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### **Tender Notice**

Mercy Corps is a non-religious, non-profit and non-governmental international humanitarian organization and aims to increase Agricultural production and resilience through provision of Certified Seeds for farmer cooperative in Gadaref state.

Mercy Corps is seeking a supplier/s to Provide certified seeds to farmers cooperatives at a subsidized price, to improve effectiveness and productivity and enhance seed accessibility for farmer cooperatives, enhance market linkages between smallholder farmers and Certified Seeds suppliers by creating a sustainable market-led seed supply model that benefits both parties in the long term and Offer training and demonstrations to raise farmer awareness of the benefits of climate-smart inputs, crop variation and full-service technical packages, focusing on cost-effectiveness and long-term productivity gains. The product with discounted prices will include provision of **Certified Seeds of Sorghum, Millet and Groundnuts**. The project is located at [East Gallabat, West Gallabat, Alfashaga & Basunda Localities].

#### **1. Eligibility Criteria**

Companies selected must meet the following criteria:

1. Legal Registration and Business Experience:
  - a) Be incorporated in Sudan and registered with the commercial registrar as an Agriculture services providers or/and input importer, producer, processor, or marketer (excluding general merchandise sellers operating solely through tenders).
  - b) Have at least two years of experience operating in Sudan as an Agriculture services providers company or input importer.

#### **2. Seed Expertise and Quality Assurance:**

- c) Demonstrated expertise in handling and distributing certified seed AND PREFERABLY Selling seeds of sorghum, millet, groundnuts, and vegetable seeds (tomatoes, onions, okra, cucumber, carrots, etc.) to smallholder farmers.
- d) Ability to provide evidence of seed certification and quality control measures.

#### **3. Logistical and Distribution Capacity:**

- e) Proven capacity to manage the logistics of seed delivery to remote rural areas within the specified localities.
- f) Access to adequate transportation and storage facilities to ensure timely and safe delivery of seeds at operation site.

#### **4. Financial Stability:**

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- a) Has the capacity to meet the cost of activities, to initiate and provide the required products/service at an early stage / capacity to pre-finance and manage cash flow.
- b) Ability to provide financial records upon request and show proof of availability of in-kind items like seeds, trucks etc..
- c) Capacity to handle the financial aspects of the subsidized seed sales program.
- d) Demonstrate a willingness to invest in expanding business in Gadaref, particularly in rural areas.

**5. Technical and Training Capacity:**

- a) Have skilled agricultural staff, agents, and marketers to implement activities in close collaboration with Farmer Cooperatives and Agricultural extension agents.
  - a) Ability to conduct in-field training sessions for farmers and seed retailers.
  - b) Experience in developing and delivering agricultural training programs.
  - c) Apply using the attached template, clearly explaining how the listed activities will be implemented.
- 6. Community Engagement and Networking:
  - o Ability to establish and maintain relationships with farmer cooperatives and communities.
  - o Experience in working with community extension teams (CETs) and rural agents.
  - o Capacity to identify and engage with 100 rural seed retailers.

**7. Compliance and Reporting:**

- a) Ability to maintain accurate and detailed records of all transactions.
- b) Willing to use templates and digital platforms provided by Mercy Corps for record-keeping.
- c) Ability to provide timely and accurate reports on program activities.
- d) Commitment to transparency.

**8. SME Status:**

Must meet the definition of a Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) as will be defined by the country's official categorisation standards

If you are interested in submitting a bid, you will need to complete an Intent to bid and supplier information forms and submit them according to the guidelines below:

1. The suppliers can download the Intent to Bid and Supplier Information Forms on the **Sudanbid / Mercy Corps websites**.
2. Intend to Bid and Supplier Information Forms can be picked up at Mercy Corps office [**Gadaref Algoabarab East – Alwali Street**]

Completed Intent to Bid Forms must be submitted to Mercy Corps by **16-04-2025** by using one of the below methods:

1. Email completed Intent to Bid Form to [sd-tenders@mercycorps.org](mailto:sd-tenders@mercycorps.org) with the Bidding Reference number in the email subject line. **Reference: PR147163**

2. Return completed Intent to Bid Form in person and put in the Tender Box placed at Mercy Corps office at [Gaderef Algoabarab East – Alwali Street] . The Bid **Reference: PR147163** should be written on the envelope.

After the closing date of this Tender Notice, the Request for Bid / Proposal will be sent to the suppliers who submitted Intent to Bid Forms. The Request for Bid / Request for Proposal will be sent according to the preference you have mentioned in the Intent to Bid Form.