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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 [Gaderef Algotarab 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:

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1. Email completed Intent to Bid and Supplier Information Form to [sd-tenders@mercycorps.org](mailto: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 Algotarab 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.