities							
Names and	🗷 Required						
individuals who	Provide evidence that the proposed personnel possess necessary expertise, skills and certifications.						
curriculum vitae of	Provide evidence that the proposed personnel possess necessary expertise, skills and						

will be involved in							
completing the							
services							
Currency of	☑ United States Dollars						
Proposal							
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	Local Currency						
Value Added Tax	I must be inclusive of VAT and oth	ner applicable	e indirect taxes				
on Price Proposal	□ must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes						
Validity Period of	🗆 60 days						
Proposals							
(Counting for the	🗷 90 days						
last day of	□ 120 days						
submission of							
quotes)	In exceptional circumstances, UN	DP may reque	est the Proposer to	o extend the validity			
	of the Proposal beyond what has		•	•			
	shall then confirm the extension	in writing, wi	thout any modifica	ation whatsoever on			
	the Proposal.						
Partial Quotes	🗷 Not permitted						
	□ Permitted						
Doursent Torme	Deliverables	Percentage	Timing	Condition for			
Payment Terms	Deliverables	rercentage	Timing	Payment Release			
	1.Inception Report	20%		Within thirty (30)			
	2.Develop study and pilot		At contract	days from the date			
	framework for credit risk		signature	of meeting the			
	protection mechanism.			following			
	3.Identify 200 MSMEs for the	20%	3 months	conditions:			
	research work and they can be		from deliverable	a) UNDP's			
	existing ones.		1	written acceptance			
	4.Conduct the feasibility research work to develop the protection			(i.e., not mere			
	mechanism to pilot with 100			receipt) of the			
	MSMEs.			quality of the			
	5.Present the research findings for			outputs; and			
	credit risk protection to relevant			b) Receipt of			
	stakeholders and validate with the			invoice from			
	feedback.			the Service			
	6.Initiate the pilot mechanism for	30%	4 months from	Provider.			
	100 MSMEs.		deliverable 2				
			1				
	7.Evaluate the overall impact of						
	risk protection mechanism for 100						
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	Please refer to the detailed TOR which contain the screening and evaluation scoring					
	Financial Proposal (30%) To be computed as a ratio of th proposals received by UNDP.	e Proposal'	s offer to the low	est price among the		
	Management Structure and Qua	alification of	Key Personnel 30%	5		
	Implementation Plan 40%					
i i oposal	Methodology, Its Appropriat	eness to t	he Condition and	Timeliness of the		
Assessment of Proposal	☑ Expertise of the Firm 30%					
Criteria for the	Technical Proposal (70%)					
	Proposal.					
	a mandatory criterion and cannot be deleted regardless of the nature of services required. Non-acceptance of the GTC may be grounds for the rejection of the					
	I Full acceptance of the UNDP Co	ntract Gene	ral Terms and Conc	litions (GTC). This is		
	Highest Combined Score (based on the 70% technical offer and 30% price weight distribution)					
Criteria for Contract Award	Lowest Price Quote among technically responsive offers					
	<i>the call-off. E.g., PO, etc.)</i> Other Type of Contract [<i>pls. specify</i>]					
	□ Long-Term Agreement (<i>if LTA will be signed, specify the document that will trigger</i>					
	Contract for Professional Service	es				
Type of Contract to be Signed	 Purchase Order Institutional Contract 					
disbursement of payment						
authorize the						
outputs/completed services and						
approve						
Person(s) to review/inspect/	Project Manager, UNDP Yemen					
Dorcon(c) to	dataset.					
	MSMEs". 11.Submission of final report and					
	Protection Mechanism for					
	10.Organization of final workshop to present the "Credit Risk	30%	3 months from deliverable 3			
	UNDP management					
	9.Data collection and storage at online platform for the access of					

UNDP will award the contract to:	 One and only one Service Provider One or more Service Providers, depending on the following factors: [Clarify fully how and why will this be achieved. Please do not choose this option without indicating the parameters for awarding to multiple Service Providers]
Contract General Terms and Conditions	 General Terms and Conditions for contracts (goods and/or services) General Terms and Conditions for de minimis contracts (services only, less than \$50,000) Applicable Terms and Conditions are available at: <u>http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html</u>
Annexes to this RFP	 Form for Submission of Proposal (Annex 2) Detailed TOR (Annex 1) UNDP GTC (Annex 3)
Contact Person for Inquiries (Written inquiries only) ²	 Focal person in UNDP: Aden procurement team Email: procurement.yemen@undp.org This contact person and address is officially designated by UNDP. If inquiries are sent to other person/s or address/es, even if they are UNDP staff, UNDP shall have no obligation to respond nor can UNDP confirm that the query was officially received. 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.

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Required Documents that	
	a) Company Profile must not exceed fifteen (15) pages, including printed brochures and
must be submitted	product catalogues relevant to the goods/services being procured.
to Establish Eligibility of Proposers	b) Certificate of Registration of the business, including Articles of Incorporation, or equivalent document if Bidder is not a corporation.
	International Bidders must provide a proof of its ability to work in Yemen Governorates specifically in Aden and Sana'a or registration of Yemeni partner organization/company with whom the implementation of the contract will be carried out. International bidder must provide a letter/statement indicating its ability to work in Yemen Governorates specifically in Aden and Sana'a.
	If the bidder is a Joint Venture (JV) or a Consortium, provide legal agreement to that effect. Further, the proposal should indicate who is the lead entity in the JV/Consortium and detailed distribution of activities/tasks must be provided.
	c) Past relevant contracts indicating Client name, duration of the contract, value of the contract and brief description of outputs delivered by the offeror.
	d) Copies of contracts: Three similar contracts successfully implemented in similar services of this RFP in the past ten years.
	e) At least two references letters from the top clients (in terms of contract value) which was executed within the past ten years.
	f) All information regarding any past and current litigation during the last five (5) years, in which the offeror is involved, indicating the parties concerned, the subject of the litigation, the amounts involved, and the final resolution if already concluded.
	g) Structure of the proposed team; Names and relevant positions of the key personnel that will perform the services.
	h) Written confirmation from each personnel that they are available for the entire duration of the contract.
	i) Detailed breakdown of proposed implementation timeline as per Terms of Reference.
	j) Bank Statements for the past three years, and/or audited statements.

Annex 2

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SERVICE PROVIDER'S PROPOSAL³

(This Form must be submitted only using the Service Provider's Official Letterhead/Stationery⁴)

[insert: Location]. [insert: Date]

To: [insert: Name and Address of UNDP focal point]

Dear Sir/Madam:

We, the undersigned, hereby offer to render the following services to UNDP in conformity with the requirements defined in the RFP dated [specify date], and all of its attachments, as well as the provisions of the UNDP General Contract Terms and Conditions :

A. Qualifications of the Service Provider

The Service Provider must describe and explain how and why they are the best entity that can deliver the requirements of UNDP by indicating the following :

- a) Profile describing the nature of business, field of expertise, licenses, certifications, accreditations;
- b) Business Licenses Registration Papers, Tax Payment Certification, etc.
- c) Latest Audited Financial Statement income statement and balance sheet to indicate Its financial stability, liquidity, credit standing, and market reputation, etc. ;
- d) Track Record list of clients for similar services as those required by UNDP, indicating description of contract scope, contract duration, contract value, contact references;
- e) Certificates and Accreditation including Quality Certificates, Patent Registrations, Environmental Sustainability Certificates, etc.
- f) Written Self-Declaration that the company is not in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 List, UN Procurement Division List or Other UN Ineligibility List.

B. Proposed Methodology for the Completion of Services

The Service Provider must describe how it will address/deliver the demands of the RFP; providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics, reporting conditions and quality assurance mechanisms that will be put in place, while demonstrating that the proposed methodology will be appropriate to the local conditions and context of the work.

³ This serves as a guide to the Service Provider in preparing the Proposal.

⁴ Official Letterhead/Stationery must indicate contact details – addresses, email, phone and fax numbers – for verification purposes

C. Qualifications of Key Personnel

If required by the RFP, the Service Provider must provide:

- a) Names and qualifications of the key personnel that will perform the services indicating who is Team Leader, who are supporting, etc.;
- b) CVs demonstrating qualifications must be submitted if required by the RFP; and
- c) Written confirmation from each personnel that they are available for the entire duration of the contract.

Financial Proposal (Must be password protected)

The Proposer is required to prepare the Financial Proposal separately from the rest of the RFP. 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.

The Financial Proposal must provide a detailed cost breakdown. Provide separate figures for each functional grouping or category. Any estimates for cost-reimbursable items, such as travel and out-of-pocket expenses, should be listed separately.

The format shown on below is suggested for use as a guide in preparing the Financial Proposal. The format includes specific expenditures, which may or may not be required or applicable but are indicated to serve as examples.

Deliverables	Percentage	Percentage of Total	Price
[list them as referred to in the RFP]		Price (Weight for payment)	(Lump Sum, All Inclusive)
1.Inception Report	20%		
2.Develop study and pilot framework for credit risk protection mechanism.			
3.Identify 200 MSMEs for the research work and	20%		
they can be existing ones.			
4.Conduct the feasibility research work to develop			
the protection mechanism to pilot with 100 MSMEs.			
5. Present the research findings for credit risk			
protection to relevant stakeholders and validate			
with the feedback.			
6.Initiate the pilot mechanism for 100 MSMEs.	30%		
7.Evaluate the overall impact of risk protection			
mechanism for 100 MSMEs.			
8. Hire enumerators and training on data collection			
and field visits.			
9.Data collection and storage at online platform for			
the access of UNDP management			
10. Organization of final workshop to present the	30%		
"Credit Risk Protection Mechanism for MSMEs".			
11.Submission of final report and dataset.			

D. Cost Breakdown per Deliverable*

*This shall be the basis of the payment tranches

Description of Activity	Remuneration per Unit of Time	Total Period of	No. of Personnel	Total Rate
I. Personnel Services	per onit of time	Engagement	Personner	
1. Services from Home Office				
a. Expertise 1				
b. Expertise 2				
2. Services from Field Offices				
a . Expertise 1				
b. Expertise 2				
3. Services from Overseas				
a. Expertise 1				
b. Expertise 2				
II. Out of Pocket Expenses				
1. Travel Costs				
2. Daily Allowance				
3. Communications				
4. Reproduction				
5. Equipment Lease				
6. Others				
III. Other Related Costs				

E. Cost Breakdown by Cost Component [This is only an Example]:

[Name and Signature of the Service Provider's Authorized Person] [Designation] [Date]