

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

NAME & ADDRESS OF FIRM	DATE: 09 March 2022
	REFERENCE: UNDP/TLS/RFQ/2022/0000011402 -
UNDP TLS CO	Installation of water tanks, gutters and distribution system
	for rainwater harvesting in schools and health centers in Oé-
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SECTION 1: REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your quotation for Installation of water tanks, gutters and distribution system for rainwater harvesting in schools and health centers for SAR-ZEESM Project in Oecusse (4 subdistricts: Pasabe, Nitibe, Oesilo, Pante Macassar) as detailed in Terms of Reference Annex 1 of this RFQ.

This Request for Quotation comprises the following documents:

Section 1: This request letter

Section 2: RFQ Instructions and Data

Annex 1: Terms of Reference, Schedule of Requirements / Technical Specifications

Annex 2: Quotation Submission Form **Annex 3:** Technical and Financial Offer

When preparing your quotation, please be guided by the RFQ Instructions and Data. Please note that quotations must be submitted using Annex 2: Quotation Submission Form and Annex 3 Technical and Financial Offer, by the method and by the date and time indicated in Section 2. It is your responsibility to ensure that your quotation is submitted on or before the deadline. Quotations received after the submission deadline, for whatever reason, will not be considered for evaluation.

Documents uploaded in the system as part of your quotation must be free from any form of virus or corrupted contents, or the quotations shall be rejected.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your quotations.

Issued by:

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Signature:

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Name: Ahmad Zubair

Title: Head of Procurement

Date: 09 Mar 2022

Section 2: RFQ Instructions and Data

	Bidders shall adhere to all the requirements of this RFQ, including any amendments made in writing by UNDP. This RFQ is conducted in accordance with the UNDP Programme and Operations Policies and Procedures (POPP) on Contracts and Procurement
Introduction	Any Bid submitted will be regarded as an offer by the Bidder and does not constitute or imply the acceptance of the Bid by UNDP. UNDP is under no obligation to award a contract to any Bidder as a result of this RFQ.
	UNDP reserves the right to cancel the procurement process at any stage without any liability of any kind for UNDP, upon notice to the bidders or publication of cancellation notice on UNDP website.

	Documents uploaded in the system as part of your quotation must be free from any form of virus or corrupted contents, or the quotations shall be rejected.
	It shall remain your responsibility to ensure that your quotation is submitted on or before the deadline indicated by UNDP in the eTendering system.
Instructions for the Submission of Quotation	Bids must be submitted in the online e-Tendering system at the link: https://etendering.partneragencies.org with event ID 0000011402 using your username and password.
Submission of Quotation	If you have not registered in the system before, you can register now by logging in using username: event.guest
	password: why2change and follow the registration steps as specified in the system user guide or contact Ahmad Zubair at below details.
	For further details on e-tendering registration and FQA please visit site:
	https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/busine ss/resources-for-bidders.html
	TRAINING FOR E-Tendering: Bidders who are interested to register their company with UNDP E- Tendering System. Please contact:
	UNDP Timor Leste Procurement Unit at procurement.staff.tp@undp.org or call at +67078367023
	Please contact us through given email or phone number to schedule a training session and get your company registered. Deadline for any Request for Clarifications or Questions regarding this tender: 4 days before the Bid Submission deadline. Request for Clarifications or Questions should be address to: procurement.staff.tp@undp.org
Delivery Terms [INCOTERMS 2010] (Pls. link this to price schedule)	⊠ DAP
Customs clearance ¹ , if needed, shall be done by:	⊠ N/A
Exact Address/es of Delivery Location/s (identify all, if multiple)	4 sub districts within Oecusse, Timor-Leste
UNDP Preferred Freight Forwarder, if any	⊠ N/A

¹ Must be linked to INCO Terms chosen.

Distribution of shipping documents (if using freight	⊠ N/A
forwarder) Latest Expected Delivery Date and Time (if delivery time exceeds this, quote may be rejected by UNDP)	
Delivery Schedule	□ Required – Project implementation schedule
Packing Requirements	⊠ N/A
Mode of Transport	□ LAND/Sea (UNDP doesn't prefer any mode)
Preferred Currency of Quotation	⊠United States Dollars
Value Added Tax on Price Quotation	
After-sales services required	☑ Service providers should provide 3 months warranty and after sales services
Deadline for the Submission of Quotation	Wednesday, March 23, 2022 and 04.00 PM (Timor Leste Time)
	Please refer to E-Tendering System for exact time and date of closing date.
	The closing date and Time in E-Tendering system is New York Time.
All documentations, including catalogs, instructions, and operating manuals, shall be in this language	□ English
Documents to be submitted	Bidders shall include the following documents in their quotation: Annex 2: Duly Accomplished and signed Form as provided in Annex 2 Form for Submitting Suppliers Quotation, and in accordance with the list of requirements set in Annex 1; Annex 3: Technical and Financial Offer duly completed and signed
OR other requirements to be compliance with	and in accordance with the Schedule of Requirements in Annex 1; ⊠ Company Profile;
	☑ Latest Business Registration Certificate (from Timor-Leste Government);
	☑ 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;
	 ☑ Written Self-Declaration of not being included in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 list, UN Procurement Division List or other UN Ineligibility List; ☑ Financial statement/bank statement for last 2 years;
	☐ Company Experience, at least three (3) years' experience in providing similar works and should provide proof accompanied by

	correspondence from referees indicating that such project was executed as well as their contactable references; ☑ Statement of Satisfactory Performance from Clients for at least two (2) successfully implemented projects of similar scope and complexity within the last two (2) years; ☑ Construction Timetable with stipulated completion deadline no longer than 120 calendar days		
Period of Validity of Quotes starting the Submission Date			
Partial Quotes			
Payment Terms	 20% of the total PO or Civil Works Contract will be paid upon satisfactory delivery of 50% of the sites covered and completed and approved by Project Manager. 20 % as second installment from the total PO or Civil Works Contract will be paid upon satisfactory delivery of 100% of the site foundations completed and approved by Project Manager. 20 % as second installment from the total PO or Civil Works Contract will be paid upon satisfactory delivery of 50% of the sites work completed and approved by Project Manager. 20 % as second installment from the total PO or Civil Works Contract will be paid upon satisfactory delivery of 100% of the sites work completed and approved by Project Manager. 10 % as final installment from the total PO or Civil Works Contract will be paid upon 100 % of the site work completed and approved by Project Manager. 10% of total value of contract will be kept as retention money for period of 3 month and will be paid upon certification and approval of Project Manager. 		
Liquidated Damages	⊠Not Applicable		

Evaluation Criteria		
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☐ Financial Capacity: average annual turnover of \$150,000 for last 3 years or availability of at-least \$100,000 in form of cash or liquid asset. ☐ At-least 2 similar contracts for similar services with the International or National organizations during last 2 years with one contract value of at-least \$70,000; ☐ Confirmation acceptance of warranty for three months after acceptance by UNDP the completion of cons ☐ Compliance with Delivery Timeline i.e. 120 calendar days. UNDP will award to:		☑ Full compliance to requirements and lowest price.
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(GTC) shall be grounds for disqualification from this procurement		(GTC) shall be grounds for disqualification from this procurement
process.		
Contact Person for Inquiries	•	Procurement Team
(Written inquiries only) ² UNDP Timor Leste Procurement Unit	(Written inquiries only) ²	
procurement.staff.tp@undp.org		procurement.staff.tp@undp.org
Any delay in UNDP's response shall not be used as a reason for		Any delay in UNDP's response shall not be 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.		the Proposers.

Goods offered shall be reviewed based on completeness and compliance of the quotation with the minimum specifications described above and any other annexes providing details of UNDP requirements.

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² 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 received.

The quotation that complies with all of the specifications, requirements and offers the lowest price, as well as all other evaluation criteria indicated, shall be selected. Any offer that does not meet the requirements shall be rejected.

Any discrepancy between the unit price and the total price (obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity) shall be re-computed by UNDP. The unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected. If the supplier does not accept the final price based on UNDP's re-computation and correction of errors, its quotation will be rejected.

After UNDP has identified the lowest price offer, UNDP reserves the right to award the contract based only on the prices of the goods in the event that the transportation cost (freight and insurance) is found to be higher than UNDP's own estimated cost if sourced from its own freight forwarder and insurance provider.

At any time during the validity of the quotation, 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 quotation. 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 (19%) of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.

Any Purchase Order that will be issued as a result of this RFQ shall be subject to the General Terms and Conditions attached hereto. The mere act of submission of a quotation implies that the vendor accepts without question the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP indicated above - http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html.

UNDP is not bound to accept any quotation, nor award a contract/Purchase Order, nor be responsible for any costs associated with a Supplier's preparation and submission of a quotation, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

Please be advised that 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/procurement/protest.shtml.

UNDP encourages every prospective Vendor to avoid and prevent 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, specifications, cost estimates, and other information used in this RFQ.

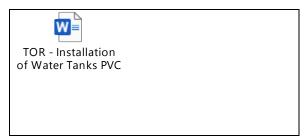
UNDP implements a zero tolerance on fraud and other proscribed practices and is committed to identifying and addressing all such acts and practices against UNDP, as well as third parties involved in UNDP activities. UNDP expects its suppliers to adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct found in this link: http://www.un.org/depts/ptd/pdf/conduct_english.pdf

Annex 1

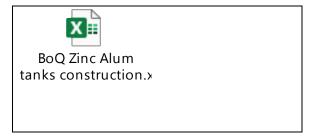
Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications

Installation of Water Tanks, PVC pipes and gutters for Rainwater Harvesting (Included Transport cost to the place)

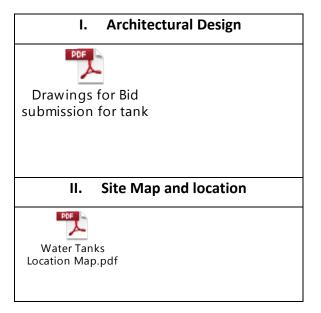
• Annex-1: TERMS OF REFERENCE



• Annex-1: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND BILL of QUANTITIES



• Annex-2: TECHNICAL DRAWINGS



Annex 2

FORM FOR SUBMITTING SUPPLIER'S QUOTATION³

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

Installation of water tanks, gutters and distribution system for rainwater harvesting in schools and health centers for SAR-ZEESM Project

We, the undersigned, hereby accept in full the UNDP General Terms and Conditions, and hereby offer to supply the items listed below in conformity with the specification and requirements of UNDP as per RFQ Reference No. UNDP/TLS/RFQ/2022/0000011402

<u>Table 1: Offer to Supply Goods/Construction work Compliant with Technical Specifications and Requirements as well as services</u>

Installation of water tanks, gutters and distribution system for rainwater harvesting in schools and health centers for SAR-ZEESM Project

BILL	DESCRIPTION	UOM	Qty	Unit Price in USD	Total Price in USD
	Total Bill 1 - Installation of 50m3 steel				
1	tank system	No.	4	0	0
2	Total Bill 2 - Installation of 92m3 steel tank system	No.	6	0	0
3	Total Bill 3 - Installation of 110m3 steel tank system	No.	4	0	0
4	Total Bill 4 - Installation of 150m3 steel tank system	No.	2	0	0

³ This serves as a guide to the Supplier in preparing the quotation and price schedule.

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

6	Transportation Costs (Local)	Lumpsum	1	0	0
7	Other charges (specify)				0
	Total Final and All-inclusive Price				0

TABLE 2 : Offer to Comply with Other Conditions and Related Requirements

Other Information pertaining to our	Your Responses				
Quotation are as follows:	Yes, we will comply	No, we cannot comply	If you cannot comply, pls. indicate counter proposal		
Three (3) month Warranty and defect liability period upon completion of works					
Acceptance of UNDP GTC					
Technical Compliance with requirements of goods/Construction work in this RFQ					
Acceptance of other terms and conditions in this RFQ					
Acceptance of 120 days project completion period					

Table-3: List of previous contracts:

Name of project	Client	Contract Value	Period of activity	Types of activities undertaken	References Contact Details (Name, Phone, Email)

All other information that we have not provided automatically implies our full compliance with the requirements, terms and conditions of the RFQ.

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

Annex 3

General Terms and Conditions

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE PURCHASE ORDER

This Purchase Order may only be accepted by the Supplier's signing and returning an acknowledgement copy of it or by timely delivery of the goods in accordance with the terms of this Purchase Order, as herein specified. Acceptance of this Purchase Order shall effect a contract between the Parties under which the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be governed solely by the terms and conditions of this Purchase Order, including these General Conditions. No additional or inconsistent provisions proposed by the Supplier shall bind UNDP unless agreed to in writing by a duly authorized official of UNDP.

2. PAYMENT

- 2.1 UNDP shall, on fulfillment of the Delivery Terms, unless otherwise provided in this Purchase Order, make payment within 30 days of receipt of the Supplier's invoice for the goods and copies of the shipping documents specified in this Purchase Order.
- 2.2 Payment against the invoice referred to above will reflect any discount shown under the payment terms of this Purchase Order, provided payment is made within the period required by such payment terms.
- 2.3 Unless authorized by UNDP, the Supplier shall submit one invoice in respect of this Purchase Order, and such invoice must indicate the Purchase Order's identification number.
- 2.4 The prices shown in this Purchase Order may not be increased except by express written agreement of UNDP.

3. TAX EXEMPTION

- 3.1 Section 7 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations provides, inter alia, that the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs, is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for utilities services, and is exempt from customs duties and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for its official use. In the event any governmental authority refuses to recognize UNDP's exemption from such taxes, duties or charges, the Supplier shall immediately consult with UNDP to determine a mutually acceptable procedure.
 - 3.2 Accordingly, the Supplier authorizes UNDP to deduct from the Supplier's invoice any amount representing such taxes, duties or charges, unless the Supplier has consulted with UNDP before the payment thereof and UNDP has, in each instance, specifically authorized the Supplier to pay such taxes, duties or charges under protest. In that event, the Supplier shall provide UNDP with written evidence that payment of such taxes, duties or charges has been made and appropriately authorized.

4. RISK OF LOSS

Risk of loss, damage to or destruction of the goods shall be governed in accordance with Incoterms 2010, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties on the front side of this Purchase Order.

5. EXPORT LICENCES

Notwithstanding any INCOTERM 2010 used in this Purchase Order, the Supplier shall obtain any export licences required for the goods.

6. FITNESS OF GOODS/PACKAGING

The Supplier warrants that the goods, including packaging, conform to the specifications for the goods ordered under this Purchase Order and are fit for the purposes for which such goods are ordinarily used and for purposes expressly made known to the Supplier by UNDP, and are free from defects in workmanship and materials. The Supplier also warrants that the goods are contained or packaged adequately to protect the goods.

7. INSPECTION

- 7.1 UNDP shall have a reasonable time after delivery of the goods to inspect them and to reject and refuse acceptance of goods not conforming to this Purchase Order; payment for goods pursuant to this Purchase Order shall not be deemed an acceptance of the goods.
- 7.2 Inspection prior to shipment does not relieve the Supplier from any of its contractual obligations.

8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFRINGEMENT

The Supplier warrants that the use or supply by UNDP of the goods sold under this Purchase Order does not infringe any patent, design, trade-name or trade-mark. In addition, the Supplier shall, pursuant to this warranty, indemnify, defend and hold UNDP and the United Nations harmless from any actions or claims brought against UNDP or the United Nations pertaining to the alleged infringement of a patent, design, trade-name or trade-mark arising in connection with the goods sold under this Purchase Order.

9. RIGHTS OF UNDP

In case of failure by the Supplier to fulfil its obligations under the terms and conditions of this Purchase Order, including but not limited to failure to obtain necessary export licences, or to make delivery of all or part of the goods by the agreed delivery date or dates, UNDP may, after giving the Supplier reasonable notice to perform and without prejudice to any other rights or remedies, exercise one or more of the following rights:

- 9.1 Procure all or part of the goods from other sources, in which event UNDP may hold the Supplier responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.
- 9.2 Refuse to accept delivery of all or part of the goods.
- 9.3 Cancel this Purchase Order without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

10. LATE DELIVERY

Without limiting any other rights or obligations of the parties hereunder, if the Supplier will be unable to deliver the goods by the delivery date(s) stipulated in this Purchase Order, the Supplier shall (i) immediately consult with UNDP to determine the most expeditious means for delivering the goods and (ii) use an expedited means of delivery, at the Supplier's cost (unless the delay is due to Force Majeure), if reasonably so requested by UNDP.

11. ASSIGNMENT AND INSOLVENCY

- 11.1. The Supplier shall not, except after obtaining the written consent of UNDP, assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of this Purchase Order, or any part thereof, or any of the Supplier's rights or obligations under this Purchase Order.
- 11.2. Should the Supplier become insolvent or should control of the Supplier change by virtue of insolvency, UNDP may, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies, immediately terminate this Purchase Order by giving the Supplier written notice of termination.

12. USE OF UNDP OR UNITED NATIONS NAME OR EMBLEM

The Supplier shall not use the name, emblem or official seal of UNDP or the United Nations for any purpose.

13. PROHIBITION ON ADVERTISING

The Supplier shall not advertise or otherwise make public that it is furnishing goods or services to UNDP without specific permission of UNDP in each instance.

14. CHILD LABOUR

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its affiliates is engaged in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including Article 32 thereof, which, inter alia, requires that a child shall be protected from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development.

Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Purchase Order immediately upon notice to the Supplier, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

15. MINES

The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its affiliates is actively and directly engaged in patent activities, development, assembly, production, trade or manufacture of mines or in such activities in respect of components primarily utilized in the manufacture of Mines. The term "Mines" means those devices defined in Article 2, Paragraphs 1, 4 and 5 of Protocol II annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions and Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects of 1980.

Any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate this Purchase Order immediately upon notice to the Supplier, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind of UNDP.

16. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

- **16.1 Amicable Settlement.** The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, or relating to this Purchase Order or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof. Where the Parties wish to seek such an amicable settlement through conciliation, the conciliation shall take place in accordance with the UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules then obtaining, or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the Parties.
- 16.2 Arbitration. Unless, any such dispute, controversy or claim between the Parties arising out of or relating to this Purchase Order or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof is settled amicably under the preceding paragraph of this Section within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Party of the other Party's request for such amicable settlement, such dispute, controversy or claim shall be referred by either Party to arbitration in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining, including its provisions on applicable law. The arbitral tribunal shall have no authority to award punitive damages. The Parties shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such controversy, claim or dispute.

17. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Nothing in or related to these General Terms and Conditions or this Purchase Order shall be deemed a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.

18. SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:

18.1 The Contractor shall take all appropriate measures to prevent sexual exploitation or abuse of anyone by it or by any of its employees or any other persons who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract. For these purposes, sexual activity with any person less than eighteen years of age, regardless of any laws relating to consent, shall constitute the sexual exploitation and abuse of such person. In addition, the Contractor shall refrain from, and shall take all appropriate measures to prohibit its employees or other persons engaged by it from, exchanging any money, goods, services, offers of employment or other things of value, for sexual favors or activities, or from engaging in any sexual activities that are exploitive or degrading to any person. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the provisions hereof constitute an essential term of the Contract and that any breach of this representation and warranty shall entitle UNDP to terminate the Contract

- immediately upon notice to the Contractor, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind.
- 18.2 UNDP shall not apply the foregoing standard relating to age in any case in which the Contractor's personnel or any other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract is married to the person less than the age of eighteen years with whom sexual activity has occurred and in which such marriage is recognized as valid under the laws of the country of citizenship of such Contractor's personnel or such other person who may be engaged by the Contractor to perform any services under the Contract.

19.0 OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT:

The Contractor warrants that no official of UNDP or the United Nations has received or will be offered by the Contractor any direct or indirect benefit arising from this Contract or the award thereof. The Contractor agrees that breach of this provision is a breach of an essential term of this Contract.

20. AUTHORITY TO MODIFY:

Pursuant to the Financial Regulations and Rules of UNDP, only the UNDP Authorized Official possess the authority to agree on behalf of UNDP to any modification of or change in this Agreement, to a waiver of any of its provisions or to any additional contractual relationship of any kind with the Contractor. Accordingly, no modification or change in this Contract shall be valid and enforceable against UNDP unless provided by an amendment to this Agreement signed by the Contractor and jointly by the UNDP Authorized Official.