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## **Tender Notice**

Mercy Corps is a non-religious, non-profit, and non-governmental international humanitarian organization.

Mercy Corps has been operational in DRC since August 2007, with a staff of around 400 people working across the country's east. Mercy Corps has a national office in Goma with sub-offices in Beni in North Kivu, Bunia and Mambasa in Ituri and Bukavu, Kavumu and Katana in South Kivu. Mercy Corps also has a presence in DRC's capital, Kinshasa.

To enable communities to meet their own basic needs, Mercy Corps supports displaced and conflict-affected communities with market-driven assistance in multi-purpose cash transfers, emergency WASH support and livelihood assistance. Mercy Corps ensures local markets are more resilient and competitive and communities are better equipped to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

### **Background:**

Since November 2019, Mercy Corps, ACTED, Concern Worldwide, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and Solidarités International (SI) have united as one Consortium to deliver Strategic Assistance for Emergency Response (SAFER) in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The SAFER Consortium brings together the above-mentioned expertise, capacity and experience to increase the coordination of interventions and identify, assess, prioritize, and respond to the needs of vulnerable populations efficiently and effectively. Through shared contextual analysis, technical expertise, and leveraging shared learning, the Consortium partners promote programme quality and flexibility.

The Consortium supports the specific outcome of delivering a coordinated humanitarian response that enables vulnerable households affected by conflict and shocks to address their immediate needs with dignity. This includes supporting the safe and equitable access to emergency market based Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) and basic Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) and Protection services to reduce reliance on negative coping mechanisms to meet their basic needs. Decisions to intervene are made in coordination with other NGOs in the targeted area, including clusters and the United Nations Office for the coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). Since the program covers five provinces of Eastern DRC and has a national coverage capacity, the SAFER Consortium also coordinates with other rapid response mechanisms.

Prior to any intervention, the SAFER partner will conduct extensive coordination and research on partners and activities mapping in the area, on the gaps identified, and how the SAFER Consortium can avoid duplication.

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Once the decision to intervene is made, it is announced through formal coordination mechanisms within the DRC humanitarian community. Once a Multi-Sector Rapid Assessment is conducted, the evaluation reports and the intervention decision are shared with the humanitarian community, other rapid response actors, OCHA and clusters and sub-clusters, for better coordination and to ensure that several actors do not simultaneously position themselves on the same alert.

#### **Purpose of bid:**

The purpose of this bid is to select a regional or international consultancy firm interested to work in the DR Congo for the evaluation of the SAFER consortium.

The overall objective of the evaluation is to establish the best timeline for SAFER interventions by ensuring they meet quality standards and minimize the risk of fraud and compliance breaches. The evaluation is expected to include a desk review and KIIs and FDGs in the field (North Kivu, Ituri, South Kivu/DRC), over a period of up to 30 days.

If you are interested in submitting a bid, you will need to complete an Intent to Bid Form and submit it according to the guidelines below.

1. Interested firms can download the Intent to Bid Form on this [LINK](#) or through the tender platform on Mercy Corps official website: [www.mercycorps.org/tenders](http://www.mercycorps.org/tenders)
2. Intent to Bid Form can be picked up at the following Mercy Corps offices:
  - **Bunia** : *avenue du boulevard II N°3, quartier Lumumba, commune Mbunya, Ville de Bunia dans la province de l'Ituri ;*
  - **Mambasa** : *Quartier MADIDI, Batiment APM , Mambasa centre, Territoire de Mambasa , province de l'Ituri, RD Congo ;*
  - **Goma** : *21, Av. Bouganvellier1, Q. Les volcans, Commune de Goma, Goma, RDC ;*
  - **Bukavu** : *avenue du lac N°3, quartier Nyalukemba/Nguba, commune d'Ibanda, Ville de Bukavu dans la province du Sud-Kivu.*

Completed Intent to Bid Forms must be submitted to Mercy Corps by **10 November 2023, 17:00 (Goma, DRC Time)** by using one of the below methods:

1. Email completed Intent to Bid Form to [drctendersubmissions@mercycorps.org](mailto:drctendersubmissions@mercycorps.org) with the Tender Reference number in the email subject line.
2. Return completed Intent to Bid Form in person and put it in the Tender Box placed at Mercy Corps offices in the above-mentioned locations. The Tender Reference number should be written on the envelope.

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