

United Kingdom–East Kilbride: Foreign economic–aid–related services

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Joint procurement

I.3) Communication

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Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via:

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

Support for the Economic Empowerment of Women and Girls (Sabalaa) Nepal.

Reference number: PO 8036

II.1.2) Main CPV code

75211200

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description:

The UK will provide up to 19 750 000 GBP to transform the economic opportunities for women and girls in Nepal. DFID wishes to seek the services of a supplier to implement a multi-pronged, flexible and adaptive programme to identify, test and deliver solutions to the structural barriers that exclude women and girls from genuine economic empowerment, with a focus on growth sectors such as reconstruction, agriculture and forestry, energy, and tourism. It will include activities to strengthen the evidence-base on women's economic empowerment in Nepal, deliver market systems solutions to address specific barriers to women's economic empowerment, support the Government of Nepal's Women's Development programme to maximise its impact and outreach, and support a more enabling environment for women and girls by addressing social norms and supporting policy reform.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title:

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: UKM95

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

The Nepal country office of the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) has launched a new programme to support the economic empowerment of women and girls — the Sabalaa Programme.

The Programme will develop solutions to the structural barriers that prevent women and girls from engaging freely and productively in the economy. Sabalaa (meaning 'powerful woman') will adopt a multidimensional approach to Women's Economic Empowerment and address:

1. Issues of access: to resources, assets and opportunities for women and girls across Nepal to participate and benefit from economic opportunities across all sectors.
2. Issues of agency: to create an environment in which women are perceived, both by themselves and by others, as having full ownership over their income, assets and the economic opportunities available to them.

The Programme Outcome is: Greater evidence and capacity on Women's Economic Empowerment driving improvements in programming and policy, with sustainable solutions to support women's economic empowerment identified, tested and adopted.

The Programme Impact is: A more enabling environment for women and girls in which their economic potential is harnessed, resulting in more inclusive growth and poverty reduction.

DFID has identified key constraints to Women's Economic Empowerment, outlined in Annex A. These constraints are closely interlinked and cut across a range of intervention areas, including (but not limited to) evidence building, policy reform,

network-building, addressing sectoral and market constraints and supporting social and structural change.

Sabalaa is a national programme, but will require strong local interventions.

Geographic focus should be considered across all components.

Nepal is currently undergoing a process of government restructuring which may impact on the implementing environment (particularly in the Reach component).

Suppliers are expected to be aware of the ongoing reforms and be equipped to adapt accordingly.

The following four interlinked components have been identified. However, bidders are encouraged to propose innovative ways of prioritising, sequencing and coordinating activities across the components to maximise the outreach and impact of the Programme.

Component 1: Learn.

The expected outcome of the learn component is to generate evidence and drive capacity building on women's economic empowerment in Nepal, to be used internally (across all programme activities) and externally (through wider dissemination and research uptake).

Component 2: Deliver.

The expected outcome for the deliver component is to increase the incomes of at least 20,000 women and girls by piloting market systems solutions to key barriers and constraints to women's economic empowerment. The programme will then scale up successful interventions and encourage their replication across a network of stakeholders, reaching at least an additional 20,000 women and girls. Suppliers are encouraged to review and stretch these ambitions. The aim of these interventions should be to increase the incomes of beneficiaries, achieve substantive economic equality for women and girls, and to demonstrate results across meaningful indicators related not just to economic capability but also to agency.

Component 3: Reach.

The expected outcome of the reach component is to support the Ministry of Women, children and Social Welfare's Women's Development Programme (WDP) so it can maximise its outreach and impact and drive positive transformative change for its members.

Component 4: Transform.

The expected outcome of the transform component is to support a more enabling environment for women and girls, so that they are able to freely make, act on and benefit from economic decisions.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 27 000 000.00 GBP

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months: 66

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

The contract will be issued for an initial duration of up to 66 months with an option to extend by up to a further 24 months.

II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

II.2.13) Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

II.2.14) Additional information

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.5) Information about reserved contracts

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions:

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number in the OJ S: [2016/S 172-309976](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 06/09/2017

Local time: 14:00

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:
English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender
Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 06/09/2017

Local time: 14:00

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

VI.3) Additional information:

Please note that this notice relates to a retender of a previously advertised opportunity — PO 7715 — Support for the Economic Empowerment of Women and Girls (Sabalaa) Nepal. OJEU Ref — [2016/S 172-309976](#).

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

VI.4.3) Review procedure

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:

03/08/2017