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**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION FOR US SUPPLIER FOR COMMODITIES LABELLING REQUIREMENT LISTED IN PHASE 2 OF THE BELOW SCOPE**

**McGovern-Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program in Uzbekistan**

**Mercy Corps Uzbekistan**

**Scope of Work**

**Labeling of Commodities for Phases II**

Mercy Corps is a leading global organization powered by the belief that a better world is possible. In 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.

The USDA McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition program (FFE) in Uzbekistan will target 294 preschools in the Republic of Karakalpakstan and Surkhandarya Region reaching over 40,000 children of 3-7 years old enrolled in the target preschools. The objectives of the program are to:

* Improve student attendance in preschools through the provision of daily preschool meals, improved learning environment, and access to clean water and sanitation;
* Promote reading readiness in preschools through the provision of age-appropriate pre-literacy activities, training and mentoring of preschool teachers and administrators on pre-literacy instruction and enhancing community and family support for reading;
* Improve preschool infrastructure and the learning environment of preschool children through the construction or rehabilitation of preschool kitchens, classrooms and water and sanitation facilities;
* Increase knowledge of nutrition, health, and hygiene practices and safe food preparation and storage practices, by facilitating training for cooks, nurses and information sessions for parents.

The program implementation takes place from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2024. The implementation targets a total of 294 preschools that will be enrolled in the program for next two years. For that reason, program implementation is divided into three phases during which preschools will be enrolled. Phase I will target 60 preschools, phase II will target 160 preschools (including 60 preschools continuing from phase I in addition to 100 newly enrolled preschools). Phase III will target a total of 234 preschools (100 continuing preschools from phase II in addition to 134 newly enrolled preschools).

In frame of Phase II, USDA will supply the following commodities:

**60 MT Oil –** Sunflower seed oil in 4-liter steel cans or 4-ltr plastic bottles – containerized and sealed,

**30 MT** **Split Yellow Peas** in 50 kg bags – containerized and sealed,

**100 MT Fortified Rice** (well milled, medium grain 3/15) in 50 kg bags – containerized and sealed,

**260 MT All Purpose Flour** (fortified, hard wheat) in 50 kg bags – containerized and sealed.

The commodities will go to target preschools in in the Republic of Karakalpakstan and Surkhandarya Region.

**Purpose of the Labeling of Commodities for Phases II**

Commodities need to meet the Government of Uzbekistan **labeling and marking requirements for all food products.** Imported packaged and wrapped foods must have labels in both the manufacturer's language and in Uzbek. Thus, the producer must include the following information in English, which Mercy Corps will translate into Uzbek:

* + Name of the food product
  + Purpose and/or intended use of the food product (required for all products intended for children and dietary purposes)
  + Name the the food product producer (the name of producing country, the name and address of the producer, the name and address of the company importing the product to Uzbekistan)
  + Trademark of the production company
  + Ingredients in the food product, including any additives (in descending order).
  + Food product grade and nutritional value per 100 grams (Nutritional value should include the following: 1) energy value (calorie) - written in either kilocalories or joules, 2) quantity of proteins, fat, and carbohydrates, 3) any and all fortifications to the food products, and quantity of vitamins and minerals)
    - All-Purpose Flour: As per O'ZDst 1104:2021, the fortification level of wheat flour concerning iron should be between 16,0-40,0 mg/kg.
  + Required storage conditions in accordance with the technical regulations. For food products, the storage conditions of which depend on the properties of the packaging, as well as the storage conditions after opening the package.
  + Production date of food commodities
  + Expiration date of the food commodities. This must include both the shelf life of the food product if unopened, and the number of days for consumption from when a package is opened. Dates should be listed in the format of day, month, year.
  + Method of preparation (for all products intended for children and dietary purposes).
  + Inclusion of both Mass and Net weights, with +/- variation (Specifically for sunflower seed oil weight should be marked both in liters and in kg)
  + Method of consumption (or biologically active consumption, food, specialized products and dietary nutrition)
  + Recognition of conformity (for enterprises, exclusive rights to the right to label conformity products);
  + Regulatory or technical documentation
* The commodities should be packaged in high-quality, moisture proof, sturdy multilayer bags to minimize risk of ripping and tearing.

**Contractor’s Responsibilities and Tasks**

Contractor’s tasks include:

1. Print out labels and QR codes for Flour, Rice, Yellow peas (in 50 kg bags) in a good quality. It is allowed to use labels made of soft (fabric or synthetic) materials for bags that ensure the safety of the label and inscriptions during transportation and storage. The size of labels – 148\*105 mm,
2. Print out labels and QR codes for Sunflower seed oil (in 4 L metallic cans) in a good quality. It is allowed to use labels made of self-adhesive film/paper that ensure the safety of the label and inscriptions during transportation and storage. The size of labels – 148\*105 mm,
3. The samples of labels must be agreed with Mercy Corps Uzbekistan
4. Sew the labels to the top of each bag without damaging the product or the bags.
5. Stick the labels on the bottom of the canisters without damaging the product or the packs.

**To support the contractor in carrying out the tasks outlined above, Mercy Corps will provide the following:**

- Access to the warehouse for cargo storage

- Printable label information and designs

**Expected results:**

The contractor must:

Outcome 1: Print out labels and QR codes for Flour (5 200 bags), Rice (2 000 bags), Split Yellow Peas (600 bags) and Sunflower seed oil (16 344 cans) – 10%

Outcome 2: Sew the labels to the top of each bag without damaging the product or the bags (7 800 bags) - 60%

Outcome 3: Stick the labels on the bottom of the canisters without damaging the product or the packs - 30%

**Dates/schedule:**

The start date of this Contract is December March 1, 2023, and the end date is March 30, 2023.

The consultant will report:

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The contractor will work with:

**Required Skills, Experiences and Competences**

A highly experienced team leader to manage the overall process.

Minimum a year of labeling experience

**FOR THE SUBMITTING OF A QUOTATION AND ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL:**

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