



Strengthening resilience for refugees, IDPs
and host communities in Eastern Sudan
ABAC Reference: T05-EUTF-HOA-SDN-13-01
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Restricted Call for proposal(s)

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Call for proposals: T05-EUTF-HOA-SDN-13-01-G3 “Improving accessibility and quality of Primary Health Care for migrants, refugees, IDPs and host communities in Gedaref and Kassala States”

Application reference: “Improving SRH, MCH & PHC services refugees and host communities in Gedaref and Kassala States”

Following the results of the opening and administrative check, I would like to inform you that the full proposal for the above application has been declared compliant and, consequently, it has to be assessed by five assessors from your Delegation.

I am pleased to inform you that the contracting authority has decided that your application may be awarded a grant of a maximum of 500,000 EUR, representing 100% of the total eligible cost and 100% of the total accepted cost of the action.

Please note that this letter does not give you a right to the grant. You will not acquire that right until both parties have signed the grant contract and then it will depend upon the terms of the contract.

A grant contract between the contracting authority and your organisation will therefore be drafted and annexed to this letter. For this purpose, you are kindly requested to submit the following information and documents:

- **Bank account**

The payments shall be made to the bank account referred to in the financial identification form (see annex E of the guidelines for applicants) and relevantly signed and stamped. The bank must be located in the country where the applicant is established. If you have already submitted a financial identification form in the past for a contract where the European Commission was in charge of the payments and you intend to use the same bank account, a copy of the previous financial identification form may be provided instead.

- **Audit**

A report on the verification of the action's expenditure, produced by an approved auditor who meets the specific conditions of the terms of reference for the expenditure verification (see annexes IX and X of the guidelines for applicants) is required in accordance with Article 15.7 of the general conditions of the grant contract.

Please communicate the name and address of the proposed auditor before the 5th of February 2021 and revise your budget proposal at 5.3. Expenditure verification/Audit of the budget line in according to the cost of the expenditure.

- **Modification to the description of the action and the budget**

During the evaluation of your application, in regard to the following points of the action and the budget the evaluation committee of Contracting Authority have raised the following comments that need to be addressed in the revised proposal:

- ✓ According to the *Strengthening resilience for refugees, IDPs and host communities in Eastern Sudan* programme, the targeted beneficiaries are migrants, refugees, IDPs and host communities. Please take into consideration that host communities are also beneficiaries of health services and AICS promotes universal health coverage for all.
- ✓ Within the *Strengthening resilience for refugees, IDPs and host communities in Eastern Sudan* (Reference: T05-EUTF-HOA-SDN-13-01) programme, AICS, the implementing partner of EU delegation in Khartoum, is supporting the SMoH of Gedaref to provide healthcare and health promotion in Um Rakuba camp and Dokka locality. In particular, at present, two buildings of the old Um Rakuba hospital are under construction (the *Swedish hospital*). The rehabilitation works will be completed end of February 2021. We would like to ask you to take into consideration to collaborate with the SMoH of Gedaref to start the activities in Um Rakuba health centre.
- ✓ Please develop deeply the paragraph 2.1.4. Sustainability with specific reference to ARC's exit strategy that is not sufficiently detailed. We highly recommend to sign a technical agreement with the SMoH to guarantee a continuity of healthcare especially in Um Rakuba camp and in particular for pregnant women and children under 5 years
- ✓ Human resource management is a very important component on this proposal: ARC shall not hinder the capacity of the SMoH by contracting key health personnel that would leave the public sector under-staffed.
- ✓ Your bottom up approach working with the communities is very important; the ability to resist, absorb and accommodate and recover from the effects of the shock in a timely and efficient manner, including through

the preservation and restoration of its essential basic structures and functions plays a pivotal role in the action. Three synergistic components are essential: (i) primary health care and essential public health functions as the core of integrated health services (ii) multi-sectoral policy and action for health and (iii) empowered people and community. Please develop more your strategy on how local health emergency management capacities and health system development can all be improved jointly planned and delivered in a collaborative and coordinated manner within a broader developmental framework from communities to institutions

- ✓ Please collaborate with the SMOH to integrate their preparedness emergency plan with refugee emergencies health care response.
- ✓ As verbally agreed on the 28th of February 2021 clarification meeting, please remove the budget line 10.1 *Provision for contingency reserve* from the budget and reallocate the amount according to the most pressing needs for activities.

Please review the proposal accordingly and submit a new description of the action and a new budget.

- **Starting date of the action**

The starting date of the action corresponds to the beginning of the eligibility period of the costs (i.e. the implementation period). Please note that the special conditions to the grant contract, Article 2.2 (or the relevant provisions of the Contribution Agreement), foresees options for the starting date.

- ✓ **The day following that on which the second of the two Parties signs.**

- **Payment instalments**

The payment instalments will be indicated in the grant contract. In accordance with the general conditions to the grant contract, Article 15.1 (or the relevant provisions of the Contribution Agreement, where applicable), the schedule for payments for your contract will be the following:

- ✓ Initial pre-financing payment, 60 % after two parties' signature and the submission of a Financial guarantee (30% of first instalment)
- ✓ Second pre-financing instalment of 35 % after the progressive report (technical and financial) approval and after the achievement of 70% expenditure of the first instalment
- ✓ Balance of the final amount of the grant 5% after final report approval (Technical and financial)

- **Important notice**

The coordinator should fill out the document *Annex L AICS Management and Financial checklist* (attached to this awarding letter) and send to the contracting authority before the 5th of February 2021.

In order to proceed with the preparation of your contract at the earliest, we would like to ask you to send us the requested information within **eight days** from the date of the present letter to the address mentioned here below (i.e. 10th of February 2021).

Note that the contracting authority may not be in a position to honour the contract if the required documents/information is not submitted within the above time limit. The contract must be signed by the two parties by **February 10th, 2021** at the latest.

Please submit the relevant documentation to the following address:

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Yours faithfully,


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