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Tender Notice

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 now, and for the future.

Mercy Corps is seeking a qualified subcontractor to operate 320 safe spaces for women and girls in Gedaref State, Sudan. A mentor will lead the safe spaces to 25 girls and women in each cohort. They are designed to provide a physically and emotionally secure environment where women and adolescent girls can gather, develop social networks, acquire new skills, and access psychosocial support services.

Objectives:

The subcontractor will manage safe spaces where women and girls, especially those from internally displaced persons (IDP) communities and vulnerable host communities, can attend sessions designed to enhance their well-being, skills, and empowerment. The safe spaces will facilitate access to life skills training, provide psychosocial support, and offer pathways to additional services, including education and livelihood support.

Activities and Services Provided

- **Life Skills Training:** Covering the life skills curriculum, which includes Life skills, Transferable skills, Gender, Power, Violence and Staying Safe, Employability skills and financial management, and Sexual Reproductive Health information.
- **Financial Education:** Teaching savings, budgeting, and income-generation skills.
- **Reproductive Health Awareness:** Providing accurate information on sexual and reproductive health.
- **Psychosocial Support:** Offering group discussions and individual counseling.
- **Linkages to Education and Livelihoods:** Supporting re-enrollment into school and vocational training opportunities.
- **Community Awareness and Engagement:** Conducting outreach to promote the value of safe spaces and gender equality.

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- **Stakeholder Engagement: to create an enabling environment and ensure the sustainability of the program.**

Key Responsibilities of the Subcontractor

- Support in rolling out the Mercy Corps Girl-H model in collaboration with the MC team.
- Manage 320 safe spaces for women and girls.
- In collaboration with the Mercy Corps team, support the enrollment of 9,600 vulnerable girls and women (Adolescent girls and women aged 14-25) for participation.
- Engage with 320 mentors to roll out the life skills curriculum
- Support the administering of the matching interest to work for transition pathway
- Support in establishing savings group within the safe spaces.
- Engage with community stakeholders to create an environment that fosters the growth and well-being of girls and women.
- Ensure each space is physically and emotionally safe, free from violence, stress, or judgment.
- In collaboration with the team, recruit and train female mentors to coordinate activities in each space.
- Conduct consultations with community members, including male influencers, to ensure the selection of safe and acceptable locations for the spaces.
- Collaborate with the Mercy Corps team to deliver training to the mentors and structured programming that encompasses life skills training, financial education, reproductive health information, and psychosocial support.
- Support adolescent girls who wish to return to school through referrals and collaboration with key stakeholders.
- Establish clear pathways for participants to access additional SOMOUD-AF program components, including economic opportunities.
- Ensure safe spaces are well-equipped with necessary supplies for learning, recreation, and hygiene.
- Work closely with local women-led organizations and community-based structures to enhance program sustainability.

Staffing Requirements The subcontractor will, in collaboration with the Mercy Corps team, be responsible for recruiting and managing the following staff:

- **Safe Space Mentors** – To lead discussions, life skills training, and psychosocial support activities. To provide individual support and referrals to specialized services.
- **Safe Space Supervisors** – To provide support to mentors and ensure the quality of activities within the safe space.

- **Community Mobilizers** – To engage with families and community members to support girls' participation.
- **Administrative and Support Staff** – To manage logistics and coordination of safe space activities.

Expected Deliverables

- Fully operational safe spaces with engaged community governance structures.
- Monthly progress reports on activities, participant engagement, and program impact.
- Trained mentors and supervisors in delivering structured programming.
- Pathways established for participants to access education, livelihood support, and protection services.
- Safe and inclusive spaces that meet the needs of women and girls in targeted communities.

9. Period of Performance The subcontractor will operate the safe spaces for an initial period of 12 months, divided into three cycles, with the possibility of extension based on performance and funding availability.

10. Qualifications of the Subcontractor

- Experience working with adolescent girls and women
- Demonstrated experience in implementing gender-based programming and women's empowerment initiatives.
- Expertise in engaging with the government, private sector, and community.
- Experience working with IDP and refugee populations in conflict-affected areas.
- Strong community engagement and mobilization capacity.
- Proven financial and administrative capability to manage project funds and reporting requirements.
- Good understanding of the context of Sudan.

If you are interested in submitting a bid, you will need to complete an Intent to Bid Form and Supplier Information Form and submit them according to the guidelines below:

1. The suppliers can download the Intent to Bid Form and Supplier Information Form on ***sudanbid.com /OR Mercy corps website***
2. Intent to Bid Form and Supplier Information Form can be picked at Mercy Corps office [Gadaref Algobara East – Alwali Street].

Completed Intent to Bid and Supplier Information Forms must be submitted to Mercy Corps by **[31-05-2025]** using one of the below methods:

1. Email completed Intent to Bid and Supplier Information Form to sd-tenders@mercycorps.org

with the Bidding **Reference: GRD/SERV/PR149921** in the email subject line.

2. Return completed Intent to Bid Form and Supplier Information Form in person and put in the Tender Box placed at Mercy Corps office at [**Gaderef Alqobara East – Alwali Street**]. The Bid **Reference: GRD/SERV/PR149921** should be written on the envelope.

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