**REQUEST FOR TENDER**

**Consultancy Service for Conducting Baseline, End line and Final Evaluation Survey – BHAKARI Project**

Ref Number: **MCN/MAR/2020/18/NEPAL**

**MERCY CORPS OVERVIEW**

Mercy Corps is a leading global organization powered by the belief that a better world is possible. In a disaster, in hardship, in more than 40 countries around the world, we partner to put bold solutions into action — helping people triumph over adversity and build stronger communities from within. Now, and for the future.

We help people overcome poverty and conflict. Working with communities, we leverage local logic to help people transform their lives. To grow more food, earn higher incomes, and ultimately advocate for their needs. We see global challenges as an invitation to pioneer innovative, sustainable solutions. During our 34-year history, our work has improved more than 170 million lives in more than 115 countries around the world.

**PROJECT:**

Mercy Corps will be starting the USAID funded Food for Peace – Building Hope Along the Karnali River Basin (Bhakari) project in Nepal. This multiyear international emergency food assistance program is expected to start from October 2020 through September 2023 covering 6 districts; Jumla, Mugu, Kalikot, Surkhet, Dailekh and Achham.

The overall goal of Bhakari is that emergency food needs of vulnerable and socially excluded households in Karnali River Basin are met while simultaneously building food security and resilience for the future. The Bhakari activity will establish mechanisms for short-term cash support—through both the activity’s and government systems—while linking longer-term resilience to agriculture, water, financial inclusion, Disaster Risk Reduction and community capacity strengthening. Concurrently, Bhakari layers an intentional focus to address the root causes of gender inequity and social exclusion. Bhakari will operate through three Purposes; 1 “Increase household (HH) level food availability and access”: 2 “Improve access to sustainable water sources for productive purpose” 3 “Reduce the impact of natural disasters”:

Mercy Corps Nepal requires a research/data collection firm to support in planning and executing baseline/final evaluation survey and other monitoring surveys and assessments throughout the life of Award. The Research firm will provide support to the Bhakari program, under the supervision of MEL Director and in close coordination with the Start-Up Team Lead, Technical Advisors, program and operations team in the Mercy Corps Nepal Country Office.

Mercy Corps Nepal invites applications from qualified firms for the specified consultancy service. Please visit <https://www.mercycorps.org/tender> to download RFQ form, Scope of Work, Proposal template and other documents for full information.

Interested firms should submit their proposal as stated in the SOW with legal documents, consultancy profile of similar works with budget as mentioned in Scope of Work to tenders@mercycorps.org clearly marking **Ref Number: MCN/MAR/2020/18/NEPAL** in the subject Line no later than 21 Sept 2020 COB.The incomplete proposals or proposals received after closing date will not be considered.

Only shortlisted organizations will be contacted for further process. Canvassing at any stage of the process shall lead to automatic disqualification of the application. Mercy Corps reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason.