



21 September, 2020

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**  
**RFP Number UNFPA/RWA/RFP/20/001**  
For the establishment of a:  
**CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

In regards to:  
PROVISION OF “EMERGENCY OBSTETRIC AND NEONATAL CARE (EmONC) NEED  
ASSESSMENT SERVICES” to KIGALI, RWANDA

**LETTER OF INVITATION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), an international development agency, is seeking qualified Bids for the provision of *services*. Your company is hereby invited to submit your best Technical and Financial Bids for the requested services. Your Bid could form the basis for a contract for professional services (CPS) between your company and UNFPA.
2. To enable your company to submit a Bid, please read the following attached documents carefully:

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| Section I:   | Instructions to Bidders              |
| Section II:  | Terms of Reference                   |
| Section III: | UNFPA General Conditions of Contract |
| Section IV:  | UNFPA Special Conditions of Contract |
| Section V:   | Supplier Qualification Requirements  |
| Section VI:  | Bid and Returnable Forms             |
| Section VII: | Contractual Forms                    |

3. The Bid process will be conducted through a TWO-envelope system. Interested Bidders are requested to submit their Technical Bid *separately* from their Financial Bid containing price information. Specific instructions for the submission can be found in Section I – Instructions to Bidders, clause 19 Submission, Sealing and Marking of Bids.
4. Bidders are requested to carefully read Section I – Instructions to Bidders, clause 19 Submission, Sealing and Marking of Bids, where detailed instructions of the submission process are provided. It is the Bidder’s responsibility to assure compliance with the submission process. If the envelopes or emails are not marked / submitted per the instructions, UNFPA will neither assume responsibility for the bid’s misplacement or premature opening nor guarantee the confidentiality of the Bid process. Incorrect submissions might result in your Bid being declared invalid.

All Bids comprising of Technical and Financial parts should reach the below and corresponding addresses no later than *22 October, 2020, at 10:00 Kigali time*

- a. If you choose to submit your Bid in hard copy, your Technical Bid and Financial Bid should be submitted in separate, sealed envelopes in accordance to clause 19.4 Submission of hard copy Bids, and should reach the following address:



**United Nations Population Fund**

*Umuganda Avenue, KG 7 Ave,  
Aurore Building, Kacyiru - Kigali  
Rwanda*

- b. If you choose to submit your Bid electronically, your Technical Bid and Financial Bid should be submitted in separate emails in accordance to clause 19.3 Submission of electronic Bids, should reach the email inbox of [rwanda.procurement@unfpa.org](mailto:rwanda.procurement@unfpa.org). Do not submit Bid documents to any other email address, sending the Bid to any other email address, including as a carbon copy (cc), will violate confidentiality and result in the invalidation of the Bid.
5. Bids received after the stipulated date and time will be rejected.
6. Bidders are asked to acknowledge receipt of this RFP using the Bid Confirmation Form SECTION VI – ANNEX A: BID CONFIRMATION FORM. A completed Form should be e-mailed to: *Moise Simba, Procurement Associate*, [simba@unfpa.org](mailto:simba@unfpa.org) no later than *13 October, 2020* and indicate whether or not a Bid shall be submitted. Bidders that will not submit a Bid are kindly asked to indicate the reason(s) for not bidding on the Bid Confirmation Form to help UNFPA improve its future Bid exercises.
7. Any questions relating to the Bid process and/or to the attached documents shall be sent to: *Moise Simba, Procurement Associate* at email: [simba@unfpa.org](mailto:simba@unfpa.org).

Responses to all questions received will be handled in accordance to the instructions included in Section I - Instructions to Bidders, clause 8 Clarifications of solicitation documents. Do not submit a Bid to this contact, or your Bid will be declared invalid, as UNFPA will not be able to guarantee the confidentiality of the Bid process.

8. UNFPA posts all Bids notices, clarifications and results in the United Nations Global Marketplace; hence, we strongly encourage Bidders to register on [UNGM](https://www.ungm.org). The UNGM is the procurement portal of the United Nations system. By registering on UNGM, suppliers become part of the database that UN buyers use when searching for suppliers. The link describes the registration process: <https://www.ungm.org/Public/Pages/RegistrationProcess>

Suppliers can also access all UN Bids online and, by subscribing to the Tender Alert Service, suppliers can be automatically notified via email of all UN business opportunities that match the products and services for which they have registered. Instructions on how to subscribe to the Tender Alert Service can be found in the UNGM Interactive Guide for suppliers.

9. UNFPA looks forward to receiving your Bid and thanks you in advance for your interest in UNFPA procurement opportunities.
10. This letter is not to be construed in any way as an offer to contract with your company/institution.

Yours sincerely,

*Mark Bryan Schreiner,  
UNFPA Representative  
Rwanda Country Office  
UNFPA*