# Invitation to Tender

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| **Tender Name:** Financial Service Providers (FSP) to implement cash transfer activities in South Sudan | **Tender No: JUB-0079** |
| Location: Juba, South Sudan | Correspondence Language(s): English |
| Brief Summary Description of Project: Mercy Corps is an International Relief and development Organization based in the US and working in South Sudan since 2005. Mercy Corps aims to alleviate suffering, poverty, and oppression by helping people build secure, productive, and just communities. Mercy Corps is working in over 40 countries around the world. Mercy Corps is one of the leading humanitarian agencies in the assistance and recovery efforts in South Sudan in the areas of relief assistance, food security and livelihood and WASH.Mercy Corps South Sudan wishes to contract a competent financial service provider (FSP) to its field offices in Bentiu, Koch, Nyal, Ganyiel, Mundri and Tonji South. The cash transfers will be targeted towards the routine administrative tasks, payment of vendors and cash transfers to its program participants. The successful company will sign a Master Service Agreement (MSA) for a period of one year renewable on good performance basis.  |

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| **Tender Package Available from:****Dec. 15th 2021** | **Tender Package Pickup Location:** **https://www.mercycorps.org/tenders** |
| **Deadline for Offer Submission:** **Dec. 29th 2021 at 16:00 GMT +3** | **Submit Offers to:****Hard copy submissions;** *tender box at MercyCorps Nairobi Offices located at Almont Park, 3rd Floor, Behind Medanta Hospital and OppositeToyota Westlands.****Electronic submissions****; tenders@mercycorps.org* |

*Mercy Corps reserves the right to accept or reject any late offers*

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| **Questions and Answers (Q&A)** |
| If any, Submit Questions in writing to: Email address; ke-pr@mercycorps.org |
| Last Day for Questions:Dec. 20th, 2021, at 5.00 PM EAT.No more questions will be accepted after this date. | Questions will be answered by:Dec. 22nd, 2021, at 5:00 PM EAT |
| Questions will be answered through: All questions received will be consolidated and responses uploaded on the website **https://www.mercycorps.org/tenders** alongside the tender documents by |

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| **Documentation Checklist** |
| These documents are contained within this tender package:  | * Invitation to Tender
* General Conditions for Tender
* Criteria and Submittals
* Price Offer Sheet
* Supplier Information Form
* Scope of Work
* Sample Contract
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# General Conditions for Tender

Mercy Corps invites proposals for the goods, services and/or works described and summarized in these documents, and in accordance with procedures, conditions and contract terms presented herein. Mercy Corps reserves the right to vary the quantity of work/materials specified in the Tender Package without any changes in unit price or other terms and conditions and to accept or reject any, all, or part of submitted offers.

**2.1 Mercy Corps’ Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Statement**

**Mercy Corps strictly prohibits**:

* *Any form of bribe or kickback in relation to its activities*

This prohibition includes any *request* from any Mercy Corps employee, consultant or agent for anything of value from any company or individual in exchange for the employee, consultant or agents taking or not taking any action related to the award of a contract or the contract once awarded.  It also applies to any *offer* from any company or individual to provide anything of value to any Mercy Corps employee, consultant or agent in exchange for that person taking or not taking any action related to the award of the contract or the contract.

* *Conflicts of interests in the awarding or management of contracts*

If a company is owned by, whether directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, any Mercy Corps employee or any person who is related to a Mercy Corps employee, the company must ensure that it and the employee disclose the relationship as part of or prior to submitting the offer.

* *The sharing or obtaining of confidential information*

Mercy Corps prohibits its employees from sharing, and any offerors from obtaining, confidential information related to this solicitation, including information regarding Mercy Corps’ price estimates, competing offerors or competing offers, etc.  Any information provided to one offeror must be provided to all other offerors.

* *Collusion between/among offerors*

Mercy Corps requires fair and open competition for this solicitation.  No two (or more) companies submitting proposals can be owned or controlled by the same individual(s). Companies submitting offers cannot share prices or other offer information or take any other action intended to pre-determine which company will win the solicitation and what price will be paid.

Violations of these prohibitions, along with all evidence of such violations, should be reported to:

[**http://mercycorps.org/integrityhotline**](http://mercycorps.org/integrityhotline)

Mercy Corps will investigate allegations fully and will take appropriate action.  Any company, or individual that participates in any of the above prohibited conduct, will have its actions reported to the appropriate authorities, will be investigated fully, will have its offer rejected and/or contract terminated, and will not be eligible for future contracts with Mercy Corps. Employees participating in such conduct will have his/her employment terminated.

Violations will also be reported to Mercy Corps’ donors, who may also choose to investigate and debar or suspend companies and their owners from receiving any contract that is funded in part by the donor, whether the contract is with Mercy Corps or any other entity.

**2.2 Tender Basis:**

* All offers shall be made in accordance with these instructions, and all documents requested should be furnished, including any required (but not limited to) supplier-specific information, technical specifications, drawings, bill of quantities, and/or delivery schedule. If any requested document is not furnished, a reason should be given for its omission in an exception sheet.
* No respondent should add, omit or change any item, term or condition herein.
* If suppliers have any additional requests and conditions, these shall be stipulated in an exception sheet.
* Each offeror may make one response only.
* Each offer shall be valid for the period of 90 days from its date of submission.
* All offers should indicate whether they include taxes, compulsory payments, levies and/or duties, including VAT, if applicable.
* Suppliers should ensure that financial offers are devoid of calculation errors. If errors are identified during the evaluation process, the unit price will prevail. If there is ambiguity on the unit price, the Selection Committee may decide to disqualify the offer.
* Any requests for clarifications regarding the project that are not addressed in written documents must be presented to Mercy Corps in writing. The answer to any question raised in writing by any offeror will be issued to that offeror. In some cases Mercy Corps may choose to issue clarifications to all offerors. It is a condition of this tender that no clarification shall be deemed to supersede, contradict, add to or detract from the conditions hereof, unless made in writing as an Addendum to Tender and signed by Mercy Corps or its designated representative.
* This Tender does not obligate Mercy Corps to execute a contract nor does it commit Mercy Corps to pay any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals. Furthermore, Mercy Corps reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, if such action is considered to be in the best interest of Mercy Corps.

**2.3 Supplier Eligibility**

Suppliers may not apply, and will be rejected as ineligible, if they :

* Are not registered companies
* Are bankrupt or in the process of going bankrupt
* Have been convicted of illegal/corrupt activities, and/or unprofessional conduct
* Have been guilty of grave professional misconduct
* Have not fulfilled obligations related to payment of social security and taxes
* Are guilty of serious misinterpretation in supplying information
* Are in violation of the policies outlined in Mercy Corps Anti Bribery or Anti Corruption Statement
* Supplier (or supplier’s principals) are on any list of sanctioned parties issued by; or are presently excluded or disqualified from participation in this transaction by: the United States Government or United Nations by the United States Government, the United Kingdom, the European Union, the United Nations, other national governments, or public international organizations.

Additional eligibility criteria, if applicable, are stated in section 3.2 of this tender package.

**2.4 Response Documents**

Offerors can either utilize the response documents contained in this tender package to submit their offer or they can submit an offer in their own format as long as it contains all the required documents and information specified by this tender.

**2.5 Acceptance of Successful Response**

Documentation submitted by offerors will be verified by Mercy Corps. The winning offeror will be required to sign a contract for the stated, agreed upon amount.

**2.6 Certification Regarding Terrorism**

It is Mercy Corps’ policy to comply with humanitarian principles and the laws and regulations of the United States, the European Union, the United Nations, the United Kingdom, host nations, and other applicable donors concerning transactions with or support to individuals or entities that have engaged in fraud, waste, abuse, human trafficking, corruption, or terrorist activity. These laws and regulations prohibit Mercy Corps from transacting with or providing support to any individuals or entities that are the subject of government sanctions, donor rules, or laws prohibiting transactions or support to such parties.

1. Criteria & Submittals

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| **3.1 Contract Terms** Mercy Corps intends to issue a **Cost Reimbursement plus Fixed Fee** contract to one or several company(ies) or organization(s). The successful offeror(s) shall be required to adhere to the statement of work and terms and conditions of the resulting contract. The anticipated contract is incorporated in Section 6 herein. By submitting an offer, offerors certify that they understand and agree to all of the terms and clauses contained in Section 6. |
| **3.2 Specific Eligibility Criteria** Eligibility criteria must be met and the corresponding supporting documents listed below under “Tender Submittals” **must** be submitted with offers. Offerors who do not submit these documents may be **disqualified** from any further technical or financial evaluation.Eligibility Criteria:* The offeror must be legally registered
* The offeror must be in good standing with South Sudan tax governing laws (Must have valid Tax Clearance Certificate).
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| **3.3 Tender Submittals**Documents and required information listed in tender submittals are necessary in order to support the eligibility criteria and to conduct technical evaluations of received offers (and due diligence). While absence of these documents and/or information does not denote mandatory disqualification of suppliers, the lack of these items has the potential to severely and negatively impact the technical evaluation of an offer. **Documents supporting the Eligibility Criteria:*** Legal Business Registration
* Latest Tax Registration Certificate and valid Tax clearance certificate

**Documents to conduct the Technical Evaluation and additional Due Diligence*** Submit company updated profile with clear details on company ownership and management team, geographical coverage
* The offeror must submit list of reputable referees/clients with whom they are/have been dealing in similar business The offeror must have experience in practicing and providing similar financial services in the country not less than 3years.
* Submit Key Personnel CVs, 3 page max per personnel and attached the academic certificates
* Copies of recent cash clearances at Juba airport and other relevant authorities’ clearance for cash movements
* Attach recent independent audit report from a reputable audit firm
* Provide details of systems and applications in possession of the vendor that will be used to register the beneficiaries.
* Provide details of data safeguarding measures used by the vendor
* Provide details of cash counting system being used by the vendor to facilitate cash handling at field locations
* Provide details of what systems and solutions they offer for the disabled and visual impaired and other kinds of vulnerabilities among the beneficiaries.

**Price Offer :**The Price offer is used to determine which offer represents the best value and serves as a basis of negotiation before award of a contract. As a Cost Reimbursement plus Fixed Fee contract, the price of contract to be awarded will be on the basis of estimated costs at cost and specified fee paid; the contract to be awarded will have a ceiling amount not to be exceed without prior written approval. No profit, fees, taxes, or additional costs can be added after contract signing. Offerors must show basis for charging the fee for USD and SSP in the Offeror’s financial proposal. All items must be clearly labeled and free of ambiguity of the calculations.Offerors must not include VAT and customs duties in their offer. |
| **3.4 Currency** Offers for delivery of cash in USD and payments including the fees to be made in USD currencyOffers for delivery of cash transfer in SSP and payments including fees to be made in USD currency |

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| **3.5 Tender Evaluation (Trade-Off Selection Method)**Based on the above submittals, a Mercy Corps Tender Committee will conduct a tender evaluation process. Mercy Corps reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, and to accept the offer(s) deemed to be in the best interest of Mercy Corps. MC will not be responsible for or pay for any expenses or losses which may be incurred by any Offeror in the preparation of their tender.Evaluations will be conducted as described in the following subsections: |
| **3.5.1 Scoring Evaluation** ***Trade-Off Method***Mercy Corps Tender Committee will conduct a technical evaluation which will grade technical criteria on a weighted basis (each criteria is given a percentage, all together equaling 100%). Offeror's proposals should consist of all required technical submittals so a Mercy Corps committee can thoroughly evaluate the technical criteria listed herein and assign points based on the strength of a technical submission.Award criteria shall be based on the proposal’s overall **“value for money”** (quality, cost, delivery time, etc.) while taking into consideration donor and internal requirements and regulations. Each individual criteria has been assigned a weighting prior to the release of this tender based on its importance to Mercy Corps in this process. Offeror(s) with the best score will be accepted as the winning offeror(s), assuming the price is deemed fair and reasonable and subject to the additional due diligence in section 3.5.2.When performing the Scoring Evaluation, the Mercy Corps tender committee will assign points for each criteria based on the following scale:

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| **Point** | **Rationale** |
| 0 | Not acceptable; has not met any part of the specified criteria |
| 1-4 | Has met only some minimum requirements and may not be acceptable |
| 5 | Acceptable |
| 6-9 | Acceptable; has met all requirements and exceeds some |
| 10 | Acceptable; has exceeded all requirements |

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| **Evaluation Criteria** | **Weight****(%)** | **Possible Points** **(1 to 10)** | **Weighted Score** |
| **(A)** | **(B)** | **(A\*B)\*10** |
| Service Specifications (Refer to section 5.2) | 30% | 30 | XXX |
| Price/Cost and fee rates | 25% | 25 | XXX |
| Resources (Sufficient staff, from managing Director/CEO to tellers/delivery agents who have at least 3+ years’ experience in South Sudan conducting financial services business. Must have experience to deliver proposed financial services in all MC project areas. | 10% | 10 | XXX |
| Corporate Capabilities (Must have Experience in Cash Transfer Programming-CTP) to various locations in South Sudan | 10% | 10 | XXX |
| Corporate Capabilities in terms technological systems in use by the vendor to support the cash transfers | 10% | 10 | XXX |
| Delivery Time/Project Schedule (Must have capacity to deliver or distribute cash in the short time possible and with a going concern) | 15% | 15 | XXX |
| **TOTAL POSSIBLE SCORE:** | **100%** | **100** | **XXX** |
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| **3.5.2 Additional Due Diligence**Upon completion of both the technical and financial evaluations Mercy Corps may choose to engage in additional due diligence processes with a particular supplier or supplier(s). The purpose of these processes is to ensure that Mercy Corps engages with reputable, ethical, responsible Suppliers with solid financials and the ability to fulfill the contract. Additional due diligence may take the form of the following processes (though it is not limited to):* Reference Checks
* Supplier’s facility visits
* Analysis of audited financial statements
* Determination of relations and affiliations between offerors
* Reference check with clients who have received similar services from the offeror

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# Offer Form

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| **Offerors must submit their own independant offer including at least (but not limited to):*** All documents requested in the “Eligibility Criteria” section of this Tender Package
* All documents requested in the “Tender Submittals” section of this Tender Package
* All information listed in the “Documents Comprising the Proposal” section below

**All offers must be duly signed (including position and full name of the signer) and stamped, with the date of completion.** |

***Documents Comprising the Proposal***

The following information must be included in the offer of any potential offeror:

* **Cover Letter** explaining interest to be a contracted vendor or supplier, and the details of the Proposal. The content of the cover letter shall include the following information:
* A detailed specification of the services (Proposal)
* Delivery time to field locations upon receiving the task order from mercy Corps
* Price validity date (for this purpose and as stated on the advertisement, quote given shall remain unchanged for 90 working days)
* A Price Offer detailing the fee rate only, using the **Price Offer Sheet** template provided in section 7
* Completed and signed Mercy Corps **Supplier Information Form** (template provided in section 7)
* Other important documents offeror feels need to be attached to support their proposal

The original proposal shall be signed by the offeror or a person or persons duly authorized to bind the offeror to the contract. Financial offer pages of the proposal shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the proposal and stamped with the company seal.

Any interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are initialed by the person or persons signing the proposal.

# 5. Scope of Work

**5.1 Background**

Mercy Corps is an International Relief and development Organization based in the US and working in South Sudan since 2005. Mercy Corps aims to alleviate suffering, poverty, and oppression by helping people build secure, productive, and just communities. Mercy Corps is working in over 40 countries around the world. Mercy Corps is one of the leading humanitarian agencies in the assistance and recovery efforts in South Sudan in the areas of relief assistance, food security and livelihood and WASH.

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**5.2 Scope of Work**

The successful company will sign a Master Service Agreement (MSA) contract with Mercy Corps for the period of one year. Upon the expiry of the first agreement, Mercy Corps will evaluate the performance of the company over the past 12 months and decide whether to extend the MSA or not. In the instance where the contract will not be extended, the company will be notified in accordance with the terms of the termination of the contract.

From time to time, the company will be notified by a Mercy Corps Juba finance designated staff who will be responsible for contacting the company each time there is a task order for transfer of cash to a specific location. Once a task order is signed by both parties, the company will be expected to act with immediate effect to deliver the cash to the desired location.

The cash transfer contract terms encompass:

1. Delivery and payment of Mercy Corps program beneficiaries (program participants)
2. Delivery and payment of Mercy Corps vendor (traders who have delivered goods to Mercy Corps field locations, or vendors who have been contracted to do a piece of work for Mercy Corps in the field locations)
3. Drop cash to Mercy Corps field office to a designated finance staff.
4. Pay tax authorities in the field locations on the behalf of Mercy Corps for specific taxes payable to the authorities
5. Direct salary payments to Mercy Corps staff at field offices

**Additional Lines of Inclusion**

In the proposal, offeror must clearly outline the services they are capable of performing with clear indication of charges per each proposed services.

The offeror must be in position to move cash and obtain required approvals and security clearance in real time in order to meet the needs of the field locations.

6. Sample Contract

This is the anticipated contract. However, if required, additional terms and conditions may be added by Mercy Corps in the final contract.

**SERVICE CONTRACT

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

THIS SERVICE CONTRACT entered into as of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by and between MERCY CORPS, a State of Washington, U.S.A. nonprofit corporation having its principal office in Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. (“Mercy Corps”) and \_\_\_\_\_ (“Contractor”) is as follows:

1. **Defined Terms**. Each of the following terms has the meaning given to such term on Schedule I attached hereto: Authorized Representative, Payment Terms, Services and SOW. “Contract” means this Service Contract as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time taken together with its Schedules. Additional terms may be defined throughout this Contract.
2. **Delivery of Services**.
	1. Contractor will perform the Services, and Mercy Corps will pay for the Services, in accordance with the terms and conditions and within the Performance Period set forth in this Contract and the Statement of Services.
	2. Contractor will perform all Services through the services of Contractor’s employees or subcontractors approved by Mercy Corps. Contractor will not delegate or subcontract any Services to be provided to Mercy Corps without Mercy Corps’ prior written consent. Contractor shall require its subcontractors, agents, and others retained to perform the services to comply with all applicable terms and conditions of this Agreement in providing such services and shall remain primarily liable to Mercy Corps for the performance of such subcontractor, agent or third party approved by Mercy Corps. Contractor agrees that including the specific individuals named (if any) as Key Personnel in Schedule I is a material part of the Agreement. Contractor will not change the Key Personnel without prior notice and an amendment to this Contract specifying the change. Mercy Corps may withhold its consent to substitute personnel using its sole discretion.
3. **Compliance with SOW and Changes to the SOW.** Services will be provided strictly in accordance with the SOW. No deviation, substitution or change is permitted without Mercy Corps’ prior written consent; provided that Mercy Corps may terminate, suspend, increase or decrease the scope of Contractor's performance under the SOW by written notice to Contractor specifying the changes. Unless mutually agreed, change to the SOW by Mercy Corps does not apply to change Services timely and fully delivered and performed before the date of the change. If any change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for, Contractor's performance, an equitable adjustment may be made in the SOW or Payment Terms or both, if such adjustment is set forth in an amendment signed by Mercy Corps’ and Contractor’s Authorized Representative.
4. **Invoicing and Payment**.
	1. Contractor will submit invoices to Mercy Corps in accordance with the invoicing schedule and invoicing delivery terms set forth in the Statement of Services (Schedule I). Final invoices must be submitted within 60 days of the end date of the Contract. Contractor recognizes that in many cases Mercy Corps’ donor will not reimburse Mercy Corps for invoices submitted beyond 60 days after the termination of a contract and therefore Mercy Corps will have no obligation to pay any portion of invoices received more than 60 days after the end date of the Contract. Each invoice will include (i) the Contract Number; (ii) Contractor’s name and address; (iii) a description of the Services performed, (iv) the dates such Services were performed, (v) a pricing calculation based on the payment terms, (vi) properly reimbursable expenses (if any) incurred along with receipts for such expenses (if applicable) for all individual expenses exceeding $25 USD, and (vii) such other information as Mercy Corps may reasonably request. Invoices will only be deemed received on the date they are delivered to the Authorized Representative pursuant to the Payment Terms (see Schedule I). If Mercy Corps determines that Services that are the subject of an invoice have not been performed in accordance with the Statement of Services, Mercy Corps may dispute the invoice by sending Contractor notice of such dispute after Mercy Corps’ receipt of the invoice. Such notice shall clearly state the specific Services disputed, and Mercy Corps’ reason for disputing the performance of the Services. If both parties accept the dispute of the invoice, they shall agree in writing as to the steps required of Contractor to ensure that the performance of the disputed Services is subsequently completed in accordance with the Additional Terms, and the time required of Contractor to complete the Services.
	2. Except as otherwise provided in the Statement of Services, Mercy Corps will pay each invoice (or adjusted invoice if the subject of dispute) in accordance with the Payment Terms within 30 days after the later of (i) receipt of the invoice or (ii) resolution of the items set forth in the notice of disputed charges.
	3. Mercy Corps may off-set any amount it owes Contractor against any amount Contractor owes Mercy Corps.
5. **Taxes, Duties and Expenses**.
	1. Except as otherwise provided in the Statement of Services, Contractor is responsible for all expenses incurred by it in performing under this Contract and all taxes, duties and other governmental charges with respect to the provision of Services. If the law requires Mercy Corps to withhold taxes from payments to Contractor, Mercy Corps may withhold those taxes and pay them to the appropriate taxing authority. Mercy Corps will deliver to Contractor an official notice for such taxes. Mercy Corps will use reasonable efforts to minimize any taxes withheld to the extent allowed by law.
	2. In the event Statement of Services does allow for reimbursement of Contractor expenses, such expenses must be reasonable and included in the scope of allowable expenses stated in Schedule I and fully documented with receipts and any other documentation reasonably necessary for Mercy Corps to determine the costs were reasonable and properly incurred.
6. **Representations, Warranties and Additional Covenants**. Contractor represents and warrants to Mercy Corps and covenants with Mercy Corps as follows.
	1. Contractor has full rights and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Contract. Contractor’s performance will not violate any agreement or obligation between Contractor and any third party.
	2. Contractor has the requisite skills to perform the Services in accordance with the SOW.
	3. Contractor possesses all governmental and other certifications and licenses necessary to perform the Services. Performance by Contractor of its obligations under this Contract will not infringe on any patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret or other proprietary right of any third party.
	4. Contractor will comply with all applicable law, regulations and rules in the performance of its obligations under this Contract.
	5. Contractor has not, and will not, engage in transactions with, or provide resources or support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism, including those individuals or entities that appear on the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List maintained by the U.S. Treasury (http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/SDN-List/Pages/default.aspx) or the United Nations Security designation list (<http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/aq_sanctions_list.shtml>).
	6. Contractor will comply with and train its employees in all applicable laws against bribery, corruption, inaccurate books and records, inadequate internal controls and money-laundering, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the UK Bribery Act. Contractor has not and will not offer or give any employee, agent, or representative of Mercy Corps anything of value to secure any business from Mercy Corps or influence such person to alter the terms, conditions, or performance of any contract with or purchase order from Mercy Corps, including but not limited to this Contract.
	7. Contractor, including its owners or employees, does not own, directly or indirectly, any other company that was competing for award of this Contract. Contractor did not seek or obtain confidential information related to the award of this Contract from any Mercy Corps employee, agent or representative. Contractor did not collude or conspire with any other individual or entity to limit competition for the award of this Contract, to set prices being offered or in any other way to interfere with free and open competition.
	8. Contractor is not owned in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by any immediate or extended family member of any Mercy Corps employee, agent or representative, or, if so owned, Contractor fully disclosed such relationship and any potential conflict of interest has been waived, in writing, by Mercy Corps.
	9. Contractor has not engaged in, and will not engage in, any of the following conduct: (A) trafficking in persons (as defined in the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime); (B) procuring a commercial sex act; or (C) using forced labor.
	10. Contractor is not the subject or any governmental or donor investigation and has not been debarred or suspended by any government, governmental agency or donor.
	11. Contractor understands that it is subject to Mercy Corps' Child Safeguarding, Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of Beneficiaries and Community Members, Anti-Trafficking and Sexual Misconduct policies (available at <https://www.mercycorps.org/who-we-are/ethics-policies>). Contractor must report any violation or suspected violation of these policies in relation to the Contractor's activities under this contract to Mercy Corps, which may be done via its Integrity Hotline website (mercycorps.org/integrityhotline). Contractor will ensure that it has the capacity to abide by these policies, that its employees and subcontractors understand these policies, and that it communicates to its employees and subcontractors the duty to report. Contractor understands and agrees that a violation of these policies may, in addition to any other remedies available under this Contract or at law, result in suspension or immediate termination of this Contract and may also result in Contractor being deemed ineligible for future contracts with Mercy Corps.
	12. Contractor and those performing services on Contractor’s behalf have the necessary knowledge, qualifications, licenses, permits, ability and expertise to perform the services and comply fully with the terms of the Agreement.
7. **Independent Contractor**. The parties intend to be independent Contractors. Contractor will be solely responsible for and have control over the means, methods, techniques, personnel and procedures for performing the Services. Neither party will be deemed an agent or partner of the other party.
8. **Work Product and Intellectual Property Rights**.
	1. “Work Product” means any and all (1) intellectual property, intellectual property rights, materials, tangible personal property and other work product that Contractor creates (or has created), alone or jointly with one or more other persons, (a) that relates to any SOW under this Contract, (b) that results from or arises out of any services performed by Contractor for Mercy Corps, (c) for which Contractor used equipment, supplies, facilities or trade secret information of Mercy Corps in creating such work product, or (d) that is derived or otherwise created from any intellectual property, intellectual property rights, materials, tangible personal property, or other assets of Mercy Corps; and (2) materials that contain, embody, disclose, reflect, or refer to any of the foregoing.
	2. Mercy Corps will be the sole owner of all Work Product. To the extent allowed by applicable law, all Work Product that consists of subject matter of U.S. or any other country’s copyright laws will constitute “works made for hire” under applicable copyright laws. Contractor will not provide Work Product to any person other than employees or agents of Mercy Corps. Contractor will hold all Work Product in trust for Mercy Corps. All Work Product will be deemed to be Confidential Information of Mercy Corps and subject to the provisions of Section 9.
	3. Contractor will promptly disclose in writing to Mercy Corps all Work Product that Contractor creates, alone or jointly with others, in the performance of its obligations under this Contract.
	4. Contractor hereby irrevocably assigns and transfers to Mercy Corps (i) all rights, title and interest in all Work Product, (ii) all related rights and remedies, and (iii) all claims (for damages or otherwise) and causes of action with respect to any Work Product.
	5. Contractor hereby irrevocably waives and agrees never to assert any Moral Rights that may exist anywhere in the world in or with respect to any Work Product, including claims for damages and other remedies. “Moral Rights” means any and all right to claim authorship to or to object to any distortion, mutilation or other modification or other derogatory action in relation to a work, whether or not such action would be prejudicial to the author’s reputation, and any similar right, existing under common or statutory law of any country in the world or under any treaty, regardless of whether or not such right is denominated or generally referred to as a “*moral right*”.
	6. Contractor warrants and represents that (i) it has the rights to any Work Product created under this Agreement; (ii) no part of the works produced or furnished by the Contractor under this Agreement will defame or libel, or infringe or violate any copyright, trade secret, trademark, patent, invention, or other proprietary or personal right of any third party; and (iii) any media containing any digital program which is included in the works produced or furnished by Contractor will be free from defects in material and workmanship and will contain no virus or disabling device or content that could interfere with continuous performance of such computer program.

**9. Confidentiality and Data Security**. Contractor agrees and warrants that it will maintain in strict confidence Confidential Information. The term “Confidential Information” includes (i) any information Mercy Corps provides to Contractor that Mercy Corps identifies as confidential; (ii) the terms and conditions of this Agreement (including all Statements of Services); (iii) nonpublic information concerning the affairs, activities, policies, proposals, projects, employees, donors or potential donors, finances, property or method(s) of operation, trade secrets, know-how and similar information of Mercy Corps, its affiliates, as well as any third party and its affiliates with which Mercy Corps may collaborate, and (iv) any Mercy Corps information that contains personally identifiable information hereby defined as information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual’s identity, either alone or when combined with other personal or identifying information that is linked or linkable to a specific individual (referred to as “PII”). Contractor agrees to the following:

a. Contractor will comply with the Mercy Corps’ Responsible Data Policy and all Federal, State and applicable laws and regulations governing the confidentiality and privacy of the information provided under this Agreement.

b. Contractor will treat Confidential Information with the same standard of care that it may use to maintain its own confidential information, provided that the standard is not negligent. This includes maintaining appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect Confidential Information against accidental or unlawful destruction or accidental loss, alteration, unauthorized disclosure or access, and provide a level of security appropriate to the risk represented by the processing and the nature of the data to be protected.

c. Contractor agrees to the implement and follow additional data security requirements concerning PII and hereby represents and warrants the following:

1) At all times during the term of this Agreement, with respect to PII, Contractor is capable of providing, and will maintain, reasonable physical, technical and administrative safeguards appropriate for any PII received from Mercy Corps, or created or received on Mercy Corps’ behalf:

2) Contractor will ensure that any transmission specifically of donor data containing PII between Mercy Corps and Contractor is conducted via secure FTP or secure/encrypted email, or other mutually agreed upon secure file sharing platform; and

3) Contractor will maintain sufficient procedures to detect and respond to any attempted unauthorized acquisition or use of PII in paper or electronic form or interference with information system operations affecting electronic PII.

d. Contractor agrees to use Confidential Information only as required by to perform its services for Mercy Corps under this Agreement, and will not reveal it to a third party or use for any other purpose without the prior written consent of Mercy Corps. Except as otherwise authorized in advance by Mercy Corps, Contractor will not provide to any third party either access to, or information about, Mercy Corps systems, platforms, and other mechanisms without the express written permission in each instance.

e. At the termination of the Agreement, Contractor will return to Mercy Corps all Confidential Information provided by Mercy Corps to Contractor, or otherwise take appropriate measures as requested by Mercy Corps to remove any copies of Confidential Information in Contractor’s possession and cause its subcontractors, agents, and others involved in the services to do the same.

**10. Indemnification**. Contractor will indemnify Mercy Corps and each of its officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents (each, an “Indemnitee”), and hold them harmless from, any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, any government or donor investigations, fines or penalties and related expenses (including incidental and consequential damages and reasonable attorneys’ fees, whether incurred at the investigative, trial or appellate level or otherwise) incurred by any Indemnitee or asserted against any Indemnitee by any third party or by Contractor arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of this Contract, any failure by Contractor to fully perform its obligations under this Contract or any breach by Contractor of any of its representations and warranties under this Contract, provided that such indemnity will not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee.

1. **Termination.** This Contract may be terminated under the following circumstances:
	1. by both Parties on mutual written agreement of the Parties;
	2. by either Party for its convenience with written notice and after the Termination Notice Period specified in Schedule I has expired;
	3. by Mercy Corps immediately upon written notice in the event Mercy Corps’ donor(s) terminates or withdraws funding that Mercy Corps would use to pay Contractor under this Contract;
	4. by either Party due to the non-terminating Party’s breach of this Contract and failure to correct such breach within 15 days prior notice of such breach;
	5. be either Party upon written notice if a force majeure event, including any not reasonably foreseeable war, insurrection, change in law or government action or inaction, strike, natural disaster or similar event, prevents the terminating Party from being able to fulfill its obligations under this Contract; or
	6. by Mercy Corps immediately upon written notice if Mercy Corps using its sole discretion determines that Contractor has or will breach any of its warranties, covenants or representations in this Contract, in which case Mercy Corps may withhold any and all amounts owed to Contractor until such breach is remedied.

In the event of termination due to Contractor’s breach of this Contract or by Contractor for Contractor’s convenience, Mercy Corps will not be obligated to pay Contractor for any partially completed work. In the event termination is due to Mercy Corps’ breach of this Contract, by Mercy Corps for Mercy Corps’ convenience, due to force majeure event, or due to loss of funding, Mercy Corps will be obligated to pay Contractor for its reasonable, pro-rated costs of work completed and expenses properly incurred prior to termination. However, Mercy Corps will not be responsible for any expenses incurred in anticipation of termination or suspension.

**[ALTERNATIVE CLAUSE IF USING LIQUIDATED DAMAGES -DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE]**: [If Mercy Corps determines that Contractor has or will breach any of its warranties, covenants or representations in this Contract, Mercy Corps may terminate this Contract. Contractor’s breach of its obligations under this Contract will result in Mercy Corps incurring damages in an amount that will be difficult to establish and leave Mercy Corps without an adequate remedy. Accordingly, the parties agree that the following liquidated damages are reasonable in light of the anticipated harm caused by any such breach: [*insert dollar amount or other formula for determining the amount of damages*].

1. **Dispute Resolution**. Any unresolved dispute or claims will be settled by arbitration administered by the International Centre for Dispute Resolution in accordance with its International Arbitration Rules. The number of arbitrators will be one. The place of arbitration will be Portland, Oregon. The language of the arbitration will be English.
2. **Access to Books and Records**. Mercy Corps, its donors (including, if applicable, USAID, and the Comptroller General of the United States) and any of their respective representatives will have access to any books, documents, papers and records of Contractor that are directly pertinent to this Contract for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions for a period of seven years following the completion of the Contract.
3. **Additional Donor Terms and Conditions**. The Donor Terms (if any) are incorporated in this Contract by reference and are fully binding on Contractor and Mercy Corps. In the event of a conflict between the Donor Terms and any other provision of this Contract or any other document between Contractor and Mercy Corps, the Donor Terms will prevail.
4. **Miscellaneous**.
	1. This Contract and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Oregon (exclusive of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods), without regard to the conflict of laws provisions thereof.
	2. No right or obligation under this Contract (including the right to receive monies due) will be assigned without the prior written consent of Mercy Corps. Any assignment without such consent will be void. Mercy Corps may assign its rights under this Contract.
	3. All notices provided for herein will be in writing and will be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, email or fax in accordance with each party’s contact information set forth on Schedule I. Notices will be deemed to have been given when received, provided that notices sent by email or fax will be deemed received when sent (except that, if not sent during normal business hours for the recipient, will be deemed received at the opening of business on the next business day for the recipient).
	4. Time is of the essence of each and every obligation of Contractor under this Contract.
	5. If any provision of this Contract is prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision will be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity without invalidating the remainder of such provision or any remaining provisions of this Contract.
	6. Except as otherwise provided above, this Contract may be amended or modified only by a written document signed by both parties. This Contract constitutes the entire contract between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all previous Contracts and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof.
	7. No failure on the part of Mercy Corps to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right, power, privilege or remedy under this Contract will operate as a waiver thereof; nor will any single or partial exercise of any such right, power, privilege or remedy preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power, privilege or remedy. The rights and remedies under this Contract are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, powers, privileges and remedies that may otherwise be available to Mercy Corps.
	8. The warranty, representations, dispute resolution, confidentiality and indemnification provisions of this Contract will survive the termination, cancellation of expiration of this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Service Contract has been duly executed as of the date first written above.

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# 7. Attachments to the Tender Package

**Attachment 1 -Supplier Information Form template**

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