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Tender Notice

Mercy Corps is a non-religious, non-profit and non-governmental international humanitarian organization and aims to increase Agricultural production and resilience through provision of Certified Seeds for farmer cooperative in Gadaref state.

Mercy Corps is seeking a supplier/s to Provide certified seeds to farmers cooperatives at a subsidized price, to improve effectiveness and productivity and enhance seed accessibility for farmer cooperatives, enhance market linkages between smallholder farmers and Certified Seeds suppliers by creating a sustainable market-led seed supply model that benefits both parties in the long term and Offer training and demonstrations to raise farmer awareness of the benefits of climate-smart inputs, crop variation and full-service technical packages, focusing on cost-effectiveness and long-term productivity gains. The product with discounted prices will include provision of **Certified Seeds of Sorghum, Millet and Groundnuts**. The project is located at [East Gallabat, West Gallabat, Alfashaga & Basunda Localities].

1. Eligibility Criteria

Companies selected must meet the following criteria:

1. Legal Registration and Business Experience:
 - a) Be incorporated in Sudan and registered with the commercial registrar as an Agriculture services providers or/and input importer, producer, processor, or marketer (excluding general merchandise sellers operating solely through tenders).
 - b) Have at least two years of experience operating in Sudan as an Agriculture services providers company or input importer.

2. Seed Expertise and Quality Assurance:

- c) Demonstrated expertise in handling and distributing certified seed AND PREFERABLY Selling seeds of sorghum, millet, groundnuts, and vegetable seeds (tomatoes, onions, okra, cucumber, carrots, etc.) to smallholder farmers.
- d) Ability to provide evidence of seed certification and quality control measures.

3. Logistical and Distribution Capacity:

- e) Proven capacity to manage the logistics of seed delivery to remote rural areas within the specified localities.
- f) Access to adequate transportation and storage facilities to ensure timely and safe delivery of seeds at operation site.

4. Financial Stability:

- a) Has the capacity to meet the cost of activities, to initiate and provide the required products/service at an early stage / capacity to pre-finance and manage cash flow.

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b) Ability to provide financial records upon request and show proof of availability of in-kind items like seeds, trucks etc..

c) Capacity to handle the financial aspects of the subsidized seed sales program.

d) Demonstrate a willingness to invest in expanding business in Gadaref, particularly in rural areas.

5. Technical and Training Capacity:

a) Have skilled agricultural staff, agents, and marketers to implement activities in close

collaboration with Farmer Cooperatives and Agricultural extension agents.

a) Ability to conduct in-field training sessions for farmers and seed retailers.

b) Experience in developing and delivering agricultural training programs.

c) Apply using the attached template, clearly explaining how the listed activities will be implemented.

6. Community Engagement and Networking:

o Ability to establish and maintain relationships with farmer cooperatives and communities.

o Experience in working with community extension teams (CETs) and rural agents.

o Capacity to identify and engage with 100 rural seed retailers.

7. Compliance and Reporting:

a) Ability to maintain accurate and detailed records of all transactions.

b) Willing to use templates and digital platforms provided by Mercy Corps for record-keeping.

c) Ability to provide timely and accurate reports on program activities.

d) Commitment to transparency.

8. SME Status:

Must meet the definition of a Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) as will be defined by the country's official categorisation standards

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. The suppliers can download the Intent to Bid Form on the **Sudanbid.com OR/ Mercy Corps website**

2. Intend to Bid Form can be picked up at Mercy Corps office [**Gadaref Algobara East – Alwali Street**]

Completed Intent to Bid Forms must be submitted to Mercy Corps by **[16-04-2025]** using one of the below methods.

1. Email completed Intent to Bid Form to **sd-tenders@mercy Corps.org** with the Bidding Reference number in the email subject line. **Reference: PR147163**

2. Return completed Intent to Bid Form in person and put in the Tender Box placed at Mercy Corps office at [Gaderef Algobarab East – Alwali Street]. The Bid **Reference: PR147163** 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.