

CONTRACT FOR SUPPLIER SERVICES

Section 1 - FORM OF CONTRACT

CONTRACT FOR : **DFID Nepal's National Health Sector Programme 3 – Monitoring & Evaluation**

Lot 2: Monitoring, Evaluation and Operational Research

PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER : **PO 7949 (Linked to PO 7743)**

THIS CONTRACT is made

BETWEEN : The Secretary of State for International Development at the Department for International Development, Abercombe House, Eaglesham Road, G75 8EA East Kilbride, United Kingdom ("DFID");

AND : **Abt Associates Inc.**, ("Supplier")
whose principal place of business is situated at **55 Wheeler Street Cambridge, MA 02138-1168, Middlesex County**
(together "the Parties").

WHEREAS:

- A.** DFID requires the Supplier to provide the services as defined in Section 3 (the "Services") to Government of Nepal (GoN), specifically the Ministry of Health (MoH) (the "Recipient"); and
- B.** the Supplier has agreed to provide the Services on the terms and conditions set out in this Contract.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows:

1. Documents

This Contract shall be comprised of the following documents:

Section 1	Form of Contract
Section 2	General Conditions
Section 3	Terms of Reference
Section 4	Special Conditions
Section 5	Schedule of Prices

This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties in respect of the Suppliers obligations and supersedes all previous communications between the Parties, other than as expressly provided for in Section 3 and/or Section 4.

2. Contract Signature

If the Original Form of Contract is not returned to the Contract Officer (as identified in Section 4) duly completed (including the applicable Purchase Order Number at the top of Section 1), and signed and dated on behalf of the Supplier within **15 working days** of the date of signature on behalf of DFID, DFID will be entitled, at its sole discretion, to declare this Contract void.

No payment will be made to the Supplier under this Contract until a copy of the Form of Contract, signed on behalf of the Supplier, is returned to the Contract Officer.

3. Commencement and Duration of the Services

The Supplier shall start the Services on 01 April 2017 (the "Start Date") and shall complete them by 31 December 2020 (the "End Date") unless this Contract is terminated earlier in accordance with its terms and conditions.

4. Financial Limit

Payments under this Contract shall not, in any circumstances, exceed £1,871,539.53 (UK Pound One million eight hundred seventy one thousand five hundred thirty nine and pence fifty three only) exclusive of any government tax, if applicable (the "Financial Limit").

5. Time of the Essence

Time shall be of the essence as regards the performance by the Supplier of its obligations under this Contract.

For and on behalf of
The Secretary of State for
International Development

Name:

Position:

Signature:

Date:

For and on behalf of
Abt Associates Inc.

Name:

Position:

Signature:

Date:

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Introduction

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 In this Contract, unless otherwise provided or the context otherwise requires, capitalised expressions shall have the meanings set out in Schedule 1 (Definitions) or the meaning set out in the relevant Schedule in which that capitalised expression appears.
- 1.2 The interpretation and construction of the Contract shall be subject to the following provisions:
- (a) clause headings shall not affect the interpretation of the Contract;
 - (b) a reference to any statute, enactment, order, regulation or similar instrument is a reference to it as in force from time to time taking account of any amendment or re-enactment;
 - (c) a reference to a statute or statutory provision shall include any subordinate legislation made under that statute or statutory provision;
 - (d) references to a “person” includes a natural person and a corporate or unincorporated body;
 - (e) words in the singular shall include the plural and vice versa;
 - (f) a reference to one gender shall include a reference to the other genders; and
 - (g) where the context allows, references to clauses are to clauses in this Contract and references to Sections are the sections of this Contract.
- 1.3 In entering into this Contract DFID is acting as part of the Crown.

2. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

- 2.1 The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter of the Contract. The Contract supersedes all prior negotiations, representations and undertakings, whether written or oral, except that this Clause 2.1 shall not exclude liability in respect of any fraudulent misrepresentation.
- 2.2 If there is any conflict between the sections or other documents referred to in the Contract, the following order or precedence shall apply:
- Section 1 – Form of Agreement
Section 4 – Special Conditions
Section 2 – Standard Terms & Conditions
Section 3 – Terms of Reference
Section 5 – Schedule of Prices
- 2.3 Except as expressly provided in Clause 9 the Supplier is not the agent of DFID and has no authority to represent and shall not purport to represent or enter into any commitments on behalf of DFID in any respect.
- 2.4 Nothing in this Contract is intended to make nor shall it make DFID the employer of the Supplier or any of the Supplier’s Personnel.
- 2.5 All communications by the Supplier relating to the Contract must be addressed to the DFID Contract Officer whose name and address are given in Section 4.

3. APPLICABLE PROVISIONS AND FINANCIAL LIMIT

- 3.1 Unless different provisions are substituted in Section 4, Clauses 3, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 inclusive shall apply in relation to price and payment.
- 3.2 The components which comprise the Financial Limit are set out in the Schedule of Prices, Section 5. No expenditure may be incurred in excess of the Financial Limit and no virements between components shown in the Schedule of Prices in Section 5 are permitted without the prior written authority of the Contract Officer.

Provision of services

4. OBLIGATIONS OF THE SUPPLIER

- 4.1 The Supplier shall perform all its obligations under this Contract (including the provision of the Services) with all necessary skill, diligence, efficiency and economy to satisfy generally accepted professional standards expected from experts.
- 4.2 If the Supplier is a joint venture or an Unincorporated Consortium then each of the joint venture or consortium partners shall bear joint and several liability where liability may arise in respect of the Supplier under this Contract.

5. WARRANTIES

- 5.1 The Supplier represents and warrants that:

- (a) it is validly incorporated, organised and subsisting in accordance with the Laws of its place of incorporation;
- (b) it has full capacity and authority to enter into and to perform this Contract;
- (c) this Contract is executed by its duly authorised representative;
- (d) it has all necessary consents and regulatory approvals to enter into this Contract;
- (e) there are no actions, suits or proceedings or regulatory investigations before any court or administrative body or arbitration tribunal pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against it or any of its Affiliates that might affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Contract;
- (f) its execution, delivery and performance of its obligations under this Contract will not constitute a breach of any Law or obligation applicable to it and will not cause or result in a default under any agreement by which it is bound;
- (g) its obligations under this Contract constitute its legal, valid and binding obligations, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganisation, insolvency, moratorium or similar Laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject, as to enforceability, to equitable principles of general application (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or law);
- (h) all written statements and representations in any written submissions made by the Supplier as part of the procurement process, including without limitation its response to the PQQ and ITT (if applicable), its tender and any other documents submitted remain true and accurate except to the extent that such statements and representations have been superseded or varied by this Contract or to the extent that the Supplier has otherwise disclosed to DFID in writing prior to the date of this Contract;
- (i) it has notified DFID in writing of any Occasions of Tax Non-Compliance and any litigation in which it is involved that is in connection with any Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance;
- (j) it has all necessary rights in and to the Licensed Software, the Third Party IPRs, the Supplier Background IPRs and any other materials made available by the Supplier (and/or any Sub-contractor) to DFID which are necessary for the performance of the Supplier's obligations under this Contract and/or the receipt of the Services by DFID;
- (k) the Contract Inception Report is/will be a true and accurate reflection of the Costs and supplier profit margin forecast by the Supplier and the Supplier does not have any other internal financial model in relation to the Services inconsistent with the Financial Model;
- (l) it is not subject to any contractual obligation, compliance with which is likely to have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under this Contract;
- (m) no proceedings or other steps have been taken and not discharged (nor, to the best of its knowledge, are threatened) for the winding up of the Supplier or for its dissolution or for the appointment of a

receiver, administrative receiver, liquidator, manager, administrator or similar officer in relation to any of the Supplier's assets or revenue.

- 5.2 The representations and warranties set out in Clause 5.1 shall be deemed to be repeated by the Supplier on the Commencement Date (if later than the date of signature of this Contract) by reference to the facts then existing.
- 5.3 The representations and warranties set out in this Clause 5 shall be construed as a separate representation and warranty and shall not be limited or restricted by reference to, or inference from, the terms of any other representation, warranty or any other undertaking in this Contract.
- 5.4 If at any time a Party becomes aware that a representation or warranty given by it under Clause 5.1 has been breached, is untrue or is misleading, it shall immediately notify the other Party of the relevant occurrence in sufficient detail to enable the other Party to make an accurate assessment of the situation.
- 5.5 the Supplier's system and assets used in the performance of the Services:
- (a) will be free of all encumbrances [any exceptions must be agreed in writing with DFID];
 - (b) will be Euro Compliant
- 5.6 The supplier shall at all times comply with Law and Regulations in carrying out its obligations under this Contract.
- 5.7 For the avoidance of doubt, the fact that any provision within this Contract is expressed as a warranty shall not preclude any right of termination which DFID may have in respect of breach of that provision by the Supplier.
- 5.8 Except as expressly stated in this Contract, all warranties and conditions whether express or implied by statute, common law or otherwise are hereby excluded to the extent permitted by Law.

6. PERSONNEL

- 6.1 All members of the Supplier's Personnel shall be appropriately qualified, regulatory approved, experienced and in a suitable physical condition so as to ensure that the Supplier complies with all the Supplier's obligations under this Contract.
- 6.2 No changes or substitutions may be made to members of the Supplier's Personnel identified as key personnel in Section 4 of this Contract without DFID's prior written consent.
- 6.3 If DFID considers any member of the Supplier's Personnel unsuitable, the Supplier shall substitute such member as quickly as reasonably possible with a replacement acceptable to DFID without direct or indirect charge to DFID and the supplier hereby agrees to full indemnify and hold DFID harmless against any claims of any kind that may arise with regard to the substitution of such Supplier Personnel considered to be unsuitable by DFID.
- 6.4 The Supplier shall comply with the Staff Vetting Procedures in respect of all Supplier's Personnel employed or engaged in the provision of the Services. The Supplier confirms that all Supplier's Personnel employed or engaged by the Supplier at the agreed start date of this Contract were vetted and recruited on a basis that is equivalent to and no less strict than the Staff Vetting Procedures, as provided within DFID's Security Policy.

7. DUTY OF CARE

- 7.1 The Supplier owes a duty of care to the Supplier's Personnel and is responsible for the health, safety, security of life and property and general wellbeing of such persons and their property and this includes where the Supplier's Personnel carry out the Services.
- 7.2 The Supplier warrants that it has and will throughout the duration of the Contract:
- (a) carry out the appropriate risk assessment with regard to its delivery of the Services;
 - (b) provide the Supplier's Personnel with adequate information, instruction, training and supervision;
 - (c) have appropriate emergency procedures in place to enable their provision of the Services so as to prevent damage to the Supplier's Personnel's health, safety, security of life and property and general wellbeing.
- 7.3 The provision of information of any kind whatsoever by DFID to the Supplier shall not in any respect relieve the Supplier from responsibility for its obligations under this Clause 7. The positive evaluation of the Supplier's proposal for the provision of the Services and the award of this Contract is not an endorsement by DFID of any

arrangements which the Supplier has made for the health, safety, security of life and property and wellbeing of the Supplier's Personnel in relation to the provision of the Services.

- 7.4 The Supplier acknowledges that the DFID accepts no responsibility for the health, safety, security of life and property and general wellbeing of the Supplier's Personnel with regard to the Supplier's Personnel carrying out the Services under this Contract.
- 7.5 The Supplier shall indemnify and keep indemnified DFID in respect of:
- (a) any loss, damage or claim, howsoever arising out of, or relating to any act, omission or negligence by the Supplier, the Supplier's Personnel in connection with the performance of the Contract;
 - (b) any claim, howsoever arising, by the Supplier's Personnel or any person employed or otherwise engaged by the Supplier, in connection with the performance of the Contract.
- 7.6 The Supplier will ensure that such insurance arrangements as are made to cover the Supplier's Personnel, or any person employed or otherwise engaged by the Supplier, and pursuant to the Suppliers duty of care as referred to in this Clause 7, are reasonable and prudent in all circumstances, including in respect of death, injury or disablement, and emergency medical expenses.
- 7.7 The costs of any insurance specifically taken out by the Supplier to support the performance of this Contract in relation to the Suppliers Duty of Care may be included as part of the management costs of the project, and must be separately identified in all financial reporting relating to the project.
- 7.8 Where DFID is providing any specific security arrangements for Suppliers in relation to the Contract, these will be as detailed in the Terms of Reference.
- 7.9 The Supplier shall provide training on a continuing basis for all Supplier Personnel, in compliance with the Security Policy and the security plan.

8. SUB-CONTRACTORS

- 8.1 The Supplier shall not sub-contract any of its obligations under this Contract without the prior written consent of DFID.
- 8.2 If, having obtained DFID's consent, the Supplier sub-contracts any of its obligations, the sub-contract shall:
- (a) provide that payments due to the Sub-contractor shall be made not more than 30 days after submission to the Supplier of a valid invoice; and
 - (b) include rights for the Supplier and obligations on the Sub-contractor to ensure that DFID's rights to require replacement of personnel (as set out in Clause 6.3 (Personnel)) and DFID's rights and the Supplier's obligations (as detailed within this Contract) can be enforced against the Sub-contractor.
- 8.3 The Sub-contract shall also include a provision enabling DFID to have the ability to directly enforce the benefit of the sub-Contract under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, obligations in respect of security and secrecy, intellectual property and audit rights for the benefit of DFID corresponding to those placed on the Supplier, but with such variations as DFID reasonably considers necessary. The Supplier shall not include in any Sub-contract any provision the effect of which would be to limit the ability of the Sub-contractor to contract directly with DFID or a replacement provider of Services.

9. PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 9.1 Subject to Clause 9.4 all Equipment to be procured pursuant to this Contract and paid for by DFID shall be procured by a DFID registered procurement agent, acting as agent of DFID ("the Procurement Agent") or as agreed by DFID.
- 9.2 For the purpose of the appointment of a Procurement Agent and for this purpose only, the Supplier shall act as an agent of DFID.
- 9.3 The Supplier shall provide the Procurement Agent with sufficient details for the satisfactory procurement and delivery of Equipment and shall manage the Procurement Agent on DFID's behalf.
- 9.4 Where the total value of the Equipment is less than 50% of the Financial Limit or the current EU Threshold (£106,047), whichever is less the Supplier may, subject to DFID's prior written consent, procure such Equipment.

- 9.5 All procurement of Equipment shall:
- (a) be undertaken in accordance with DFID's "[corporate social and environmental responsibility information note](#)" or such other procedures as may be agreed in writing by DFID;
 - (b) achieve "Value for Money" and be conducted in a fully transparent manner;
 - (c) be on the basis that the ownership in Equipment shall vest in DFID, and shall be so marked.
- 9.6 "Value for Money" shall mean procuring at the optimum combination of whole-life cost and quality to meet requirements.
- 10. USE OF AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR EQUIPMENT**
- 10.1 Equipment may only be used in providing the Services and shall be safely kept and maintained. Personal use of Equipment by the Supplier is not permitted unless DFID gives prior written consent.
- 10.2 The Supplier shall keep an up to date inventory of the Equipment its condition and location and make such inventory available to DFID immediately on request.
- 10.3 Subject to Clause 10.4 the Supplier shall be responsible for all loss or damage to Equipment other than that caused by fair wear and tear. The Supplier shall notify DFID immediately the Supplier becomes aware of any loss of or damage to Equipment.
- 10.4 Except as required by law or circumstance, the Supplier shall not insure Equipment. DFID shall bear the risk in respect of loss or damage provided such loss or damage was not due to the Supplier's negligence and provided the Supplier obtains and pays to DFID such proper compensation as may be due from any third party in respect of such loss or damage to the Equipment.
- 10.5 The Supplier shall obtain DFID's instructions on the disposal of Equipment and comply with such instructions.
- 11. MONITORING OF CONTRACT PERFORMANCE**
- 11.1 Prior to the Commencement Date DFID shall agree in consultation with the Supplier the arrangements for the purpose of monitoring by the Supplier of the performance of its obligations under this Contract.
- 11.2 These arrangements, as identified within Section 3 will include without limitation:
- (a) regular meetings;
 - (b) the regular delivery of written management reports;
 - (c) monthly report on Key Performance Indicators.
- 12. PROGRESS & FINANCIAL REPORTS**
- 12.1 Where progress and financial reports are to be submitted under the Contract, the Supplier shall render those reports at such time and in such form as may be specified by DFID or where not specified by DFID, as otherwise agreed between the Parties.
- 13. RE-TENDERING AND HANDOVER**
- 13.1 Within 21 days of being so requested by DFID's Representative the Supplier shall provide:
- (a) and thereafter keep updated and accessible to DFID, in a fully indexed and catalogued format, all the information reasonably necessary to enable DFID to issue tender documents for the future provision of the Services and for a third party to prepare an informed, non-qualified offer for those Services and not be disadvantaged in any procurement process compared to the Supplier (if the Supplier is invited to participate);
 - (b) a draft exit plan to be agreed with DFID that shall set out each Parties obligations in detail in order to ensure a smooth and efficient transfer of the Services to DFID for a Successor Supplier. The Parties shall review and update the exit plan annually and as soon as reasonably practicable in the event of a material change in any aspect of the Services which could reasonably be expected to impact upon the exit plan in order to ensure that the exit plan remains relevant.

Payment

14. FEES

- 14.1 Any fees payable by DFID for the Services under this Contract are deemed to cover the cost of salary, overseas inducements, leave allowances, bonuses, profit, taxes, insurances, superannuation, non-working days and all other costs including, but not limited to, clothing, passports, visas and vaccinations, overheads and expenses of whatsoever nature that may be incurred by the Supplier in the delivery of the Services except where otherwise specifically provided for in this Contract.

15. EXPENSES

- 15.1 Travel and living expenses will be paid at a rate consistent with the Schedule of Prices at Section 5. All journeys by rail or air will be made by a class of travel that is no more than "standard economy".
- 15.2 The budgets identified in Section 5 (Schedule of Prices) represent the maximum payment to the Supplier under this Contract. DFID reserves the right to ask for proof of purchase and refuse payment where this cannot be reasonably provided.

16. MILESTONE PAYMENTS

- 16.1 Where the Parties have agreed in the Schedule of Prices that the Services will be provided on a fixed price basis, then the fixed price shall be paid according to the schedule of prices as detailed in the Schedule of Prices which may relate to the achievement of specific predefined milestones, dates or acceptance and shall be inclusive of all Supplier costs.

17. SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE

- 17.1 Payments pursuant to clause 16.1 are subject to the satisfaction of the Project Officer in relation to the performance by the Supplier of its obligations under the Contract and to verification by the Project Officer that all prior payments made to the Supplier under this Contract were properly due.
- 17.2 If for any reason DFID is dissatisfied with the performance of this Contract, an appropriate sum may be withheld from any payment otherwise due to the Supplier. In such event DFID shall identify the particular element(s) of the Services with which it is dissatisfied together with the reasons for such dissatisfaction, and payment by DFID shall be made to the Supplier of the amount outstanding will be made upon remedy of any unsatisfactory work or resolution of outstanding queries.
- 17.3 Should DFID determine after paying for a particular part of the Services that this has not been completed satisfactorily, DFID may recover, or withhold from further payments, an amount not exceeding that previously charged for that part of the Service until the unsatisfactory part of the Service is remedied to its satisfaction.

18. RECOVERY OF SUMS DUE TO DFID

- 18.1 Wherever any sum of money is payable to DFID by the Supplier as a sum specifically ascertained under or in respect of the Contract (including any Key Performance Indicator related or other rebate or any sum which the Supplier is liable to pay to DFID in respect of any breach of this Contract), DFID may unilaterally deduct that sum from any sum then due or which at any later time becomes due to the Supplier under this Contract or under any other contract with DFID or with any other department, office or agency of the Crown.
- 18.2 DFID shall give at least 21 days' notice to the Supplier of its intention to make a deduction under Clause 18.1, giving particulars of the sum to be recovered and the contract under which the payment arises from which the deduction is to be made.
- 18.3 Any overpayment by DFID to the Supplier, whether of the Contract Price or of Value Added Tax, shall be a sum of money recoverable from the Supplier.
- 18.4 The rights of the Parties in respect of set-off are fully set out in this Clause 18 and no other right relating to set-off shall be implied as a term of the Contract.

19. PAYMENTS & INVOICING INSTRUCTIONS

- 19.1 Subject to DFID being satisfied that the Supplier is or has been carrying out their duties, obligations and responsibilities under this Contract, sums duly approved by DFID shall be paid within 30 days of receipt of a valid invoice.

- 19.2 Payment shall be made in sterling in the UK. Expenses (if any) arising in foreign currency shall be reimbursed at the exchange rate stated in the London Financial Times "Guide to World Currencies" on the Friday immediately preceding the date on which the purchase was made or services acquired by the Supplier or, if this took place on a Friday, at the rate so stated on that day.
- 19.3 Unless otherwise expressly provided in Section 4 (Special Conditions) or Section 5 (Schedule of Prices), invoices should be submitted monthly in arrears to the Accounts Payable Section, DFID Financial Management Group, Abercrombie House, Eaglesham Road, East Kilbride, Glasgow, G75 8EA, and in accordance with this clause 19.
- 19.4 DFID shall unless otherwise expressly provided in Section 4 (Special Conditions) make payments due by direct credit through the UK Bank Clearing Systems (BACS). All invoices must contain details of the bank account to which payments are to be made.
- 19.5 The Supplier shall submit an original invoice to DFID as indicated in Section 5: Schedule of Prices, in respect of the Services provided by the Supplier. Each invoice shall contain all appropriate references, a detailed breakdown of the Services and the appropriate Prices or Rates and shall be supported by any other documentation required DFID's Representative to substantiate the invoice.
- 19.6 All invoices should correspond with the budget lines identified in the Schedule of Prices in Section 5 of this Contract.
- 19.7 DFID may request proof of purchase in respect of any item and shall be entitled to refuse to meet a claim if this cannot be provided.
- 19.8 The final invoice presented by the Supplier in connection with this Contract should be endorsed "Final Invoice".
- 19.9 Any invoice not presented in accordance with this clause 19 may be rejected by DFID and in any event shall be liable to query and delay in payment. DFID reserves the right to not pay any amount due in respect of an invoice received by DFID more than 90 days after the day of the Supplier becoming entitled to invoice for the payment to which it relates.
- 20. UNITED KINGDOM INCOME TAX AND NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS**
- 20.1 Where the Supplier or any Supplier Personnel are liable to be taxed in the UK or to pay national insurance contributions in respect of consideration received under this Contract, the Supplier shall:
- (a) at all times comply with the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 and all other statutes and regulations relating to income tax, and the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and all other statutes and regulations relating to national insurance contributions, in respect of that consideration;
 - (b) indemnify DFID against any income tax, national insurance and social security contributions and any other liability, deduction, contribution, assessment or claim arising from or made in connection with the provision of the Services by the Supplier or any Supplier Personnel.

Protection of Information

21. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 21.1 All intellectual property rights in all material (including but not limited to reports, data, designs whether or not electronically stored) produced by the Supplier or the Supplier's Personnel pursuant to the performance of the Services ("the Material") shall be the property of the Supplier.
- 21.2 The Supplier hereby grants to DFID a perpetual, world-wide, non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free licence to use all the Material.
- 21.3 For the purpose of Clause 21.2, "use" shall mean, without limitation, the reproduction, publication and sub-licence of all the Material and the intellectual property rights therein, including the reproduction and sale of the Material and products incorporating the same for use by any person or for sale or other dealing anywhere in the world.

22. SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

- 22.1 The Supplier shall comply, and shall procure the compliance of the Suppliers Personnel, with the Security Policy and the security plan and the Supplier shall ensure that the security plan produced by the Supplier fully complies with the Security Policy.

- 22.2 DFID's security policy can be accessed on the DFID website at <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/work-with-us/procurement/dfid-information-security-policy-for-contractorsconsultants/> or as notified to the Supplier from time to time. The Supplier shall ensure that they keep up to date with the latest version of the Security Policy on this website.
- 22.3 If the Supplier believes that a change to the Security Policy will have a material and unavoidable cost implication to the Services it may submit a change request. In doing so, the Supplier must support its request by providing evidence of the cause of any increased costs and the steps that it has taken to mitigate those costs. Any change to the Charges shall then be agreed in discussion with the Contract Officer.
- 22.4 Until and/or unless a change to the Charges is agreed by DFID pursuant to clause 22.3 the Supplier shall continue to perform the Services in accordance with its obligations and for the Charges applicable prior to any change request.

23. MALICIOUS SOFTWARE

- 23.1 The Supplier shall, as an enduring obligation throughout the Term, use the latest versions of anti-virus definitions available [from an industry accepted anti-virus software vendor] to check for and delete Malicious Software from the ICT Environment.
- 23.2 Notwithstanding clause 23.1 if Malicious Software is found, the Parties shall co-operate to reduce the effect of the Malicious Software and, particularly if Malicious Software causes loss of operational efficiency or loss or corruption of DFID Data, assist each other to mitigate any losses and to restore the Services to their desired operating efficiency.
- 23.3 Any cost arising out of the actions of the Parties taken in compliance with the provisions of clause 23.2 shall be borne by the Parties as follows:
- (a) By the Supplier where the Malicious Software originates from the Supplier Software, the Third Party Software or the DFID Data (whilst the DFID Data was under the control of the Supplier); and
 - (b) By DFID if the Malicious Software originates from the DFID Software or the DFID Data (whilst DFID Data was under the control of DFID).

24. TRANSPARENCY

- 24.1 The parties acknowledge that, except for any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Clause 28), the content of this Contract is not confidential information. DFID shall be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion whether any of the content of the Contract is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA.
- 24.2 Notwithstanding any other term of this Contract, the Supplier hereby gives their consent for DFID to publish the Contract in its entirety, including from time to time agreed changes to the Contract, to the general public.
- 24.3 DFID may consult with the supplier to inform its decision regarding any exemptions with regard to FOIA but DFID shall have the final decision in its absolute discretion.
- 24.4 The Supplier shall assist and cooperate with DFID to enable DFID to publish this Contract.
- 24.5 The Supplier acknowledges that DFID endorses/supports the requirements of the IATI standard and shall assist and cooperate with DFID, to enable the Supplier to understand the different elements of IATI implementation and to comply with the different data, policy and technical considerations that need to be taken into account.
- 24.6 The Supplier shall:
- (a) publish information data to the IATI standard, that relates to a specific activity in a single, common, electronic format for the transparent, accurate, timely and comprehensive publishing of data, on all activities in the supply chain, in the delivery of development cooperation and humanitarian aid
 - (b) provide all necessary assistance as reasonably requested by DFID to enable DFID to respond to the IATI requirements.

25. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 25.1 Except to the extent set out in this Clause 25 or where disclosure is expressly permitted elsewhere in this Contract, each Party shall:
- (a) treat the other Party's Confidential Information as confidential and safeguard it accordingly;
 - (b) not disclose the other Party's Confidential Information to any other person without the owner's prior written consent.
- 25.2 Clause 25.1 shall not apply to the extent that:
- (a) such disclosure is a requirement of Law applicable to the Party making the disclosure, including any requirements for disclosure under the FOIA, the Environmental Information Regulations and associated codes of practice pursuant to Clause 28(Freedom of Information);
 - (b) such information was in the possession of the Party making the disclosure without obligation of confidentiality prior to its disclosure by the information owner;
 - (c) such information was obtained from a third party without obligation of confidentiality;
 - (d) such information was already in the public domain at the time of disclosure otherwise than by a breach of this Contract;
 - (e) it is independently developed without access to the other party's Confidential Information.
- 25.3 The Supplier may only disclose DFID's Confidential Information to the Supplier's Personnel who are directly involved in the provision of the Services and who need to know the information, and shall ensure that such Supplier's Personnel are aware of and shall comply with these obligations as to confidentiality.
- 25.4 The Supplier shall not, and shall procure that the Supplier's Personnel do not, use any of DFID's Confidential Information received otherwise than for the purposes of this Contract.
- 25.5 At the written request of DFID, the Supplier shall procure that those members of the Supplier's Personnel referred to in Clause 25.3, respectively sign a confidentiality undertaking prior to commencing any work in accordance with this Contract.
- 25.6 Nothing in this Contract shall prevent DFID from disclosing the Supplier's Confidential Information:
- (a) on a confidential basis to any Central Government Body for any proper purpose of DFID or of the relevant Central Government Body;
 - (b) to Parliament and Parliamentary Committees or if required by any Parliamentary reporting requirement;
 - (c) to the extent that DFID (acting reasonably) deems disclosure necessary or appropriate in the course of carrying out its public functions;
 - (d) on a confidential basis to a professional adviser, consultant, supplier or other person engaged by any of the entities described in Clause 25.6 (a) (including any benchmarking organisation) for any purpose relating to or connected with this Contract;
 - (e) on a confidential basis for the purpose of the exercise of its rights under this Contract, including the Audit Rights, its step-in rights pursuant to Clause 31 (Access and Audit), its rights to appoint a Remedial Adviser pursuant to Clause 45 (Dispute Resolution) and Exit Management rights;
 - (f) on a confidential basis to a proposed Successor Body in connection with any assignment, novation or disposal of any of its rights, obligations or liabilities under this Contract, and for the purposes of the foregoing, references to disclosure on a confidential basis shall mean disclosure subject to a confidentiality agreement or arrangement containing terms no less stringent than those placed on DFID under this Clause 25.
 - (g) for the purpose of the examination and certification of DFID's accounts.

- 25.7 DFID shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that any government department, Contracting Authority, employee, third party or Sub-contractor to whom the Supplier's Confidential Information is disclosed pursuant to clause 25.6 is made aware of DFID's obligations of confidentiality.
- 25.8 Nothing in this clause 25 shall prevent either party from using any techniques, ideas or know-how gained during the performance of the Contract in the course of its normal business to the extent that this use does not result in a disclosure of the other party's Confidential Information or an infringement of IPR.
- 26. OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT**
- 26.1 The Supplier shall ensure that all members of the Supplier's Personnel are aware that the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989 applies to them respectively.

27. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

- 27.1 The Supplier and the Suppliers Personnel, servants, agents or Sub-contractors, or any person acting on their behalfs shall not, without the prior written consent of DFID, disclose to any third party any confidential information obtained during or arising from this Contract (other than in the proper performance of this Contract or as may be required by a court of competent jurisdiction). In addition, no publicity is to be given to this Contract without the prior written consent of DFID.

28. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

- 28.1 The Supplier acknowledges that DFID is subject to the requirements of the FOIA, the Environmental Information Regulations and associated codes of practice and shall assist and cooperate with DFID to enable DFID to comply with its Information disclosure obligations.
- 28.2 The Supplier shall and shall ensure that its Sub-contractors shall:
- (a) transfer to DFID all Requests for Information that it receives as soon as practicable and in any event within two Working Days of receiving a Request for Information;
 - (b) provide DFID with a copy of all Information in its possession, or power in the form that DFID requires within five Working Days (or such other period as DFID may specify) of DFID's request;
 - (c) provide all necessary assistance as reasonably requested by DFID to enable DFID to respond to the Request for Information within the time for compliance set out in section 10 of the FOIA or regulation 5 of the Environmental Information Regulations.
- 28.3 DFID shall be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any other provision in this Contract or any other agreement whether the Commercially Sensitive Information and/or any other Information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, the Environmental Information Regulations and associated codes of practice.
- 28.4 In no event shall the Supplier respond directly to a Request for Information unless expressly authorised to do so by DFID.
- 28.5 The Supplier acknowledges that (notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 28) DFID may, acting in accordance with the Department of Constitutional Affairs' Code of Practice on the Discharge of the Functions of Public Authorities under Part 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("**the Code**"), be obliged under the FOIA, or the Environmental Information Regulations to disclose information concerning the Supplier or the Services:
- (a) in certain circumstances without consulting the Supplier;
 - (b) following consultation with the Supplier and having taken their views into account;
 - (c) provided always that where Clause 28.5 (a) applies DFID shall, in accordance with any recommendations of the Code, take reasonable steps, where appropriate, to give the Supplier advanced notice, or failing that, to draw the disclosure to the Supplier's attention after any such disclosure.
- 28.6 The Supplier shall ensure that all Information is retained for disclosure in accordance with clauses 28.7 and 28.8 and shall permit DFID to inspect such records as requested by DFID from time to time.
- 28.7 The Supplier shall, during this Contract and for a period of at least seven years following the expiry or termination of this Contract, retain and maintain all Information:
- (a) in accordance with the requirements of the Public Records Office and in accordance with the exercise of the degree of care that would be expected from a leading company within the relevant industry or business sector;
 - (b) in chronological order;
 - (c) in a form that is capable of audit;
 - (d) at its own expense.

28.8 Wherever practical, original Information shall be retained and maintained in hard copy form.

29. DFID DATA

29.1 The Supplier shall not delete or remove any proprietary notices contained within or relating to DFID Data.

29.2 The Supplier shall not store, copy, disclose, or use DFID Data except as necessary for the performance by the Supplier of its obligations under this Contract or as otherwise expressly authorised in writing by DFID.

29.3 To the extent that DFID Data is held and/or processed by the Supplier, the Supplier shall supply that DFID Data to DFID as requested by DFID in the format(s) specified by DFID.

29.4 Upon receipt or creation by the Supplier of any DFID Data and during any collection, processing, storage and transmission by the Supplier of any DFID Data, the Supplier shall take responsibility for preserving the integrity of DFID Data and preventing the corruption or loss of DFID Data.

29.5 The Supplier shall perform secure back-ups of all DFID Data and shall ensure that up-to-date back-ups are stored off-site in accordance with the Security Policy. The Supplier shall ensure that such back-ups are available to DFID at all times upon request, with delivery times as specified by DFID.

29.6 The Supplier shall ensure that the system on which the Supplier holds any DFID Data, including back-up data, is a secure system that complies with the Security Policy.

29.7 If DFID Data is corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded as a result of the Supplier's Default so as to be unusable, DFID may:

- (a) require the Supplier (at the Supplier's expense) to restore or procure the restoration of DFID Data to the extent and in accordance with the Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Provisions specified in the Security Policy and the Supplier shall do so as soon as practicable but not later than three days following a written request from DFID; and/or
- (b) itself restore or procure the restoration of DFID Data, and shall be repaid by the Supplier any reasonable expenses incurred in doing so to the extent and in accordance with the requirements specified in the Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery provisions specified in the Security Policy.

29.8 If at any time the Supplier suspects or has reason to believe that DFID Data has or may become corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded in any way for any reason, then the Supplier shall notify DFID immediately and inform DFID of the remedial action the Supplier proposes to take.

29.9 Where required in accordance with the Terms of Reference (Section 3) and tender documentation, the Supplier shall obtain and maintain certification under the HM Government Cyber Essentials Scheme at the level set out in the Terms of Reference (Section 3) and tender documentation.

30. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

30.1 With respect to the Parties' rights and obligations under this Contract, the parties agree that DFID is the Data Controller and that the Supplier is the Data Processor.

30.2 The Supplier shall:

- (a) process the Personal Data only in accordance with instructions from DFID (which may be specific instructions or instructions of a general nature as set out in this Contract or as otherwise notified by DFID to the Supplier during the Term);
- (b) process the Personal Data only to the extent, and in such manner, as is necessary for the provision of the Services or as is required by Law or any Regulatory Body;
- (c) implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect the Personal Data against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction, damage, alteration or disclosure. These measures shall be appropriate to the harm which might result from any unauthorised or unlawful processing, accidental loss, destruction or damage to the Personal Data and having regard to the nature of the Personal Data which is to be protected;

- (d) take reasonable steps to ensure the reliability of any Supplier's Personnel who have access to the Personal Data;
- (e) obtain prior written consent from DFID in order to transfer the Personal Data to any Sub-contractors or Affiliates for the provision of the Services;
- (f) ensure that all Supplier's Personnel required to access the Personal Data are informed of the confidential nature of the Personal Data and comply with the obligations set out in this Clause 30;
- (g) ensure that none of Supplier's Personnel publish, disclose or divulge any of the Personal Data to any third party unless directed in writing to do so by DFID;
- (h) notify DFID (within two Working Days) if it receives:
 - (i) a request from a Data Subject to have access to that person's Personal Data; or
 - (ii) a complaint or request relating to DFID's obligations under the Data Protection Legislation;
- (i) provide DFID with full cooperation and assistance in relation to any complaint or request made, including by:
 - (i) providing DFID with full details of the complaint or request;
 - (ii) complying with a data access request within the relevant timescales set out in the Data Protection Legislation and in accordance with DFID's instructions;
 - (iii) providing DFID with any Personal Data it holds in relation to a Data Subject (within the timescales required by DFID);
 - (iv) providing DFID with any information requested by DFID;
- (j) permit DFID or its representatives (subject to reasonable and appropriate confidentiality undertakings), to inspect and audit, in accordance with clause 31 (Access and Audit), Supplier's data processing activities (and/or those of its agents, subsidiaries and Sub-contractors) and comply with all reasonable requests or directions by DFID to enable DFID to verify and/or procure that the Supplier is in full compliance with its obligations under this Contract;
- (k) provide a written description of the technical and organisational methods employed by the Supplier for processing Personal Data (within the timescales required by DFID);
- (l) not Process Personal Data outside the United Kingdom without the prior written consent of DFID and, where DFID consents to a transfer, to comply with:
 - (i) the obligations of a Data Controller under the Eight Data Protection Principle set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred;
 - (ii) any reasonable instructions notified to it by DFID.

30.3 The Supplier shall comply at all times with the Data Protection Legislation and shall not perform its obligations under this Contract in such a way as to cause DFID to breach any of its applicable obligations under the Data Protection Legislation.

31. ACCESS AND AUDIT

- 31.1 The Supplier and any Sub-contractor shall keep secure and maintain until six years after the final payment of all sums due to the Supplier under the Contract, or such other period as may be agreed between the Parties, full and accurate records of the Services, all expenditure reimbursed by DFID and all payments made by DFID.
- 31.2 The Supplier and/or Sub-contractor shall grant to DFID, or its authorised agents, such access to those records as they may reasonably require in order to check the Supplier's compliance with the Contract and monies utilised, throughout the whole supply chain.
- 31.3 For the purposes of the examination and certification of DFID's accounts, or any examination under section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 or annual re-enactment thereof as to the economy, efficiency and effectiveness

with which DFID has used its resources, the Comptroller and Auditor General may examine such documents as he may reasonably require which are owned, held or otherwise within the control of the Supplier and may require the Supplier to provide such oral or written explanations as he may reasonably require for those purposes. The Supplier shall give all reasonable assistance to the Comptroller and Auditor General for those purposes.

- 31.4 Clause 31.3 applies only in respect of documents relating to the Contract and only for the purpose of the auditing of DFID. It does not constitute an agreement under section 6(3)(d) of the National Audit Act 1983 such as to make the Supplier the subject of auditing under that Act.
- 31.5 In addition to where an audit is imposed on DFID by a Regulatory Body (in which case DFID may carry out the audit required without prejudice to its other rights) DFID may conduct an audit:
- a) to review the integrity, confidentiality and security of DFID Data;
 - b) to review the Supplier's compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998, the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in accordance with generally and in accordance with the Contract and any other legislation applicable to the Services.
- 31.6 Subject to DFID's obligations of confidentiality under this Contract, the Supplier shall on demand provide DFID (and/or its agents or representatives) with all reasonable co-operation and assistance in relation to each audit, including:
- a) all information requested by DFID within the permitted scope of the audit;
 - b) reasonable access to any Sites controlled by the Supplier and to any equipment used (whether exclusively or non-exclusively) in the performance of the Services;
 - c) reasonable access to Sub-Contractors throughout the supply chain;
 - d) access to the Supplier's system;
 - e) access to the Supplier's Personnel.
- 31.7 Where it is found by DFID that any overpayment has been made to the Supplier the Supplier shall reimburse DFID such amount within 28 days of the date of DFID's written demand.

Compliance with Legal Obligations

32. PREVENTION OF FRAUD AND BRIBERY

- 32.1 The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it, nor to the best of its knowledge any Supplier Personnel, servants, agents or sub-contractors, or any person acting on their behalf, have at any time prior to the Commencement Date:
- (a) committed a Prohibited Act or been formally notified that it is subject to an investigation or prosecution which relates to an alleged Prohibited Act; and/or
 - (b) been listed by any government department or agency as being debarred, suspended, proposed for suspension or debarment, or otherwise ineligible for participation in government procurement programmes or contracts on the grounds of a Prohibited Act.
- 32.2 The Supplier, their servants, agents or sub-contractors, or any person acting on their behalf shall not during the term of this Contract:
- (a) commit a Prohibited Act; and/or
 - (b) do or suffer anything to be done which would cause DFID or any of DFID's employees, consultants, suppliers, Sub-contractors or agents to contravene any of the Relevant Requirements or otherwise incur any liability in relation to the Relevant Requirements.
- 32.3 The Supplier shall during the term of this Contract:
- (a) establish, maintain and enforce, and require that its Sub-contractors establish, maintain and enforce, policies and procedures which are adequate to ensure compliance with the Relevant Requirements and prevent the occurrence of a Prohibited Act;
 - (b) keep appropriate records of its compliance with its obligations under Clause 32.3(a) and make such records available to DFID on request.
- 32.4 The Supplier shall immediately notify DFID in writing if it becomes aware of any breach of Clause 32.1 and/or 32.2, or has reason to believe that it has or any Supplier's Personnel, servants, agents or sub-contractors, or any person acting on their behalf have:
- (a) been subject to an investigation or prosecution which relates to an alleged Prohibited Act;

- (b) been listed by any government department or agency as being debarred, suspended, proposed for suspension or debarment, or otherwise ineligible for participation in government procurement programmes or contracts on the grounds of a Prohibited Act; and/or
 - (c) received a request or demand for any undue financial or other advantage of any kind in connection with the performance of this Contract or otherwise suspects that any person or party directly or indirectly connected with this Contract has committed or attempted to commit a Prohibited Act.
- 32.5 The Supplier warrants and represents to DFID that to the best of its knowledge, that neither the Supplier, Supplier's Personnel, servants, agents or sub-contractors, or any person acting on their behalf:
- (a) has given, offered or agreed to give or accepted, any gift or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward for doing or forbearing to do or for having done or forborne to do any act in relation to the obtaining or execution of any contract or for showing or forbearing to show favour or disfavour to any person or entity in relation to any contract; or
 - (b) has entered into any contract in connection with which commission has been paid or agreed to be paid by or to the Supplier or Supplier's Personnel or on their behalf or to their knowledge unless, before such contract was made, particulars of any such commission and of the terms of any agreement for the payment of such commission were disclosed in writing to DFID, whose written consent was subsequently given to such payment.
- 32.6 Neither the Supplier, Supplier's Personnel, servants, agents or sub-contractors, nor any person acting on their behalf shall accept for their own benefit or pass on for the benefit of partner government, recipient or end user, any trade commission, discount, voucher scheme, re-sale or similar payment or benefit in connection with this Contract.
- 32.7 Where the Supplier or any of its employees, servants, agents or sub-contractors, or any person acting on their behalf, does any of the acts mentioned in Clause 32.2 or commits any offence under the Bribery Act 2010, with or without the knowledge of the Supplier, in relation to this Contract or any other contract with the Crown, DFID shall be entitled:
- (a) to terminate the Contract with immediate effect by written notice to the Supplier and recover from the Supplier the amount of any loss resulting from the termination;
 - (b) to recover from the Supplier the amount or value of any such gift, consideration or commission;
 - (c) to recover from the Supplier any other loss sustained as a result of any breach of this Clause 32, whether or not the Contract is terminated.
- 32.8 DFID and the Supplier will immediately and without undue delay inform each other of any event that interferes or threatens to materially interfere with the successful implementation of the project, whether financed in full or in part by DFID, including credible suspicion of/or actual fraud, bribery, corruption or any other financial irregularity or impropriety.
- DFID have an expert fraud investigation unit, that should be contacted in the first instance at fraud@dfid.gov.uk or +44 (0)1355 843351. All suspicions will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.
- 32.9 When exercising its rights or remedies under this Clause DFID shall:-
- (a) act proportionately in the light of the gravity and circumstances of the particular breach; and
 - (b) give all due consideration, where appropriate, to the use of remedies other than termination of the Contract.

33. ANTI-TERRORISM REGULATIONS

- 33.1 In accordance to the Terrorism Act 2000 and all subsequent regulations pursuant to this Act, the Supplier will assure itself to the best of its knowledge that UK funding, including financial assets or economic resources is not made available, either directly or indirectly to, or for the benefit of persons, groups or entities listed in accordance with European Council Regulation EC/2580/2001 (as amended) and/or the Terrorism (United Nations Measures) Orders 2009 of the United Kingdom, or contravene the provisions of those and any subsequent applicable terrorism legislation.
- 33.2 The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it, nor to the best of its knowledge any Supplier's Personnel, servants, agents or sub-contractors, or any person acting on their behalf, have at any time prior to the Commencement Date and/or during the term of this Contract appeared on the Home Office Proscribed Terrorist Organisations List.

- 33.3 The Supplier shall immediately notify DFID in writing if it becomes aware of any breach of Clause 33.1 and/or 33.2, or has reason to believe that it has or any Supplier's Personnel, servants, agents or sub-contractors, or any person acting on their behalfs have:
- (a) been subject to an investigation or prosecution which relates to an alleged infringement of these Clauses 33.1 and/or 33.2;
 - (b) been listed by any government department or agency as being debarred, suspended, proposed for suspension or debarment, or otherwise ineligible for participation in government procurement programmes or contracts.
- 33.4 Where the Supplier or any of his employees, servants, agents or sub-contractors, or any person acting on their behalf, breaches any of the acts mentioned in Clauses 33.1 or 33.2 commits any offence under the Terrorism Act 2000, with or without the knowledge of the Supplier, in relation to this Contract or any other contract with the Crown, DFID shall be entitled:
- (a) to terminate the Contract with immediate effect by written notice to the Supplier and recover from the Supplier the amount of any loss resulting from the termination;
 - (b) to recover from the Supplier any other loss sustained as a result of any breach of this Clause 33, whether or not the Contract has been terminated.

34. DISCRIMINATION

- 34.1 The Supplier shall not unlawfully discriminate either directly or indirectly against protected characteristics such as race, colour, ethnic or national origin, disability, sex or sexual orientation, religion or belief, or age and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the Supplier shall not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning and scope of the provisions of all relevant legislation including the Equality Act 2010, the International Development (Gender Equality) Act 2014 or other relevant or equivalent legislation, or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof.
- 34.2 The Supplier shall adhere to the current relevant codes of practice or recommendations published by the Equality and Human Rights Commission. The Supplier shall take all reasonable steps to secure the observance of these provisions and codes of conduct by all suppliers, employees or agents of the Supplier and all suppliers and Sub-contractors employed in the execution of this Contract.
- 34.3 The Supplier will comply with any request by DFID to assist DFID in meeting its obligations under the Equality Act 2010 and to allow DFID to assess the Supplier's compliance with its obligations under the Equality Act 2010.
- 34.4 Where any investigation is concluded or proceedings are brought under the Equality Act 2010 which arise directly or indirectly out of any act or omission of the Supplier, its agents or sub-contractors, or Supplier's Personnel, and where there is a finding against the Supplier in such investigation or proceedings, the Supplier will indemnify DFID with respect to all costs, charges and expenses (including legal and administrative expenses) arising out of or in connection with any such investigation or proceedings and such other financial redress to cover any payment DFID may have been ordered or required to pay to a third party.

35. TAX COMPLIANCE

- 35.1 Particularly relating to occasions of Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Schemes (DOTAS) in line with General Anti-Abuse Rule (GAAR), the Supplier represents and warrants that as at the Commencement Date, it has notified DFID in writing of any Occasions of Tax Non-Compliance or any litigation that is involved in that is connection with any Occasions of Tax Non-Compliance.
- 35.2 If, at any point during the Term, an Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance occurs, the Supplier shall:
- (a) notify DFID in writing of such fact within 5 Working Days of its occurrence;
 - (b) promptly provide to DFID:
 - (i) details of the steps which the Supplier is taking to address the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance and to prevent the same from recurring, together with any mitigating factors that it considers relevant; and
 - (ii) such other information in relation to the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance as DFID may reasonably require.

Liabilities

36. LIMIT OF LIABILITY

- 36.1 Except as stated in Clause 36.2, where there has been misconduct, gross negligence, dishonesty or fraud by the Supplier or the Supplier's Personnel the Supplier's liability under this Contract shall be limited to the amount of the Financial Limit.
- 36.2 Neither Party limits its liability for:
- (a) death or personal injury caused by its negligence, or that of its employees, agents or Sub-contractors (as applicable);
 - (b) fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation by it or its employees;
 - (c) breach of any obligation as to title implied by section 12 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 or section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982; or
 - (d) any liability to the extent it cannot be limited or excluded by Law.
- 36.3 Subject always to Clauses 36.2; in no event shall either Party be liable to the other for any:
- a) loss of profits, business, revenue or goodwill; and/or
 - b) indirect or consequential loss or damage of any nature and howsoever caused, even if the losses were reasonably foreseeable or the Party has been advised of the possibility of such losses occurring.
- 36.4 The Supplier shall not exclude liability for additional operational, administrative costs and/or expenses or wasted expenditure resulting from the direct Default of the Supplier.
- 37. INDEMNITY**
- 37.1 Subject to Clauses 36.1 to 36.4 (inclusive), the Supplier shall indemnify DFID in respect of any loss, damage or claim howsoever arising out of or in consequence of negligent acts or omissions by the Supplier or the Supplier's Personnel or any claims made against DFID by third parties in respect thereof and in relation to this Contract.
- 37.2 The Supplier shall not be responsible for any injury, loss, damage, cost or expense if and to the extent that it is caused by the negligence or wilful misconduct of DFID or DFID's employees, or by breach by DFID of its obligations under the Contract.
- 38. INSURANCE**
- 38.1 The Supplier shall effect and maintain, and shall procure that their Sub-contractors effect and maintain, with a reputable insurance company a policy or policies of insurance providing a level of cover not less than the Financial Limit in respect of all risks which may be incurred by the Supplier, arising out of the Supplier's and/or their Sub-contractors performance of their obligations under the Contract, including death or personal injury, loss of or damage to property or any other loss. Such policies shall include cover in respect of any financial loss arising from any advice given or omitted to be given by the Supplier. Such insurance shall be maintained for the duration of the Contract Period and for a minimum of 6 (six) years following the expiration or earlier termination of the Contract.
- 38.2 Without limitation to Clause 38.6 the Supplier shall effect and maintain and shall procure that all agents, professional consultants and Sub-contractors effect and maintain, employer's liability insurance in respect of the Supplier's Personnel in accordance with any legal requirement from time to time in force. The Supplier shall also effect and maintain, and shall ensure that all agents, professional consultants and Sub-contractors involved in the supply of the Services effect and maintain, appropriate professional indemnity insurance cover during the Contract Period and for a minimum of 6 (six) years following the expiration or earlier termination of the Contract.
- 38.3 The Supplier shall give DFID, immediately on request, copies of all insurance policies referred to in this Clause 38 or a broker's verification of insurance to demonstrate that the appropriate cover is in place, together with receipts or other evidence of payment of the latest premiums due under those policies.
- 38.4 With regard to any breach of any obligations implied by Section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982, the Supplier shall maintain professional indemnity insurance cover of an amount not less than the Financial Limit.

Control of Contract

39. VARIATIONS

- 39.1 No variation to the terms or scope of this Contract shall be effective without the Contract Officer's prior written consent and recorded in writing in a formal Contract Amendment Letter (Appendix A). DFID shall have no liability in respect of work performed outside the Services set out in Section 3 (Terms of Reference).
- 39.2 The Supplier may request a Variation provided that:
- (a) the Supplier shall notify DFID's Representative in writing of any additional or changed requirement which it considers should give rise to a Variation;
 - (b) any proposed Variation shall be fully supported by a formal, technical and commercial justification.
- 39.3 DFID shall, having the sole and absolute right to do so, either approve or reject any Variation proposed by the Supplier.

40. ASSIGNMENT AND NOVATION

- 40.1 The Supplier shall not assign, novate or otherwise dispose of or create any trust in relation to any or all of its rights, obligations or liabilities under this Contract without the prior written consent of DFID.
- 40.2 Subject to Clause 40.1, the Supplier may assign to a third party ("**the Assignee**") the right to receive payment of the Contract Price or any part thereof due to the Supplier under this Contract (including any interest to which DFID is liable under the Late Payments of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998). Any assignment under this clause 40.2 shall be subject to:
- (a) deduction of any sums in respect of which DFID exercises its right of recovery under Clause 18 (Recovery of Sums Due);
 - (b) all related rights of DFID under the Contract in relation to the recovery of sums due but unpaid; and
 - (c) DFID receiving notification under both clauses 40.3 and 40.4.
- 40.3 In the event that the Supplier assigns the right to receive the Contract Price under clause 40.2, the Supplier shall notify DFID in writing of the assignment and the date upon which the assignment becomes effective.
- 40.4 The Supplier shall notify DFID of the assignee's contact information and bank account details to which DFID shall make payment.

41. WAIVER

- 41.1 A waiver of any of the terms and/or conditions of this Contract shall be valid only where it is agreed expressly in writing and signed by the parties. No failure or delay by a Party to exercise any right or remedy provided under this Contract or by law shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right or remedy, nor shall it preclude or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy. No single or partial exercise of such right or remedy shall preclude or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.

Default and Termination

42. FORCE MAJEURE

- 42.1 Any failure or delay by the Supplier in performing its obligations under this Contract which results from a failure or delay by an agent, Sub-contractor or supplier shall be regarded as due to a Force Majeure Event only if that agent, Sub-contractor or supplier is itself impeded by a Force Majeure Event from complying with an obligation to the Supplier.
- 42.2 Where the performance by the Supplier of their obligations under this Contract is delayed, hindered or prevented by a Force Majeure Event, the Supplier shall promptly notify DFID in writing, specifying the nature of the Force Majeure Event and stating the anticipated delay in the performance of this Contract.
- 42.3 From the date of receipt of notice given in accordance with Clause 42.2, DFID may, at its sole discretion, either suspend this Contract for up to a period of 6 months ("the Suspension Period") or terminate this Contract forthwith.

- 42.4 In the event that DFID does not terminate the Contract pursuant to Clause 42.3, as soon as practicable after the Affected Party issues to the other a notice of a Force Majeure Event, and at regular intervals thereafter, the Parties shall consult in good faith and use reasonable endeavours to agree any steps to be taken and an appropriate timetable in which those steps should be taken, to enable continued provision of the Services affected by the Force Majeure Event.
- 42.5 The Affected Party shall notify the other Party as soon as practicable after the Force Majeure Event ceases or no longer causes the Affected Party to be unable to comply with its obligations under this Contract.
- 42.6 If by the end of the Suspension Period the parties have not agreed a further period of suspension or re-instatement of the Contract, this Contract shall terminate automatically.

43. SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION WITHOUT DEFAULT OF THE SUPPLIER

- 43.1 DFID may, at its sole discretion, suspend or terminate this Contract or any part of the Services, at any time by so notifying the Supplier and giving the reason(s) for such suspension or termination.
- 43.2 Where this Contract has been suspended or terminated pursuant to Clause 43.1, the Supplier shall:
- (a) take such steps as are necessary to terminate the provision of the Services or any part of the Services (including suspending or terminating any Sub-Contracts) in a cost-effective, timely and orderly manner; and
 - (b) provide to DFID, not more than 60 days after DFID notifies the Supplier of the suspension or termination of this Contract an account in writing, stating;
 - (i) any costs, if any, due before the date of suspension or termination;
 - (ii) costs to be expended after the date of suspension or termination which the Supplier necessarily incurred in the proper performance of this Contract and which it cannot reasonably be expected to avoid or recover.
- 43.3 Subject to DFID's approval DFID shall pay such amount stated pursuant to Clause 43.2 to the Supplier within 30 days after receipt from the Supplier of an Invoice in respect of the amount due.

44. SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION WITH DEFAULT OF THE SUPPLIER

- 44.1 DFID may notify the Supplier of the suspension or termination of this Contract where the Services or any part of them are not provided to the satisfaction of DFID, giving the reasons for such dissatisfaction and, in the case of suspension, the action required by the Supplier to remedy that dissatisfaction and the time within which it must be completed.
- 44.2 Where this Contract is suspended under Clause 44.1 and the Supplier subsequently fails to remedy the dissatisfaction DFID may terminate this Contract forthwith.
- 44.3 DFID may, without prejudice to its other rights, including but not limited to the right to claim for costs and losses incurred, terminate this Contract forthwith where:
- (a) the Supplier or any member of the Supplier's Personnel, either directly or through their servants or agents or sub-contractors breaches any of their obligations under this Contract; or
 - (b) the Supplier, Supplier's Personnel, servants, agents or sub-contractors, or any person acting on their behalf has committed an offence under the Bribery Act 2010 or the Terrorism Act 2000 in breach of Clauses 32 or 33 of this Contract; or
 - (c) the Supplier is an individual or a partnership and at any time:
 - (i) becomes bankrupt; or
 - (ii) is the subject of a receiving order or administration order; or
 - (iii) makes any composition or arrangement with or for the benefit of the Supplier's creditors; or
 - (iv) makes any conveyance or assignment for the benefit of the Supplier's creditors; or

- (v) the warranty given by the supplier pursuant to Clause 35 (Tax Compliance) is materially untrue; or
- (vi) the Supplier commits a material breach of its obligation to notify DFID of any Occasion of Tax Non Compliance as required by Clause 35 (Tax Compliance); or
- (vii) the supplier fails to provide details of proposed mitigating factors which in the reasonable opinion of DFID, are acceptable.

(d) the Supplier is a company and:

- (i) an order is made or a resolution is passed for the winding up of the Supplier; or
- (ii) a receiver or administrator is appointed in respect of the whole or any part of the undertaking of the Supplier.

(e) the Supplier is a partnership or a company and there is a Change in Control. "Change in Control" means that the person(s) (including corporate bodies) directly or indirectly in Control of the Supplier at the time this Contract is entered into cease to be in Control. "Control" means the power of a person to secure that the affairs of the Supplier are conducted in accordance with the wishes of that person.

44.4 Where this Contract is terminated in accordance with this Clause 44, the Supplier shall without prejudice to DFID's other remedies, take any steps necessary to terminate the provision of the Services in a timely and orderly manner but shall not be entitled to any further payment in relation to this Contract.

44.5 Where this Contract is terminated pursuant to Clause 44.3(b) the Supplier shall pay DFID within 10 days of notification by DFID, such amount as DFID shall have determined as the amount of any loss to DFID resulting from such termination together with the amount or value of any gift, consideration, commission, corruption or fraud concerned.

Dispute Resolution

45. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

45.1 The Parties will attempt in good faith to negotiate a settlement to any claim or dispute between them arising out of or in connection with this Contract. If the matter is not resolved by negotiation within 45 days of when either Party first made contact in respect of the same, the parties will refer the dispute to mediation in accordance with CEDR (Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution in London, UK) procedures. If the parties fail to agree terms of settlement within 90 days of the initiation of the procedure the dispute may be referred to an arbitrator as agreed between the parties or failing such agreement as may be nominated by the President of the Law Society of England and Wales upon application of any Party. The initiation of the procedure is defined as the written request to CEDR by any Party for mediation provided that such request is copied to the other Party.

45.2 The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties.

45.3 The seat and place of arbitration shall be London.

Law

46. LAW AND JURISDICTION

46.1 This Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with English Law and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of England and Wales.

Compliance with Environmental Requirements

47. ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

47.1 The supplier shall provide the Services and any goods & equipment required under the Contract in accordance with applicable national and international laws, including those of the country or countries in which the Services or goods & equipment are to be provided, and DFID's environmental operations policy, which is to conserve energy, water and other resources, reduce waste, phase out the use of ozone depleting substances and minimise the release of greenhouse gases, volatile organic compounds and other substances damaging to health and the environment.

47.2 The UK Government is committed to promoting a low carbon, high growth, global economy. The Supplier shall work with DFID and the populations that are potentially affected by its operations under the Contract regarding any environmental issues that could affect the sustainable development provisions of the [International Development Act \(2002\)](#), comply with special conditions as stipulated in the Terms of Reference and carry out any reasonable additional request to ensure the protection of the environment, society and the economy throughout the contract period.

- 47.3 The Supplier shall ensure it has the requisite expertise and controls to identify and mitigate all factors that may affect compliance with the conditions outlined in Clauses 47.1 and 47.2 as a result of its own operations or those of Sub-contractors working on its behalf.
- 47.4 The Supplier shall promptly notify DFID of any changes in potential material adverse effects from its operations under the Contract and of the occurrence of any incident or accident related to the Project that has or is likely to have a significant adverse effect on the environment.
- 47.5 Nothing in Clauses 47.1 to 47.3 shall relieve the obligations of the Supplier to comply with its statutory duties and Good Industry Practice.

Conflict of Interest

48. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 48.1 Neither the Supplier nor any of the Supplier's Personnel shall engage in any personal, business or professional activity which conflicts or could conflict with any of their obligations in relation to this Contract.
- 48.2 The Supplier and the Supplier's Personnel shall notify DFID immediately of any actual or potential conflict together with recommendations as to how the conflict can be avoided.
- 48.3 The Supplier shall establish and maintain appropriate business standards, procedures and controls to ensure that no conflict of interest arises between Services undertaken for DFID and that undertaken for other clients. The Supplier shall avoid knowingly committing any acts which are likely to result in any allegation of impropriety against DFID, including conflicts of interest which are likely to prejudice their independence and objectivity in performing the Contract, howsoever arising.
- 48.4 The Supplier shall notify DFID immediately of any circumstances of which it becomes aware which give rise or potentially give rise to a conflict with the Services and shall advise DFID of how they intend to avoid such a conflict arising or remedy such situation. The Supplier shall subject to any obligations of confidentiality it may have to third parties provide all information and assistance reasonably necessary (at the Supplier's cost) that DFID may request of the Supplier in order to avoid or resolve a conflict of interest and shall ensure that at all times they work together with DFID with the aim of avoiding a conflict or remedy a conflict.
- 48.5 Pursuant to Clause 48.4, DFID shall have the right to require that the Supplier puts in place "Ethical Walls" and will ensure and satisfy DFID that all information relating to the Contract and to the Services and Deliverables completed pursuant to it (to include all working papers, draft reports in both tangible and intangible form) are not shared or made available to other employees, suppliers or agents of the Supplier and that such matters are not discussed by the relevant staff with other employees, suppliers or agents of the Supplier.
- 48.6 In the event of a failure to maintain the "Ethical Walls" as described above arising during the course of this Contract, DFID reserves the right to immediately terminate the Contract on giving written notice to the Supplier.

Retention of Rights

49. CONSEQUENCES OF EXPIRY OR TERMINATION

- 49.1 Clauses 8,9,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,36,37,45 and 46 of this Section 2 and any relevant clauses listed under Section 4 (Special Conditions) shall survive the termination or expiry of this Contract.

SCHEDULE 1

Definitions

Unless otherwise provided or the context otherwise requires the following expressions shall have the meanings set out below:

“Affected Party” the Party seeking to claim relief in respect of a Force Majeure Event;

“Affiliate” in relation to a body corporate, any other entity which directly or indirectly Controls, is Controlled by, or is under direct or indirect common Control with, that body corporate from time to time;

“Central Government Body” a body listed in one of the following sub-categories of the Central Government classification of the Public Sector Classification Guide, as published and amended from time to time by the Office for National Statistics:

- (a) Government Department;
- (b) Non-Departmental Public Body or Assembly Sponsored Public Body (advisory, executive, or tribunal);
- (c) Non-Ministerial Department; or
- (d) Executive Agency;

“Charges” the charges for the provision of the Services set out in or otherwise calculated in accordance with Schedule 5 (Schedule of Prices);

“Commencement Date” means the date identified in Section 1 Form of Agreement.

“Commercially Sensitive Information” the information listed in Section 4 comprising the information of a commercially sensitive nature relating to the Supplier, its intellectual property rights or its business of which the Supplier has indicated to DFID that, if disclosed by DFID, would cause the Supplier significant commercial disadvantage of material financial loss;

“Confidential Information” means all Personal Data and any information, however it is conveyed, that relates to the business, affairs, developments, trade secrets, know-how, personnel and suppliers of either party, including all intellectual property rights, together with all information derived from any of the above, and any other information clearly being designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked “confidential”) or which ought reasonably be considered to be confidential;

“Contract” means this agreement between DFID and the Supplier consisting of this Section 2 (Standard Terms and Generals) and any attached Schedules and Appendices

“Contract Amendment Letter” means the form set out in Appendix A.

“Contract Inception Report” the initial financial model in a form agreed by the Supplier and DFID in writing on or before the Commencement Date ;

“Contract Officer” means the person named in Section 4 who is responsible for all contractual aspects of the Contract.

“Contract Price” means the price, exclusive of any applicable Value Added Tax, payable by DFID to the Supplier, as set out in Section 3 (Schedule of Prices) for the performance of the Services and its obligations under this Contract but before taking into account the effect of any adjustment of price in accordance with Section 5 (Schedule of Prices).

“Contracting Authority” any Contracting Authority as defined in Regulation 5(2) of the Public Contracts (Works, Services and Supply) (Amendment) Regulations other than DFID;

“Crown Body” any department, office or agency of the Crown;

“Data Controller” shall have the same meanings as set out in the Data Protection Act 1998;

“DFID Data” means (a) the data, text, drawings, diagrams, images or sounds (together with any database made up of any of these) which are embodied in any electronic, magnetic, optical or tangible media, and which are: (i) supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of DFID; or (ii) which the Supplier is required to generate, process, store or transmit pursuant to this Contract; or (b) any Personal Data for which DFID is the Data Controller;

“DFID System” DFID's computing environment (consisting of hardware, software and/or telecommunications networks or equipment) used by DFID or the Supplier in connection with this Contract which is owned by DFID or licensed to it by a third party and which interfaces with the Supplier System or which is necessary for DFID to receive the Services;

“Data Processor” shall have the same meaning as set out in the Data Protection Act 1998;

“Data Protection Legislation” means the Data Protection Act 1998 and all other applicable laws and regulations relating to the processing of personal data and privacy, including without limitation, the guidance and codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner;

“Data Subject” shall have the same meaning as set out in the Data Protection Act 1998;

“Default” any breach of the obligations of the relevant Party (including abandonment of this Contract in breach of its terms, repudiatory breach or breach of a fundamental term) or any other default, act, omission, negligence or statement:

- (a) in the case of DFID, of its employees, servants, agents; or
- (b) in the case of the Supplier, of its Subcontractors or any Supplier Personnel, in connection with or in relation to the subject matter of this Contract and in respect of which such Party is liable to the other;

“Dispute” any dispute, difference or question of interpretation arising out of or in connection with this Contract, including any dispute, difference or question of interpretation relating to the Services, failure to agree in accordance with the Change Control Procedure or any matter where this Contract directs the Parties to resolve an issue by reference to the Dispute Resolution Procedure;

“DOTAS” means the Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Schemes rules which require a promoter of tax schemes to tell HM Revenue & Customs of any specified notifiable arrangements or proposals and to provide prescribed information on those arrangements or proposals within set time limits as contained in Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and in secondary legislation made under vires contained in Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004 and as extended to National Insurance Contributions by the National Insurance Contributions (Application of Part 7 of the Finance Act 2004) Regulations 2012, SI 2012/1868 made under s.132A Social Security Administration Act 1992.

“Employment Business” means an employment agency is an organization which matches employers to employees. In all developed countries there is a publicly funded employment agency and multiple private businesses which also act as employment agencies.

“Environmental Information Regulations” means the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issues by the Information Commissioner or relevant Government Department in relation to such regulations;

“Ethical Walls” means a process for avoiding conflicts of interest by limiting disclosure of information to certain individuals within an organisation, thereby building a metaphorical wall between the holders of information and colleagues who represent interests or hold opinions which conflict.

“Euro Compliant” means that:

- (i) the introduction of the euro within any part(s) of the UK shall not affect the performance or functionality of any relevant items nor cause such items to malfunction, end abruptly, provide invalid results or adversely affect DFID’s business;
- (ii) all currency-reliant and currency-related functions (including all calculations concerning financial data) of any relevant items enable the introduction and operation of the euro; and
- (iii) in particular each and every relevant item shall, to the extent it performs or relies upon currency-related functions (including all calculations concerning financial data):
 - (a) be able to perform all such functions in any number of currencies and/or in euros;
 - (b) during any transition phase applicable to the relevant part(s) of the UK, be able to deal with multiple currencies and, in relation to the euro and the national currency of the relevant part(s) of the UK, dual denominations;
 - (c) recognise accept, display and print all the euro currency symbols and alphanumeric codes which may be adopted by any government and other European Union body in relation to the euro;
 - (d) incorporate protocols for dealing with rounding and currency conversion;
 - (e) recognise data irrespective of the currency in which it is expressed (which includes the euro) and express any output data in the national currency of the relevant part(s) of the UK and/or the euro; and

(f) permit the input of data in euro and display an outcome in euro where such data, supporting DFID's normal business practices, operates in euro and/or the national currency of the relevant part(s) of the UK;

"Equipment" means any equipment, computer hardware or software, materials, goods and vehicles and associated services necessarily required for the implementation of the Services, which the Supplier cannot reasonably be expected to provide, which are financed or provided by DFID for use by the Supplier.

"Exit Management" services, activities, processes and procedures to ensure a smooth and orderly transition of all or part of the Services from the Supplier to DFID and/or a Replacement Supplier.

"Exit Plan" the plan produced and updated by the Supplier during the Term in accordance with Terms of Reference;

"Financial Limit" means the amount specified in Section 1 and is the maximum amount payable by DFID under this Contract for the receipt of the Services.

"FOIA" means the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and any subordinate legislation made under this Act from time to time, together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner or relevant Government Department in relation to such legislation.

"Force Majeure Event" any event outside the reasonable control of either Party affecting its performance of its obligations under this Contract arising from acts, events, omissions, happenings or non-happenings beyond its reasonable control and which are not attributable to any wilful act, neglect or failure to take reasonable preventative action by that Party, including acts of God, riots, war or armed conflict, acts of terrorism, acts of government, government or regulatory bodies, fire, flood, storm or earthquake, or disaster but excluding any industrial dispute relating to the Supplier or the Supplier Personnel, servants, agents or sub-contractors, or any person acting on their behalf or any other failure in the Supplier's or a Sub-contractor's supply chain;

"Force Majeure Notice" a written notice served by the Affected Party on the other Party stating that the Affected Party believes that there is a Force Majeure Event;

"General Anti-Abuse Rule" means (a) the legislation in Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013; and (b) any future legislation introduced into parliament to counteract tax advantages arising from abusive arrangements to avoid national insurance contributions.

"Good Industry Practice" at any time the exercise of that degree of care, skill, diligence, prudence, efficiency, foresight and timeliness which would be reasonably expected at such time from a leading and expert supplier of services similar to the Services to a customer like DFID, such supplier seeking to comply with its contractual obligations in full and complying with applicable Laws;

"Halifax Abuse Principle" means the principle explained in the CJEU Case C-255/02 Halifax and others.

"HM Government Cyber Essentials Scheme" means the HM Government Cyber Essentials Scheme as further defined in the documents relating to this scheme published at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cyber-essentials-scheme-overview>

"IATI" means the International Aid Transparency Initiative standard and is a technical publishing framework allowing data to be compared. It is designed to report forward-looking aggregate budget information for the reported organisations, and planned future budgets to recipient institutions or countries.

"Information" has the meaning given under Section 84 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000; including all information of whatever nature, however conveyed and in whatever form, including in writing, orally, by demonstration, electronically and in a tangible, visual or machine-readable medium (including CD-ROM, magnetic and digital form);

"Intellectual Property Rights" or "IPRs"

(a) copyright, rights related to or affording protection similar to copyright, rights in databases, patents and rights in inventions, semi-conductor topography rights, trade marks, rights in Internet domain names and website addresses and other rights in trade names, designs, Know-How, trade secrets and other rights in Confidential Information;

(b) applications for registration, and the right to apply for registration, for any of the rights listed at (a) that are capable of being registered in any country or jurisdiction; and

(c) all other rights having equivalent or similar effect in any country or jurisdiction;

“Key Performance Indicators” means a set of quantifiable measures that DFID and Supplier will use to measure the performance of the Services provided by the Supplier under the Contract (as defined in Section 3 Terms of Reference).

“Law” means any applicable law, statute, bye-law, regulation, order, regulatory policy, guidance or industry code, rule of court or directives or requirements of any Regulatory Body, delegated or subordinate legislation or notice of any Regulatory Body;

“Licensed Software” all and any Software licensed by or through the Supplier, its Sub-contractors or any third party to DFID for the purposes of or pursuant to this Contract, including any Supplier Software, Third Party Software and/or any Specially Written Software;

“Malicious Software” any software program or code intended to destroy, interfere with, corrupt, or cause undesired effects on program files, data or other information, executable code or application software macros, whether or not its operation is immediate or delayed, and whether the malicious software is introduced wilfully, negligently or without knowledge of its existence;

Milestone” an event or task described in the Implementation Plan which, if applicable, shall be completed by the relevant Milestone Date;

“Milestone Payment” a payment identified in Section 5 to be made following the issue of a Milestone Achievement Certificate;

“Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance” means:

(a) Any tax return of the Supplier submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after 1 October 2012 is found on or after 1 April 2013 to be incorrect as a result of:

(i) a Relevant Tax Authority successfully challenging the Supplier under the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle or under any tax rules or legislation that have an effect equivalent or similar to the General Anti-Abuse Rule or the Halifax Abuse Principle;

(ii) the failure of an avoidance scheme which the Supplier was involved in, and which was, or should have been, notified to a Relevant Tax Authority under the DOTAS or any equivalent or similar regime; and/or

(b) Any tax return of the Supplier submitted to a Relevant Tax Authority on or after October 2012 gives rise, on or after 1 April 2013, to a criminal conviction in any jurisdiction for tax related offences which is not spent at the Effective Date or to a civil penalty for fraud evasion.

“Parties” and “Party” have the meanings respectively given in Section 1 of this Contract;

“Performance Indicators” the Key Performance Indicators and the Subsidiary Performance Indicators;

“Personal Data” personal data (as defined in the Data Protection Act 1998) which is Processed by the Supplier or any Sub-contractor on behalf of DFID or a Central Government Body pursuant to or in connection with this Contract;

“Process” has the meaning given to it under the Data Protection Legislation but, for the purposes of this Contract, it shall include both manual and automatic processing;

“Prohibited Act” has the meaning;

(a) to directly or indirectly offer, promise or give any person working for or engaged by DFID a financial or other advantage to:

(i) induce that person to perform improperly a relevant function or activity; or

(ii) reward that person for improper performance of a relevant function or activity;

(b) to directly or indirectly request, agree to receive or accept any financial or other advantage as an inducement or a reward for improper performance of a relevant function or activity in connection with this Contract;

(c) an offence:

(i) under the Bribery Act 2010 (or any legislation repealed or revoked by such Act);

(ii) under legislation or common law concerning fraudulent acts; or

(iii) defrauding, attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud DFID; or

(d) any activity, practice or conduct which would constitute one of the offences listed under

(e) above if such activity, practice or conduct had been carried out in the UK;

"Project" means a set of co-ordinated activities, with definite starting and finishing points, undertaken by an individual or team to meet specific objectives within defined time, cost and performance parameters

"Project Officer" means the person named in Section 4 who is responsible for issuing instructions and dealing with all correspondence in connection with the technical aspects of the Contract;

"Regulatory Bodies" means those government departments, regulatory, statutory and other entities, committees and bodies which, whether under statute, rules, regulations, codes of practice or otherwise, are entitled to regulate, investigate, or influence the matters dealt with in this Contract or any other affairs of DFID and "Regulatory Body" shall be construed accordingly;

"Relevant Requirements" all applicable Law relating to bribery, corruption and fraud, including the Bribery Act 2010 and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Justice pursuant to section 9 of the Bribery Act 2010;

"Relevant Tax Authority" means HM Revenue & Customs, or, if applicable, a Tax Authority in the jurisdiction in which the Supplier is established.

"Replacement Services" any services which are the same as or substantially similar to any of the Services and which DFID receives in substitution for any of the Services following the expiry or termination or Partial Termination of this Contract, whether those services are provided by DFID internally and/or by any third party;

"Replacement Supplier" any third party service provider of Replacement Services appointed by DFID from time to time;

"Request for Information" a request for information or an apparent request under the FOIA, the Environmental Information Regulations and associated codes of practice;

"Security Policy" means DFID's security policy, which can be accessed on DFID's website at <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/work-with-us/procurement/dfid-information-security-policy-for-contractorsconsultants/> or as notified to the Supplier from time to time;

"Services" means the services set out in the Terms of Reference (Section 3).

"Sites" any premises (including DFID premises, the Supplier's premises or third party premises):

(a) from, to or at which:

(i) the Services are (or are to be) provided; or

(ii) the Supplier manages, organises or otherwise directs the provision or the use of the Services; or

(b) where:

(i) any part of the Supplier System is situated;

(ii) any physical interface with DFID System takes place;

"Staff Vetting Procedure" means DFID's procedures and departmental policies for the vetting of Personnel whose role will involve the handling of information of a sensitive or confidential nature or the handling of information which is subject to any relevant security measures, including, but not limited to, the provisions of the Official Secrets Act 1911 to 1989.

"Software" Specially Written Software, Supplier Software and Third Party Software;

"Sub-contract" any contract or agreement (or proposed contract or agreement) between the Supplier (or a Sub-contractor) and any third party whereby that third party agrees to provide to the Supplier (or the Sub-contractor) all or any part of the Services or facilities or services which are material for the provision of the Services or any part thereof or necessary for the management, direction or control of the Services or any part thereof;

"Sub-contractor" means any third party employed by the Supplier in the provision of Services;

"Successor Body" means a body which is not a Central Government Body or if a body which is not a Central Government Body succeeds the Authority;

"Supplier" means the person(s), partnership(s) or company (ies) with whom this Contract is placed.

"Supplier Background IPRs" means;

- (a) Intellectual Property Rights owned by the Supplier before the Effective Date, for example those subsisting in the Supplier's standard development tools, program components or standard code used in computer programming or in physical or electronic media containing the Supplier's Know-How or generic business methodologies; and/or
- (b) Intellectual Property Rights created by the Supplier independently of this Agreement, which in each case is or will be used before or during the Term for designing, testing implementing or providing the Services but excluding Intellectual Property Rights owned by the Supplier subsisting in the Supplier Software;

"Supplier's Personnel" means any person instructed pursuant to this Contract to undertake any of the Supplier's obligations under this Contract, including the Supplier's employees, agents and sub-contractors.

"Supplier Software" Supplier Software (including open source software) that:

- (a) the Supplier makes generally available commercially prior to the date of this Contract (whether by way of sale, lease or licence) on standard terms which are not typically negotiated by the Supplier save as to price; and
- (b) has a Non-trivial Customer Base;

"Supplier System" the information and communications technology system used by the Supplier in implementing and performing the Services including the Software, the Supplier Equipment, configuration and management utilities, calibration and testing tools and related cabling (but excluding DFID System);

"Term" the period commencing on the Effective Date and ending on the expiry of the Initial Term or any Extension Period or on earlier termination of this Contract;

"Third Party IPRs" Third Party IPRs that:

- (a) the Supplier makes generally available commercially prior to the date of this Contract (whether by way of sale, lease or licence) on standard terms which are not typically negotiated by the Supplier save as to price; and
- (b) has a Non-trivial Customer Base;

"Unincorporated Consortium" means groups of economic operators, including temporary associations, may participate in procurement procedures and shall not be required by contracting authorities to have a specific legal form in order to submit a tender or request to participate ([The Public Contracts Regulations 2015](#) – *Economic Operators* 19.3).

"Variation" means a properly executed variation to the Contract in compliance with Condition 38.

"Working Day" any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in England and Wales.

Appendix A. Contract Amendment Letter

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Abercrombie House
Eaglesham Road
EAST KILBRIDE
Glasgow
G75 8EA

Telephone: East Kilbride 01355 84 4000
Directline: 01355 84 [

File Ref: [

Date: []
Contract Amendment No: [

CONTRACT FOR: [

CONTRACT NUMBER: [

With reference to the contractual letter dated [] (as most recently amended by the letter dated []) whereby your firm [(in association with []) was engaged to [] and with reference to your letter[s of [] and subsequent discussion, I confirm that the UK Government wishes to make the following [further amendment[s to the letter of [:

[

2. [These/This amendment[s relate[s to [

3. Please confirm in writing by signing and returning one copy of this letter, within 15 working days of the date of signature on behalf of DFID that you accept the amendment[s set out herein.

4. Please note the provision in the contractual letter that the financial limit of the UK Government's liability to the Supplier under this engagement shall not exceed the sum specified unless the amount of any such excess has been agreed by the Department for International Development in writing before the Supplier takes any action which might result in the financial limit being exceeded.

For and on behalf of the
Secretary of State
for International Development

Name: []

Position:

Signature:

Date: []

For and on behalf of

Name: [

Signature:

Date:

UK Department for International Development (DFID)

National Health Sector Programme 3 (NHSP3) - Monitoring and Evaluation

Terms of Reference

Introduction

1. The Department for International Development (DFID) leads the UK's work to end extreme poverty, deliver the Global Goals, and tackle global challenges in line with the government's **UK Aid Strategy**. Our aid budget is spent on tackling the great global challenges – from the root causes of mass migration and disease, to the threat of terrorism and global climate change – all of which also directly threaten British interests. We are ending the need for aid by building peaceful and stable societies, creating jobs and strong economies, fighting corruption, unlocking the potential of girls and women, tackling climate change and helping to save lives when humanitarian emergencies hit.
2. Despite achieving unprecedented health outcomes for a post-conflict country, Nepal is facing a complex array of challenges if it is to further improve health outcomes for women and girls, children, the poor and socially excluded. UK support is required to address the following:
 - i. **Persistent, and in some cases growing, health equity gaps:** between 1996 and 2011 child mortality fell from 118 to 54 deaths per 1,000 live births. However, the rate for the poorest socioeconomic group was double that of the richest group (75 and 36 deaths per 1,000 live births respectively, in 2011).
 - ii. **Barriers to accessing services** (geographic, socio cultural, institutional and financial): in 2011, only 35% of mothers delivered in a health facility; the national average for at least 4 antenatal care visits was 50% but was only 32% for all women living in rural areas. Household costs for health care represent approximately 61% of monthly household consumption among the poorest.
 - iii. **Poor quality health care:** Poor infection prevention and control practices and health facility waste management are major challenges in Nepal and contribute to the spread of disease and antimicrobial drug resistance. The fact that less than 20% of health workers are able to correctly resuscitate a newborn and 54% of health posts do not have staff trained in skilled delivery also indicates the need to improve the quality of care.
 - iv. **Burden of disease:** infectious disease remains a leading cause of death and illness but there are increasing rates of costly chronic and non-communicable disease and disability. In 2009, 16% of deaths among women of reproductive age were due to suicide.
 - v. **Climate, environment and disasters:** 20% of the country's health facilities were devastated by the 2015 earthquake and vulnerability to further earthquakes, landslides and floods remains in large parts of the country.
 - vi. **Limited fiscal space:** Nepal's economy has stabilized, though growth remains low.¹ Even before the earthquake fiscal space for greater spending on health and social sectors was considered limited.² This is exacerbated by the impact of the earthquake and severe fuel shortages following political protests over the new constitution. Growth and government revenues are expected to fall sharply this year.

¹ International Monetary Fund (2014) Article IV Consultation with Nepal.

² World Bank, Assessing Fiscal Space, undated

- vii. **Weak public financial management and accountability:** inadequate systems and poor compliance result in poor budget planning and execution and weak implementation of internal control procedures resulting in high fiduciary and corruption risks.
3. The GoN is committed to supporting health and the 'Leave no-one behind' agenda, but lacks the finances and technical capacity to deliver on this, particularly in light of the challenges outlined above. DFID is well placed to support more, and more equitable, improvements in health outcomes and support health sector reforms that will result in better health sector efficiency and capability.
4. NHSP3 will build on DFID's existing, sector engagement but it will differ in a number of ways:
- **Introducing results based aid component** – for financial aid, payment mechanisms will be a combination of predictable financing based on an assessment of progress against the MoH's annual workplan and budget and DFID fiduciary and corruption safeguards and a Results Based Aid (Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) approach which is tied to the achievement of agreed policy reforms and independently verified. See key background documents for the draft DLI matrix.
 - **Flexible programming** – Nepal's recently approved Constitution introduces federalism although the details and implications for the decentralisation of health delivery are not yet known. The programme will be designed to flexibly respond to opportunities at the subnational level if and when they arise. DFID Nepal will undertake a mid-term review of NHSP3 to assess how much aid could be directed to district or provincial level. Commercial contracts will ensure a break clause between design and implementation phases. Supplier(s) will build in flexibility to respond to opportunities or new risks as they emerge or as the political context changes.
 - **Strengthened risk management** – DFID Nepal has strengthened the assurance framework for delivery of its financial aid. Additional safeguards have been introduced based on the recommendations of Internal Audit Department, including third party monitoring of procurement and independent verification of results.
 - **Geographical focus** – while retaining a population-wide approach, more focus will be given in particular areas where the poor and most vulnerable live, including earthquake-affected districts, to help close the health equity gap.
5. The impact of the programme will be the continued improvement in health of all people, particularly women, children, and the poor and socially excluded. It will be measured at impact and outcome level over a 5-year period by a reduction in fertility and mortality and the number of maternal and newborn lives saved. By the end of 2020, we estimate that our support will contribute to;
- nearly 7 million children under-five years of age and women of childbearing age being reached by nutrition-related interventions; 341,152 attributable to DFID NHSP3 support;
 - over 3.1 million additional number of users using modern contraceptives; 156,190 attributable to DFID NHSP3 ; and
 - over 2.4 million children under 5 years of age immunised against measles; 121,988 attributable to DFID NHSP3 support.
6. The UK investment will contribute to the overall attainment of the targets outlined in the NHSS Results Framework (see key background documents) including by end 2020:
- reduction in maternal mortality from 190 to 125 per 100,000 live births
 - reduction in child mortality from 38 to 28 per 1,000 live births

- reduction in neonatal mortality from 23 to 17.5 per 1,000 live births
 - increase in institutional delivery from 55% to 70%
7. At the outcome level the UK's investment is expected to lead to an equitable utilisation of quality health services through transparent, responsive and evidence-based health systems. The MoH will be more capable in terms of better planning and budgeting, the use of evidence and improved oversight and governance, leading to a more accountable, transparent, efficient and effective health sector, better able to cope with natural disasters and climate change. Health services will be restored in earthquake-affected districts; stronger policy and regulation will lead to more earthquake resilient health infrastructure; and at least two hospitals will be better placed to withstand future shock.
 8. DFID will be procuring support to the implementation of NHSP3 through two OJEU processes, approximately two months apart. The first is related to DELIVERY and the second is related to MONITORING & EVALUATION. Both tender processes will involve a Lot procurement, two stage restricted procedure.
 9. NHSP3 DELIVERY was launched 16 July 2016 and contained three (3) Lots to support the implementation of the NHSP3 programme.
 - The first Lot (General Health Technical Assistance (GHTA)) will support capacity development, through embedded TA, of the Ministry of Health (MoH) and Department of Health Services. This will support implementation of the National Health Sector Strategy 2015-2020, in particular DFID focus areas.
 - The second Lot (Retrofitting and Health infrastructure Technical Assistance (RHITA)) will support, through embedded TA, MoH and the Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (DUDBC – the government's in-house consulting engineers who act as a service provider to MoHP) in the design, construction procurement, and delivery of appropriate retrofitting and reconstruction solutions for at least two prioritized hospitals.
 - The third Lot (Health Sector Procurement and Public Financial Management (PPFM)) will support DFID in providing procurement, financial and fiduciary risk oversight on behalf of the pooled donors. TA will not be embedded and will be delivered independently from GHTA and RHITA.

Objective

10. The overarching objective of the NHSP3 programme is to improve the health of women, children, the poor and socially excluded in Nepal, including by restoring health services in areas affected by the 2015 earthquake, and improving the quality and governance of health services nationwide.

Sub-objectives are to:

- i. support improved coherence and effectiveness of social accountability initiatives resulting in more effective and responsive health service governance and delivery, and link this with wider political accountability and reform processes, in line with the devolution of power set out in the new Constitution.
- ii. enable DFID Nepal to continuously improve and adapt its programme to ensure that the NHSP 3 intended outcomes and impact are achieved by:
 - Contributing to strengthening results and progress monitoring of DFID Nepal's health sector programmes, including validating methodologies and

tracking progress against the NHSP 3 Theory of Change and Logframe and assessing VfM; and

- helping to build and share evidence derived from DFID's NHSP 3 programme, and health sector reform and equitable service delivery more generally in Nepal. It will generate evidence on what is working well and why in the Nepal context.

11. Overall, the UK's investment will contribute to the delivery of the Nepal Health Sector Strategy 2015-2020. A draft logframe for NHSP-3 as a whole can be found at Annex 3, which will be refined and finalised at the end of the inception phase.

The Recipient

12. The recipient of the services will be DFID and the Government of Nepal (GoN), specifically the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Department of Health Services (DoHS). The intended primary beneficiaries of the programme will be the people of Nepal, particularly women, children, and the poor and socially excluded.

Scope of work

Core areas

13. NHSP 3 - aims to improve health outcomes for the poor and vulnerable in Nepal through four core areas:

(i) Leaving no one behind: The programme will support essential health care services for the entire population while strengthening better delivery and more tailored support for the poor and marginalised including in post-earthquake and remote, mountainous districts. The focus will be on improved reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health outcomes for these groups. It will also explore approaches where the Government of Nepal (GoN) can use private sector providers to supplement services in underserved areas.

(ii) Better evidenced based planning, budgeting and stewardship of public health services: The programme will help put in place and support policies, systems and institutions necessary for improved evidenced-based planning for health services, better linked to areas of greatest need and supported by appropriate budgets. NHSP3 will strengthen how well the budget is spent; ensure more efficient purchasing of medicines and other health commodities, more effective supply chains, better quality infrastructure, and better use of data, health staff and finances. There will be a particular focus at district level. We will improve the use of data in areas such as burden of disease, maternal undernutrition, family planning to excluded groups, and the costs of using health care for the poor³. DFID Nepal has a good track record in helping modernise financial and administrative systems in health, such as the introduction of an automated accounting system. The programme will build on and expand these efforts, working to increase efficiency and sustainability of reforms in the long term.

ii) Improved quality of care: Although Nepal has made impressive gains in access to health services, there is a need to improve the quality of care provided at both public and private health facilities. This includes health infrastructure (staffing and buildings), availability of quality, safe, cost-effective health commodities, evidenced-based policy development and improved regulation of the private sector.

³ Operational research and/or additional analytics e.g. of the Demographic Health Survey, Burden of Disease studies will be supported through the Monitoring, Evaluation and Operational Research Lot of the NHSP3- MONITORING AND EVALUATION tender.

(iv) Earthquake restoration and disaster preparedness: The UK is at the forefront of disaster risk reduction in Nepal and this was put to good effect in the April 2015 earthquake. At least two hospitals in densely populated and highest risk areas, out of a priority list of ten hospitals, will be retrofitted to withstand earthquakes. Stronger policy and regulation will lead to more earthquake resilient health infrastructure. Work will continue in the earthquake-affected districts to ensure restoration of health services.

The Lots under NHSP 3- Monitoring and Evaluation will contribute to the overall NHSP3 scope of work in the following ways:

- to support improved coherence and effectiveness of social accountability initiatives resulting in more effective and responsive health service governance and delivery, and link this with wider political accountability and reform processes, in line with the devolution of power set out in the new Constitution.
- to contribute to strengthening results and progress monitoring of DFID Nepal's health sector programmes, including validating methodologies and tracking progress against the NHSP 3 Theory of Change and Logframe and assessing VfM; and
- to help build and share evidence derived from DFID's NHSP3 programme, and health sector reform and equitable service delivery more generally in Nepal. It will generate evidence on Nepal context and on what is working well and why.

The Requirements

14. See Annexes 1 and 2 for the detailed descriptions of scope, requirements etc.

Principles

15. Suppliers should note the following principles, which will apply across the programme:
- **Project management is devolved to Kathmandu** (i.e. not led in US, UK etc.)
 - NHSP3 SP(s) will build on DFID's existing, sector engagement. SP's will be expected to **support the principles of aid effectiveness**, in particular in assisting the strengthening MoH's capacity to advance the **Sector Wide Approach (SWAp)** in existing and anticipated federal context.
 - **Emphasis on national capacity building to strengthen the overall sustainability** of the programme and it is expected that potential suppliers would seek to strengthen local market capability. There is existing capability in-country and it is essential for future development efforts in Nepal that these are built upon and deepened.
 - **If a Consortium, it must work as a team, not as separate suppliers.**
 - **Active collaboration with other TA providers and stakeholders working on similar programmes** both within DFID's NHSP3 programme and with other development partners.
 - **Balance between analysis and implementation-** the programme will help put in place and support policies, systems and institutions necessary for improved evidenced-based planning and budgeting for health services, better linked to areas of greatest need and supported by appropriate budgets.
 - **Adaptive flexible programming-** given the challenging policy environment, programmes must be designed in ways that enables a flexible approach to implementation; be pragmatic and politically sensitive; and able to flex and respond to challenges and opportunities e.g. federalism.
 - **Provide a "can do" approach to delivery**
 - **All work is treated as a "public good"** to be implemented by others in the future, including research. We expect good practices to be documented and disseminated and Suppliers to support a culture of cross sector learning.

- **Coherence with other DFID Nepal programmes-** health as well as reconstruction, water and sanitation, governance, PFM, humanitarian and climate change (as appropriate). All DFID programmes have monitoring, evaluation and learning as a component.
- **Commitment to documenting and disseminating learning** from the programme
- **All contracts delivered under NHSP3 will be 100% output based contracts** – strong results frameworks and robust means of monitoring and verifying will be required from Supplier(s).
- Supplier(s) will be required to demonstrate strong commitment towards **transparency, financial accountability, and zero tolerance to corruption and fraud.**

Constraints and Dependencies

- DFID Nepal are looking for Supplier(s) with:
 - capability to deliver in Nepal and/or countries of a similar context, plus the ability to hit the ground running;
 - capacity to deliver technical expertise appropriately to deliver against the ToRs;
 - capacity to use the latest evidence to support the design and implementation of the programme;
 - capacity to create an enabling environment that promotes national ownership and effective working with MoH/DoHS/ DPs and other stakeholders;
 - capacity to work on innovative, adaptive and flexible programmes in a dynamic political environment and capacity to support reform and deliver results in an evolving political environment;
 - capacity for sound programme and financial management; capacity to deliver clear and effective financial plans, illustrating financial risk/contingency and be able to link outputs to payment; and
 - capacity and demonstrated experience of delivering requirements and results within stipulated timeframes.
- As noted above, Supplier(s) will be expected to build on DFID's existing, sector engagement. Access to key health sector documentation can be found on <http://www.nhssp.org.np/>. The current DFID TA support, under DFID's Health and Transition Programme (HTRP) is expected to end by 31st March 2017. We expect NHSP3 Supplier(s) to have mobilised by this time to enable a smooth and informed transition.
- DFID want the NHSSP website named above, currently maintained by the HTRP TA, to continue as this has become a valuable resource for external partners, promotes learning and improves transparency. DFID will work with the NHSP 3 DELIVERY Lot 1 GHSA Supplier(s) during the inception phase to ensure this is done.
- In accordance with the sector-wide approach, the External Development Partners have endeavoured to align their TA to the NHSS and coordinate their health TA support to GoN (see Key Background Documents). DFID Supplier(s) will be expected to interface with each other and to work closely with other donor-funded TA to maximise these resources, enhance synergies, avoid duplication and ensure that the outcome is more than the sum of its parts.

Inception requirements

- An inception period will take place following contract award, which will last no longer than 3 months. It is envisaged that this inception phase be used for the supplier to refine approaches agreed as part of procurement, in consultation with key Government of Nepal stakeholders and DFID.
- In the Inception Period we expect the Supplier will deliver:

- (i) Within 4-6 weeks of contract signature, a fully operational central programme office, including the mobilisation of requisite core staff and establishment of the programme in suitable premises (mobilisation);
- (ii) The development and adoption of clear policies and procedures to ensure smooth functioning of the programme. This will include plans, timetables, policies and procedures to support:
 - a. Detailed implementation plan that sets out the expected deliverables and financial plan for the two years and indicative workplan for the latter years;
 - b. Programme management and reporting processes;
 - c. Procurement, due diligence, financial management and reporting following international best practice;
 - d. Design and establishment of a results monitoring and evaluation system;
 - e. Staffing plans and timetable, including duty of care, management and contractual arrangements for all staff, and;
 - f. Risk management strategy;
 - g. Produce a final programme logframe and a refined theory of change relevant to the Lot awarded that is coherent with the overarching NHPS3 logframe;
- (iii) Full scoping of year one activities in conjunction with key Government of Nepal and external stakeholders. These activities should be ready to begin immediately after inception, though some activities will commence during inception, and will represent deliverables to be formally assessed as part of DFID's annual review in July 2017.

Finance Mechanisms

- 22. All NHSP3 contacts tendered under NHSP 3 will be 100% output based contracts, hence the earlier emphasis described earlier on the delivery of outputs. DFID Nepal acknowledges the inherent tension between outputs/ performance based contracts, a flexible approach to implementation and working in a challenging environments like Nepal. We welcome proposals from Supplier(s) in how best to tackle this through their approach i.e. design and selection of their outputs, within the framework of a 100% output based contract.
- 23. The proposed approach to the frequency of the delivery of the outputs and thus payment against deliverables will be outlined in the proposal and in detail in the inception report for the first two years and indicatively for the latter years. Agreement on Yearly deliverables will be made at the inception phase and then annually thereafter, within three months of the end of the programme year. Supplier(s) should note that where and when feasible NHSP 3 TA expenditure will be concentrated in the first three quarters of the UK financial year.
- 24. The supplier will provide advance funding from their own resources which will be reimbursed by DFID in accordance with agreed milestone payments. The Supplier will be responsible for monitoring and forecasting all spending and be fully accountable to DFID for all expenditure.

Governance and Reporting

- 25. Overall coordination of the programme within DFID will rest with the SRO for the programme, who is also the technical lead Adviser. Supplier(s) coordinate with the Programme Manager on issues related to financial reporting, assess management and due diligence.
- 26. DFID will be recruiting a programme-funded Technical Support Officer, who will support the Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) in DFID to co-ordinate with the Supplier(s). They will act as Secretariat for the NHSP3 Steering Committee, which will be established and comprise of representatives from the Ministry of Health, Department of Health Service, Department of

Urban Development and Building Construction, , DFID, NHSP3 suppliers. As a programme-funded post the TSO will be based with one of the Supplier(s)- currently we propose that this be with the NHSP 3 DELIVERY GHATA Supplier at the MoH.

27. The Supplier(s) will proactively engage and coordinate with Government, Development Partners and others involved in similar areas of intervention and will report on this to the Steering Committee.
28. The programme will be subject to DFID's Annual Reviews and a Project Completion Report. The Supplier will be expected to cooperate and provide input into both. The Supplier will also be expected to input into briefings for UK Government senior officials and ministers as well as answers to parliamentary questions that relate to the Health Sector in Nepal.
29. The Supplier(s) will also be expected to contribute, as relevant, the GoN and MoH reporting processes, as relevant, such as annual planning and budgeting processes, the Joint Annual Review, Joint Coordination Meetings etc....
30. The key formal reports will be as follows although these may be amended by mutual agreement of DFID and the Supplier (s):
 - monthly Progress Update Meeting with the Programme Senior Responsible Office (SRO) which will review progress against planned implementation, outputs and a review of risks;
 - quarterly Progress Reports in a succinct format that links directly to the results framework;
 - six monthly progress and issue(s) summary in the form of a succinct PowerPoint presentation to be presented to the NHSP 3 Steering Committee;
 - annual work plans and budgets to be delivered three months before the start of the next annual programme cycle to allow adequate time for consultation with and feedback from DFID and key stakeholders; and
 - annual Report on progress over the past year, achievements and lessons learned from feedback mechanisms. This should links directly to the results framework and the Theory of Change.
31. Subject to approval with the MoH, DHoS and DUDBC it is proposed that the NHSP 3 Steering Committee will meet on a six monthly basis. This will be timed to align with the JCM and JAR to avoid duplication of effort on progress reporting.
32. Reporting formats will be agreed between DFID and the Supplier(s) during the inception phase. The Supplier should develop appropriate arrangements to monitor programme implementation with clear demonstrable evidence of value for money principles.

Performance Requirements

33. DFID reserves the right to request changes to the contract, including services, the ToRs and the contract cost to reflect lessons learned, or change in circumstances, policies or objectives relating to or affecting the programme. DFID will also have the right to terminate the contract at any point where it has strong justification that the programme is not delivering the intended results and/ or does not offer value for money to DFID.
34. The performance of the SPs will be jointly assessed by the Ministry of Health and the DFID Nepal Governance and Service Delivery Team (DFID GSDT) through specifically/ mutually agreed Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). If need be, at any point in time, a change in activities or outputs is indicated (additional, change in scope or scale or agreement to stop work on a deliverable), the Ministry of Health (PPICD) and DFID Nepal will agree with the SP(s) revision and

if and where relevant will revise the contract in accordance with the current provisions of the EU Directives relating to additional works.

35. At key points of this assignment, the MoH and DFIDN Governance and Service Delivery Team will call upon the expertise of other federal, regional and district level bodies and other donors and agencies, as well as DFIDN's economic, social development and governance advisors to quality assure relevant deliverables of the SP(s).
36. Supplier(s) engagement in/responsibility for various reporting requirements and processes are mentioned under the Governance and Reporting section above. In addition to this, regular field monitoring visits will be undertaken by DFID staff and where possible with representatives from the GoN.
37. Due to the long duration of the programme, the contract will have adequate provision for variation to adapt to changes that occur during the life of the programme. To support this, there will be two break points in the programme, one at the end of the inception period, and one at the point of the Mid-term review (expected July/August 2018). Suppliers should note the first Annual Review deadline is July 2017 which is one year from start of the implementation of the Business Case (Financial Aid component), not from TA contract award. The mid-term review of the NHSP3 Business Case will cover the financial aid as well TA. It will assess whether or not the programme has delivered the desired results and continues to offer a good value for money for DFID. At this point, based on the review, DFID (and any partners) may decide to strengthen programme implementation, for example to address gaps.
38. DFID reserves the right to amend (scale down), re-tender/cancel the contract if the SP's performance during the inception phase or during the first 18 months of implementation does not explicitly and satisfactorily meet the conditions and performance milestones set forth in the contract and/or if the bi-lateral agreement between DFID and the Government of Nepal changes.
39. In the case of a consortium bid, the Lead Supplier(s) will be responsible for managing and tackling poor performance of consortium partners.
40. All expenditure will be against pre-agreed fee rates and project costs. All fee rates, costs and expenses should be clearly set out in the proposal in line with DFID's Transparency and Accountability agenda and must be justified in terms of value for money. Expenditure will be monitored, reported and accounted for on an annual basis, as part of the Annual Review cycle.
41. Personnel: The Supplier(s) will strive for continuity of its core personnel over the life of the programme. Any changes that need to be made to the core team during implementation shall be agreed with DFID in advance. Overall, not more than 10% of the personnel named in the core team will be allowed to change within the first 12 months of issuing the contract, unless otherwise agreed.
42. DFID will link payments to milestones against outputs and outcomes i.e. "payment by results" approach, rather than inputs. Both inception period milestones and linked results need to be made clear in the bid. The first payment would be made upon receiving the draft inception report. Bidders should propose a payment plan and payment approach using payment by results that incentivises the achievement of results and value for money. This payment plan, linked to Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), will be agreed between the Supplier(s) and DFID for both the inception and implementation period. Payment of invoices against deliverables will be subject to the satisfaction and approval of DFID.

43. DFID will institute regular structured key supplier/partner contract performance management system to monitor contract progress linked to delivery of results and client relations and when possible link this with DFIDN's annual review process. Partners will be expected to comply with this process.

Value for Money

44. Value for Money (VFM) in DFID is about maximising the impact of every pound spent to improve poor peoples' lives. This means more than just the benefits of our work outweighing the costs. It means that in everything we do we try to maximise impact given the financial, political and human resources we have available.
45. At the programme level, this requires us to think about whether we are getting the most value out of our activities with the best use of resources. This influences how we procure our inputs (economy), how we use inputs to deliver activities (efficiency) and, most importantly, what overall value we are generating for the intended beneficiaries and at what cost (cost effectiveness). We should continuously challenge ourselves to see if we can do the same for less, if we can deliver activities in more efficient ways that drive better value and if these are the best activities to achieve the right benefits, for the right people in the right ways.
46. Therefore, we expect suppliers in their bids to outline a VfM analysis framework covering, how they will demonstrate VFM of the bid in relation to the VfM enablers and how VFM will be evidenced and analysed during programme implementation, with particular reference to key indicators for VfM analysis over the life of the programme, the programme results and potential measurement/monitoring approaches and the enablers of the DFID's VfM strategy. This information should provide reassurance that VFM will be a central programme and commercial considerations, with final agreement on the VFM approach and framework agreed during the inception phase. Further information on a proposed VFM framework can be found within the Business Case, though this is flexible and we also invite alternative proposals.

Timeframe

47. The current timeline is for mobilisation is beginning April but we will endeavour to bring that timeline forward where and when possible.
- For Lot 1 SAHS, the contract will end March 2020. DFID may, in agreement with the Supplier(s), extend the contract beyond the March 2020 end date, for a period of up to 2 additional years subject to project need, review recommendations, value for money, acceptable supplier performance to date and budget availability. If circumstances require further extension beyond the original contract duration, DFID will consider doing so by means of the negotiated procedure where necessary conditions can be met.
 - For Lot 2 MEOR, the contract will and the contract will end on 31st December 2020. DFID may, in agreement with the Supplier(s), extend the contract beyond the December 2020 end date, for a period of up to 2 additional years subject to project need, review recommendations, value for money, acceptable supplier performance to date and budget availability. If circumstances require further extension beyond the original contract duration, DFID will consider doing so by means of the negotiated procedure where necessary conditions can be met.

Logistics

48. The Supplier(s) will be responsible for their logistical arrangements including in-country transport, office space, translation and other logistical support. The Supplier will also be required to cover the duty of care (see below for more details) for all members of the evaluation team. All relevant expenses should be covered by the evaluation contract budget.
49. The Supplier(s) will be provided with the information detailed under 'existing information sources'. DFID will facilitate contacts for the Supplier with other stakeholders and provide support where appropriate.

Duty of Care

50. DFID Nepal will not take responsibility of personal security of suppliers. They have to be responsible by themselves. DFID Nepal has a Risk Management Office (RMO) available to provide security briefing and information to the supplier as per their request.
51. Regarding information security, suppliers are responsible for not sharing sensitive information with any parties other than DFID.
52. The supplier is responsible for the safety and well-being of their Personnel and Third Parties affected by their activities under this contract, including appropriate security arrangements. They will also be responsible for the provision of suitable security arrangements for their domestic and business property.
53. DFID will share available information with the supplier on security status and developments in country where appropriate. A security briefing by DFID Nepal is available to all supplier personnel on request. All such personnel must register with their respective Embassies to ensure that they are included in emergency procedures.
54. This Procurement will require the supplier to operate in a seismically active zone which is at high risk of earthquakes. Following the earthquakes in April and May 2015 a number of aftershocks have been felt and continue to occur. Earthquakes are impossible to predict and can result in major devastation and loss of life. There are several websites focusing on earthquakes, including <http://geology.about.com/library/bl/maps/blworldindex.htm> the supplier(s) should be comfortable working in such an environment and should be capable of deploying to any areas required within the region in order to deliver the contract (subject to travel clearance being granted).
55. Tenderers must develop their Tender on the basis of being fully responsible for Duty of Care in line with the details provided above. They must confirm in their Tender that:
- they fully accept responsibility for Security and Duty of Care;
 - they understand the potential risks and have the knowledge and experience to develop an effective risk plan; and
 - they have the capability to manage their Duty of Care responsibilities throughout the life of the contract.
56. Acceptance of responsibility must be supported with evidence of capability (no more than 2) A4 pages and DFID reserves the right to clarify any aspect of this evidence. In providing evidence, Bidders should consider the following questions:
- Have you completed an initial assessment of potential risks that demonstrates your knowledge and understanding, and are you satisfied that you understand the risk management implications (not solely relying on information provided by DFID)?

- Have you prepared an outline plan that you consider appropriate to manage these risks at this stage (or will you do so if you are awarded the contract) and are you confident/comfortable that you can implement this effectively?
- Have you ensured or will you ensure that your staff are appropriately trained (including specialist training where required) before they are deployed and will you ensure that on-going training is provided where necessary?
- Have you an appropriate mechanism in place to monitor risk on a live / on-going basis (or will you put one in place if you are awarded the contract)?
- Have you ensured or will you ensure that your staff are provided with and have access to suitable equipment and will you ensure that this is reviewed and provided on an on-going basis?
- Have you appropriate systems in place to manage an emergency / incident if one arises?

Further information on Duty of Care is provided in the Supplier Instructions.

UK Aid Branding

57. Transparency, value for money, and results are top priorities for the UK Government. DFID has a duty to show UK taxpayers where their money is being spent, its impact, and the results achieved. DFID has guidance on the use of its logos, which will be shared with the Supplier(s) Provider as necessary.

Digital Spending Policy

58. Expenditure budgeted under information services, websites, transactional services, web applications (e.g. maps), mobile apps, and extranets falls under the category of DFID's Digital Spending Policy. Expenditure on such item(s) will require prior approval from the SRO. The Supplier(s) should seek clearance of the list of items under IT with the SRO prior to commencing procurement.

Aid Transparency

59. DFID has transformed its approach to transparency, reshaping its own working practices and encouraging others across the world to do the same. DFID requires Suppliers receiving and managing funds to release open data on how this money is spent, in a common, standard, re-usable format and to require this level of information from immediate sub-contractors, sub-agencies and partners. It is a contractual requirement for all Suppliers to comply with this, and to ensure they have the appropriate tools to enable routine financial reporting, publishing of accurate data and providing evidence of this – further information is available from www.aidtransparency.net.

Conflict of Interest

60. The onus lies with the Supplier(s) to identify, assess the risk of, and suggest measures to mitigate, any perceived or actual conflicts of interest. This mitigation proposal will be subject to DFID approval.
61. A conflict of interest can be deemed to exist where a party (either an individual or an entity) has an existing interest or relationship which could result in an impairment of objectivity.

Annexes

Annex 1: Lot 1 SAHS specific ToR

Annex 2: Lot 2 MEOR specific ToR

Annex 3: Draft DFID NHSP3 logframe

Annex 4: DoC Risk Assessment Matrix NHSP3 -M&E September 2016

Annex 5: Dailekh Mapping Study, Mary Hobley and Dermot Shields, April 2015.

Key Reference documents

1. NHSP3 Business Case
2. NHSP2 Project Completion Report
3. HTRP Annual Review
4. ToRs for NHSP DELIVERY
5. National Health Sector Strategy (NHSS) 2015-2020 and Results Framework
6. Draft DLI matrix
7. Draft TA matrix
8. National Health Sector Support Programme Lessons Learnt and Sustainability Review 2010-2015

Key websites with other relevant documentation

1. MoH website: <http://www.mohp.gov.np/>
2. DoHS website: <http://dohs.gov.np/>
3. National Health Sector Support Programme website: <http://www.nhssp.org.np/>. For RHITA bidders to note that this has a section on procurement and infrastructure
4. National Health Sector Programme (EDP website) <http://nhsp.org.np/documents/>

ANNEX 2: LOT 2 MONITORING, EVALUATION AND OPERATIONAL RESEARCH (MEOR)

This Annex outlines details and requirements specific for Lot 2 (MEOR) but must be read in conjunction with the general Terms of Reference for NHSP3

Introduction

1. The UK will provide £85 million over 4.5 years (April 2016 to Dec 2020) to support the delivery of the Nepal Health Sector Strategy 2015-2020 (NHSP3). Of this £20 million will support the retrofitting and rehabilitation of hospitals in earthquake-affected and at-risk areas. UK support will be used to strengthen basic health services across Nepal with a focus on women, the poor and those who are socially excluded. It builds on the one-year programme to restore health services in the areas affected by the devastating April 2015 earthquake. The programme is part of the DFID Nepal post-earthquake strategy approved by Ministers in July 2015. The size of UK support has been carefully calculated to provide enough funds to ensure health services reach the poorest while improving the resilience of the health sector to future shocks through hospital retrofitting. Financial aid to the Ministry of Health will be front loaded as part of a responsible exit plan and ensure fiscal sustainability.
2. NHSP3 will be delivered in ways that seek to support and reward delivery of policy reform and implementation in critical areas relating to health service delivery, improved equitable health outcomes and public financial management and governance.

Objective

3. The overarching objective of the NHSP3 programme is to improve the health of women, children, the poor and socially excluded in Nepal, including by restoring health services in areas affected by the 2015 earthquake, and improving the quality and governance of health services nationwide.
4. Sub-objective relevant to Lot 2 MEOR are to enable DFID Nepal to continuously improve and adapt its programme to ensure that the NHSP3 intended outcomes and impact are achieved by:
 - a. Contributing to strengthening results and progress monitoring of DFID Nepal's health sector programmes^{4,5}, including validating methodologies and tracking progress against the NHSP 3 Theory of Change and Logframe and assessing VfM; and
 - b. helping to build and share evidence derived from DFID's NHSP3 programme, and health sector reform and equitable service delivery more generally in Nepal. It will generate evidence on Nepal context and on what is working well and why.

Recipient

5. The recipients of the services will be DFID, GoN, specifically the Ministry of Health (MoH) and health sector stakeholders.

Scope of work

6. The MEOR Supplier will be required to deliver outputs under four output areas:
 - A. Validation of methods and results monitoring
 - B. Review and evaluation

⁴ This includes validating the methodology for and tracking family planning results from both NHSP3 and DFID's Nepal Family Planning Project (NFPP), including ensuring that results are not double counted.

⁵ This includes supporting DFID Nepal to better track nutrition results from nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive programming, including ensuring that results are not double counted.

- C. Research and analysis
- D. Knowledge management and learning

Technical Requirements

7. Core areas of work are below

A. Validation of methods and results monitoring:

- support DFID Advisers in finalising, post inception phase, of the NHSP3 logframe, including baselines and targets, and support evidence-based revisions to the NHSP3 logframe, as required;
- validate the methodology for tracking key indicators outlined in the NHSP3 logframe and DFID health sector programmes^{6,7}; and
- regularly track and report progress against the NHSP3 Logframe to DFID Advisers and the NHSP3 Steering Committee.

B. Review and evaluation:

- regularly monitor (at least annually, but expected more frequently in the cases of availability of new context-specific intelligence and evidence) and report progress against the NHSP3 Theory of Change to DFID Advisers and the NHSP3 Steering Committee, using relevant methodologies to explore whether the assumptions and causal chain underpinning the Theory of change still hold, integrating this analysis with monitoring of logframe results;
- conduct mid-term review of NHSP3, with the timeframe to be agreed during the inception phase;
- support DFID Advisers in developing the Final Independent Evaluation of DFID's health sector support 2004-2020⁸, following the OECD DAC criteria, noting that the final Evaluation Terms of Reference (once drafted) and other relevant documents (including inception, baseline and final reports) will require approval through DFID's evaluation quality assurance mechanism (SEQAS or its successor mechanism); and
- provide technical expertise to strengthen the integrity of the design, implementation and reporting of evaluations of health sector interventions supported by the DFID's NHSP3 GHATA team and NFPP Service Delivery Provider. Given the dependencies to the SPs of GHATA and the NFPP Service Delivery Provider, the detail of the scope of work will be discussed with the SPs and defined during the inception phase for year 1 and then agreed annually thereafter.

C. Research and Analysis:

The aim of this output is to generate evidence that will inform and improve the delivery of NHSP3 and the NHSS. The SP will develop feedback loops and provide evidence that research and analysis substantively inform the decisions of the NHSP3 Steering Committee and other health sector stakeholders. Within this output area there will be flexibility to undertake strategic and focussed research and analysis as opportunities arise.

Focus areas for research, analysis and recommendations are summarised below as:

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⁷ This includes supporting DFID Nepal to better track nutrition results from nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive programming, including ensuring that results are not double counted.

⁸ As an independent evaluation, SPs engaged in delivering technical assistance to the delivery of DFID's health sector support 2004-2020 will not be eligible to bid for the evaluation contract. This includes the SP for Lot 2 MEOR.

- i. leaving no one behind: improved reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health outcomes for the poor and marginalised including in post-earthquake and remote, mountainous districts;
- ii. quality of care, with a focus on primary and secondary health care; and
- iii. epidemiological analysis to support better evidenced-based planning for health services, better linked to areas of greatest need.

Indicative activities under this output include:

Analysis

- further data analysis of surveys (for example, Demographic and Health survey, Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey, Living Standards Survey), routine programme monitoring, evaluations and other data sources as relevant, to help inform policy and strategy development and improve health sector delivery. The MEOR supplier will work closely with other suppliers of NHSP3, DFID, MoH and other relevant stakeholders to identify core themes, e.g. equity and gender analyses, and potential questions. During inception period, at least one area of further analysis will be agreed, with others agreed at regular intervals through formal meetings with DFID Health Advisers and the NHSP 3 Steering Committee; and
- work with other stakeholders⁹ to help improve burden of disease (including determinants of health) data and estimates at national and sub-national level.

Research

Given the budget allocation for lot 2 MEOR, work on this area is intended to focus on *critical* knowledge gaps and is not intended to support a large research portfolio.

- in close consultation with other suppliers of NHSP3, DFID, MoH, Nepal Health Research Council (NHRC) and other key stakeholders on health sector programmes in Nepal, identify priority research areas and questions (at least 2 during the inception phase; the Steering Committee, annual and midterm review afford opportunities to discuss and agree research priorities, questions and implementation as relevant)) and undertake focussed research related to:
 - i. operational research¹⁰ on selected questions for improving effectiveness, quality and coverage of healthcare interventions; and/or
 - ii. health policy and system research¹¹ to improve health system efficiency and responsiveness.

D. Knowledge management and learning:

- develop a framework and establish a mechanism and tools for learning across NHSP3. As part of this the Supplier(s) will develop a Communications and Outreach Strategy in first three months of the implementation during the inception phase. This will include analysis of the priority audiences, including how they consume information, key learning objectives for each audience and priority actions.

⁹ This process will be led by the MoH with support from the Nepal Health Research Council (NHRC), WHO and other stakeholders.

¹⁰ Remme JHF, Adam T, Becerra-Posada F, D'Arcangues C, Devlin M, Gardner C, et al. (2010) Defining Research to Improve Health Systems. PLoS Med 7(11): e1001000. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1001000.

¹¹ WHO (2012) What is Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR)? Available at: http://www.who.int/alliance-hpsr/alliancehpsr_reader.pdf

- generate and disseminate quality knowledge products resulting from activities outlined in outcomes A-C to inform DFID health programming, wider health policy and strategy development and health sector programming; including packaging evidence generated under output areas A-C into formats identified in the communications and outreach strategy. For example, this may include policy briefs, infographics, scientific articles and technical reports.
 - work with other stakeholders, as appropriate, to strengthen knowledge management across the health sector.
 - contribute to and participate in health sector reviews including health sector/MoH mid-term and annual progress reviews and the EDP/MoH Joint Annual Review.
8. The areas of work above are not exhaustive and we welcome proposals from Supplier(s) of other monitoring, evaluation and research areas if their situation analysis and value for money assessment supports this in their Bids and the bid remains within the indicative budget provided in Table 1 of the main ToR document.
9. The Supplier(s) will be expected to maximise on resources and ensure that the outcome is more than the sum of its parts and that there is no duplication of effort with other NHSP 3 Suppliers. Thus, the areas listed above are indicative and will be further revised and agreed by DFID, in coordination with the MoH and other NHSP3 Suppliers at the end of 3 months inception phase.
10. Supplier(s) are expected to outline proposed Outputs in their bids. Outputs will need to link to the NHSS results framework and DFID's NHSP3 logframe indicators. Outputs will be finalised during the Inception Phase. However, it is understandable that questions for research and evaluations will be identified in consultation with other suppliers of NHSP3, DFID, MoH and other stakeholders on annual basis.
11. It is not expected that MEOR will interact heavily with the programme and Supplier(s) of DFID's NHSP Retrofitting and Health Infrastructure Programme and the Procurement and Public Financial Management Oversight programme beyond the overarching progress monitoring.

Approach

12. The Supplier(s) will need to develop effective working relationships with other NHSP3 suppliers, MoH and other stakeholders but this should not undermine the integrity of the independence required to deliver on the outputs outlined above, in particular Outputs A and B.
13. Supplier(s) should be aware of the contexts in which the MoH operates in terms of monitoring of health sector programs, surveillance of communicable and non-communicable diseases, operational and implementation research, and practices and standards of evaluation of complex public health inventions. Supplier(s) should, where appropriate, support the development of research and analytic skills of local partners (MoH, NHRC, etc.).

Dependencies and Constraints

14. As outlined earlier, the Supplier(s) of Lot 2 MEOR will need to liaise with the other Supplier(s) of DFID's NHSP3 programme, in particular GHATA, around issues related to monitoring of health sector programmes, DFID's results monitoring, and for knowledge management and learning. The exact nature of the dependencies will be discussed and further elaborated during the inception phase and roles and responsibilities of each supplier in supporting the delivery of the MEOR outputs clearly outlined and agreed.

Governance and reporting

15. While collecting data, validating methods and generating evidence and disseminating knowledge products, the Supplier(s) will work with relevant divisions and centres at the MoH and Department of Health Services, NHRC and other government ministries such as Ministry of Local Development, Ministry of Women and Children Welfare, Ministry of Education, Centre Bureau of Statistics and others as relevant.
16. The Supplier(s) will be expected to develop and maintain collaborative relationships with a wide range of stakeholders within the government, health sector EDPs, and non-state partners working in the sector.
17. The DFID Nepal's Health Adviser will be the first point of contact regarding technical matters for the Supplier(s).

Open access

18. Please note that DFID operates an open access policy¹². This requires that any research dissemination from its programmes that is published in peer reviewed and non-peer reviewed journals must be done as open access and all data collected under this programme will be made available within 12 months of the last data collection period in a data repository.

¹² DFID (2013) DFID Research Open and Enhanced Access Policy. Available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/181176/DFIDResearch-Open-and-Enhanced-Access-Policy.pdf