**INVITATION TO BID NO: 2023-010 IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH ON STRENGTHENING PRIMARY HEALTHCARE IN LEBANON “FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR ONE YEAR**

The Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) hereby invites sealed bids from eligible vendors manufacturers/reputed firms/ registered with the Lebanese government for the provision of the following supplies/ services

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| **Item #** | **Item description** | **Estimated quantity** | **Delivery of PO** |
| 1 | Implementation Research On Strengthening Primary Healthcare In Lebanon | LUMPSUM | Soft and hard copy to LRC HQ Hazmieh |

**TENDER DETAILS:** The Tender details are as follows:

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| **INCOTERMS:** | DDP – Beirut Delivery Duty Paid |
| **Delivery address of the Bid:** | Lebanese Red Cross Head Quarters, Finance Sector, 1st floor, Spears Street, Kantari, Beirut, Lebanon |
| **ITB Published Date:** | February 16, 2023 |
| **Tender deadline:** | February 23, 2023 / Time: 4:00 p.m. |
| **Deadline for questions:** | February 21, 2023 / Time: 4:00 p.m. |
| **Bids to be marked:** | Tender reference: **2023-010** Do not open before **February 23, 2023**” |

*All documents can be downloaded from* [*http://www.redcross.org.lb/*](http://www.redcross.org.lb/) *(Please select “Tender” from the menu at the top right of the page). Tenderers are advised to check the website regularly as any changes or additional information related to this tender will be updated via the website.*

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THIS ITB:**

1. Bid should be submitted typing and not hand written *(written by hand bids will be considered as ineligible)*
2. All the documents mentioned below should be signed and stamped
3. Bidder are required to submit all their queries in respect of this ITB/ 2023-010 to the following email: [rim.fares@redcross.org.lb](mailto:rim.fares@redcross.org.lb) copying [hoda.fakih@redcross.org.lb](mailto:hoda.fakih@redcross.org.lb)
4. One sealed envelope should be submitted in person and not by email to LRC headquarters in Spears, Finance Department at the 1rst floor with the inscription: ITB/ 2023-010 Do not open before **February 23, 2023**” No other inscription should be included on this envelope.

**I. SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA**

This tender will be awarded to the lowest cost technically compliant bid. The technical evaluation criteria are as per ***Annex 3*** of Detailed Specifications.

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATION (Sign and Stamp)**

A bid shall pass the administrative evaluation stage before being considered for technical and financial evaluation. Bids thatare deemed administratively non-compliant may be rejected.

***DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW SHALL BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR BID:***

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| **#** | **ANNEX** | **DOCUMENT** | **INSTRUCTIONS** |
| 1 | Annex 1 | LRC Supplier Registration Form | Complete ALL sections in full, sign, stamp and submit Mandatory. |
| 2 | Annex 2 | Bid Form | Complete ALL sections in full, sign, stamp and submit Mandatory. |
| 3 | Annex 4 | Past Performance & Bidder References: | At least Two Proof of similar working experience with local or international NGO, Public or private sector shall be submitted.  Proof includes: a copy of contract/purchase order signed or copy of Job Completion.  ***Note: notification of contract award is not a***  ***Proof of experience for LRC.*** |
| 4 | Annex 5 | Tender Award and Acknowledge Certificate | Mandatory, Signed and Stamped |
| 5 |  | Technical Proposal (Research proposal) | The research proposal should include detailed description of the work, the methodology that will be adopted as well as a work plan with a clear timeline  Mandatory, Signed and Stamped |
| 6 |  | Copy of company registration – (Ministry of Justice)- وزارة العدل) ) شهادة تسجيل شركة تجارية | Mandatory |
| 7 |  | Copy of tax registration (Ministry of Finance (وزارة المالية) شهادة تسجيل الشركة | Mandatory |
| 8 |  | Copy of VAT registration (Ministry of Finance)  (وزارة المالية) شهادة تسجيل في الضريبة على القيمة المضافة | Mandatory |
| 9 |  | اذاعة تجارية | Mandatory |
| 10 |  | IBAN official Document | Mandatory |

1. **TECHNICAL EVALUATION**

To be technically acceptable, the bid shall meet or exceed the stipulated requirements and specifications in the ITB.

A Bid is deemed to meet the criteria if it confirms that it meets all mandatory conditions, procedures and specifications in the ITB without substantially departing from or attaching restrictions with them. If a Bid does not technically comply with the ITB, it will be rejected.

All bids that pass the Technical Evaluation will proceed to the Financial Evaluation. Bids that are deemed technically noncompliant will not be financially evaluated.

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| **LRC Requirements** | **Is bid compliant?** Bidder to complete | **Details - Please insert your comments** |
| Awarded Bidder(s) must commit to One Year Framework Agreement | ☐ Yes ☐ No |  |
| Validity of bids for the awarded bidders after finalizing the evaluation should be One Year from contract signing date | ☐ Yes ☐ No |  |
| Advanced down payments are not applicable | ☐ Yes ☐ No |  |
| LRC payments terms: 30-45 days from the date of receiving the goods/service | ☐ Yes ☐ No |  |
| LRC will pay in Fresh Transfer USD, but VAT amount will be paid in Cheque LBP –official rate 1507.5 | ☐ Yes ☐ No |  |
| Delivery terms: Complete Delivery | ☐ Yes ☐ No |  |
| Delivery date: on or before April 21, 2023 | ☐ Yes ☐ No |  |
| The research proposal include detailed description of the work, the methodology that will be adopted as well as a work plan with a clear timeline | ☐ Yes ☐ No |  |
| The research should be provided in both soft and hard copies. | ☐ Yes ☐ No |  |

1. **TENDER PROCESS**

The following processes will be applied to this Tender:

 Tender Period

 Tender Closing

 Tender Opening

 Administrative Evaluation

 Technical Evaluation

 Financial Evaluation

 Contract Award

 Notification of Contract Award

# Instructions to bidders

Tenderers must meet all the requirements specified in the tender documents and therefore advised to go through the tender documents carefully before submission and be certain that they are able to comply with the specified terms & conditions.

1. **Bidding in lots:**

If the tender is divided into lots, bidders should make every effort to bids for all items within the lot they are interested in. If bidders fail to complete all items within the lot LRC reserves the right not to award the lot to the bidder. Bidders can bid for as many lots/items as they wish.

1. **Items and Quantity:**

LRC reserves the right to split up the order between suppliers.

1. **Specifications:**

The detailed specification in respect of requested item with packing, marking/ labelling instructions etc. are given in ***Annex 3 - Detailed Specifications*** which tenderers must adhere to.

**Eligibility:**

* 1. Bidders are solely responsible for ensuring that the full bid is received by LRC in accordance with the ITB requirements, prior to the specified date and time mentioned above. LRC will consider only those portions of the bids received prior to the closing date and time.
  2. All responsive Bids shall be typed on the LRC Bid Form.
  3. Bids submitted are at the Bidders risk and LRC takes no responsibility for the receipt of such Bids.
  4. Bidders are solely responsible for ensuring that the full Bid is received by LRC, in accordance with the ITB requirements:

**Hard Copy:**

Bid shall be placed in an outer sealed envelope, addressed and delivered to:

“*Tender reference:* ***2023-010****.* Do not open before **February 23, 2023”** Failure to comply with the above may disqualify the Bid.

* 1. Tenderer(s) must be Manufacturers, accredited Wholesalers, Traders / Suppliers, Agents in their registered countries.
  2. Any unsealed tenders and tenders received after the submission deadline will not be accepted.
  3. Tenderer(s) should have the capacity and capability to supply the items in accordance with the specifications within the prescribed delivery time and the terms & conditions mentioned herein.
  4. Contracts can be awarded individually or jointly.

1. **Price:**
   1. Price should be best and final offer
   2. Include discounts for early payment, if any
   3. All prices should be denominated in the currency that is specified in the **Addendum** attached.
   4. Applicable VAT/duty rates should be clearly stated per item in the offer as to facilitate any tax/ duty exemptions/ reimbursement
2. **I’NCOTERMS:**

DDP INCOTERMS©2021 as defined by the International Chamber of Commerce will be used to govern the terms of delivery/ contract.

1. **Delivery Destinations:**

Details of the consignee and necessary details for the paperwork will be agreed at the time of signing contract with successful Tenderer/s. Tenderer(s) shall be responsible for all costs arising from packing, forwarding and delivering of goods to actual points of delivery including loading, unloading, transport and insurance and clearance costs as per the stated INCOTERMS.

1. **Delivery/Readiness Period:**

The delivery/readiness must be within the agreed timeframe after the of signing the contract by both parties and all the items/quantities must be delivered at the delivery destinations within a maximum period as agreed on the signing of the contract. The successful Tenderer will be required to agree to the Delivery Schedule (as stated, in tranches so they meet the requirements of our consignee)

1. **Packaging:**

All goods must be appropriately packed (if applicable – refer **Annex 3 - Detailed Specifications** suitable for sea/road transportation and loading/unloading including rough handling to final destinations.

1. **Marking/Labelling:**

Marking / labelling instructions are provided in **Annex 3 - Detailed Specifications**

1. **Presentations:**

Bids should be clearly legible. Prices entered in lead pencil will not be considered. All erasures, amendments, or alterations shall be initialed by the signatory to the Bid. Do not submit blank pages of the Bid Form and/or schedules, which are unnecessary for your offer. All documentation shall be written in English. All Bids shall be signed by a duly authorized

1. **Language:**

The documents submitted will be accepted in English language only. The certificate, etc. from local government or local authorities (if applicable) could be provided in actual language All markings and labelling should appear in English only.

1. **Samples:**

Please refer to the **Addendum** if samples are required with the bid submission or not. If required samples of all the items must be submitted together with your Tender documents. Samples must meet the required specifications as per **Annex 3 - Detailed Specifications**. Each sample must be clearly labelled. LRC reserves the right to reject bids where Tender documents are not accompanied by the samples.

1. **Validity Period:**

Bids shall be valid for at least the minimum number of days specified in the Addendum, and from the date of Bid closure. LRC reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, the validity period in respect of Bids, which do not specify any such maximum or minimum limitation.

If the bid is successful and contracted, the bid will remain valid for the duration of the contract.

1. **Your offer should clearly state the following:**
   1. Country of origin of the goods
   2. Place of manufacture and place of despatch
   3. Unit prices / Total prices, etc. as per **Annex 2 - Bid Form**
   4. Price should be net after deduction of any discount and should be compatible with the appropriate INCOTERMS specified in the **Addendum**.
   5. Firm dates for starting and completion of delivery at delivery points.
   6. Confirmation to comply with the specifications as per **Annex 3 - Detailed Specifications**, if you can meet the specifications. If not, state clearly.
   7. Confirmation to agree to accept the terms and condition as per this tender document and the general terms and conditions, stated within Annex 5 Tender and Award Acknowledge Certificate.
   8. Full packing details (contents, weight and volume)
2. **Award of Contracts:**

This ITB does not commit LRC to award a contract or pay any costs incurred in the preparation or submission of Bids, or costs incurred in making necessary studies for the preparation thereof, or to procure or contract for services or goods. The Bidder of an offer made by LRC will regard as an offer made by the Bidder and not as an acceptance any bid submitted.

No contractual relationship will exist except pursuant to a written contract document signed by a duly authorized official of LRC and the successful Bidder.

LRC may award contracts for part quantities or individual items. LRC will notify successful Bidders of its decision with respect to their Bids as soon as possible after the Bids are opened.

LRC reserves the right to cancel any ITB, to reject any or all Bids in completely or in part, and to award any contract.

Suppliers who do not comply with the contractual terms and conditions including delivering different products and of different origin than stipulated in their Bid and covering contract may be excluded from future LRC ITBs.

1. **ACCEPTANCE:**

LRC reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to consider as invalid or unacceptable any Bid which is a) not clear; b) incomplete in any material detail such as specification, terms delivery, quantity etc.; or c) not presented on the Bid Form – and to accept or reject any amendments, withdraws and/or supplementary information submitted after the time and date of the ITB closure.

1. **CONFIDENTIALITY:**

This ITB or any part hereof, and all copies hereof shall be returned to LRC upon request. This ITB is confidential and proprietary to LRC, contains privileged information, part of which may be copyrighted, and is communicated to and received by Bidders on the condition that no part thereof, or any information concerning it may be copied, exhibited, or furnished to

Others without the prior written consent of LRC, except that Bidders may exhibit the specifications to prospective subcontractors for the sole purpose of obtaining offers from them. Notwithstanding the other provisions of the ITB, Bidders will be bound by the contents of this paragraph whether or not their company submits a Bid or responds in any other way to this ITB.

1. **COLLUSIVE BIDDING AND ANTI-COMPETITIVE CONDUCT**

Bidders and their employees, officers, advisers, agent or sub-contractors shall not engage in any collusive bidding or other anti-competitive conduct or any other similar conduct, in relations to:

 The preparation of submission of Bids,

 The clarification of Bids,

 The conduct and content of negotiations,

 including final contract negotiations,

In respect of this ITB or procurement process, or any other procurement process being conducted by LRC in respect of any of its requirements.

For the purpose of this clause, collusive bidding, other anti-competitive conduct, or any other similar conduct may include, among other things, the disclosure to, exchange or clarification with, any other Bidder, person or entity, of information (in any form), whether or not such information is commercial information confidential to LRC, any other Bidder, person or entity in order to alter the results of a solicitation exercise in such a way that would lead to an outcome other than that which would have been obtained through a competitive process.

1. **IMPROPER ASSISTANCE**

Bids that, in the sole opinion of LRC, have been compiled:

- With the assistance of current or former employees of LRC, or current or former contractors of LRC in violation of confidentially obligations or by using information not otherwise available to the general public or which would provide a non-competitive benefit,

- With the utilization of confidential and/or internal LRC information not made available to the public or to the other Bidders,

In breach of an obligation of confidentially to LRC, or contrary to these terms and conditions for submission of a Bid, shall be excluded from further consideration Without limiting the operation of the above clause, a Bidder shall not, in the absence of prior written approval from LRC, permit a person to contribute to, or participate in, any process relating to the preparation of a Bid or the procurement process, if the person has at any time during the 6 months immediately preceding the date of issue of this ITB was an official, agent, functionary, or employee of, or otherwise engaged by LRC and was engaged directly, or indirectly, in the planning or performance of the requirement, project, or activity to which this ITB relates.

1. **CORRUPT PRACTICES**

LRC has zero tolerance for corruption. The Bidder represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its potential subcontractors are engaged in any form of corruption, defined by LRC as the misuse of entrusted power for private gain.

This definition is not limited to interactions with public officials and covers both attempted and actual corruption, as well as monetary and non-monetary corruption. The definition includes, but is not limited to, corruption in the form of: facilitation payments, bribery, gifts constituting an undue influence, kickbacks, favoritism, cronyism, nepotism, extortion, embezzlement, misuse of confidential information, theft, and various forms of fraud, such as forgery or falsification of documents, and financial or procurement fraud. No offer, payment, consideration or benefit of any kind, which could be regarded as an illegal or corrupt practice, shall be made, promised, sought or accepted – directly or indirectly – as an inducement or reward in relation to activities funded by LRC, including tendering, award or execution of core serves the right, without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to it, according to any violation of this clause to immediately reject the submitted offer, and to take such additional action, civil and/or criminal, as may be appropriate.

The Bidder agrees to accurately communicate LRC policy with regards to Anti- Corruption to Third Parties. The Bidder furthermore, agrees to inform LRC immediately of any suspicion or information it receives from any source alleging a violation of this policy to the contact details of the specific LRC country operations

1. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

A Bidder shall not, and shall ensure that its employees, officers, advisers, agents or subcontractors do not place themselves in a position that may, or does, give rise to an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest between the interests of LRC and the Bidder’s interests during the procurement process.

If during any stage of the procurement process or performance of any LRC contract a conflict of interest arises, or appears likely to arise, the Bidder shall notify LRC immediately in writing, setting out all relevant details of the situation, including those cases in which the interests of the Bidder conflict with the interests of LRC, or cases in which any LRC official, employee or person under contract with LRC may have, or appear to have, an interest of any kind in the Bidder’s business or any kind of economic ties with the Bidder. The Bidder shall take steps as LRC may reasonably require, to resolve or otherwise deal with the conflict to the satisfaction of LRC.

1. **WITHDRAWAL/MODIFICATION OF BIDS**

Requests to withdraw a Bid after the Bid closure time shall not be honored.

Withdrawal of a Bid may result in your suspension or removal from the LRC suppliers List.

A Bidder may modify its Bid prior to the ITB closure. Any such modification shall be submitted in writing and in a sealed envelope, marked with the original Bid number. No modification shall be allowed after the ITB closure.

1. **LATE BIDS**

All Bids received after the ITB closure will be rejected.

1. **OPENING OF THE ITB**

The Tender Opening will take place at the time and location stated within Addendum.

Any attempt by a Bidder to influence the Evaluation Committee in the process of examination, clarification, evaluation and comparison of tenders, to obtain information on how the procedure is progressing or to influence LRC in its decision concerning the award of the contract will result in the immediate rejection of the tender.

1. **CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT**

All Bidders shall acknowledge that the LRC General Conditions, or the Special Conditions of Contract, as applicable, are acceptable.

1. **CANCELLATION OF THE ITB**

In the event of an ITB cancellation, Bidders will be notified by LRC. If the ITB is cancelled before the outer envelope of any Bid has been opened, the sealed envelopes will be returned, unopened, to the Bidders.

The ITB may be cancelled in the following situations:

-where no qualitatively or financially worthwhile Bid has been received or there has been no response at all;

-the economic or technical parameters of the project have been fundamentally altered;

- Exceptional circumstances or force majeure renders normal performance of the project impossible;

- All technically compliant Bids exceed the financial resources available; or there have been irregularities in the procedure, in particular where these have prevented fair competition.

LRC shall not be liable for damages, whatever their nature (in particular damages for loss of profits) or relationship to the cancellation of an ITB, even if LRC has been advised of the possibility of damages. The publication of a procurement notice does not commit LRC to implement the programme or project announced.

1. **QUERIES ABOUT THIS ITB**

For queries on this ITB, please contact the Procurement, on the following email: [rim.fares@redcross.org.lb](mailto:rim.fares@redcross.org.lb) copying: [Hoda.fakih@redcross.org.lb](mailto:Hoda.fakih@redcross.org.lb)

All questions regarding this ITB shall be submitted in writing to the above. On the subject line, please indicate the ITB number.

Bids shall not be sent to the above email.

All questions during the tender period, as well as the associated answers, will be shared with all invited bidders.

1. **ITB DOCUMENTS**

This ITB document contains the following:

1. This Invitation to Bid.

2. Addendum

3. Annex 1: LRC Supplier Registration Form.

4. Annex 2: LRC Bid Form.

5. Annex 3: Detailed Specifications.

6. Annex 4: Past Performance and Reference Check.

7. Annex 5: Tender and Contract Award Acknowledgement Certificate.

8. Annex 6: General Conditions of Procurement Contract.

9. Bidder Checklist.

Bidders shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. LRC will reject a Bid if it determines that the Bidder recommended for award, has engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, or coercive practices in competing for, or in executing, the Contract.

Yours sincerely

## Addendum

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| **Bidders Instructions:** | **Item:** | **Specific Instruction / Requirements:** |
| **Language:** | Tender document language | English |
| **Price:** | Currency of Bid | United State Dollar USD |
|  | Exchange rate | For evaluation purposes, we will use the following exchange rate: 1USD = LBP1,507.5  No other currencies are acceptable. |
| **Payment:** | Terms | 30-45 calendar days after the submission of all required documentation (invoice GRN….)  ***In case of payment in LBP, the value of the Lebanese Pound shall be determined according to the exchange of the US dollar issued by the Beirut Stock Exchange, on the payment's date*** |
| Method | Bank transfer – VAT Amount will be paid in Cheque LBP |
| **INCOTERMS©** | Terms of delivery | DDP |
| **Tender delivery** | Delivery address | Lebanese Red Cross  Finance office- 1st Floor, Head Quarter  Spears Street,Kantari, Beirut, Lebanon |
| **Goods/ services delivery period** | FWA period | Before April 2023  ***Failure to deliver the goods/Service in the stipulated time frame will be considered a delay and a penalty will be applied as specified below*** |
| **Delivery terms** |  | Complete delivery |
| **Goods delivery location** |  | TBDL |
| **Marking/ labelling** | N/A | N/A |
| **Samples** | N/A | N/A |
| **Bid validity for evaluation** |  | 4 Months |
| **Liquidated damages** | Damages per calendar day of delay | 0.5% of contract value |
| Maximum delay damages | 5% of contract value |
| **Tender information** | **ITB Published Date:** | February 16, 2023 |
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## Annex 1: Supplier Registration Form (Must be signed and stamped)

Please fill in this questionnaire in order to register. Information given in this questionnaire will be handled confidentially. Please attach all other documents requested in the questionnaire. All bidders should completely fill up this form. If found blank then the bidder's tender shall not be included in the Final Evaluation

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| 1. NAME OF COMPANY: |  |
| Mailing Address |  |
| Country: |
| Contact Person (s) |  |
| Telephone No | Fax: |
| Email |  |
| Website |  |
| Owner(s) Name(s): |  |
|  |
| Nationality: |  |
| VAT Number |  |
| Date of Registration of VAT |  |
| 1. ORGANISATION REGISTRATION: | Year Established: Under the laws of: |
| 1. SIZE OF BUSINESS | No. of Employees: No. of Branches: |
| No. of International Offices: |
| Location of Factories: |
| No. of Plants: |
| No. of Warehouses |
| 1. AFFILIATED/HOLDING/ SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES: | Name Address Nature of Affiliation |
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## ANNEX 2 - BID FORM (ALL REQUESTED DETAILS TO BE FILLED OUT, SIGNED, AND STAMPED-MANDATORY)

* Bid should be submitted typing and not hand written *(written by hand bids will be considered as ineligible)*
* Prices should include taxes, labor, bank transfer and delivery charges and all other related fees

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| **ITEM #** | **ITEM/MILESTONE REQUIRED** | **UOM** | **ESTIMATED QUANTITY** | **UNIT PRICE (USD)**  Exclusive VAT | **VAT 11% AMOUNT (USD)** | **TOTAL PRICE (USD)**  Inclusive VAT | **Lead Time Delivery (Man-days)**  **Mandatory to fill** |
| 1.1 | *Implementation Research on strengthening Primary Healthcare in Lebanon* | LUMP-SUM | 1 |  |  |  |  |

**The Supplier should list below the breakdown prices for the service (Implementation *Research on strengthening Primary Healthcare in Lebanon***

**(Mandatory)**

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| **SUPPLIER BANK DETAIL:** | |
| Bank Name: |  |
| Bank Address: |  |
| Beneficiary Name: |  |
| Beneficiary Address: |  |
| Account#: |  |
| Currency: |  |
| IBAN : |  |
| SWIFT : |  |

**ANNEX 3: DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS**

**TERM OF REFERENCE (TOR)**

**Project title**: *Implementation Research on strengthening Primary Healthcare in Lebanon*

**Background**:

The National Primary Healthcare Network (PHCN) at the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) in Lebanon is a network including 283 PHC centers (PHCCs) distributed across the country. It constitutes the main point of entry for vulnerable populations from all nationalities into the healthcare system with over 2 million visits provided annually. The PHC Department at the MoPH is responsible for the oversight and steering of the Network. The PHC centres are run by NGOs (67%), municipalities (20%), academia (2%) and governmental institutions (12%). Each centre provides basic primary healthcare services, while the MoPH supports the PHC centres through in-kind contributions. Reciprocally, the contracted centres commit to deliver the basic services required by the MoPH at discounted rate, and to adhere to the regulations on the national immunization calendar and essential medications. Data from 2021 reveals that 1,138,041 beneficiaries from the most vulnerable host and displaced populations were served by the National PHC Network.

The National Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) was launched in 1987, and is currently housed under the Primary Health Care (PHC) department at the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH). The vision of the EPI is declared as “The risk of occurrence of vaccine preventable diseases (VPD) is reduced, and the country maintains its polio free and neonatal tetanus statuses; and eliminates measles'. In order to achieve this vision, the EPI has adopted the goal to reach every district strategy (RED) and expanded its network of immunization outlets to cover all the Lebanese territory and reach every child with high quality immunization services.

The EPI is the sole provider of immunization services in the public sector where immunization is integrated into the Primary Health Care services delivered in 283 PHC centers (PHCCs) in addition to around 600 dispensaries. Also, nine vaccination sites are housed at the UNHCR and the Lebanese-Syrian borders provide immunization services to all children crossing the border and Syrian children registering for residency in the country.

Around 50-60 % of children residing in Lebanon receive their vaccines through the public EPI points, while the remaining 40-50 % are vaccinated in the private sector (Hilal, Shaya, Hamadeh et al, 2021).

Recent collaboration with the private sector through the Lebanese Paediatric Society (LPS) was initiated to provide essential vaccines to paediatricians at their clinics as a way to increase national coverage of essential vaccines, as well as address vaccine stock outs in the private sector. To date, the MoPH vaccination network includes 190 paediatricians distributed across the 28 districts in Lebanon.

Furthermore, to ensure the optimal national coverage with essential vaccines, the EPI closely routinely collaborates with the UNRWA which provides immunization services to Palestinian refugees residing in the 12 camps through a network of 27 UNRWA owned and operated clinics.

**National Immunization Coverage:**

Routine immunization uptake decreased in 2020, due to the lockdown measures and caregivers’ fear of accessing health facilities amidst COVID-19. In addition, the economic crisis and the enforcement of the existing law that prohibits the private physicians from selling the vaccines at their clinics might have a negative impact on vaccine utilization.

The utilization of vaccination services at the national level decreased by 31% from October 2019 till April 2020. In the private sector, immunization services provision diminished by 46.9% mainly between February and April 2020. The highest decrease rates were observed for oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV) and Hepatitis A, followed by measles and pneumococcal conjugate vaccines. The number of vaccine doses administered in the public sector decreased by 20%. The most prominent reductions were detected for the OPV and measles vaccines, and during October 2019 and March 2020. It is important to note, that to date no uniform mechanism of reporting exists among the private sector, jeopardizing the quality of data reported on a national level in terms of vaccination coverage in both the private and public sector. According to the WHO Immunization dashboard, immunization estimate coverage of almost all reported antigens dropped from an average coverage range of 80-100% to the range of 60-79% in 2020[[1]](#footnote-1). This drop remained evident during 2021 where some antigens witnessed a further coverage drop reaching the range of 40-59% in 2021. This shows that by the end of 2021, the EPI program was not able to catch-up on the reported decrease in the national immunization and further exacerbated the immunity gap. As such, the MoPH collaborated with UNICEF and implemented various vaccination campaigns, one of which is the intervention that will be described and assessed in this document.

The Ministry of Public Health in collaboration with UNICEF and WHO carried out a national Measles Campaign to halt the Measles outbreak that started in March 2018, targeting all children aged 6 months until completion of 10 years, the group most affected by this outbreak. The campaign was implemented throughout 2 phases, reaching coverage of 72% with MCV (Measles & MMR). This was later complemented by a vaccination campaign carried out by the LRC with the support of the MoPH and UNICEF in 18 districts across Lebanon.

**Purpose of the consultancy:**

LRC is collaborating with the Primary Healthcare Department at the Ministry of Public Health and UNICEF in Lebanon to generate evidence on the needed system shifts to strengthen PHC. This activity will be conducted under health system strengthening strategies through Implementation research projects aligned with the roadmap set by the UNICEF (Lebanon Country Office and Headquarters) and the Ministry of Public Health.

**Scope of work and methodology**:

1. The required tasks and deliverables include the least required to conduct implementation research related to primary health upscaling system approaches

2. Identify and document bottlenecks and challenges faced in accessing primary health care services, and the system arrangement itself, especially in the current multifaceted crisis.

3. Identify a model of care and pilot the model focusing on reaching UHC to a) Improve access b) enhance positive user experience and satisfaction c) improve quality control) to services like routine immunization

4. Conduct evidence generation and synthesis activities as per agreed IR national roadmap

5. Assessment of different health sector key performance indicators.

6. The required tasks and deliverables include the least required to conduct research, that includes planning and designing, implementing, analysing, reporting, and disseminating. All material produced under this assignment, including data, report, and presentation, are the sole property of the MoPH and UNICEF.

7. Design, translate, and pre-test data collection instruments (English and Arabic).

8. Pursue an ethical clearance from a certified international or national Ethical Review Board.

9. Run any programming needed to digitalize the data collection, with proper procedures ensuring data protection.

10. Analyse the data collected, as per the agreed analysis plan/matrix to answer the research questions. Analysis should be conducted and delivered in a format where it can be easily replicated and/or appraised. Thus, analysis must be done using software (Quantitative: SPSS, STATA, R, etc. and Qualitative: NViVo, ATLAS.ti, etc.), with scripts, syntaxes or work-logs.

11. Submit a full research report that is concise and succinct with an introduction and background, design and methodology, findings/results, conclusion, recommendations. The report should include a short abstract or executive summary.

12. Comply with LRC procedures for ethical standards and quality assurance in evidence-generation.

13. Conduct capacity building sessions and trainings to the implementing team to ensure sustainability of this IR roadmap and secure continuity of implementation and evidence generation.

**Reporting requirements:**

The consultant will be reporting to the LRC team with specific requirements:

* Research proposal detailing the understanding of the work to be done, methodology to be adopted as well as a work plan with a clear timeline
* Weekly progress reports to validate the findings and project updates and address bottle necks
* End of consultancy report with all relevant deliverables

**Profile requirements:**

LRC is seeking proposals from experienced institutions with a solid track record of implementation research in Lebanon and specifically with the LRC and UNICEF. The institution should meet the following requirements:

* Technical expertise in conducting implementation research projects in the field of PHC and specifically immunization
* Multidisciplinary team of public health experts with Masters of Public Health and/or PhD in relevant fields (epidemiologists, community health experts, policy experts, equivalent experts in PHC)
* Members with more than 10 years of experience in primary health care setting.
* Technical expertise in data management and analysis
* Experience in data analysis, monitoring, and evaluation.
* Expertise in design and use of software for data collection such as Kobo Toolbox, etc.
* Knowledge of the Lebanese Primary Health Care sector is necessary.
* Proven engagement in implementation research workshops provided by UNICEF and or other international academic institutions
* Previous experience working closely in Lebanon with the MoPH and UN agencies or similar large-scale organizations
* Profiles of technical team members must be provided.
* Previous experience with LRC is a must
* Proficiency in English and Arabic

**Evaluation Process**

**Technical evaluation criteria**

Institutions are encouraged to ensure they meet the below criteria. The technical evaluation is composed of 70 points and the minimum successful score is 60.

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| **Evaluation criteria** | **Marks** | **Benchmarks** |
| Overall response to the RFQ and clarity of the methodology and approach based on the understanding of the TORs | 10 | * The methodology is clearly outlined for the activity (5 points) * The timeline proposed is detailed and corresponds to each deliverable (5 points) |
| Expertise of the institution in implementation research in the context of the Lebanese PHC context | 25 | * Development of at least one PHC implementation research in Lebanon (5 points per research) * Knowledge and previous experience in working in the PHC network (5 points) * Portfolio of the institution showcases projects done or in progress using similar methodologies (5 points per research or project) |
| Experience of the institutional team | 20 | * Proof of experience of the team members in IR in the Lebanese PHC setting (2.5 per CV) * Letters of recommendations (5 per letter) |
| Previous experience working with the LRC | 5 | * Institutional portfolio showcases numbers of projects conducted with the LRC in the PHC setting (2.5 per project) |
| Previous experience working with the MOPH, UN agencies and similar scale institutions | 10 | * Reference letters or proof or project reports of previous partnership with agencies on similar scale projects in the PHC setting (5 points with letter) |
| **Total** | 70 |  |

**Financial evaluation criteria**

Only institutions having a minimum score of 60/70 will be considered for the financial evaluation with a weight of 30 points. The lowest bid will earn a score of 30/30.

# **ANNEX 4 – PAST PERFORMANCE & BIDDER REFERENCES (MUST BE SIGNED AND STAMPED**)

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Please provide the details of minimum two companies for your reference check. For these companies it is compulsory to attach a scan either / photo copy of the Contract/ Purchase order/ Completion certificate/ or Reference letters as proof.

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| **Reference 1** |  |
| Company name |  |
| Mailing address |  |
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# ANNEX 5: TENDER AND AWARD ACKNOWLEDGE CERTIFICATE

## This attachment shall be signed and submitted with the Bid (Must be signed and stamped)

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| 1. In compliance with the ITB Instructions and General Conditions of Procurement Contract, we the undersigned, offer to furnish some or all of the quoted for, at the prices entered in the attached LRC Bid Form No ITB/2023-010 delivered to the destination specified therein.  2. We accept the terms and conditions set forth in the ITB Letter, and the following requirements have been noted and will be complied with where applicable:  a. That unless otherwise stated, the Bids per each line item shall be on a DDP- Beirut (Incoterms 2020) basis.  b. We confirm that for any offer made where the delivery destination is not as requested in the ITB, item shall be on a DDP- Beirut (Incoterms 2020) basis.  c. That conditional Bid cannot be accepted.  d. That the currency of the Bid should be in USD, or LEB, no other currencies will be accepted.  e. LRC reserves the right, at its own discretion:  i. To award a contract for a lesser or greater quantity than the total quantity Bid for.  ii. To reject any or all Bids and/or enter a contract with a Bidder other than the lowest Bidder.  f. Successful Bidders who are awarded contracts will be notified by the receipt of the original Purchase Order/Contract and acknowledgement copy. In case of urgency, successful Bidders(s) may also be notified by email.  g. Any samples requested, either with the Bid, or at a later date, will be in accordance with the specifications of the required item(s). Failure to comply with this may result in the Bid not being considered  h. We confirm that the validity of this offer match the FWA validity | i. We agree to the terms and conditions set in the LRC General Conditions of Procurement Contract  j. We certify that the below mentioned company has not engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, or coercive practices in competing for, or in executing any contract.  k. We agree to abide by the LRC Addendum,  3. We note that LRC is not bound to proceed with this ITB and that it reserves the right to award only part of the contract. It will incur no liability towards us should it do so.  We agree to the above terms and conditions.  Submitted by:  Company Name---------------------------------------  Place----------------------------------------------------  Date----------------------------------------------------  Title/Position------------------------------------------  Print Name--------------------------------------------  Signature-----------------------------------------------  A duly authorized company representative **any Stamp** |

# ANNEX 6: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

## ARTICLE 1. TERMS & CONDITIONS ON PURCHASING

**1.1. Acceptance:** No purchase order shall become effective and no contract shall exist until the LRC has received from the Supplier their written acceptance of the conditions, which govern the PO or contract. This can be accomplished by return of the signed Letter of Authorization and Acknowledgment Form attached.

**1.2. Tax Exemption:** The Supplier’s price shall reflect any tax exemption to which the LRC is entitled by reason of any immunities which it enjoys. If it is subsequently determined that any taxes which have been included in the price are not required to be paid, the LRC shall deduct the amount from the contract price or, if it has paid any such taxes, it shall be refunded.

**1.3. Discount:** Time in connection with any discounts offered will be computed from the date of receipt by the LRC of full documentation as specified by the Purchase Order, contract or Annex thereto.

**1.4. Warranty:** The Supplier warrants the goods or services furnished under this Purchase Order / Contract to be fit for their intended use, free from defects in workmanship or materials, and indemnifies the LRC against any claims resulting there from. This warranty is without prejudice to any further guarantees that the Supplier provides to the Purchaser; such guarantees shall apply to the subject goods of this Purchase Order / Contract.

**1.5. Inspection:** The duly accredited representatives of the LRC shall have the right to inspect the goods or services called for under this Purchase Order / Contract at the Supplier’s stores, during manufacture, in the ports or at places of shipment, and the Supplier shall cooperate and provide all facilities for such an inspection. The LRC may issue a written waiver of inspection at its discretion. Any inspection carried out by representatives of the LRC or any waiver thereof shall not prejudice the implementation of any other relevant provisions of this Purchase Order / Contract concerning obligations subscribed by the Supplier, such as warranty or specifications.

**1.6. Packing:** The Supplier shall pack all goods appropriately and with every care in accordance with normal commercial standards of export packing for the type of goods specified herein. Such packing materials used must be adequate to safeguard the goods while in transit. The supplier shall be responsible for any damage or loss which can be shown to have resulted from faulty or inadequate packing.

**1.7. Export License:** The Purchase Order / Contract is subject to the obtaining of any export license or other governmental authorization which may be required. It shall be the responsibility of the Supplier to inform the LRC beforehand of such restrictions and obtain such license or authorization, but the LRC will use its best endeavours to assist. In the event of refusal thereof, the Purchase Order / Contract will be annulled and all claims between the parties automatically waived.

**1.8. Force Majeure:** Force majeure, as used herein, shall mean acts of God (involuntary and unexpected acts), laws or regulations, industrial disturbances, acts of war, explosions and any other similar cause of equivalent force not caused by, nor within the control of either party, and which neither party is able to overcome. As soon as possible after the occurrence of the force majeure and within not more than 15 days, the supplier shall give notice and full particulars in writing to the LRC of such force majeure if the Supplier is thereby rendered unable, wholly or in part, to perform his obligations and meet his responsibilities under this Purchase Order / Contract. The LRC shall then have the right to terminate the Purchase Order / Contract by giving in writing seven days’ notice of termination to the Supplier, and the Supplier shall return any deposit paid by the LRC.

**1.9. Default:** In case of default by the Supplier, including but not limited to failure or refusal to make deliveries within the time limit specified, the LRC may procure the goods or services from other sources and hold the Supplier responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby. Furthermore, the LRC may by written notice terminate the right of the Supplier to proceed with the deliveries, or such parts thereof as to which there has been default.

**1.10. Conformity with Specifications:** In the case of goods purchased on the basis of specifications the supplier warrants their conformity. The LRC shall have the right to reject the goods or any part thereof if they do not conform to specifications. Any supplies not found to be in accordance with the specification and requirements will not be accepted and in that eventuality the supplier shall replace the goods and bear the inspection cost and/or other losses caused to LRC, if any, by replacement of the items non–conforming to the requirements/specification.

**1.11. Liquidated Damages:** Arrival of goods/ completion of services after agreed delivery schedule will be subject to deduction of damages

**1.12. Disputes-Arbitration:** Any claim or controversy arriving out of this Purchase Order / Contract, or to the breach, termination or invalidity thereof the parties agree to attempt to settle it amicably via direct negotiations between the two sides within seven days. In case of any dispute that cannot be settled in such way, the Lebanese law shall be applicable and the Lebanese courts will settle any litigation in this regards that was not solved amicably

**1.13. Privileges and Immunities:** Nothing contained in this Purchase Order / Contract shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any privilege or immunity which the LRC may enjoy, whether pursuant to existing conventions or agreements.

**1.14. Assignment:** The Supplier shall not assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of this Purchase Order / Contract or any part thereof or of any of the Supplier’s rights, claims or obligations under this Purchase Order / Contract except with the prior written consent of the LRC.

**1.15. Bankruptcy:** Should the Supplier file any petition for bankruptcy, or should the supplier make a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or should a receiver be appointed on account of the Supplier’s insolvency, the LRC may under the terms of this Purchase Order / Contract, terminate the same forthwith by giving the Supplier written notice of such termination.

**1.16. Advertising:** Unless authorized in advance in writing by the LRC, the Supplier shall not advertise or otherwise make public the fact that he is a Supplier to the LRC and / or any National Red Cross or Red Crescent Society, or use the name, emblem or official seal of the LRC and / or any National Red Cross or Red Crescent Society, or any abbreviation of the name of the LRC and / or any National Red Cross or Red Crescent Society for advertising purposes or any other purposes.

**1.17. Officials Not to Benefit:** The supplier represents and warrants that no official of the LRC has been, or shall be, admitted by the supplier to any direct or indirect benefit arising from this contract or the award thereof. The supplier agrees that breach of this provision isa breach of an essential term of this contract.

**1.18. Amendments:** No changes or modifications to this Purchase Order / Contract shall be valid unless mutually agreed between both parties and confirmed by an official amendment.

**1.19. Notice:** Service of any notice shall be deemed to be good if sent by registered mail, or email to the addresses of both parties, set out in the heading of this Purchase Order / Contract.

**1.20. Jurisdiction:** This Contract is considered to be concluded as defined in the attached Addendum.

## ARTICLE 2. LABOUR STANDARDS

**2.1. Employment is freely chosen:** There is no forced, bonded or involuntary prison labour. Workers are not required to lodge `deposits’ or their identity papers with the employer and are free to leave their employer after reasonable notice.

**2.2. Freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining are respected:** Workers, without distinction, have the right to join or form trade unions of their own choosing and to bargain collectively. The employer adopts an open attitude towards the legitimate activities of trade unions.Worker’s representatives are not discriminated against and have access to carry out their representative functions in the workplace. Where the right to freedom of association and collective bargaining is restricted under law, the employer facilitates, and does not hinder, the development of parallel means for independent and free associationand bargaining.

**2.3. Working conditions are safe and hygienic:** A safe and hygienic working environment shall be provided, bearing in mind the prevailing knowledge of the industry and of any specific hazards. Adequate steps shall be taken to prevent accidents and injury to health arising out of, associated with, or occurring in the course of work, by minimizing, so far as is reasonably practicable, the causes of hazards inherent in the working environment. Workers shall receive regular and recorded health and safety training, and such training shall be repeated for new or reassigned workers. Access to clean toilet facilities and potable water and, ifappropriate, sanitary facilities for food storage shall be provided. Accommodation, where provided, shall be clean, safe, and meet the basic needs of the workers. The company observing the standards shall assign responsibility for health and safety to a senior management representative.

**2.4. Child Labour shall not be used:** There shall be no new recruitment of child labor. Companies shall develop or participate in and contribute to policies and programmes, which provide for the transition of any child found to be performing child labor to enable her/him to attend and remain in quality education until no longer a child. Children and young people under 18 years of age shall not be employed at night or in hazardous conditions. These policies and procedures shall conform to the provisions of the relevant International Labour Organisation (ILO) standards.

**2.5. Living wages are paid:** Wages and benefits paid for a standard working week meet, at a minimum, national legal standards or industry benchmarks. In any event wages should always be high enough to meet basic needs and to provide some discretionary income. All workers shall be provided with written and understandable information about their employment conditions in respect to wages before they enter employment, and about the particulars of their wages for the pay period concerned each time that they are paid. Deductions from wages as a disciplinary measure shall not be permitted nor shall any deductions from wages not provided for by national law be permitted without the express and informed permission of the worker concerned. All disciplinary measures should be recorded.

**2.6. Working hours are not excessive:** Working hours comply with national laws and benchmark industry standards, whichever affords greater protection. In any event, workers shall not on a regular basis be required to work in excess of the local legal working hours. Overtime shall be voluntary, shall not exceed local legal limits, shall not be demanded on a regular basis and shall always be compensated at a premium rate.

**2.7. No discrimination is practised:** There is no discrimination in hiring, compensation, access to training, promotion, termination or retirement based on race, caste, national origin, religion, age, disability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, union membership or political affiliation.

**2.8. Regular employment is provided:** To every extent possible work performed must be on the basis of a recognized employment relationship established through national law and practice. Obligations to employees under labour or social security laws and regulations arising from the regular employment relationship shall not be avoided through the use of labour-only contracting, sub-contracting or home-working arrangements, or through apprenticeship schemes where there is no real intent to impart skills or provide regular employment, nor shall any such obligations be avoided through the excessive use of fixed term contracts of employment. Basis of a recognized employment relationship established through national law and practice. Obligations to employees under labor or social security laws and regulations arising from the regular employment relationship shall not be avoided through the use of labor-only contracting, sub-contracting or home-working arrangements, or through apprenticeship schemes where there is no real intent to impart skills or provide regular employment, nor shall any such obligations be avoided through the excessive use of fixed term contracts of employment.

**2.9. No harsh or inhumane treatment is allowed:** Physical abuse or discipline, the threat of physical abuse, sexual or other harassment and verbal abuse or other forms of intimidation shall be prohibited.

## ARTICLE 3. CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY & OTHER REQUIREMENTS

**3.1. Business ethics:** Suppliers are expected to maintain the highest degree of business ethics when working or seeking to work with the LRC.

**3.2. Transparency of information provision:** Suppliers shall not be involved in any fraudulent activities, misrepresent information or facts for the purpose of influencing the selection and contract-awarding process in their favor.

**3.3. Fair competition:** Suppliers shall not be involved in any corrupt, collusive or coercive practices.

**3.4. Conflict of interest:** The supplier shall represent and warrants that no official/ representative/ staff member of the LRC has been, or shall be, admitted by the supplier to any direct or indirect benefit arising from the award of the contract.

**3.5. Adherence to IFRC principles:** When performing on behalf of or at any time representing the LRC, the supplier and all individuals assigned by it to perform works or services, shall act in a manner consistent with the fundamental principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

**3.6. Misrepresentation:** By participating in the tender, submitting the bid and having being selected as a Supplier, the supplier acknowledges their acceptance of the above stated requirements and shall be held responsible and liable for the consequences of any false or misrepresented information provided

**Article 4. Environmental and carbon reduction policy**

**4.1.** Suppliers should as a minimum comply with all statutory and other legal requirements relating to the environmental impacts of their business. Detailed performance standards are a matter for suppliers, but should address at least the following:

**4.1.1. Waste Management:** Waste is minimized and items recycled whenever this is practicable. Effective controls of waste in respect of ground, air, and water pollution are adopted. In the case of hazardous materials, emergency response plans are in place.

**4.1.2. Packaging and Paper:** Undue and unnecessary use of materials is avoided, and recycled materials used whenever appropriate.

**4.1.3. Conservation:** Processes and activities are monitored and modified as necessary to ensure that conservation of scarce resources, including water, flora and fauna and productive land in certain situations.

**4.1.4. Energy Use:** All production and delivery processes, including the use of heating, Ventilation, lighting, IT systems and transportation, are based on the need to maximize efficient energy use and to minimize harmful emissions.

**4.1.5. Safety precautions for transport and cargo handling:** All transport and cargo handling processes are based on the need to maximize safety precautions and to minimize potential injuries to the environment, beneficiaries and staff as well as the suppliers’ employees or those of its subcontractors.

## ARTICLE 5. ETHICAL PROCUREMENT

**5.1.** Supplier’s core business (over 20% turnover) should not:

**5.1.1.** Manufacture or sell arms.

**5.1.2.** Manufacture or sell tobacco

**5.1.3.** Damage the reputation of the Red Cross name and/or emblem

**5.2.4.** Legal requirements: Suppliers should always work within the laws of their country

## ARTICLE 6. PAYMENT.

**6.1.** Payment will be made upon approval by LRC of a completed milestone/deliverable, and receipt of verified original invoice submitted by Contractor to LRC, within 45 days, and will be new and unused, free from material defects in quality, material, and design under normal use, and free from any right of claim by any third party, including claims of infringement of any intellectual property rights.

## ARTICLE 7. TENDERERS SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION IN A PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE IF:

**7.1** They are bankrupt or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into an arrangement with creditors, have suspended business activities, are subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations. However, tenderers in this situationmay be eligible to participate insofar as the Grant Recipient is able to purchase supplies on particularly advantageous terms from either a supplier which is definitively winding up its business activities, or the receivers or liquidators of a bankruptcy, through an arrangement with creditors, or through a similar procedure under national law;

**7.2** They or persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control over them have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a final judgment;

**7.3** They have been guilty of grave professional misconduct; proven by any means which the Grant Recipient can justify;

**7.4** They have not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established, or with those of the country of the Grant Recipient or those of the country where the contract is to be performed

**7.5** They or persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control over them have been convicted for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organization or money laundering by a final judgment

**7.6** they make use of child labor or forced labor and/or practice discrimination, and/or do not respect the right to freedom of association and the right to organize and engage in collective bargaining pursuant to the core conventions of the International Labor Organization (ILO)

# Bidder’s checklist

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| **Description** | **Bidder to complete** | | | **To be filled by LRC committee** | | |
|  | **Documents Included?** | | **Comments** | **Present & complete?** | | **Comments** |
| Step/ document to be submitted with tender | Yes | No | If the required documents are not included | Yes | No |  |
| **Complete tender package** delivered before the deadline specified - **Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Annex 1** – LRC Supplier Registration Form – completed, signed & stamped (if it was not submitted before) – **Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Annex 2** - Bid Form – completed, signed & stamped – **Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Annex 4** – Past performance & Bidder references – completed, signed & stamped **Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Annex 5** - Tender Award and Acknowledge Certificate – signed & stamped – **Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Technical Proposal/ The research proposal **-Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Supporting documents (Mandatory):** | | | | | | |
| Copy of company registration – (Ministry of Justice)- وزارة العدل) ) شهادة تسجيل شركة تجارية **Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Copy of tax registration (Ministry of Finance( (وزارة المالية) شهادة تسجيل الشركة – **Compulsory** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Copy of VAT registration (Ministry of Finance) (وزارة المالية) شهادة تسجيل في الضريبة على القيمة المضافة – **Compulsory (if VAT registered)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **اذاعة تجارية** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **IBAN BANK DOCUMENT** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **To be filled in by LRC–Tender Opening Committee ONLY** | **Eligible** | **Ineligible** |
| Outcome of administrative check. |  |  |

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