

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

LRFP-2026-9202158

14 January 2026

UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF)

Wishes to purchase

Institutional consultancy to support the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education to develop the Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSP 2026-2030) and revise accordingly and finalize the GPE Partnership Compact

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All emailed Bid response must be submitted to the ONLY Acceptable email addresses which is: bidszim@unicef.org, by latest 10:00 hours Harare local time on or before 4th February 2026. Emailed proposals should be in PDF Version and proposals should be properly marked with bid number and subject LRFP 2026 9202158 for Institutional consultancy to support the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education to develop the Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSP 2026-2030) and revise accordingly and finalize the GPE Partnership Compact.

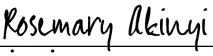
The technical proposal and financial proposal must be sent as separate emails and clearly marked as such in the file name (e.g., Company ABC Technical Proposal, Company ABC Financial Proposal). There will be no public opening (please refer to Clause 2.2). The bid reference must be written on subject the email that contain the Technical Proposal and, on the email, containing the Financial Proposal.

THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL HAS BEEN:

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BID FORM

This form must be completed, signed and returned to UNICEF.
 Bid must be made in accordance with the instructions contained in this INVITATION.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

Any Purchase Order resulting from this INVITATION shall contain UNICEF General Terms and Conditions and any other Specific Terms and Conditions detailed in this INVITATION.

INFORMATION

Any request for information regarding this INVITATION must be forwarded by email to the attention of the person who prepared this document, with specific reference to the Invitation number.

The Undersigned, having read the Terms and Conditions of INVITATION No. **LRFP-2026- 9202158** set out in the attached document, hereby offers to execute the services specified in the Terms and Conditions set out in the document.

Currency of Proposal: _____

Validity of Proposal: _____

Please indicate which of the following Early Payment Discount Terms are offered by you:
 10 Days 3.0% _____ 15 Days 2.5% _____ 20 Days 2.0% _____ 30 Days Net _____
 Other _____

Declaration

The undersigned, being a duly authorized representative of the Company, represents and declares that:

1.		YES	NO
	The Company and its Management ¹ have not been found guilty pursuant to a final judgment or a final administrative decision of any of the following:		
	a. fraud	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	b. corruption	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	c. conduct related to a criminal organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	d. money laundering or terrorist financing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	e. terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	f. sexual exploitation and abuse:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	g. child labour, forced labour, human trafficking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	h. irregularity (non-compliance with any legal or regulatory requirement applicable to the Company or its Management).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2.	The Company and its Management have not been found guilty pursuant to a final judgment or a final administrative decision of grave professional misconduct.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	The Company and its Management are not: bankrupt, subject to insolvency or winding-up procedures, subject to the administration of assets by a liquidator or a court, in an arrangement with creditors, subject to a legal suspension of business activities, or in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for under applicable national law.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	The Company and its Management have not been the subject of a final judgment or a final administrative decision finding them in breach of their obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	The Company and its Management have not been the subject of a final judgment or a final administrative decision which found they created an entity in a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or any other legal obligations in the jurisdiction of its registered office, central administration, or principal place of business (<i>creating a shell company</i>).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	The Company and its Management have not been the subject of a final judgment or a final administrative decision which found the Company was created with the intent referred to in point (5) (<i>being a shell company</i>).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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It is the responsibility of the Company to immediately inform the UNICEF of any changes in the situations declared.

This Declaration is in addition to, and does not replace or cancel, or operate as a waiver of, any terms of contractual arrangements between the UNICEF and the Company.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name and Title: _____

Name of the Company: _____

UNGM #: _____

Postal Address: _____

Email: _____

Item No	Item Description	Quantity/Unit	Unit Price	Amount
SCHEDULE NO: 1 EDU012026				
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Lead Time & Related Charges

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SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Title:

Institutional consultancy to support the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education to develop the Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSP 2026-2030) and revise accordingly and finalize the GPE Partnership Compact.

Purpose

The purpose of this consultancy is to provide comprehensive technical support to MoPSE in writing and designing a high-quality, evidence-based, costed, and implementable Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESP) 2026-2030. The contracting firm will guide MoPSE and partners through all phases of ESSP formulation, including priority-setting, strategy development, costing, financing analysis, and development of monitoring and accountability framework#ensuring national ownership, and alignment with the Education Sector Analysis ESA. The firm will also be required to review & revise accordingly and finalize the GPE Partnership Compact in line with the ESSP 2026-2030.

Background

Zimbabwe has just concluded the National Development Strategy 2 (NDS 2) covering the period 2026-2030 which is Zimbabwe's second five-year strategic plan designed to accelerate progress on the country's aspiration of transforming into a Prosperous and Empowered Upper Middle-Income Society, towards the realization of Vision 2030. It has ten priority areas and education is addressed under the pillar on: Science, Technology, Innovation and Human Capital Development.

The broader country context presents a complex environment for sector planning. Zimbabwe's education system operates within a challenging socio-economic and macroeconomic landscape marked by economic instability, historical episodes of high inflation, unreliable funding flows, and limited public revenues. These realities have constrained government ability to adequately finance education, resulting in infrastructure gaps, teacher shortages, and uneven progress across subsectors. Despite past gains, persistent resource constraints continue to affect the availability and quality of education, especially in rural and low-income communities.

Demographically, Zimbabwe has 6.69 million children aged 3-18 who depend on the education system. Yet out-of-school rates remain high (20% of school aged children are out of school (ZIMLAC, 2025), particularly at the secondary level (24% at lower secondary) where economic barriers, geographical disparities, and social norms intersect. Inequalities based on wealth, gender, disability status, and rural location persist, with children with disabilities and poor rural girls disproportionately excluded. These inequities reflect underlying issues in resource allocation, school conditions, teacher deployment, and household poverty.

According to EMIS 2024, the system faces significant infrastructure deficits: against an estimated requirement of 13,100 schools for the current school-age population, only 11,371 functional schools are recorded, with nearly 1,963 satellite The national Education Act broadly classifies schools into government and non-government schools. The other operational categories observed in this report are classification by registration status, location (rural/urban domains), per capita grant (P1, P2, P3), responsible authority, and mode of operation (day/boarding). schools in need of upgrading to meet the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education MoPSE's minimum standards.

Urban schools are often overcrowded; some rural schools frequently operate in temporary structures with limited access to water, sanitation, electricity, and connectivity. Some issues on the quality of the education provided remain as the system faces a significant number of non-readers (up to 30% in some schools) including at lower secondary level, but also some zero pass rate schools (81 schools at grade 7 examinations and 181 at O-level examinations) The teacher work force has been significantly weakened by declining real wages, migration, hiring freezes, and shortages in core subjects. Teacher retention, morale, and deployment patterns require major policy attention. Teacher-pupil ratios and pupil-textbooks ratios are rising in disadvantaged districts, directly affecting foundational learning outcomes.

Institutionally, the education sector is guided by a strong constitutional and policy framework, including the 2020 Education Act, Zimbabwe's Vision 2030, and National Development Strategies (NDS1 and NDS2). Reforms such as the updated 2024 Heritage-Based Curriculum embed themes of sustainable development and climate resilience. The education system is supported by strong partnerships, notably through the Education Coordination Group (ECG) led by the Minister, and the Education Partners Steering Committee led by the Permanent Secretary, though coordination challenges remain.

The importance of structured planning processes, accountability frameworks, and evidence-based decision-making given the multiplicity of actors involved and the complex education landscape is critical. The country is also highly exposed to climate-related shocks which routinely disrupt schooling and learning time. A risk-informed ESSP is therefore essential to strengthen system resilience. The Midterm review of ESSP 2021-2025 was finalized in 2025. Regarding the progress on ESSP indicators, the main findings were that only 27% of ESSP indicators were on or above target by the end of 2023, while 68% were below and 5% lacked data. Some indicators need revision downwards to reflect COVID-19 realities which negatively affected performance through impacts on attitudes, funding disbursement delays and inflation. Output indicators showed similar gaps, with 26% lacking data and 19% deemed inappropriate. However, some sector stakeholders are of the view that more data will need to be collected to take into account contributions through Public Private Partnerships (PPPs), SDCs and churches which is likely currently being missed.

On strategic priority 1 (infrastructure, progress have been made on schools' constructions, registration of schools, classroom space and wash facilities, However, there is a persistent backlog of approximately 2,400 schools, particularly in rural and resettlement areas due to lack of funds to construct new schools. On strategic priority 2, (curriculum and assessment), a downward trend has been observed on primary completion rate, transition rate from grade 7 to form 1; on lower secondary completion rate and transition rate from form 4 to form 5. However, the gender parity has been maintained across education levels despite overall declines and the shift from Competence-Based Curriculum (CBC) to Heritage-Based Curriculum (HBC) is completed. On strategic priority 3 (safeguarding and learner support), improvement is visible on drop out rates and special needs enrolment whilst Non formal Education is lagging compared to the targets set.

Finally, support is still inadequate, (1) some teachers leaving special schools, special classes and resource units to join the regular stream; (2) BEAM and treasury support are erratic; (3) BEAM some special schools last paid in 2019 then they received for 2024 without arrear payments; (4) Lack of consistent screening (Validation workshop input). On strategic priority 4 (teachers' capacity), progresses were made on the number of teachers trained, however the learning outcomes assessed through ZELA at grade 2 showed declined in numeracy and slight progress on English while pass rates at grade 7 and O-level examinations remained significantly below target. In terms of gender disparity, girls outperformed boys at all levels.

On Strategic priority 5 (Ministry Capacity and Governance), Major strides noticed in establishing multi-stakeholder platforms. On data reporting, consistent delays were experienced on EMIS and Education Sector Performance Reports (ESPR)/Joint Sector Reviews (JSR) due to lack of clear timelines for data collection; inefficient data collection processes; serious shortage of ICT gadgets; and limited knowledge on ICT, even if all were timeously achieved in 2024. Progress was made in developing policy documents, with the Partnership Compact aligning effectively with the NDS1. A Continuous Professional Development (CPD) policy for MoPSE staff has been prioritized, developed, approved, and is now being implemented.

The Zimbabwe GPE Partnership Compact (2022#2026) was also midterm reviewed along with the ESSP 2021-2025. The findings are as follows: it aligns closely with the ESSP and NDS 1 and aims to drive inclusive, equitable, and transformative education reforms. It prioritizes three core outcomes: Improved

functionality and safety of schools, enhanced foundational literacy and numeracy, and strengthened, equity-focused sector leadership. Several achievements have been noticed in the period under review: related to school improvement grant was disbursed on time for a majority (95% in 2023) of schools; the catch-up strategy materials were developed and distributed to most of the schools, helping learners recover lost learning time. The revised school inspection reforms progressed, with over 329 inspectors trained and the School Inspection Handbook developed. CPD for teachers and digital initiatives were implemented, including solarization efforts, online learning portals, and multiple initiatives supporting vulnerable learners.

However, there are still challenges that undermine the trigger for the 20% top up of the GPE Systems Transformation Grant (STG). The School Financing Policy (SFP), a critical trigger for the release of the 20% top-up of the GPE System Transformation Grant (STG), has not yet been approved by Cabinet. There is low MoPSE ownership of the Compact, with several stakeholders perceiving that development was driven primarily by consultants and partners. Coordination also remains uneven, with larger partners dominating forums, while civil society and smaller stakeholders report being marginalized. Lastly, implementation is affected by financial constraints and incomplete policy alignment, especially around digital tools, teacher training, and learning materials. Overall, while the Partnership Compact has achieved stronger results than the broader ESSP in areas where resources are concentrated, its effectiveness remains tied to systemic factors. These include timely policy approval, adequate funding, inclusive governance, and full alignment with evolving national priorities like the HBC.

Zimbabwe is currently undertaking a comprehensive Education Sector Analysis (ESA) for 2025#2026, designed to provide an evidence-based foundation for the forthcoming Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSP) 2026#2030. The ESA, being conducted through a mixed-methods, participatory approach, will provide a detailed diagnostic of equity and inclusion, learning quality, system capacity, financing, and institutional performance, and incorporates strong qualitative insights from schools, communities, and frontline actors.

Against this backdrop, a credible, costed, inclusive and realistic Education Sector Strategic Plan 2026#2030 is needed to guide the next phase of reforms and investment as a successor to the ESSP 2021-2025.

The new ESSP must consolidate the ESA evidence, align with national development frameworks, and support the prioritization of priorities under the Zimbabwe's GPE Partnership Compact and financing roadmap. To ensure this, UNICEF seeks the services of a highly qualified consulting firm to facilitate the ESSP development process and the GPE partnership compact revision accordingly.

Justification

As a reminder, the ESSP is a national, multi-year plan that outlines a country's priorities, strategies, and actions for improving its education system. It is developed by the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education with support from development partners such as UNICEF, UNESCO, and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), CSOs, etc. Its purpose is to guide government and donor investments, promote equity and inclusion, strengthen accountability through clear targets and monitoring mechanisms, and ensure coordination across ministries and partners. A credible ESSP helps mobilize external funding and ensures that the education sector becomes more effective, inclusive, and aligned with National Development Strategy 2 and the SDG 4.

Objective

Whilst the government is leading the strategic planning process which has been already kickstarted, the consultancy firm is to develop a full Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSP 2026#2030) that is credible, financially feasible, equity-focused, risk-informed, and aligned to Zimbabwe's national and global education commitments. Also, the GPE Partnership Compact must be reviewed and revised accordingly to fully aligned the new ESSP. The priority reform of the compact would be more focused than the current one.

The specific objectives include:

- a) Ensure desk review of relevant studies and analyses made by various partners during the last 3 years
- b) Translate ESA findings into clear sector priorities, strategic objectives, and reform pathways.
- c) Support MoPSE to conduct inclusive national and subnational consultations, ensuring representation of all key stakeholders, including marginalized groups.
- d) Facilitate the drafting of all ESSP chapters, ensuring technical soundness and alignment with the ESA and national frameworks.
- e) Develop a comprehensive financial model and costed plan grounded in economic realities and budget projections.
- f) Produce a risk-informed Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) framework with baselines, targets, and clear indicators.
- g) Strengthen MoPSE capacity by involving the planning team in education planning, costing, and data use throughout the process.
- h) In alignment with the new ESSP, review and finalize all documents related to the GPE Partnership Compact including the midterm review monitoring questionnaire and the final midterm review memo, with

Scope of the assignment and methodology

Using an inclusive and participatory approach, and informed by the NDS2 and the consulting firm will work under MoPSE leadership, and guidance with technical support from UNICEF and the ECG, to deliver the ESSP and the GPE Partnership Compact concurrently through the following structured phases.

For this assignment, the consultancy firm will also refer to the following links on the GPE website

1. The presentation of the Midterm review of the GPE Partnership Compact:

<https://www.globalpartnership.org/what-we-do/midterm-review-partnership-compacts>

2. the GPE guidelines for the development of ESSP using following link”

<https://www.globalpartnership.org/content/guidelines-education-sector-plan-preparation>

3. but also the GPE partnership compact mid term review guidelines of June 2025 following this link:

<https://www.globalpartnership.org/node/document/download?file=document/file/2025-05-gpe-partnership-compact-midterm-review-guidelines-v4.pdf>.

1. Review and Preparatory Phase

The firm will undertake a thorough review of the existing studies and analyses of the education sector (like but not only the gender analysis of the education sector, the Midterm review of the ESSP 2021-2025 and the GPE compact partnership, the gender audit of education policies, etc.), the ESA findings, MoPSE policies, EMIS data, budget analysis reports, curriculum frameworks, teacher policy materials, and system enablers. This exercise will also identify gaps in evidence that may require additional consultations or modelling. The consultant will then prepare a detailed ESSP roadmap, outlining sequencing of activities, responsibilities, consultations, and technical inputs.

2. Priority-Setting and Development of the Theory of Change

The firm will undertake interviews with key informants at national and subnational levels. Based on various studies/analyses and ESA evidence, the firm will support MoPSE to organise a national priority-setting workshop involving government, development partners, teacher unions, civil society, youth, and disability organizations. The consultant will facilitate the development of a comprehensive theory of change, outlining causal pathways, assumptions, systemic risks, and mitigation strategies.

3. Drafting of ESSP Chapters

Working with a Core Technical Team elected by the Education Coordination Group, the consultant will support the MoPSE to draft all ESSP chapters and the ESSP must be GPE-endorsable and compliant with GPE/IIEP-UNESCO guidance.

The Core Technical Team will comprise MoPSE staff, selected ECG members representing CSOs, donors, teachers and development partners.

- a) Country context and socio-economic analysis, building on ESA findings.

b) Sub-sector analyses and strategic priorities for:

i) Early Childhood Development (ECD), primary, secondary, non-formal education, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) linkages, and transitions.

ii) Equity, inclusion, and gender priorities, including disability-inclusive education and rural-urban disparities.

iii) Learning and quality improvement, incorporating insights from Zimbabwe Early Learning Assessment (ZELA), (Zimbabwe School Examinations Council) ZIMSEC exams, teacher policy, curriculum reforms, and Foundational Literacy and Numeracy initiatives.

iv) System governance and capacity, reflecting on decentralization, Education Management Information System (EMIS) functionality, accountability systems, and institutional roles.

v) Education financing, including trend analysis, fiscal space considerations, household spending, efficiency challenges, and donor alignment.

Education preparedness and response to emergencies.

c) Policy options and strategic interventions, clearly linked to evidence.

d) Implementation and accountability arrangements, including institutional roles.

All chapters must reflect Zimbabwe-specific issues highlighted in the ESA and other key studies and analyses such as infrastructure deficits, teacher wage erosion, migration dynamics, non-readers, climate vulnerability, multicurrency economic conditions, linguistic diversity, and satellite school expansion.

4. Costing and Financing Strategy

The consultant will support the Ministry to develop a robust, transparent costing model aligned with MOPSE budget approach that incorporates:

- Demographic projections
- Teacher recruitment and deployment needs
- Infrastructure requirements (including satellite schools)
- Learning and curriculum reforms
- Inclusion requirements (materials, assistive devices, adapted infrastructure)
- ICT and digital transformation
- Field monitoring and inspections frameworks
- Climate-resilient infrastructure needs
- Recurrent and development expenditures

The financing analysis will assess the resource envelope, efficiency opportunities, donor alignment, and financing gaps. It will also propose strategies for improving domestic resource mobilization, expenditure efficiency, and leveraging external and innovative financing.

5. GPE Partnership Compact Review Process

The consultant will work on the basis of the midterm review of the GPE compact partnership done in 2025 and the guidance framework provided by the GPE, in order to:

- Finalize the questionnaire
- Organize and facilitate an inclusive workshop to populate the Memo
- Finalize the Memo, get it endorsed by the Education Coordination Group and submit to GPE with a refined unique Priority Reform.

6. Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Framework

The consultant will support the Ministry to develop a comprehensive MEL framework that includes:

- Sector indicators aligned with SDG4 and national priorities
- Baselines and targets (drawing from EMIS, TDIS, MICS, ZELA, ZIMSEC, and ESA data)
- Annual performance milestones
- Data sources and strengthening needs
- Roles and responsibilities for monitoring
- Mechanisms for sector review and accountability

7. National and Subnational Consultations

The firm will facilitate structured consultations at national, provincial, district, and community levels. These consultations will include:

- Teacher unions
- School leaders and inspectors
- Local authorities and parliament committees
- Girls, boys and children with disabilities
- Civil society, persons with disabilities # led organizations and faith-based organizations
- Private sector and low-fee providers

Detailed consultation reports shall be submitted to UNICEF and MoPSE.

8.Capacity Strengthening

Throughout the process, the consultant must work collaboratively and embed capacity development for MoPSE staff in planning, data analysis, costing, scenario modelling, and interpretation of findings. Training sessions should follow a #learning-while-doing” approach, ensuring MoPSE ownership and institutionalization of skills.

9.Finalization of ESSP and Preparation for GPE Quality Assurance

The firm will support MoPSE in submitting the ESSP with an executive summary for GPE Quality Assurance submission package for reviews, including preparation of required documents, responses to technical feedback, and final editing.

Key deliverables

The team for the mid-term review should complete the following tasks at minimum:

1.Review and Preparatory Phase

Provide an inception report with a plan of action and methodology on how to conduct the ESSP including the review of documents and consultation (roadmap).

2.Priority-Setting and Development of the Theory of Change and Results framework

3.Drafting of ESSP Chapters and GPE Partnership Compact, including costing model, financing strategy, Monitoring, evaluation and learning framework

Working with a Core Technical Team designated by the Education Coordination Group, the consultant will support the MOPSE to draft all ESSP chapters in line with GPE/IEEP-UNESCO guidance:

For the Partnership Compact Review

- Finalize the questionnaire
- Organize and facilitate a workshop to populate the Memo
- Finalize the Memo and submit to GPE with a refined Priority Reform

4.Organization and facilitation of the National and Subnational Consultations

5.Revised ESSP after partner review and Validation of the draft ESSP and the draft GPE Partnership Compact Memo

6.Finalization of ESSP 2026-2030 (design ready) and Preparation for GPE Quality Assurance submission package

Finalization and validation of the ESSP, the executive summary (10 pages maximum) and GPE partnership compact Memo addressing all the comments

Expected background and Experience

Reference table with the Qualifications, specialized Experience and Additional Competencies.

QUALIFICATIONS, SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE AND ADDITIONAL COMPETENCIES

The assignment requires a highly motivated and competent contractor with the following qualifications and qualities:

The consulting firm must demonstrate:

- At least 10 years' experience in sector planning preferably in Sub-Saharan Africa and strong preference for previous experience with the Zimbabwean education context.
- Track record supporting ESSP development in at least 5 African countries (preferably including GPE processes).
- Proven experience in the use of participatory, qualitative, and quantitative assessment and analytic methods.
- Proven technical competence in quantitative and qualitative data analysis.
- Proven track record of producing excellent analytic reports.
- Previous experience working with a variety of stakeholders (government, development partners, civil society)
- Previous experience of working with an UN organization is an asset
- Technical expertise in:
 - oEducation economics
 - oTeacher policy and workforce planning
 - oEMIS and data systems
 - oFoundational learning
 - oGender and inclusion
 - oCosting and financial modelling
 - oMonitoring and evaluation
 - oEducation in Emergencies planning
 - oclimate and risk-sensitive planning

Key Personnel

- a)The Team Leader # Senior education economist/planner; minimum 12 years' experience.
 - Master's Degree in education, the social sciences, or a related field,
 - At least 12 years of experience in education planning, analysis, and/or evaluation, with a preference for someone who has previous experience leading reviews of Education Sector Plans
 - At least 5 years of experience leading teams in education-related evaluations or projects
 - Proven ability to engage and work with a variety of stakeholders (government, development partners, civil society)
 - Excellent oral and written communication skills in English, with proven report writing skills
 - Good interpersonal skills and ability to support multi-disciplinary teams in a multi-cultural environment

b)Other Personnel

- i.Financing & Costing Expert # Strong background in public finance, education budgeting, macro analysis.
- ii.Learning & Quality Specialist # Experience with FLN, assessments, teacher development.
- iii.Governance & Systems Specialist # HRH, inspection, decentralization, EMIS.
- iv.Inclusion & Gender Specialist # Inclusive education, disability, gender analysis.
- v.Data Analyst/Statistician # Strong modelling and statistical skills.
- vi.Education in emergencies and climate specialist
- vii.Local Expert(s) # Education policy, consultations, translation, logistics.

Ethical consideration

The consultancy must adhere to UNICEF and MoPSE standards on safeguarding, data privacy, inclusion, and #do no harm" principles.

Process and Criteria

A technical proposal must include a detailed technical description of the methodology to be used for the work described above, together with a proposed timeline, description of key stages to be carried out and an activity chart (GANTT chart).

A financial proposal for the activities listed must also be included and can be submitted as an attachment

to the technical proposal and to be submitted as one package.
Reference table with Evaluation Criteria in the Terms of Reference.

OVERALL RESPONSE CRITERIA Mark

Understanding of UNICEF's needs and responsiveness to the requirements 10
Understanding of scope, objectives, and completeness of response 15
Sub Total 25

Institutional profile

Institutions must provide details of qualifications, samples of reports on similar analyses, and a work profile of the team leader and other team members.

For institutions not based in Zimbabwe, they will be required to partner with a local consultant Any local consultant will be a reputable professional or firm based in Zimbabwe.

The team should meet the following minimum criteria:

- At least 15 years' experience in education research, planning five of which should be in international developing country context.
- Track record supporting ESSP development in at least 5 African countries (preferably including GPE processes).
- Proven experience in the use of participatory, qualitative, and quantitative assessment and analytic methods.
- Proven technical competence in quantitative and qualitative data analysis.
- Proven track record of producing excellent analytic reports.
- Previous experience working with a variety of stakeholders (government, development partners, civil society).
- Previous experience of working with an UN organization is an asset 10

Sub Total 10

Key personnel & technical competency

The Team leader

- Master's Degree in education, the social sciences, or a related field
- At least 12 years of experience in education planning, analysis, and/or evaluation, with a preference for someone who has previous experience leading reviews of Education Sector Plans
- At least 5 years of experience leading teams in education-related evaluations or projects
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 - 5.Data Analyst/Statistician # Strong modelling and statistical skills.
 - 6.Education in emergencies and climate specialist
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- 6 Technical expertise in:
- Education Economics
 - Teacher policy and workforce planning
 - EMIS and data systems
 - Foundational learning
 - Gender and inclusion

·Costing and financial modelling	
·Monitoring and evaluation	
·Education in emergencies planning	
·Climate and risk-sensitive planning	8
Significant experience with Zimbabwe education system	4
At least 10 years' experience in sector planning, preferably in Sub-Saharan Africa	4
Track record supporting ESSP development in at least 5 African countries (preferably including GPE processes).	3
Sub Total	35
Grand Total	70

The Technical Proposal will be scored out of 70% while the Financial Proposal will be scored out of 30% to get a total of 100%.

Proposals should be submitted electronically to bidzim@unicef.org

Payment Terms

Partial payment will be done upon accomplishing the tasks and milestones and deliverables set in the table below.

The contractor is required to submit the following deliverables: Reference the table with tasks and Milestones in the TOR.

#	Tasks/ Milestone Deliverables	Timeline and payment
1.	Review and Preparatory Phase Provide an inception report with a plan of action and methodology on how to conduct the ESSP including the review of documents and consultation.	Inception Report 10 days 10%
2.	Priority-Setting and Development of the Theory of Change and Results framework Change and results framework	Theory of Change 10 days 15%
3.	Drafting of ESSP Chapters and Partnership Compact Working with a Core Technical Team designated by the Education Coordination Group, the consultant will support the MOPSE to draft all ESSP chapters in line with GPE/IEEP-UNESCO guidance GPE Partnership Compact Review #Finalize the questionnaire #Organize and facilitate the workshop to populate the Memo #Finalize the Memo and submit to GPE with a refined Priority Reform	Draft ESSP and Partnership Compact Memo 20 days 20%
4.	Organization and facilitation of National and Subnational Consultations	Consultation Report 10 days 15%
5.	Revised ESSP after partners' review and Validation of the draft ESSP and the GPE Partnership Compact Memo	Validation Report 10 days 10%
6.	Finalization of ESSP (design ready) and Preparation for GPE Quality Assurance submission package Finalization and validation of the ESSP, the executive summary (10 pages maximum) and Memo addressing all the comments Final ESSP 2026-2030 Approved GPE Partnership Compact Memo	30 days 30%
	TOTAL	60 days 100%

General Conditions: Procedures and Logistics

Policy both parties should be aware of:

-No contract may commence unless the contract is signed by both UNICEF and the Contractor.

-No member of the contracting company may travel prior to contract signature. Zimbabwe Country Office requesting Sections is responsible for all costs related to travel and related to the required assignment.

-Members of the contracting company will not have supervisory responsibilities or authority on UNICEF budget.

PART I # PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

1. Background

1.1 UNICEF promotes the rights and wellbeing of every child; in everything we do. Together with our partners, we work in 190 countries and territories to translate that commitment into practical action, focusing special effort on reaching the most vulnerable and excluded children, to the benefit of all children, everywhere.

2. Solicitation

2.1 UNICEF wishes to procure items in the quantities and with the specifications outlined in the schedules contained in this Solicitation Document.

2.2 This Solicitation Document is comprised of the following:

-This document

-The UNICEF General Terms and Conditions of Contract (Goods) which are attached as Annex A to this document

-The full Terms of Reference/Statement of Work attached at [Annex B]

-The Evaluation Criteria attached as [Annex C]

2.3 This Solicitation Document is an invitation to treat and shall not be construed as an offer capable of being accepted or as creating any contractual, other legal or restitutionary rights. No binding contract, including a process contract or other understanding or arrangement, will exist between the Proposer and UNICEF and nothing in or in connection with this Solicitation Document shall give rise to any liability on the part of UNICEF unless and until a Purchase Order is signed by UNICEF and the successful Proposer.

PART II # PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCESS

1. Proposal Submission Schedule

1.1 Acknowledgement of receipt of Solicitation Document.

Proposers are requested to inform UNICEF as soon as possible by EMAIL to Olivia Mhungu (omhungu@unicef.org), Allen Machezano (amachezano@unicef.org) and copying in Alfred Magudhu (amagudhu@unicef.org) that they have received this Solicitation Document.

IMPORTANT: PROPOSALS ARE NOT TO BE SENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL STATED ABOVE # ANY PROPOSALS SENT TO THE ABOVE-NAMED INDIVIDUAL WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

1.2 Questions from Proposers.

Proposers are required to submit any questions in respect of this Solicitation Document by EMAIL to

amachekano@unicef.org, amagudhu@unicef.org and omhungu@unicef.org. The deadline for receipt of any questions is 15th September at 1600hrs Harare local time

IMPORTANT: PROPOSALS ARE NOT TO BE SENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL STATED ABOVE # ANY PROPOSALS SENT TO THE ABOVE-NAMED INDIVIDUAL WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

Proposers are required to keep all questions as clear and concise as possible.

Proposers are also expected to immediately notify UNICEF in writing of any ambiguities, errors, omissions, discrepancies, inconsistencies or other faults in any part of the Solicitation Document, providing full details. Proposers will not benefit from such ambiguities, errors, omissions, discrepancies, inconsistencies or other faults.

UNICEF will compile the questions received. UNICEF may, at its discretion, at once copy any anonymized question and its reply to all other invited Proposers and/or post these on the UNICEF website and/or respond to the question at a bid conference. After any such bid conference, a Questions and Answers document may be prepared and posted on the UNICEF website.

1.3 Amendments to Solicitation Document. At any time prior to the Submission Deadline, UNICEF may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective Proposer, modify the Solicitation Document by amendment. If the Solicitation Document was available publicly online, amendments will also be posted publicly online. Further, all prospective Proposers that have received the Solicitation Document directly from UNICEF will be notified in writing of all amendments to the Solicitation Document. In order to afford prospective Proposers reasonable time in which to take the amendment into account in preparing their Proposals.

1.4 UNICEF may, at its sole discretion, extend the Submission Deadline

1.5 Submission Deadline. The deadline for submission of Proposals is on or before 4th February 2026 at 10:00hours, Local Harare Time. Any Proposals received by UNICEF after the Submission Deadline will be rejected.

1.6 Proposal opening. Due to the nature of this Request for Proposals, there will be no public opening of Proposals.

2. Language

2.1 The Proposal prepared by the Proposer and all correspondence and documents relating to the Proposal exchanged by the Proposer and UNICEF, will be written in ENGLISH. Supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the Proposer may be in another language provided that they are accompanied by an appropriate translation in ENGLISH. When interpreting the Proposal, the translated version of these supporting documents and printed literature will prevail over the original version of these documents. The sole responsibility for translation, including the accuracy of the translation will rest with the Proposer.

3. Validity of Proposals; Modification and Clarifications; Withdrawal

3.1 Validity Period. Proposers must indicate the validity period of their Proposal. Proposals should be valid for a period of not less than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the Submission Deadline. A Proposal valid for a shorter period of time shall not be further considered. UNICEF may request the Proposer to extend the validity period. The Proposal of Proposers who decline to extend the validity of their Proposal shall become disqualified as no longer valid.

3.2 Other Changes. All changes to a Proposal must be received by UNICEF prior to the Submission

Deadline. The Proposer must clearly indicate that the revised Proposal is a modification and supersedes the earlier version of their Proposal, or state the changes from the original Proposal.

3.3 Withdrawal of Proposal. A Proposal may be withdrawn by the Proposer on e-mailed, faxed or written request received by UNICEF from the Proposer prior to Submission Deadline. Negligence on the part of the Proposer confers no right for the withdrawal of the Proposal after it has been opened.

3.4 Clarifications Requested by UNICEF. During the evaluation of Proposals, UNICEF may, in its sole discretion, seek clarifications from any Proposer in order for UNICEF to fully understand the Proposer's Proposal and assist in the examination, evaluation and comparison of Proposals. UNICEF may seek such clarifications through written communications or may request an interview with any Proposer. During this clarification process, no change in the price or substance of the Proposal will be sought, offered or permitted, except as required in order to allow for correction of arithmetical errors discovered by UNICEF.

3.5 References. UNICEF reserves the right to contact any or all references supplied by the Proposer(s) and to seek references from other sources as UNICEF deems appropriate.

4. Eligibility; Proposer Information

4.1 Proposer. The term "#Proposer" refers to those companies that submit a Proposal pursuant to this Solicitation Document and "#Proposal" refers to all the documents provided by the Proposer in its response to this Solicitation Document. A Proposer will only be eligible for consideration if it complies with the representations set out in Part V of this Solicitation Document, including the representations on ethical standards, including conflicts of interest.

4.2 Joint Venture, Consortium or Association.

(a) If the Proposer is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a joint venture, consortium or association at the time of the submission of the Proposal, each such legal entity will confirm in their joint Proposal that:

(i) they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested with authority to legally bind the members of the joint venture jointly and severally, and this will be evidenced by a Joint Venture Agreement among the legal entities, which will be submitted along with the Proposal; and

(ii) if they are awarded the Purchase Order, the designated lead entity will enter into the Purchase Order with UNICEF, who will be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture.

(b) After the Proposal has been submitted to UNICEF, the lead entity identified to represent the joint venture will not be altered without the prior written consent of UNICEF.

(c) If a joint venture's Proposal is the Proposal selected for award, UNICEF will award the Purchase Order to the joint venture, in the name of its designated lead entity. The lead entity will sign the Purchase Order for and on behalf of all other member entities.

4.3 Proposals from Government Organizations. The eligibility of Proposers that are wholly or partly owned by the Government will be subject to UNICEF's further evaluation and review of various factors such as being registered as an independent entity, the extent of Government ownership/share, receipt of subsidies, mandate, access to information in relation to this Solicitation Document, and others that may lead to undue advantage against other Proposers, and the eventual rejection of the Proposal.

5. Preparation of Offer

5.1 Proposers are responsible to inform themselves in preparing their Proposal. In this regard, the Proposers will ensure that they:

Examine all terms, requirements and formal submission instructions (e.g. regarding form and timing of submission, marking of envelopes, no price information in technical proposal etc.) included in the Solicitation Document (including the Instructions to Proposers section);

Review the Solicitation Document to ensure that they have a complete copy of all documents;

Review the standard UNICEF Contractual Provisions and the UNICEF General Terms and Conditions of Contract (Goods) for the supply of goods publicly available on the UNICEF Supply website:

[HTTP://www.unicef.org/supply/resources/procurement-policies](http://www.unicef.org/supply/resources/procurement-policies);

Review the UNICEF policies publicly available on the UNICEF Supply website:

<http://www.unicef.org/supply/procurement-policies>. In particular, Proposers should familiarize themselves with the obligations imposed on suppliers and their personnel and sub-contractors under the UNICEF Policy Prohibiting and Combatting Fraud and Corruption and the UNICEF Policy on Conduct Promoting the Protection and Safeguarding of Children;

Attend any bid conference if it is mandatory under this Solicitation Document;

Fully inform and satisfy themselves as to requirements of any relevant authorities and laws that apply, or may in the future apply, to the supply of the goods.

5.2 Proposers acknowledge that UNICEF, its directors, employees and agents make no representations or warranties (express or implied) as to the accuracy or completeness of this Solicitation Document or any other information provided to the Proposers.

5.3 Failure to meet all requirements and instructions in the Solicitation Document or to provide all requested information will be at the Proposer's own risk, and may result in rejection of the Proposer's Proposal.

5.4 The Proposal must be organized to follow the format of this Solicitation. Each Proposer must respond to the stated requests or requirements, and indicate that the Proposer understands and confirms acceptance of UNICEF's stated requirements. The Proposer should identify any substantive assumption made in preparing its offer. The deferral of a response to a question or issue to any contract negotiation stage (if any) is not acceptable. Any item not specifically addressed in the Proposal will be deemed as accepted by the Proposer. Incomplete or inadequate responses, lack of response or misrepresentation in responding to any questions will affect the evaluation of the Proposal.

5.5 The completed and signed Bid Form must be submitted together with the Proposal. The Bid Form must be signed by a duly authorized representative of the Organization/Company.

5.6 Proposals must be clearly marked with the Solicitation Document number.

5.7 If answer sheets are provided by UNICEF then these must be completed by the Proposer.

5.8 Technical Proposal: The Technical Proposal should address the criteria and requirements outlined in this Solicitation Document, paying particular attention to the specifications outlined in the schedules. It is important to note that UNICEF actively welcomes innovative proposals and original solutions to the stated need.

NO PRICE INFORMATION SHOULD BE CONTAINED IN THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.

5.9 Price Proposal: The Price Proposal should be prepared in accordance with the quantities and specifications outlined in the schedules contained in this Solicitation Document.

5.10 Each Proposer acknowledges that its participation in any stage of the solicitation process for this Solicitation Document is at its own risk and cost. The Proposer is responsible for, and UNICEF is not responsible for, the costs of preparing its Proposal or response to this Solicitation Document, submission of any samples, attendance at any bid conference, site visit, meetings or oral presentations, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the solicitation process.

6. Proposal Documents; Confidentiality

6.1 This Solicitation Document, together with all Proposal documents provided by the Proposer to UNICEF, will be considered the property of UNICEF and will not be returned to the Proposers.

6.2 Information contained in the Proposal documents, which the Proposer considers to be its confidential information, should be clearly marked "confidential", next to the relevant part of the text, and UNICEF will treat such information accordingly.

6.3 All information and documents provided to the Proposers by UNICEF ("Solicitation Document Materials") shall be treated as confidential by the Proposers. If the Proposer declines to respond to this Solicitation Document, or, if the Proposal is rejected or unsuccessful, the Proposer will promptly return all such Solicitation Document Materials to UNICEF or destroy or delete all such Solicitation Document Materials. The Proposer shall not use the Solicitation Document Materials for any purpose other than the purpose of preparing a Proposal and shall not disclose the Solicitation Document Materials to any third party, except: (a) with the prior written consent of UNICEF; (b) where the third party is assisting the Proposer in preparing the Proposal, provided the Proposer has previously ensured that party's adherence to this duty of confidentiality; (c) if the relevant Solicitation Document Materials are at the time of this Solicitation Document lawfully in the possession of the Proposer through a party other than UNICEF; (d) if required by law, and provided that the Proposer has previously informed UNICEF in writing of its obligation to disclose the Solicitation Document Materials; or (e) if the Solicitation Document Materials are generally and publicly available other than as a result of breach of confidence by the person receiving the Solicitation Document Materials.

7. Multiple Proposals and Proposals from related organizations

7.1 Proposers shall not submit more than one Proposal as part of this solicitation process.

7.2 If the Proposer is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a joint venture, consortium or association at the time of the submission of the Proposal then neither the lead entity nor the member entities of the joint venture may submit another Proposal, either in its own capacity or as a lead entity or a member entity for another joint venture submitting another Proposal.

7.3 UNICEF reserves the right to reject separate Proposals submitted by two or more Proposers if the Proposers are related organizations and are found to have any of the following:

- (a) they have at least one controlling partner, director or shareholder in common; or
- (b) any one of them receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from the other(s); or
- (c) they have a relationship with each other, that gives one or more Proposers access to confidential information about, or influence over, the other Proposal(s); or
- (d) they are subcontractors to each other's Proposal, or a subcontractor to one Proposal also submits another Proposal under its name as lead Proposer; or
- (e) an expert proposed to be in the team of one Proposer participates in more than one Proposal received for this solicitation process.

PART III #AWARD/ADJUDICATION OF PROPOSALS

1. Award

1.1 Evaluation. The evaluation is carried out by UNICEF in accordance with UNICEF's regulations, rules and practices and all determinations are made in UNICEF's sole discretion.

After opening the Proposals, UNICEF will carry out the following steps in the following order:

First, each Proposal will be evaluated for compliance with the mandatory requirements of this Solicitation Document. Proposals deemed not to meet all of the mandatory requirements will be considered non-compliant and rejected at this stage without further consideration. Failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions contained in this Solicitation Document, including, but not limited to, failure to provide all required information, may result in a Proposal being disqualified from further consideration.

Second, UNICEF will evaluate each Proposal to determine whether the products offered are acceptable commercially and technically and are of the required quality. Proposals will be evaluated based on the INCOTERM(s) stated in Part IV clause 3.1 below. Where more than one INCOTERM is stated in Part IV clause 3.1 below, Proposals will be evaluated based on whichever INCOTERM is in the best interest of UNICEF as determined by UNICEF in its sole discretion. UNICEF will award the Purchase Order to the Proposer offering a combination of the lowest acceptable prices and shortest lead-time, provided that UNICEF considers that the Proposal to be reasonable and that it is in the interest of UNICEF to accept the Proposal.

1.2 Partial Proposals. UNICEF will not accept partial Proposals.

1.3 Limited Award. In case of an award, Proposers that have not previously received Purchase Orders from UNICEF, may receive an order for a limited quantity until satisfactory performance is established.

1.4 Multiple Arrangements. UNICEF reserves the right to make multiple arrangements for any item(s) where UNICEF considers it to be in its best interest to do so.

1.5 Negotiation. UNICEF reserves the right to negotiate with the Proposer(s) that has/have attained the best rating/ranking, i.e. those providing the overall best value Proposal(s).

1.6 Award Notification. UNICEF will only notify the Proposer(s) that has/have been awarded the Purchase Order(s) resulting from this solicitation process; UNICEF may, but is not required to, notify the other Proposers of the outcome of this solicitation process.

2. General Terms And Conditions Of Contract (Goods)

2.1 UNICEF's General Terms and Conditions of Contract (Goods) which are attached at Annex A to this Solicitation Document will apply to any Purchase Orders awarded in connection with this Solicitation Document. By signing the Bid Form, each Proposer is deemed to have confirmed its acceptance of the UNICEF General Terms and Conditions (Goods). The Proposer understands that if it proposes any amendments or additional terms to the UNICEF General Terms and Conditions (Goods), these must be clearly detailed in the Proposal and may negatively affect the evaluation of the Proposal.

3. Inspection

3.1 Each Proposer will permit UNICEF, either itself or through a designated representative entity, to have access to the facilities where the products offered are manufactured, at all reasonable times to inspect the

manufacturing site and processes for the production, quality control, quality assurance and packing of the products. The Proposer will provide reasonable assistance to the representatives for such appraisal, including copies of any documentation (including, but not limited to, test results or quality control reports) as may be necessary. The inspection may be carried out in conjunction with the appropriate national authority. Failure to do so may result in the rejection of the Proposal.

4. Rights of UNICEF

4.1 UNICEF reserves the following rights:

(a) to accept any Proposal, in whole or in part; to reject any or all Proposals; or to cancel this solicitation process in its entirety;

(b) to verify any information contained in Proposer's response (and the Proposer will provide UNICEF with its reasonable cooperation with such verification).

(c) to invalidate any Proposal received from a Proposer that, in UNICEF's sole opinion has previously failed to perform satisfactorily or complete contracts or Purchase Orders on time, or UNICEF believes is not in a position to perform the Purchase Order;

(d) to invalidate any Proposal that, in UNICEF's sole opinion, fails to meet the requirements and instructions stated in this Solicitation Document.

(e) to suspend negotiations or withdraw an award to a Proposer at any time up until a Purchase Order has been signed with such Proposer. UNICEF is not required to provide any justification, but will give notice prior to any such suspension of negotiations or withdrawal of award.

4.2 UNICEF is not liable to any Proposer for any costs, expense or loss incurred or suffered by such Proposer in connection with this Solicitation Document or solicitation process, including, but not limited to, any costs, expense or loss incurred as result of UNICEF exercising any of its rights in paragraph 4.1 above.

PART IV # REQUIREMENTS

1. Prices and Discounts

1.1 Prices. The prices include the cost of packaging and packing the goods in accordance with the requirements set out on the UNICEF Supply website <https://www.unicef.org/supply/technical-specifications-packing-packaging-and-labelling>. The price also includes delivery in accordance with the applicable INCOTERM.

1.2 Payment Terms. Invoices may be issued to UNICEF only after the delivery terms of the Purchase Order have been fulfilled. The standard terms of payment are net 30 days, after receipt of invoice. Payment will be effected by bank transfer in the currency of the Purchase Order.

1.3 Currency.

(a) Proposers are requested to provide unit prices in (USD)]. UNICEF will reject any Proposals submitted in another currency.

(b) If the above paragraph (a) explicitly permits two or more specified currencies for the Proposals, then for evaluation purposes only, offers submitted in a currency other than US Dollars will be converted into US Dollars using the United Nations rate of exchange in effect on the submission deadline date.

1.4 Discounts. Proposers are requested to advise as to:

(a) Quantity / volume discounts, in form of large quantity / volume discounts and staircase pricing (i.e. varying prices according to different quantities procured);

(b) Early payment discounts, i.e. payment within a specified period of time faster than UNICEF's standard payment term of 30 days net;

(c) Trade discounts;

(d) Any other unconditional discounts.

1.5 Taxes.

Article II, Section 7, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities provides, inter alia, that the United Nations, including UNICEF as a subsidiary organ, is exempt from all direct taxes, except charges for public utility services, and is exempt from customs restrictions, duties, and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for its official use. All prices/rates quoted in the Proposal must be net of any direct taxes and any other taxes and duties, unless otherwise specified in this Solicitation Document.

2. Implementation

2.1 Sub-contractors. Proposers must identify in their Proposal, any products which may be offered by themselves, but originate from another supplier and/or country. All sub-contracting arrangements will be reviewed by UNICEF as part of its evaluation of the Proposal.

2.2 Joint Ventures. The description of the organization of the joint venture/consortium/association must clearly define the expected role of each of the entities in the joint venture in delivering the requirements of this Solicitation Document, both in the Proposal and the Joint Venture Agreement. All entities that comprise the joint venture will be subject to the eligibility and qualification assessment by UNICEF.

Where a joint venture is presenting its track record and experience in a similar undertaking as those required in this Solicitation Document, it should present such information in the following manner:

- a) Those that were undertaken together by the joint venture; and
- b) Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the joint venture expected to be involved in the performance of the activities defined in this Solicitation Document.

Previous contracts or Purchase Orders completed by individual experts working privately but who are permanently or were temporarily associated with any of the member firms cannot be claimed as the experience of the joint venture or those of its members, but should only be claimed by the individual experts themselves in their presentation of their individual credentials.

3. Delivery

3.1 Incoterms.

Proposers are requested to quote prices in accordance with the following delivery terms (INCOTERMS 2010): [INSERT INCOTERM(s) # for example, DAP named place # Delivered at Place to INSERT ADDRESS FCA # FCA named airport/seaport SPECIFY NAME OF AIRPORT/SEAPORT]

Failure to quote in accordance with the requested INCOTERMS may result in invalidation of the Proposal.

3.2 Deliveries will be made in accordance with instructions in UNICEF's Purchase Orders. Proposers will indicate the realistic lead-time for delivery for each item offered (subject to quantities). "Delivery lead-time" is the period from the date of receipt of a Purchase Order by the Supplier to the date of delivery of the goods in accordance with the applicable delivery term and instructions specified in the relevant Purchase Order and includes the period for manufacturing and packing the products, pre-delivery inspection (if applicable), obtaining any necessary regulatory authority approvals or licenses, shipping, and provision of all documentation required in connection with such delivery.

3.3 UNICEF will monitor and measure the performance of the successful Proposer, in comparison with the realistic lead-time indicated in its Proposal.

4. Shelf Life and Warranty

4.1 Shelf life and Useable Lifespan. The Proposer will clearly state the minimum shelf life at time of dispatch for all pharmaceutical products or other perishable goods. For all other products, the Proposer will clearly state (as applicable) the usable lifespan (i.e. the recommended usage period).

4.2 Packing, Packaging and Labeling. All goods must meet the requirements for packing, packaging, packing list and labelling of the goods set out on the UNICEF Supply Website (<https://www.unicef.org/supply/technical-specifications-packing-packaging-and-labelling>) and the additional requirements (if any) for packing, packaging, packing list and labelling set out in this Solicitation Document. This includes those requirements that apply to dangerous goods.

4.3 Warranty. The Proposer's warranty for the goods (including packaging) offered in its Proposal will meet each of the following minimum criteria:

- (a) The goods conform to the quality, quantity and specifications for the goods stated in the Purchase Order (including, in the case of perishable or pharmaceutical products, the shelf life specified in the Purchase Order);
- (b) The goods conform in all respects to the technical documentation provided by the Proposer in respect of such goods and, if samples were provided to UNICEF prior to entering into the Purchase Order, the goods are equal and comparable in all respects to such samples;
- (c) The goods are new and factory-packed;
- (d) The goods are fit for the purposes for which such goods are ordinarily used and any purposes expressly made known to the Proposer by UNICEF;
- (e) The goods are free from defects in design, manufacture, workmanship and materials;
- (f) The goods are free from all liens, encumbrances or other third party claims;
- (g) The goods are contained or packaged in accordance with the standards of export packaging for the type and quantities of the goods specified in the Purchase Order, and for the modes of transport of the goods specified in the Purchase Order (including but not limited to, in a manner adequate to protect them in such modes of transport), and marked in a proper manner in accordance with the instructions stipulated in the Purchase Order and applicable law.

4.4 Warranty Period. The Proposer will clearly state the period of validity of the warranty, including the start date of the warranty period. For all pharmaceutical products or other perishable goods, the period of validity of the warranty must not be less than the shelf life of the goods.

4.5 Assignment of Manufacturer Warranties. If the Proposer is not the original manufacturer of the goods or any part of the goods, the Proposer will be expected to assign to UNICEF (or, at UNICEF's instructions, the Government or other entity that receives the goods) all manufacturers' warranties in addition to any other warranties specified in the Purchase Order.

4.6 Extension of Warranty to Partners. The Proposer should note that the warranties are expected to be made to UNICEF and to extend to (a) each entity that makes a direct financial contribution to UNICEF for the purchase of goods; and (b) each Government or other entity that receives the goods.

5. Other Goods Requirements

5.1 Country of Origin. Items produced in countries other than that of the Proposer must be indicated, stating the country of origin. Proposers may be required to submit a Certificate of Origin of Goods issued by the Chamber of Commerce or other equivalent authority.

5.2 Samples. UNICEF reserves the right to request free, non-returnable samples for evaluation and testing by UNICEF, or its representative, of the item and/or of the packing and packaging, prior to any award.

If samples are requested:

Samples will be subject to technical review and laboratory testing and analysis where appropriate.

Samples must correspond 100% to the product(s) being offered.

Samples must include the manufacturer's packaging and labeling.

In the event that the Proposal is successful, samples will be retained by UNICEF for comparison checking purposes against deliveries subsequently made.

Samples should be labelled with the UNICEF Solicitation Document number, goods specifications as detailed in this Solicitation Document, Proposer's product reference and Proposer's name and address. UNICEF reserves the right to reject samples that are not labeled as requested.

Failure to provide samples in accordance with the instructions requested under this paragraph 5.2 may result in invalidation of the Proposal.

5.3 Packing, Packaging, Packing List, Labelling and Dangerous Goods Instructions. The Proposer will comply with the requirements for packing, packaging, packing list and labelling of goods set out on the UNICEF Supply Website (<https://www.unicef.org/supply/technical-specifications-packing-packaging-and-labelling>) and the additional requirements (if any) for packing, packaging, packing list, labelling set out below in this Solicitation Document. This includes those requirements that apply to dangerous goods. The classification of goods (including packaging) as "dangerous goods" is a supplier responsibility and must be communicated to UNICEF when submitting the Proposal. For any goods (including packaging) classified as dangerous goods, Proposers must submit all relevant Material Safety Data Sheets indicating accurate classification for transport purposes, storage, labeling and shipping requirements when submitting the Proposal.

[The following special requirements for packing, packaging, packing list and labelling apply to this Solicitation Document: INSERT ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS]

6. Liquidated Damages

6.1 Any Purchase Orders awarded in connection with this Solicitation Document will include the following clause on liquidated damages:

#In addition to, and without prejudice to any of the other rights and remedies of UNICEF including, but not limited to, those set out in the UNICEF General Terms and Conditions of Contract (Goods), if the

Supplier fails to deliver the Goods under this Purchase Order in accordance with the stated time for delivery, or if UNICEF exercises its right to reject Goods that do not conform to the requirements in this Purchase Order, UNICEF may claim liquidated damages from the Supplier and, at UNICEF's option, the Supplier will pay such liquidated damages to UNICEF or UNICEF will deduct such liquidated damages from the Supplier's invoice(s). Such liquidated damages will be calculated as follows: one half of one per cent (0.5%) of the Price of such Goods for each day of delay, until delivery of conforming Goods, up to a maximum of ten per cent (10%) of the value of this Purchase Order. The payment or deduction of such liquidated damages will not relieve the Supplier from any of its other obligations or liabilities pursuant to this Purchase Order."

PART V # PROPOSER REPRESENTATIONS

1. Price # Most Favoured Customer

1.1 The Proposer confirms that the prices with respect to the goods specified in the Proposal are the most favourable prices available to any customer of the Proposer (or any of the Proposer's affiliates).

1.2 If at any time during the term of any Purchase Order resulting from the Proposal, any other customer of the Proposer (or of any of the Proposer's affiliates) obtains more favourable pricing terms than those provided to UNICEF, the Proposer will retroactively adjust the price and related pricing terms under the Purchase Order to conform to the more favourable terms and the Proposer will promptly pay UNICEF any amounts owing to UNICEF as a result of such retroactive price adjustment.

2. General Representations

By submitting its Proposal in response to this Solicitation Document, the Proposer confirms to UNICEF as at the Submission Deadline:

2.1 The Proposer has (a) the full authority and power to submit the Proposal and to enter into any resulting Purchase Order, and (b) all rights, licenses, authority and resources necessary, as applicable, to develop, source, manufacture and supply the goods and to perform its other obligations under any resulting Purchase Order. The Proposer has not and will not enter into any agreement or arrangement that restrains or restricts any person's rights to use, sell, dispose of or otherwise deal with the goods.

2.2 All of the information it has provided to UNICEF concerning the goods and the Proposer is true, correct, accurate and not misleading.

2.3 The Proposer is financially solvent and is able to supply the goods to UNICEF in accordance with the requirements described in this Solicitation Document.

2.4 The use or supply of the goods does not and will not infringe any patent, design, trade-name or trade-mark.

2.5 The development, manufacture and supply of the goods has complied, does comply, and will comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

2.6 The Proposer will fulfill its commitments with the fullest regard to the interests of UNICEF and will refrain from any action which may adversely affect UNICEF or the United Nations.

2.7 It has the personnel, experience, qualifications, facilities, financial resources and all other skills and resources to perform its obligations under any resulting Purchase Order.

2.8 The Proposer agrees to be bound by the decisions of UNICEF, including but not limited to, decisions as to whether the Proposer's Proposal meets the requirements and instructions stated in this Solicitation Document and the results of the evaluation process.

3. Ethical Standards

UNICEF requires that all Proposers observe the highest standard of ethics during the entire solicitation process, as well as the duration of any Purchase Order that may be awarded as a result of this solicitation process. UNICEF also actively promotes the adoption by its suppliers of robust policies for the protection and safeguarding of children and the prevention and prohibiting of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

By submitting its Proposal in response to this Solicitation Document, the Proposer makes the following representations and warranties to UNICEF as at the Submission Deadline:

3.1 In respect of all aspects of the solicitation process the Proposer has disclosed to UNICEF any situation that may constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest or could reasonably be perceived as a conflict of interest. In particular, the Proposer has disclosed to UNICEF if it or any of its affiliates is, or has been in the past, engaged by UNICEF to provide services for the preparation of the design, specifications, cost analysis/estimation, and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods requested under this Solicitation Document; or if it or any of its affiliates has been involved in the preparation and/or design of the programme/project related to the goods requested under this Solicitation Document.

3.2 The Proposer has not unduly obtained, or attempted to obtain, any confidential information in connection with the solicitation process and any Purchase Order that may be awarded as a result of this solicitation process.

3.3 No official of UNICEF or of any United Nations System organisation has received from or on behalf of the Proposer, or will be offered by or on behalf of the Proposer, any direct or indirect benefit in connection with this Solicitation Document including the award of the Purchase Order to the Proposer. Such direct or indirect benefit includes, but is not limited to, any gifts, favours or hospitality.

3.4 The following requirements with regard to former UNICEF officials have been complied with and will be complied with:

(a) During the one (1) year period after an official has separated from UNICEF, the Proposer may not make a direct or indirect offer of employment to that former UNICEF official if that former UNICEF official was, during the three years prior to separating from UNICEF, involved in any aspect of a UNICEF procurement process in which the Proposer has participated.

(b) During the two (2) year period after an official has separated from UNICEF, that former official may not, directly or indirectly on behalf of the Proposer, communicate with UNICEF, or present to UNICEF, about any matters that were within such former official's responsibilities while at UNICEF.

3.5 Neither the Proposer nor any of its affiliates, or personnel or directors, is subject to any sanction or temporary suspension imposed by any United Nations System organisation or other international inter-governmental organisation. The Proposer will immediately disclose to UNICEF if it or any of its affiliates, or personnel or directors, becomes subject to any such sanction or temporary suspension during the term of the Purchase Order. If the Proposer or any of its affiliates, or personnel or directors becomes subject to any such sanction or temporary suspension during the term of the Purchase Order, UNICEF will be entitled to suspend the Purchase Order for a period of time up to thirty (30) days or terminate the Purchase Order, at its sole choice, with immediate effect upon delivery of a written notice

of suspension or termination, as the case may be, to the Proposer. If UNICEF chooses to suspend the Purchase Order it will be entitled to terminate the Purchase Order at the end of the thirty (30) days' suspension at UNICEF's sole choice.

3.6 The Proposer will (a) observe the highest standard of ethics; (b) use its best efforts to protect UNICEF against fraud, in the solicitation process and in the performance of any resulting Purchase Order; and (c) comply with the applicable provisions of UNICEF's Policy Prohibiting and Combatting Fraud and Corruption which can be accessed on the UNICEF website at <http://www.unicef.org/supply/resources/procurement-policies>. In particular, the Proposer will not engage, and will ensure that its personnel, agents and sub-contractors do not engage, in any corrupt, fraudulent, coercive, collusive or obstructive conduct as such terms are defined in UNICEF's Policy Prohibiting and Combatting Fraud and Corruption.

3.7 The Proposer will comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations bearing upon its participation in this solicitation and the UN Supplier Code of Conduct (available at the United Nations Global Marketplace website - www.ungm.org).

3.8 Neither the Proposer nor any of its affiliates, is engaged, directly or indirectly, (a) in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including Article 32, or the International Labour Organisation's Convention Concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour, No. 182 (1999); or (b) in the manufacture, sale, distribution, or use of anti-personnel mines or components utilised in the manufacture of anti-personnel mines.

3.9 The Proposer has taken and will take all appropriate measures to prevent sexual exploitation or abuse of anyone by its personnel including its employees or any persons engaged by the Proposer to perform any services in the Proposer's participation in this solicitation. For these purposes, sexual activity with any person less than eighteen years of age, regardless of any laws relating to consent, will constitute the sexual exploitation and abuse of such person. The Proposer has taken and will take all appropriate measures to prohibit its personnel including its employees or other persons engaged by the Proposer, from exchanging any money, goods, services, or other things of value, for sexual favours or activities or from engaging in any sexual activities that are exploitive or degrading to any person.

3.10 The Proposer confirms that it has read UNICEF's Policy on Conduct Promoting the Protection and Safeguarding of Children. The Proposer will ensure that its Personnel understand the notification requirements expected of them and will establish and maintain appropriate measures to promote compliance with such requirements. The Proposer will further cooperate with UNICEF's implementation of this Policy.

3.11 The Proposer will inform UNICEF as soon as it becomes aware of any incident or report that is inconsistent with the undertakings and confirmations provided in this Article 3.

3.12 Each of the provisions in Article 3 of this Part V constitutes an essential condition of participation in this solicitation process. In the event of a breach of any of these provisions, UNICEF is entitled to disqualify the Proposer from this solicitation process and/or any other solicitation process, and to terminate any Purchase Order that may have been awarded as a result of this solicitation process, immediately upon notice to the Proposer, without any liability for termination charges or any liability of any kind. In addition, the Proposer may be precluded from doing business with UNICEF and any other entity of the United Nations System in the future.

4. Audit

4.1 From time to time, UNICEF may conduct audits or investigations relating to any aspect of a Purchase Order awarded in relation to this Solicitation Document, including but not limited to the award of the

Purchase Order and the Proposer's compliance with the provisions of Article 3 above. The Proposer will provide its full and timely cooperation with any such audits or investigations, including (but not limited to) making its personnel and any relevant data and documentation available for the purposes of such audits or investigations, at reasonable times and on reasonable conditions, and granting UNICEF and those undertaking such audits or investigations access to the Proposer's premises at reasonable times and on reasonable conditions in connection with making its personnel and any relevant data and documentation available. The Proposer will require its sub-contractors and its agents to provide reasonable cooperation with any audits or investigations carried out by UNICEF.

INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

1. MARKING AND RETURNING PROPOSALS

1.1 Proposals shall be submitted in the manner specified earlier in this solicitation document. Detailed submission guidance at paragraphs 1.7, 1.8 and/or 1.9 should then be followed accordingly.

1.2 The Bid Form/Request for Proposal for Services Form must be signed, and submitted together with the Proposal. The Bid Form/Request for Proposal for Services Form should be signed by the duly authorized representative of the submitting company.

1.3 Proposals must be clearly marked with the RFP(S) number and the name of the company submitting the Proposal.

1.4 Proposers should note that Proposals received in the following manner will be invalidated:

- with incorrect (as applicable) postal address, email address or fax number;
- received after the stipulated closing time and date;
- failure to quote in the currency(ies) stated in the RFP(S);
- in a different form than prescribed in the RFP(S).

1.5 Technical Proposal: The Technical Proposal should address the criteria and requirements outlined in this RFP(S), paying particular attention to its schedules/Terms of Reference/Statement of Work and its evaluation criteria. It is important to note that UNICEF actively welcomes innovative proposals and original solutions to the stated service/goods need.

NO PRICE INFORMATION SHOULD BE CONTAINED IN THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.

1.6 Price Proposal: The Price Proposal should be prepared in accordance with the requirements contained in the schedules/Terms of Reference/Statement of Work for this RFP(S).

1.7 Sealed Proposals (as applicable)

1.7.1 See paragraph 1.1 above concerning applicability of this paragraph.

1.7.2 The Proposal must be sent for the attention of unit/team and address as specified in this RFP/RFPS. Proposals not sent in this manner will be disqualified.

1.7.3 They must be clearly marked as follows:

* Outer sealed envelope:

Name of company
[RFP(S) NO.]
[NAME OF UNIT & UNICEF OFFICE ADDRESS]

* Inner sealed envelope - Technical Proposal (1 original and 2 copies): Name of company, RFP(S) number - technical proposal

* Inner sealed envelope - Price Proposal (1 original and 2 copies): Name of company, RFP(S) number - price proposal

No price information should be provided in the Technical Proposal.

Proposals received in any other manner will be invalidated.

1.7.4 In case of any discrepancy between an original and a copy, the original will prevail.

1.7.5 Any delays encountered in the mail delivery will be at the risk of the Proposer.

1.8 Faxed Proposals (as applicable)

1.8.1 See paragraph 1.1 above concerning applicability of this paragraph.

1.8.2 Faxed Proposals must be returned to the ONLY ACCEPTABLE FAX NUMBER for Proposals as specified in this RFP(S) Document. Proposers should note that Proposals received at any other fax number will be invalidated.

No price information should be provided in the Technical Proposal.

1.9 E-mailed Proposals (as applicable)

1.9.1 See paragraph 1.1 above concerning applicability of this paragraph.

1.9.2 All e-mailed Proposals must be submitted to the ONLY ACCEPTABLE E-MAIL ADDRESS as specified in this solicitation document. No other recipient should be "Cc" or "Bcc" in the e-mail submission. Proposals not sent in this manner will be disqualified.

1.9.3 All Proposals submitted by e-mail must be submitted as email attachments. The Technical Proposal and Price Proposal must be sent as separate attachments and clearly indicated as such in the file name (e.g. Company ABC Technical Proposal, Company ABC Price Proposal). Email links (e.g. to documents to be downloaded from cloud based folders) are not acceptable unless otherwise specifically requested. Proposals submitted as a link or through a link will be invalidated.

2. OPENING OF PROPOSALS

2.1 Proposals received prior to the stated closing time and date will be kept unopened. UNICEF will open Proposals when the specified time has arrived and no Proposal received thereafter will be considered.

2.2 UNICEF will accept no responsibility for the premature opening of a Proposal which is not properly addressed or identified.

2.3 In cases when a Public Opening is held, the invited proposers, or their authorized representative, may attend the public Proposal opening at the time, date and location specified in the RFP(S) documents.

3. UNGM REGISTRATION

3.1 UNICEF is part of the United Nations Global Marketplace(UNGM). Accordingly, all proposers are encouraged to become a UNICEF vendor by creating a vendor profile in the UNGM website: www.ungm.org

4. AWARD NOTIFICATION

4.1 UNICEF reserves the right to make a public notification of the outcome on an RFP(S) advising product/service, awarded supplier and total value of award.

ANNEX A GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (Goods)

Definitions and UNICEF Supply Website

1.1 In these General Terms and Conditions (Goods), the following terms have the following meaning:

"Affiliates" means, with respect to the Supplier, any of its corporate affiliates or associates, including parent entities, subsidiaries, and other entities in which it owns a substantial interest.

"Confidential Information" means information or data that is designated as confidential at the time of exchange between the Parties or promptly identified as confidential in writing when furnished in intangible form or disclosed orally, and information, the confidential or proprietary nature of which is or should be reasonably apparent from the inherent nature, quality or characteristics of such information.

"Consignee" means the consignee designated in the Contract.

"Contract" means the purchase contract that incorporates these General Terms and Conditions (Goods). It includes purchase orders issued by UNICEF, whether or not they are issued under a long-term arrangement or similar contract.

"Goods" means the goods specified in the relevant section of the Contract.

"Host Government" means a Government with which UNICEF has a programme of development cooperation, and includes a Government of a country in which UNICEF provides humanitarian assistance.

"INCOTERMS" means the international commercial terms known as the INCOTERMS rules, issued by the International Chamber of Commerce, most-recently issued at the effective date of the Contract. References in the Contract to trade terms (such as "FCA", "DAP" and "CIP") are references to those terms as defined by the INCOTERMS.

"Parties" means the Contractor and UNICEF together and a "Party" means each of the Contractor and UNICEF.

Supplier's "Personnel" means the Supplier's officials, employees, agents, individual sub-contractors and other representatives.

"Price" is defined in Article 3.1.

"Supplier" is the supplier named in the Contract.

"UNICEF Supply Website" means UNICEF's public access webpage available at http://www.unicef.org/supply/index_procurement_policies.html, as may be updated from time to time.

1.2 These General Terms and Conditions of Contract, UNICEF's Policy Prohibiting and Combatting Fraud and Corruption, UNICEF's Policy on Safeguarding (as updated from time to time), the UN Supplier Code of Conduct, and UNICEF's Information Disclosure Policy referred to in the Contract, as well as other policies applicable to the Supplier, are publicly available on the UNICEF Supply Website. The Supplier represents that it has reviewed all such policies as of the effective date of the Contract.

2. Delivery; Inspection; Risk of Loss

2.1 The Supplier will deliver the Goods to the Consignee at the place and within the time period for delivery stated in the Contract. The Supplier will comply with the INCOTERM or similar trade term expressly stated in the Contract as applying to the Goods to be supplied under the Contract and all other delivery terms and instructions stated in the Contract. Notwithstanding any INCOTERM, the Supplier will obtain any export licences required for the Goods. The Supplier will ensure that UNICEF receives all necessary transport documents in a timely manner so as to enable UNICEF or the Consignee (if different to UNICEF) to take delivery of the Goods in accordance with the requirements of the Contract. The Supplier will neither seek nor accept instructions from any entity other than UNICEF (or entities authorized by UNICEF to give instructions to the Supplier) in connection with the supply and delivery of the Goods.

2.2 The Supplier will use its best efforts to accommodate reasonable requests for changes (if any) to the requirements for the Goods (such as packaging, packing and labeling requirements), shipping instructions or delivery date of the Goods set out in the Contract. If UNICEF requests any material change to the requirements for the Goods, shipping instructions or delivery date, UNICEF and the Supplier will negotiate any necessary changes to the Contract, including as to Price and the time schedule. Any such agreed changes will become effective only when they are set out in a written amendment to the Contract signed by both UNICEF and the Supplier. Should the Parties fail to agree on any such changes within thirty (30) days, UNICEF will have the option to terminate the Contract without penalty notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract.

2.3 The Supplier acknowledges that UNICEF may monitor the Supplier's performance under the Contract. The Supplier agrees to provide its full cooperation with such performance monitoring, at no additional cost or expense to UNICEF, and provide relevant information as reasonably requested by UNICEF, including, but not limited to, the date of receipt of the Contract, detailed delivery status, costs to be charged and payments made by UNICEF or pending.

Inspection

2.4 UNICEF or the Consignee (if different from UNICEF) will have a reasonable time to inspect the Goods after delivery. At UNICEF's request, the Supplier will provide its reasonable cooperation to UNICEF or the Consignee with regard to such inspection, including but not limited to access to production data, at no charge. The Supplier acknowledges that any inspection of the Goods by or on behalf of UNICEF or the Consignee does not constitute a determination that the specifications for the Goods set out in the Contract (including the mandatory technical requirements) have or have not been met. The Supplier will be required to comply with its warranty and other contractual obligations whether or not UNICEF or the Consignee carries out an inspection of the Goods.

Delivery not Acceptance; Consequences of Delayed Delivery and Non-conforming Goods

2.5 If the Supplier determines it will be unable to deliver all or some of the Goods to the Consignee by the delivery date(s) stipulated in the Contract, the Supplier will (a) immediately consult with UNICEF to determine the most expeditious means for delivering the Goods; and (b) use an expedited means of delivery, at the Supplier's cost (unless the delay is due to force majeure as defined in Article 6.7 below), if reasonably requested by UNICEF to do so. Partial deliveries of Goods will not be accepted unless prior written approval for such partial delivery has been given by UNICEF to the Supplier.

2.6 Delivery of the Goods will not constitute acceptance of the Goods. If some or all of the Goods do not conform to the requirements of the Contract or if the Supplier delivers the Goods late or fails to deliver the Goods (or any part of the Goods) in accordance with the agreed delivery dates and delivery terms and instructions, UNICEF may, without prejudice to any of its other rights and remedies, exercise one or more of the following rights under the Contract at UNICEF's option:

(a) UNICEF can reject and refuse to accept any or all of the Goods (including those that do conform to the Contract). If UNICEF rejects the Goods, the Supplier will, at its own cost, arrange for the prompt return of the rejected Goods and, at UNICEF's option, the Supplier will promptly replace the rejected Goods with Goods of equal or better quality (and will be responsible for all costs related to such replacement) or UNICEF may exercise its other rights set out below;

(b) UNICEF may procure all or part of the Goods from other sources, in which case the Supplier will be responsible for any additional costs beyond the balance of the Price for such Goods;

(c) Upon UNICEF's demand, the Supplier will refund all payments (if any) made by UNICEF in respect of the rejected Goods or the Goods that have not been delivered in accordance with the delivery dates and delivery terms;

(d) UNICEF can give written notice of breach and, if the Supplier fails to remedy the breach, can terminate the Contract in accordance with Article 6.1 below;

(e) UNICEF can require the Supplier to pay liquidated damages as set out in the Contract.

2.7 Further to Article 11.6 below, the Supplier expressly acknowledges that if, in respect of any consignment, UNICEF takes delivery of all or some of the Goods that have been delivered late or otherwise not in full compliance with the delivery terms and instructions or that are not in full conformity with the requirements of the Contract, this does not constitute a waiver of UNICEF's rights in respect of such late delivery or non-compliant Goods.

Risk of Loss; Title to Goods

2.8 Risk of loss, damage to or destruction of Goods supplied under the Contract, and responsibility for arranging and paying for freight and insurance, will be governed by the INCOTERM or similar trade term expressly stated in the Contract as applying to the Goods supplied under the Contract and any other express terms of the Contract. In the absence of any such INCOTERM or similar trade term or other express terms, the following provisions will apply: (a) the entire risk of loss, damage to or destruction of the Goods will be borne exclusively by the Supplier until physical delivery of the Goods to the Consignee has been completed in accordance with the Contract; and (b) the Supplier will be solely liable for making all transport arrangements and for payment of freight and insurance costs for the shipment and delivery of the Goods in accordance with the requirements of the Contract.

2.9 Unless otherwise expressly provided in the Contract, title in and to the Goods will pass from the Supplier to the Consignee upon delivery of the Goods in accordance with the applicable delivery terms and acceptance of the Goods in accordance with the Contract.

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3. Price; Invoicing; Tax Exemption; Payment Terms

3.1 The price for the Goods is the amount specified in the price section of the Contract (the "Price"), it being understood that such amount is specified in United States dollars unless otherwise expressly provided for in the price section of the Contract. The Price includes the cost of packaging and packing the Goods in accordance with the requirements of the Contract and delivery in accordance with the applicable delivery terms. The Price is inclusive of all costs, expenses, charges or fees that the Supplier may incur in connection with the performance of its obligations under the Contract; provided that, without prejudice to or limiting the provisions of Article 3.3 below, all duties and other taxes imposed by any authority or entity must be separately identified. It is understood and agreed that the Supplier will not request any change to the Price after delivery of the Goods by the Supplier and that the Price cannot be changed except by written agreement between the Parties before the Goods are delivered.

3.2 The Supplier will issue invoices to UNICEF only after the Supplier has fulfilled the delivery terms of the Contract. The Supplier will issue (a) one (1) invoice in respect of the payment being sought, in the currency specified in the Contract and in English, indicating the Contract identification number listed on the front page of the Contract; and (b) copies of the shipping documents and other supporting documents as specified in the Contract.

3.3 The Supplier authorizes UNICEF to deduct from the Supplier's invoices any amount representing direct taxes (except charges for utilities services) and customs restrictions, duties and charges of a similar nature in respect of articles imported or exported for UNICEF's official use, in accordance with the exemption from tax in Article II, Section 7 of the Convention of the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, 1946. In the event any governmental authority refuses to recognize this exemption from taxes, restrictions, duties or charges, the Supplier will immediately consult with UNICEF to determine a mutually acceptable procedure. The Supplier will provide full cooperation to UNICEF with regard to securing UNICEF's exemption from, or refund of amounts paid as, value-added taxes or taxes of a similar nature.

3.4 UNICEF will notify the Supplier of any dispute or discrepancy in the content or form of any invoice. With respect to disputes regarding only a portion of such invoice, UNICEF will pay the Supplier the amount of the undisputed portion in accordance with Article 3.5 below. UNICEF and the Supplier will consult in good faith to promptly resolve any dispute with respect to any invoice. Upon resolution of such dispute, any amounts that have not been charged in accordance with the Contract will be deducted from the invoice(s) in which they appear and UNICEF will pay any agreed remaining items in the invoice(s) in accordance with Article 3.5 within thirty (30) days after the final resolution of such dispute.

3.5 UNICEF will pay the uncontested amount of the Supplier's invoice within thirty (30) days of receiving both the invoice and the shipping documents and other supporting documents, as referred to in Article 3.2 above. The amount paid will reflect any discount(s) shown under the payment terms of the Contract. The Supplier will not be entitled to interest on any late payment or any sums payable under the Contract nor any accrued interest on payments withheld by UNICEF in connection with a dispute. Payment will not relieve the Supplier of its obligations under the Contract. Payment will not be deemed acceptance of the Goods or waiver of any rights with regard to the Goods.

3.6 Each invoice will confirm the Supplier's bank account details provided to UNICEF as part of the Supplier's registration process with UNICEF. All payments due to the Supplier under the Contract will be made by electronic funds transfer to that bank account. It is the Supplier's responsibility to ensure that the bank details supplied by it to UNICEF are up-to-date and accurate and notify UNICEF in writing by an authorized representative of the Supplier of any changes in bank details together with supporting documentation satisfactory to UNICEF.

3.7 The Supplier acknowledges and agrees that UNICEF may withhold payment in respect of any invoice if, in UNICEF's opinion, the Supplier has not performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract, or if the Supplier has not provided sufficient documentation in support of the invoice.

3.8 UNICEF will have the right to set off against any amount or amounts due and payable by UNICEF to the Supplier under the Contract, any payment, indebtedness or other claim (including, without limitation, any overpayment made by UNICEF to the Supplier) owing by the Supplier to UNICEF under the Contract or under any other contract or agreement between the Parties. UNICEF will not be required to give the Supplier prior notice before exercising this right of set-off (such notice being waived by the Supplier). UNICEF will promptly notify the Supplier after it has exercised such right of set-off, explaining the reasons for such set-off, provided however that the failure to give such notification will not affect the validity of such set-off.

3.9 Each of the invoices paid by UNICEF may be subject to a post-payment audit by UNICEF's external and internal auditors or by other authorised agents of UNICEF, at any time during the term of the Contract and for three (3) years after the Contract terminates. UNICEF will be entitled to a refund from the Supplier of amounts such audit or audits determine were not in accordance with the Contract regardless of the reasons for such payments (including but not limited to the actions or inactions of

UNICEF staff and other personnel).

4. Representations and Warranties; Indemnification; Insurance

Representations and Warranties

4.1 The Supplier represents and warrants that as of the effective date and throughout the term of the Contract: (a) it has the full authority and power to enter into the Contract and to perform its obligations under the Contract and the Contract is a legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms; (b) it has, and will maintain throughout the term of the Contract, all rights, licenses, authority and resources necessary, as applicable, to develop, source, manufacture and supply the Goods and to perform its other obligations under the Contract; (c) all of the information concerning the Goods and the Supplier that it has previously provided to UNICEF, or that it provides to UNICEF during the term of the Contract, is true, correct, accurate and not misleading; (d) it is financially solvent and is able to supply the Goods to UNICEF in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract; (e) the use or supply of the Goods does not and will not infringe any patent, design, trade-name or trade-mark; (f) it has not and will not enter into any agreement or arrangement that restrains or restricts any person's rights to use, sell, dispose of or otherwise deal with the Goods; and (g) the development, manufacture and supply of the Goods is, and will continue to be, in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. The Supplier will fulfill its commitments with the fullest regard to the interests of UNICEF and will refrain from any action which may adversely affect UNICEF or the United Nations.

4.2 The Supplier further represents and warrants that the Goods (including packaging): (a) conform to the quality, quantity and specifications for the Goods stated in the Contract (including, in the case of perishable or pharmaceutical products, the shelf life specified in the Contract); (b) conform in all respects to the technical documentation provided by the Supplier in respect of such Goods and, if samples were provided to UNICEF prior to entering into the Contract, are equal and comparable in all respects to such samples; (c) are new and factory-packed; (d) are fit for the purposes for which such goods are ordinarily used and for purposes expressly made known to the Supplier by UNICEF in the Contract; (e) are of consistent quality and free from faults and defects in design, manufacture, workmanship and materials; (f) are free from all liens, encumbrances or other third party claims; and (g) are contained or packaged in accordance with the standards of export packaging for the type and quantities of the Goods specified in the Contract, and for the modes of transport of the Goods specified in the Contract (including but not limited to, in a manner adequate to protect them in such modes of transport), and marked in a proper manner in accordance with the instructions stipulated in the Contract and applicable law.

4.3 The warranties provided in Article 4.2 will remain valid for the warranty period specified in the Contract; provided that (a) the warranty period for pharmaceutical goods or other perishable products will be no less than the shelf-life of those Goods specified in the Contract; and (b) if no warranty period or shelf-life is specified in the Contract, the warranties will remain valid from the date the Supplier signs the Contract until the day twelve (12) months after fulfillment of the delivery terms or such later date as may be prescribed by law.

4.4 If the Supplier is not the original manufacturer of the Goods or any part of the Goods, the Supplier assigns to UNICEF (or, at UNICEF's instructions, the Government or other entity that receives the Goods) all manufacturers' warranties in addition to any other warranties under the Contract.

4.5 The representations and warranties made by the Supplier in Articles 4.1 and 4.2 and the Supplier's obligations in Articles 4.3 and 4.4 above are made to and are for the benefit of (a) each entity that makes a direct financial contribution to the purchase of Goods; and (b) each Government or other entity that receives the Goods.

Indemnification

4.6 The Supplier will indemnify, hold and save harmless and defend, at its own expense, UNICEF, its officials, employees, consultants and agents, each entity that makes a direct financial contribution to the purchase of the Goods and each Government or other entity that receives the Goods, from and against all suits, claims, demands, losses and liability of any nature or kind, including their costs and expenses, by a third party and arising out of the acts or omissions of the Supplier or its Personnel or sub-contractors in the performance of the Contract. This provision will extend to but not be limited to (a) claims and liability in the nature of workers' compensation; (b) product liability; and (c) any actions or claims pertaining to the alleged infringement of a patent, design, trade-name or trade-mark arising in connection with the Goods or other liability arising out of the use of patented inventions or devices, copyrighted material or other intellectual property provided or licensed to UNICEF under the Contract or used by the Supplier, its Personnel or sub-contractors in the performance of the Contract.

4.7 UNICEF will report any such suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses or liability to the Supplier within a reasonable period of time after having received actual notice. The Supplier will have sole control of the defence, settlement and compromise of any such suit, proceeding, claim or demand except with respect to the assertion or defence of the privileges and immunities of UNICEF or any matter relating to UNICEF's privileges and immunities (including matters relating to UNICEF's relations with Host Governments), which as between the Supplier and UNICEF, only UNICEF itself (or relevant

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governmental entities) will assert and maintain. UNICEF will have the right, at its own expense, to be represented in any such suit, proceeding, claim or demand by independent counsel of its own choosing.

Insurance

4.8 The Supplier will comply with the following insurance requirements:

(a) The Supplier will have and maintain in effect with reputable insurers and in sufficient amounts, insurance against all of the Supplier's risks under the Contract (including, but not limited to, the risk of claims arising out of or related to the Supplier's performance of the Contract), including the following:

(i) Insurance against all risks in respect of its property and any equipment used for the performance of the Contract;

(ii) General liability insurance against all risks in respect of the Contract and claims arising out of the Contract including, but not limited to, product liability insurance, in an adequate amount to cover all claims arising from or in connection with the Supplier's performance under the Contract. The Supplier's product liability insurance will cover the direct and indirect financial consequences of liability (including all costs, including replacement costs, related to recall campaigns) sustained by UNICEF or third parties as a result of or relating to the Goods;

(iii) All appropriate workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance, or its equivalent, with respect to its Personnel and sub-contractors to cover claims for death, bodily injury or damage to property arising from the performance of the Contract; and

(iv) Such other insurance as may be agreed upon in writing between UNICEF and the Supplier.

(b) The Supplier will maintain the insurance coverage referred to in Article 4.8(a) above during the term of the Contract and for a period after the Contract terminates extending to the end of any applicable limitations period with regard to claims against which the insurance is obtained.

(c) The Supplier will be responsible to fund all amounts within any policy deductible or retention.

(d) Except with regard to the insurance referred to in paragraph (a)(iii) above, the insurance policies for the Supplier's insurance required under this Article 4.8 will (i) name UNICEF as an additional insured; (ii) include a waiver by the insurer of any subrogation rights against UNICEF; and (iii) provide that UNICEF will receive thirty (30) days' written notice from the insurer prior to any cancellation or change of coverage.

(e) The Supplier will, upon request, provide UNICEF with satisfactory evidence of the insurance required under this Article 4.8.

(f) Compliance with the insurance requirements of the Contract will not limit the Supplier's liability either under the Contract or otherwise.

Liability

4.9 The Supplier will pay UNICEF promptly for all loss, destruction or damage to UNICEF's property caused by the Supplier's Personnel or sub-contractors in the performance of the Contract.

5. Intellectual Property and Other Proprietary Rights; Confidentiality

Intellectual Property and Other Proprietary Rights

5.1 Unless otherwise expressly provided for in the Contract:

(a) Subject to paragraph (b) of this Article 5.1, UNICEF will be entitled to all intellectual property and other proprietary rights with regard to products, processes, inventions, ideas, know-how, data or documents and other materials ("Contract Materials") that (i) the Supplier develops for UNICEF under the Contract and which bear a direct relation to the Contract or (ii) are produced, prepared or collected in consequence of, or during the course of, the performance of the Contract. The term "Contract Materials" includes, but is not limited to, all maps, drawings, photographs, plans, reports, recommendations, estimates, documents developed or received by, and all other data compiled by or received by, the Supplier under the Contract. The Supplier acknowledges and agrees that Contract Materials constitute works made for hire for UNICEF. Contract Materials will be treated as UNICEF's Confidential Information and will be delivered only to authorized UNICEF officials on expiry or termination of the Contract.

(b) UNICEF will not be entitled to, and will not claim any ownership interest in, any intellectual property or other proprietary rights of the Supplier that pre-existed the performance by the Supplier of its obligations under the Contract, or that the Supplier may develop or acquire, or may have developed or acquired, independently of the performance of its obligations under the Contract. The Supplier grants to

UNICEF a perpetual license to use such intellectual property or other proprietary rights solely for the purposes of and in accordance with the requirements of the Contract.

(c) At UNICEF's request, the Supplier will take all necessary steps, execute all necessary documents and generally assist in securing such proprietary rights and transferring (or, in the case, intellectual property referred to in paragraph (b) above, licensing) them to UNICEF in compliance with the requirements of the applicable law and of the Contract.

Confidentiality

5.2 Confidential Information that is considered proprietary by either Party or that is delivered or disclosed by one Party ("Discloser") to the other Party ("Recipient") during the course of performance of the Contract will be held in confidence by the Recipient. The Recipient will use the same care and discretion to avoid disclosure of the Discloser's Confidential Information as the Recipient uses for its own Confidential Information and will use the Discloser's Confidential Information solely for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the Recipient. The Recipient will not disclose the Discloser's Confidential Information to any other party:

(a) except to those of its Affiliates, employees, officials, representatives, agents and sub-contractors who have a need to know such Confidential Information for purposes of performing obligations under the Contract; or

(b) unless the Confidential Information (i) is obtained by the Recipient from a third party without restriction; (ii) is disclosed by the Discloser to a third party without any obligation of confidentiality; (iii) is known by the Recipient prior to disclosure by the Discloser; or (iv) at any time is developed by the Recipient completely independently of any disclosures under the Contract.

5.3 If the Supplier receives a request for disclosure of UNICEF's Confidential Information pursuant to any judicial or law enforcement process, before any such disclosure is made the Supplier (a) will give UNICEF sufficient notice of such request in order to allow UNICEF to have a reasonable opportunity to secure the intervention of the relevant national Government to establish protective measures or take such other action as may be appropriate; and (b) will so advise the relevant authority that requested disclosure. UNICEF may disclose the Supplier's Confidential Information to the extent required pursuant to resolutions or regulations of its governing bodies.

5.4 Subject to Article 5.3, the Supplier may not communicate at any time to any other person, Government or authority external to UNICEF, any information known to it by reason of its association with UNICEF that has not been made public, except with the prior authorization of UNICEF; nor will the Supplier at any time use such information to private advantage.

End of Contract

5.5 Upon the expiry or earlier termination of the Contract, the Supplier will:

(a) return to UNICEF all of UNICEF's Confidential Information or, at UNICEF's option, destroy all copies of such information held by the Supplier or its sub-contractors and confirm such destruction to UNICEF in writing; and

(b) will transfer to UNICEF all intellectual and other proprietary information in accordance with Article 5.1(a).

6. Termination; Force Majeure

Termination by Either Party for Material Breach

6.1 If one Party is in material breach of any of its obligations under the Contract, the other Party can give it written notice that within thirty (30) days of receiving such notice the breach must be remedied (if such breach is capable of remedy). If the breaching Party does not remedy the breach within the thirty (30) days' period or if the breach is not capable of remedy, the non-breaching Party can terminate the Contract. The termination will be effective thirty (30) days after the non-breaching Party gives the breaching Party written notice of termination. The initiation of conciliation or arbitral proceedings in accordance with Article 9 (Privileges and Immunities; Settlement of Disputes) below will not be grounds for termination of the Contract.

Additional Termination Rights of UNICEF

6.2 In addition to the termination rights under Article 6.1 above, UNICEF can terminate the Contract with immediate effect upon delivery of a written notice of termination, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind:

(a) in the circumstances described in, and in accordance with, Article 7 (Ethical Standards); or

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- (b) if the Supplier breaches any of the provisions of Articles 5.2-5.4 (Confidentiality); or
- (c) if the Supplier (i) is adjudged bankrupt, or is liquidated, or becomes insolvent, or applies for a moratorium or stay on any payment or repayment obligations, or applies to be declared insolvent; (ii) is granted a moratorium or a stay, or is declared insolvent; (iii) makes an assignment for the benefit of one or more of its creditors; (iv) has a receiver appointed on account of the insolvency of the Supplier; (v) offers a settlement in lieu of bankruptcy or receivership; or (vi) has become, in UNICEF's reasonable judgment, subject to a materially adverse change in its financial condition that threatens to substantially affect the ability of the Supplier to perform any of its obligations under the Contract.

6.3 In addition to the termination rights under Articles 6.1 and 6.2 above, UNICEF can terminate the Contract at any time by providing written notice to the Supplier in any case in which UNICEF's mandate applicable to the performance of the Contract or UNICEF's funding applicable to the Contract is curtailed or terminated, whether in whole or in part. UNICEF can also terminate the Contract upon sixty (60) days' written notice to the Supplier without having to provide any justification.

6.4 As soon as it receives a notice of termination from UNICEF, the Supplier will immediately take steps to cease provision of the Goods in a prompt and orderly manner and to minimize costs and will seek instructions from UNICEF regarding Goods in transit (if any) and will not undertake any further or additional commitments as of and following the date it receives the termination notice. In addition, the Supplier will take any other action that may be necessary, or that UNICEF may direct in writing, for the minimization of losses and for the protection and preservation of any property (whether tangible or intangible) related to the Contract that is in the possession of the Supplier and in which UNICEF has or may be reasonably expected to acquire an interest.

6.5 If the Contract is terminated, no payment will be due from UNICEF to the Supplier except for Goods delivered in accordance with the requirements of the Contract and only if such Goods were ordered, requested or otherwise provided prior to the Supplier's receipt of notice of termination from UNICEF or, in the case of termination by the Supplier, the effective date of such termination. The Supplier will have no claim for any further payment beyond payments in accordance with this Article 6.5, but will remain liable to UNICEF for all loss or damages which may be suffered by UNICEF by reason of the Supplier's default (including but not limited to cost of the purchase and delivery of replacement or substitute goods).

6.6 The termination rights in this Article 6 are in addition to all other rights and remedies of UNICEF under the Contract.

Force Majeure

6.7 If one Party is rendered permanently unable, wholly or in part, by reason of force majeure to perform its obligations under the Contract, the other Party may terminate the Contract on the same terms and conditions as are provided for in Article 6.1 above, except that the period of notice will be seven (7) days instead of thirty (30) days. "Force majeure" means any unforeseeable and irresistible events arising from causes beyond the control of the Parties, including acts of nature, any act of war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, terrorism or other acts of a similar nature or force. "Force majeure" does not include (a) any event which is caused by the negligence or intentional action of a Party; (b) any event which a diligent party could reasonably have been expected to take into account and plan for at the time the Contract was entered into; (c) the insufficiency of funds, inability to make any payment required under the Contract, or any economic conditions, including but not limited to inflation, price escalations, or labour availability; or (d) any event resulting from harsh conditions or logistical challenges for the Supplier (including civil unrest) associated with locations at which UNICEF is operating or is about to operate or is withdrawing from, or any event resulting from UNICEF's humanitarian, emergency, or similar response operations.

7. Ethical Standards

7.1 The Supplier will be responsible for the professional and technical competence of its Personnel including its employees and will select, for work under the Contract, reliable individuals who will perform effectively in the implementation of the Contract, respect the local laws and customs, and conform to a high standard of moral and ethical conduct.

7.2 (a) The Supplier represents and warrants that no official of UNICEF or of any United Nations System organisation has received from or on behalf of the Supplier, or will be offered by or on behalf of the Supplier, any direct or indirect benefit in connection with the Contract including the award of the Contract to the Supplier. Such direct or indirect benefit includes, but is not limited to, any gifts, favours or hospitality.

(b) The Supplier represents and warrants that the following requirements with regard to former UNICEF officials have been complied with and will be complied with:

(i) During the one (1) year period after an official has separated from UNICEF, the Supplier may not make a direct or indirect offer of employment to that former UNICEF official if that former UNICEF

official was, during the three years prior to separating from UNICEF, involved in any aspect of a UNICEF procurement process in which the Supplier has participated.

(ii) During the two (2) year period after an official has separated from UNICEF, that former official may not, directly or indirectly on behalf of the Supplier, communicate with UNICEF, or present to UNICEF, about any matters that were within such former official's responsibilities while at UNICEF.

(c) The Supplier represents that, in respect of all aspects of the Contract (including the award of the Contract by UNICEF to the Supplier and the selection and awarding of sub-contracts by the Supplier), it has disclosed to UNICEF any situation that may constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest or could reasonably be perceived as a conflict of interest.

7.3 The Supplier further represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its Affiliates, or Personnel or directors, is subject to any sanction or temporary suspension imposed by any United Nations System organisation or other international inter-governmental organisation. The Supplier will immediately disclose to UNICEF if it or any of its Affiliates, or Personnel or directors, becomes subject to any such sanction or temporary suspension during the term of the Contract.

7.4 The Supplier will (a) observe the highest standard of ethics; (b) use its best efforts to protect UNICEF against fraud, in the performance of the Contract; and (c) comply with the applicable provisions of UNICEF's Policy Prohibiting and Combatting Fraud and Corruption. In particular, the Supplier will not engage, and will ensure that its Personnel, agents and sub-contractors do not engage, in any corrupt, fraudulent, coercive, collusive or obstructive conduct as such terms are defined in UNICEF's Policy Prohibiting and Combatting Fraud and Corruption.

7.5 The Supplier will, during the term of the Contract, comply with (a) all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations bearing upon the performance of its obligations under the Contract and (b) the standards of conduct required under the UN Supplier Code of Conduct (available at the United Nations Global Marketplace website - www.ungm.org).

7.6 The Supplier further represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its Affiliates, is engaged, directly or indirectly, (a) in any practice inconsistent with the rights set out in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including Article 32, or the International Labour Organisation's Convention Concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour, No. 182 (1999); or (b) in the manufacture, sale, distribution, or use of anti-personnel mines or components utilised in the manufacture of anti-personnel mines.

7.7 The Supplier represents and warrants that it has taken and will take all appropriate measures to prevent sexual exploitation or abuse of anyone by its Personnel including its employees or any persons engaged by the Supplier to perform any services under the Contract. For these purposes, sexual activity with any person less than eighteen years of age, regardless of any laws relating to consent, will constitute the sexual exploitation and abuse of such person. In addition, the Supplier represents and warrants that it has taken and will take all appropriate measures to prohibit its Personnel including its employees or other persons engaged by the Supplier, from exchanging any money, goods, services, or other things of value, for sexual favours or activities or from engaging in any sexual activities that are exploitive or degrading to any person. This provision constitutes an essential term of the Contract and any breach of this representation and warranty will entitle UNICEF to terminate the Contract immediately upon notice to the Supplier, without any liability for termination charges or any other liability of any kind.

7.8 The Supplier will inform UNICEF as soon as it becomes aware of any incident or report that is inconsistent with the undertakings and confirmations provided in this Article 7.

7.9 The Supplier acknowledges and agrees that each of the provisions in this Article 7 constitutes an essential term of the Contract.

(a) UNICEF will be entitled, in its sole discretion and at its sole choice, to suspend or terminate the Contract and any other contract between UNICEF and the Supplier with immediate effect upon written notice to the Supplier if: (i) UNICEF becomes aware of any incident or report that is inconsistent with, or the Supplier breaches any of, the undertakings and confirmations provided in this Article 7 or the equivalent provisions of any contract between UNICEF and the Supplier or any of the Supplier's Affiliates, or (ii) the Supplier or any of its Affiliates, or Personnel or directors becomes subject to any sanction or temporary suspension described in Article 7.3 during the term of the Contract.

(b) In the case of suspension, if the Supplier takes appropriate action to address the relevant incident or breach to UNICEF's satisfaction within the period stipulated in the notice of suspension, UNICEF may lift the suspension by written notice to the Supplier and the Contract and all other affected contracts will resume in accordance with their terms. If, however, UNICEF is not satisfied that the matters are being adequately addressed by the Supplier, UNICEF may at any time, exercise its right to terminate the Contract and any other contract between UNICEF and the Supplier.

(c) Any suspension or termination under this Article 7 will be without any liability for termination or other charges or any other liability of any kind.

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8. Full Cooperation with Audits And Investigations

8.1 From time to time, UNICEF may conduct investigations relating to any aspect of the Contract including but not limited to the award of the Contract, the way in which the Contract operates or operated, and the Parties' performance of the Contract generally and including but not limited to the Supplier's compliance with the provisions of Article 7 above. The Supplier will provide its full and timely cooperation with any such inspections, post-payment audits or investigations, including (but not limited to) making its Personnel and any relevant data and documentation available for the purposes of such inspections, post-payment audits or investigations, at reasonable times and on reasonable conditions, and granting UNICEF and those undertaking such inspections, post-payment audits or investigations access to the Supplier's premises at reasonable times and on reasonable conditions in connection with making its Personnel and any relevant data and documentation available. The Supplier will require its sub-contractors and its agents, including, but not limited to, the Supplier's attorneys, accountants or other advisers, to provide reasonable cooperation with any inspections, post-payment audits or investigations carried out by UNICEF.

9. Privileges and Immunities; Settlement of Disputes

9.1 Nothing in or related to the Contract will be deemed a waiver, express or implied, deliberate or inadvertent, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including UNICEF and its subsidiary organs, under the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, 1946, or otherwise.

9.2 The terms of the Contract will be interpreted and applied without application of any system of national or sub-national law.

9.3 The Parties will use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, or relating to the Contract. Where the Parties wish to seek such an amicable settlement through conciliation, the conciliation will take place in accordance with the UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules then in force, or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the Parties. Any dispute, controversy or claim between the Parties arising out of the Contract which is not resolved within ninety (90) days after one Party receives a request from the other Party for amicable settlement can be referred by either Party to arbitration. The arbitration will take place in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then in force. The venue of the arbitration will be New York, NY, USA. The arbitral proceedings will be conducted in English. The decisions of the arbitral tribunal will be based on general principles of international commercial law. The arbitral tribunal will have no authority to award punitive damages. In addition, the arbitral tribunal will have no authority to award interest in excess of the United States Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) then prevailing and any such interest will be simple interest only. In light of the privileges and immunities of UNICEF, references in the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules to the place of arbitration shall connote only the actual location for the arbitral proceedings but shall not mean the "seat" or "juridical seat" or "juridical place" for such proceedings. The Parties will be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such controversy, claim or dispute.

10. Notices

10.1 Any notice, request or consent required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to the Contract will be in writing, and addressed to the persons listed in the Contract for the delivery of notices, requests or consents. Notices, requests or consents will be delivered in person, by registered mail, or by confirmed email transmission. Notices, requests or consents will be deemed received upon delivery (if delivered in person), upon signature of receipt (if delivered by registered mail), or twenty-four (24) hours after confirmation of receipt is sent from the addressee's email address (if delivered by confirmed email transmission).

10.2 Any notice, document or receipt issued in connection with the Contract must be consistent with the terms and conditions of the Contract and, in case of any ambiguity, discrepancy or inconsistency, the terms and conditions of the Contract will prevail.

10.3 All documents that comprise the Contract, and all documents, notices and receipts issued or provided pursuant to or in connection with the Contract, will be deemed to include, and will be interpreted and applied consistently with, the provisions of Article 9 (Privileges and Immunities; Settlement of Disputes).

11. Other Provisions

11.1 The Supplier acknowledges UNICEF's commitment to transparency as outlined in UNICEF's Information Disclosure Policy and confirms that it consents to UNICEF's public disclosure of the terms of the Contract should UNICEF so determine and by whatever means UNICEF determines.

11.2 The failure of one Party to object to or take affirmative action with respect to any conduct of the other Party which is in violation of the terms of the Contract will not constitute and will not be construed

to be a waiver of the violation or breach, or of any future violation, breach or wrongful conduct.

11.3 The Supplier will be considered as having the legal status of an independent contractor as regards UNICEF. Nothing contained in the Contract will be construed as making the Parties principal and agent or joint venturers.

11.4 (a) Except as expressly provided in the Contract, the Supplier will be responsible at its sole cost for providing all the necessary personnel, equipment, material and supplies and for making all arrangements necessary for the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

(b) In the event that the Supplier requires the services of sub-contractors to perform any obligations under the Contract, the Supplier will notify UNICEF of this. The terms of any sub-contract will be subject to, and will be construed in a manner that is fully in accordance with, all of the terms and conditions of the Contract.

(c) The Supplier confirms that it has read UNICEF's Policy on Safeguarding (as updated from time to time). The Supplier will ensure that its Personnel understand the notification requirements expected of them and will establish and maintain appropriate measures to promote compliance with such requirements. The Supplier will further cooperate with UNICEF's implementation of this policy.

(d) The Supplier will be fully responsible and liable for all services performed by its Personnel and sub-contractors and for their compliance with the terms and conditions of the Contract. The Supplier's Personnel, including individual sub-contractors, will not be considered in any respect as being the employees or agents of UNICEF.

(e) Without limiting any other provisions of the Contract, the Supplier will be fully responsible and liable for, and UNICEF will not be liable for (i) all payments due to its Personnel and sub-contractors for their services in relation to the performance of the Contract; (ii) any action, omission, negligence or misconduct of the Contractor, its Personnel and sub-contractors; (iii) any insurance coverage which may be necessary or desirable for the purpose of the Contract; (iv) the safety and security of the Contractor's Personnel and sub-contractors' personnel; or (v) any costs, expenses, or claims associated with any illness, injury, death or disability of the Contractor's Personnel and sub-contractors' personnel, it being understood that UNICEF will have no liability or responsibility with regard to any of the events referred to in this Article 11.4(e).

11.5 The Supplier will not, without the prior written consent of UNICEF, assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of the Contract, or of any part of the Contract, or of any of the Supplier's rights or obligations under the Contract.

11.6 No grant of time to by a Party to cure a default under the Contract, nor any delay or failure by a Party to exercise any other right or remedy available to it under the Contract, will be deemed to prejudice any rights or remedies available to it under the Contract or constitute a waiver of any rights or remedies available to it under the Contract.

11.7 The Supplier will not seek or file any lien, attachment or other encumbrance against any monies due or to become due under the Contract, and will not permit any other person to do so. It will immediately remove or obtain the removal of any lien, attachment or other encumbrance that is secured against any monies due or to become due under the Contract.

11.8 The Supplier will not advertise or otherwise make public for purposes of commercial advantage or goodwill that it has a contractual relationship with UNICEF or the United Nations. Except as regards references to the name of UNICEF for the purposes of annual reports or communication between the Parties and between the Supplier and its Personnel and sub-contractors, the Supplier will not, in any manner whatsoever use the name, emblem or official seal of UNICEF or the United Nations, or any abbreviation of the name of the United Nations, in connection with its business or otherwise without the written permission of UNICEF.

11.9 The Contract may be translated into languages other than English. The translated version of the Contract is for convenience only, and the English language version will govern in all circumstances.

11.10 No modification or change in the Contract, and no waiver of any of its provisions, nor any additional contractual relationship of any kind with the Supplier will be valid and enforceable against UNICEF unless set out in a written amendment to the Contract signed by an authorised official of UNICEF.

11.11 The provisions of Articles 2.8, 2.9, 3.8, 3.9, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11.1, 11.2, 11.4(e), 11.6 and 11.8 will survive delivery of the Goods and the expiry or earlier termination of the Contract.