Date: July 12th, 2021

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

RFQ Nº UNFPA/ALB/RFQ/2021/015

Dear Sir/Madam,

UNFPA hereby solicits a quotation for the following service:

**“Proposal for the implementation of a Survey, legal analysis and advocacy on gender sensitive family friendly policies and workplaces”**

UNFPA requires the services to **support the implementation of a Survey, legal analysis and advocacy on gender sensitive family friendly policies and workplaces –** the purpose of this service is to address gender-based violence and to end violence against women, among others, working under a UN Joint Programme to “End Violence Against Women”, funded by Government of Sweden in partnership with Albanian Government.

This Request for Quotation is open to all legally-constituted providers that can provide the requested services and have legal capacity to perform in the country, or through an authorized representative as specified in the Terms of Reference, **Annex II.**

1. **About UNFPA**

UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), is an international development agency that works to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every child birth is safe and every young person’s potential is fulfilled.

UNFPA is the lead UN agency that expands the possibilities for women and young people to lead healthy sexual and reproductive lives. To read more about UNFPA, please go to: [UNFPA about us](http://www.unfpa.org/about-us)

**Service Requirements/Terms of Reference (ToR) Annex II**

**Objectives and scope of the Services**

**Background information**: UNFPA is implementing the Regional Project Expanding Choices: Gender-Responsive Family Policies in the Western Balkans and Moldova, in 2020-2022 that aims to expand choices for women so that they can fulfil their career, family and fertility aspirations. The overall goal of the project is for both women and men and children to benefit from gender-responsive family policies and initiatives that are offered by private sector companies and promoted by the government. To achieve this, among other objectives, the project will conduct a public policy scan and analyze legal, economic and social data to understand (i) the Albanian governmental and private business environment for family friendly policies, (ii) the potential and entry points for improving and implementing such policies, and (iii) the institutional, cultural and behavioral changes that are needed to support more family friendly policies and actions. The findings will be used for public advocacy and awareness campaigns to increase knowledge, evidence and tools to support family friendly policies.

**Questions**

Questions or requests for further clarifications should be submitted in writing to the contact person below:

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| Name of contact person at UNFPA: | *Rovena Meslani* |
| Tel Nº: | 355-4-45-00-015/16/17 |
| Fax Nº: | *+355 4 45 00 018*  |
| Email address of contact person: | *meslani@unfpa.org* |

The deadline for submission of questions is **Wednesday, 21st of July, 2021.** Questions will be answered in writing and shared will parties as soon as possible after this deadline.

1. **Content of quotations**

Quotations should be submitted in a single email whenever possible, depending on file size. Quotations must contain:

1. Technical proposal (no specific format required), in response to the requirements outlined in the service requirements / TORs (Annex II).
2. Price quotation, to be submitted strictly in accordance with the price quotation form (Annex I).

Both parts of the quotation must be signed by the bidding company’s relevant authority and submitted in PDF format.

1. **Instructions for submission**

Proposals should be prepared based on the guidelines set forth in Section III above, along with a properly filled out and signed price quotation form, and are to be sent by email to the address indicated below no later than: **26th of July, 2021; at 05:30 pm hrs.**

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| UNFPA department: | *UNFPA Albania CO procurement department* |
| Official Email address of UNFPA Albania: | procurement.alb@unfpa.org  |

Please note the following guidelines for electronic submissions to UNFPAs procurement dedicated email address:

* The following reference must be included in the email subject line: RFQ Nº UNFPA/ALB/RFQ/2021/015. “Proposal for the implementation of a survey, legal analysis and advocacy on gender sensitive family friendly policies and workplaces”. Proposals, including both technical and financial proposals, that do not contain the correct email subject line may be overlooked by the procurement officer and therefore not considered.
* The total email size may not exceed **20 MB (including email body, encoded attachments and headers)**. Where the technical details are in large electronic files, it is recommended that these be sent separately before the deadline.
* When submitting electronic offers, Bidders will receive an auto-reply email acknowledging receipt of the email. Should you offer require to submit more than one email, in the body of this first email, bidders are requested to list the number of messages, which make up their technical offer and the number of messages, which make up their financial offer. The financial offer has to be a password protected document, and the password shall be requested at a second phase by the procurement team **only** if the bidder meets the minimum technical score. If you do not receive any reply for the first email from UNFPA’s email system, please inform the Procurement Focal Point at: **meslani@unfpa.org**
* Any quotation submitted will be regarded as an offer by the bidder and does not
constitute or imply the acceptance of any quotation by UNFPA. UNFPA is under no obligation to award a contract to any bidder as a result of this RFQ.
1. **Overview of Evaluation Process**

The evaluation will be carried out in a two-step process by an ad-hoc evaluation panel. Technical proposals will be evaluated and scored first, prior to the evaluation and scoring of price quotations

**Technical Evaluation**

Technical proposals will be evaluated based on their responsiveness to the service requirements /TORs listed in Section II and in accordance with the evaluation criteria below.

| **Criteria** | [A] Maximum Points | [B]Points attained by Bidder | [C]Weight (%) | [B] x [C] = [D]Total Points |
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| Technical approach, methodology and level of understanding of the objectives of the project | 100 |  | 30% |  |
| Work plan/time scales given in the proposal and its adequacy to meet the project objectives  | 100 |  | 12% |  |
| Professional experience of the staff that will be employed to the project proving demonstrated expertise in evaluation and related processes (CVs, etc.) | 100 |  | 25% |  |
| Specific experience and expertise and understanding of concepts relevant to the assignment | 100 |  | 20% |  |
| Profile of the company, financial capability and relevance to the Project. | 100 |  | 10% |  |
| *Grand Total All Criteria* | 500 |  | 100% |  |

The maximum points scored by the formula (Column D) are 152 points. The following scoring scale will be used to ensure objective evaluation:

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| **Degree to which the Terms of Reference requirements are met based on evidence included in the Bid submitted** | **Points** **out of 100** |
| Significantly exceeds the requirements | 90 – 100 |
| Exceeds the requirements | 80 – 89  |
| Meets the requirements | 70 – 79 |
| Partially meets the requirements | 1 – 69 |
| Does not meet the requirements or no information provided to assess compliance with the requirements | 0 |

**Financial Evaluation**

Price quotes will be evaluated only for bidders whose technical proposals achieve a minimum score of [70] points in the technical evaluation.

Price quotes will be evaluated based on their responsiveness to the price quote form. The maximum number of points for the price quote is 100, which will be allocated to the lowest total price provided in quotation. All other price quotes will receive points in inverse proportion according to the following formula:

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| Financial score = | Lowest quote ($) | X 100 (Maximum score) |
| Quote being scored ($) |

## Total score

The total score for each proposal will be the weighted sum of the technical score and the financial score. The maximum total score is 100 points.

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| Total score = [70%] Technical score + [30%] Financial score |

1. **Award Criteria**

In case of a satisfactory result from the evaluation process, UNFPA intend to award a Professional Service Contract (De Minimis Contract) on a fixed-cost basis with duration of (1) one year to the Bidder(s) that obtain the highest total score.

1. **Right to Vary Requirements at Time of Award**

UNFPA reserves the right at the time of award of contract to increase or decrease by up to 20% the volume of services specified in this RFQ without any change in unit prices or other terms and conditions.

1. **Payment Terms**

UNFPA payment terms are net 30 days upon receipt of invoice and delivery/acceptance of the milestone deliverables linked to payment as specified in the contract.

1. [**Fraud and Corruption**](http://www.unfpa.org/about-procurement#FraudCorruption)

UNFPA is committed to preventing, identifying, and addressing all acts of fraud against UNFPA, as well as against third parties involved in UNFPA activities. UNFPA’s policy regarding fraud and corruption is available here: [Fraud Policy](http://www.unfpa.org/resources/fraud-policy-2009#overlay-context=node/10356/draft). Submission of a proposal implies that the Bidder is aware of this policy.

Suppliers, their subsidiaries, agents, intermediaries and principals must cooperate with the UNFPA Office of Audit and Investigations Services as well as with any other oversight entity authorized by the Executive Director and with the UNFPA Ethics Advisor as and when required.  Such cooperation shall include, but not be limited to, the following: access to all employees, representatives agents and assignees of the vendor; as well as production of all documents requested, including financial records.  Failure to fully cooperate with investigations will be considered sufficient grounds to allow UNFPA to repudiate and terminate the Agreement, and to debar and remove the supplier from UNFPA's list of registered suppliers.

A confidential Anti-Fraud Hotline is available to any Bidder to report suspicious fraudulent activities at [UNFPA Investigation Hotline](http://web2.unfpa.org/help/hotline.cfm).

1. **Zero Tolerance**

UNFPA has adopted a zero-tolerance policy on gifts and hospitality. Suppliers are therefore requested not to send gifts or offer hospitality to UNFPA personnel. Further details on this policy are available here: [Zero Tolerance Policy](http://www.unfpa.org/about-procurement#ZeroTolerance).

1. **RFQ Protest**

Bidder(s) perceiving that they have been unjustly or unfairly treated in connection with a solicitation, evaluation, or award of a contract may submit a complaint to the UNFPA Head of Office Manuela Bello at the email address bello@unfpa.org. Should the supplier be unsatisfied with the reply provided by the UNFPA Head of the Business Unit, the supplier may contact the Chief, Procurement Services Branch at procurement@unfpa.org.

1. **Disclaimer**

Should any of the links in this RFQ document be unavailable or inaccessible for any reason, bidders can contact the Procurement Focal Point at meslani@unfpa.org in charge of the procurement to request for them to share a PDF version of such document(s).

Annex I. PRICE Quotation Form

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| **Name of Bidder:** |  |
| **Date of the quotation:** | Click here to enter a date. |
| **Request for quotation Nº:** | UNFPA/ALB/RFQ/2021/015 |
| **Currency of quotation :** | ALL |
| **Delivery charges based on the following 2010 Incoterm:**  | Choose an item. |
| **Validity of quotation:***(The quotation must be valid for a period of at least 3 months after the submission deadline* |  |

* Quoted rates must be **exclusive of all taxes**, since UNFPA is exempt from taxes.

Add rows as needed in the quotation form– delete after completion the comment in yellow

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| Item | Description | Number & Description of Staff by Level | Hourly Rate | Hours to be Committed | Total |
| 1. Professional Fees
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| *Total Professional Fees* | ALL |
| 1. Out-of-Pocket expenses
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| *Total Out of Pocket Expenses* | ALL |
| ***Total Contract Price*** *(Professional Fees + Out of Pocket Expenses)* | ALL |

*Vendor’s Comments:*

I hereby certify that the company mentioned above, which I am duly authorized to sign for, has reviewed RFQ UNFPA/ALB/RFQ/2021/015 including all annexes, amendments to the RFQ document (if applicable) and the responses provided by UNFPA on clarification questions from the prospective service providers. Further, the company accepts the General Conditions of Contract for UNFPA and we will abide by this quotation until it expires.

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| Name and title | Date and place |

**ANNEX III:**

**General Conditions of Contracts:**

**De Minimis Contracts**

This Request for Quotation is subject to UNFPA’s General Conditions of Contract: De Minimis Contracts, which are available in: [English,](http://www.unfpa.org/resources/unfpa-general-conditions-de-minimis-contracts) [Spanish](http://www.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/resource-pdf/UNFPA%20General%20Conditions%20-%20De%20Minimis%20Contracts%20SP_0.pdf) and [French](http://www.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/resource-pdf/UNFPA%20General%20Conditions%20-%20De%20Minimis%20Contracts%20FR_0.pdf)